

**TITLE 19**

**ELECTRICITY AND GAS**

**CHAPTER**

1. GAS.
2. NATURAL GAS FRANCHISE.

**CHAPTER 1**

**GAS**<sup>1</sup>

**SECTION**

19-101. To be furnished under franchise.

**19-101. To be furnished under franchise.** Gas service shall be furnished for the municipality and its inhabitants under such franchise as the governing body shall grant. 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.<sup>2</sup> (2002 Code, § 19-101)

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference  
Gas code: title 12, chapter 3.

<sup>2</sup>The agreements contained in the gas franchise, and amendments thereto, are of record in the office of the town recorder.

**CHAPTER 2****NATURAL GAS FRANCHISE****SECTION**

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**19-201. Definitions.** As used in this chapter, the following terms, words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section:

(1) "Board of commissioners" means the governing body of the Town of Nolensville.

(2) "Company" means Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of North Carolina and authorized to do business in the State of Tennessee, and any successor in interest to Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. under this franchise chapter.

(3) "Gas" when used as an unqualified term means either natural or artificial gas, by whatever process or processes derived or manufactured, or both such gases either separately or a mixture of them.

(4) "Town" or "Town of Nolensville" means:

(a) The Town of Nolensville, a municipal corporation located in Williamson County, Tennessee;

(b) The area within the territorial town limits of the Town of Nolensville and within the extraterritorial area surrounding the town to the extent it may be lawfully included as presently, or hereafter fixed by law or ordinance; or

(c) The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Nolensville, or any officer or agent duly authorized in acting on behalf of the town as a municipal corporation, as indicated by the context by which the term is used. (2002 Code, § 19-201)

**19-202. Authority granted.** The company is hereby granted the right to construct, operate, and maintain a gas utilities system within the town for production, transmission, distribution, and sale of gas to consumers and users within the town and to the town, and any and all agencies and departments thereof.

The company is hereby granted the right, authority and privilege to construct and install, operate, maintain, lay or relay, renew, replace and repair gas pipes, mains, pipelines, conduits, regulators, connections and services thereto, in, through, across, along and under streets, avenues, roads, public alleys, lanes, parks and squares, and other public places and ways in the town for the production, pumping, handling, transmission, distribution and sale of gas for any and all purposes, subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth in this chapter. (2002 Code, § 19-202)

**19-203. Cuts/excavation.** Whenever the company shall cause any opening, excavation or alteration to be made in any street, lane or public place within the town in the construction, operation or maintenance of any of its pipelines or other appliances owned or used by it, the company shall repair and restore such portions of such streets, lanes or public places to the same condition in which it found them as nearly as practicable. Additionally, if the company shall fail to restore the area to its approximate former condition within a reasonable period of time no less than thirty (30) working days after notification by the town, the town shall proceed to restore such streets, lanes and public places as nearly as practicable to their original condition and the town shall submit a statement of the costs for this restoration to the company. The company agrees to pay the town for these costs within thirty (30) days. (2002 Code, § 19-203)

**19-204. Term length.** This franchise is granted for a term of twenty-five (25) years beginning from the date of approval by the Tennessee Regulatory Board, May 1, 2009 and ending at midnight May 1, 2034. This franchise supersedes any and all former rights or franchises of the company to operate a gas utilities system in the town with respect to all acts and things done, or admitted to be done, on or after May 1, 2009. (2002 Code, § 19-204)

**19-205. Permit fee.** The company shall not be obligated to the town or any of its departments or agencies for any tax, license fee, other fee, or any other payment whatsoever, relating to the rights granted herein, other than that which is levied by state law. (2002 Code, § 19-205)

**19-206. Transfer rights.** The company is hereby granted the right during the existence of this franchise to mortgage or hypothecate this franchise, together with all rights and privileges thereunder and any right or interest therein, as security for indebtedness, subject to acceptance by any legal successor in interest of the obligations, duties, liabilities, limitations and prohibitions set out herein and subject to the approval by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority or other governmental agency whose approval is required by law. The company shall not assign or transfer its rights under this agreement; provided, however, that this provision shall not prohibit the

company from assigning its rights hereunder to the surviving corporation in any corporate reorganization in which the company is a party. (2002 Code, § 19-206)

**19-207. Franchise fees.** The company shall pay to the town an amount equal to three percent (3%) of the annual gross revenues collected from all customers who are located and provided service by the company within the geographical areas within the Town of Nolensville. The payment of the fee shall be on a quarterly basis, and the first payment shall be made by the company within sixty (60) days after the approval by the TRA of the ordinance. Thereafter, payment of such fee and the recovery thereof by the company shall be pursuant to *Tennessee Code Annotated*, § 65-4-105(e). (2002 Code, § 19-207)

**19-208. Acceptance of franchise.** This chapter shall be submitted to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority pursuant to *Tennessee Code Annotated*, § 65-4-107, for approval and shall take effect from the day and date of its passage, but only after it has been accepted in all its terms and revisions by the company, in writing, within sixty (60) days after its passage; otherwise, the same shall be null and void and of no effect. (2002 Code, § 19-208)

**CHAPTER 3**

**CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE**

**SECTION**

19-301. Franchise agreement.

**19-301. Franchise agreement.** The cable television franchise agreement for the Town of Nolensville is governed by Ord. #16-07 dated June 2, 2016.<sup>1</sup> (2002 Code, § 19-301)

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<sup>1</sup>The cable television franchise agreement is available for inspection in the office of the town recorder.