

TITLE 19

ELECTRICITY AND GAS

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ELECTRICITY¹

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19-101. To be furnished under franchise. Electricity shall be furnished for the municipality and its inhabitants under such franchise as the governing body shall grant.² The rights, powers, duties, and obligations of the municipality, its inhabitants, and the grantee of the franchise shall be clearly stated in the written franchise agreement which shall be binding on all parties concerned. (1973 Code, § 13-301)

¹Municipal code references
Electrical code: title 12.
Utility commission: title 2, ch. 1.

²The agreements are of record in the office of the city recorder.

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19-201. Monthly charges. The following, except as hereinafter provided, shall be the schedule of monthly charges for the natural gas and services furnished by the natural gas system of the City of Lafayette, Tennessee, to wit:

- (1) All gas users inside the corporate limits:

Residential rates:

\$10.00 minimum per month

Charge per cu. ft. - The city's actual cost for the natural gas plus \$1.97 per M.C.F.

Commercial rates:

\$10.00 minimum per month

Charge per cu. ft. - The city's actual costs for the natural gas plus \$2.37 per M.C.F.

- (2) All gas users outside the corporate limits:

Residential:

\$10.00 minimum per month

Charge per cu. ft. - The city's actual cost for the natural gas plus \$3.23 per M.C.F.

Commercial rates:

\$10.00 minimum per month

Charge per cu. ft. - The city's actual cost for the natural gas plus \$3.73 per M.C.F.

Industrial rates:

\$25.00 minimum per month

¹Municipal code reference
Gas code: title 12.

Charge per cu. ft. - The city's actual cost for the natural gas plus \$3.73 per M.C.F. (1973 Code, § 13-401)

19-202. Billing. Bills for residential service will be rendered monthly. Bills for commercial and industrial service may be rendered weekly, semimonthly, or monthly, at the option of the utility department. Gas bills must be paid on or before the date shown thereon in order to obtain the net rate, otherwise the gross rate shall apply. All bills shall be due and payable from and after the date on which such bills are rendered. (1973 Code, § 13-402)

19-203. Delinquent bills. Delinquent bills of all gas customers shall be governed by the provisions of § 18-113 in this code. (1973 Code, § 13-403)

19-204. Tampering with meters, reconnecting service, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to tamper with or change any gas meter, or to make any connection to the system without permission from the municipality, or to reconnect service when it shall have been disconnected for nonpayment of a bill for service, until such bill shall have been paid in full, including the reconnection fee. (1973 Code, § 13-404)

19-205. Gas non-refundable connection fee. All applicants for gas connection shall deposit with the municipality prior to such connection a non-refundable connection fee. For property owner users the non-refundable connection fee shall be thirty dollars (\$30.00) and for renters and lessees the non-refundable connection fee shall be sixty dollars (\$60.00). The non-refundable connection fee rate for commercial and industrial gas customers shall be set by the general foreman of the city, city recorder, and assistant recorder. However, said non-refundable connection fee shall not be less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00). (1973 Code, § 13-405)

19-206. Curtailment of gas. (1) The gas department for the City of Lafayette, Tennessee is hereby authorized to curtail the delivery of gas through its city system to its customers when required.

(2) The gas department is further authorized to discontinue supplying the curtailed customers, when, in the opinion of said department, the continued use of gas by any of the said curtailed customers would endanger its ability to service customers and maintain its gas system in a safe and economical condition. (1973 Code, § 13-406)

19-207. Fees. All gas service lines from gas lines to service meter shall be laid by the municipality at a cost to the customer of one dollar twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per foot. The location of such lines and meters shall be determined by the municipality.

Before any service lines are laid or any service lines installed, a connection fee shall be paid in addition to the monthly charges to the municipality in accordance with the following:

All gas tap fees shall be two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00).

In addition to the connection fees, there shall be an additional charge for the gas service line measured from the center of the road to the building as follows:

For a 3/4" line - \$1.25 per foot

For a 2" line - \$1.75 per foot

In the event a customer requests the city to check a gas meter for accuracy, leak or misreading, a thirty dollar (\$30.00) service charge shall apply in all cases except when it is determined by the city that the problem was a leak or was due to the city's error or mistake. (1973 Code, § 13-407, modified, as amended by Ord. #710, Sept. 2017 *Ch3_03-05-19*, Ord. #714, Dec. 2017 *Ch3_03-05-19*, and Ord. #719, April 2018 *Ch3_03-05-19*, and replaced by Ord. #782, June 2021 *Ch4_06-01-21*)

19-208. Extensions. No extensions of the municipal gas system outside the corporate limits shall be made without the approval of the governing body. The governing body may authorize the mayor to approve extensions of less than one thousand feet (1,000'). Upon receiving said approval, the customer shall pay in addition to fees as one dollar (\$1.00) per foot for the two inch (2") gas main which shall be installed by the municipality. The costs shall automatically be increased as the cost of gas pipe increases. (1973 Code, § 13-408, modified)