

TITLE 19

ELECTRICITY AND GAS

CHAPTER

1. ELECTRIC UTILITY.

CHAPTER 1

ELECTRIC UTILITY¹

SECTION

19-101. Right to acquire, reconstruct, improve, etc.

19-102. Authority to operate and maintain.

19-103. Rules and regulations governing distribution of power.

19-104. Rates and charges generally.

19-105. Rules, regulations and schedules of rates and charges to be part of service contract.

19-106. Conflicts between rate schedules and rules and regulations.

19-107. Installation of electric service lines.

19-108. Overhead installations prohibited in subdivisions with underground distribution lines.

19-101. Right to acquire, reconstruct, improve, etc. The city shall acquire and have the right to reconstruct, improve, better or extend an electric power distribution system within and without the city, or partially within or partially without the city, and to acquire by gift, purchase, or the exercise of the right of eminent domain lands or rights in lands in connection therewith. (1969 Code, § 14-1)

19-102. Authority to operate and maintain. The city may operate and maintain the electric power distribution system for its own use and for the use and benefit of its inhabitants and for the use and benefit of persons, firms and corporations (including municipal corporations and inhabitants thereof) whose residences or places of business are located outside the territorial boundaries of the city. (1969 Code, § 14-2)

19-103. Rules and regulations governing distribution of power. The city, by ordinance, shall promulgate and establish rules and regulations

¹Municipal code reference
Electrical code: title 12.

governing electric power distribution. These rules and regulations shall be kept on file in the city clerk's office.

Nothing in this code or the ordinance adopting this code shall be deemed to affect the validity of any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this section, or any ordinance approving the same, and the same are hereby recognized as continuing in full force and effect. (1969 Code, § 14-3)

19-104. Rates and charges generally. The city shall prescribe and collect fees, rates, and charges for electric power in accordance with applicable schedules of rates and charges which are in effect at the time the services are furnished. The schedules of rates and charges shall be promulgated and established in accordance with applicable law and in accordance with any contractual obligation existing between the city and the Tennessee Valley Authority and/or any and all other authorities, agencies and instrumentalities of the United States of America.

Nothing in this code or the ordinance adopting this code shall be deemed to affect the validity of any fees, rates or charges so established and the same are hereby recognized as continuing in full force and effect. (1969 Code, § 14-4)

19-105. Rules, regulations and schedules of rates and charges to be part of service contract. The rules and regulations and the schedules of rates and charges promulgated and established in accord with this chapter shall constitute a part of all contracts for receiving electric service from the city and shall apply to all services received from the city, whether such service is based upon the contract, agreement, signed application or otherwise. (1969 Code, § 14-5)

19-106. Conflicts between rate schedules and rules and regulations. In case of conflict between any provision of any rate schedule adopted pursuant to this chapter and the rules and regulations promulgated under this chapter, the rate schedule shall apply. (1969 Code, § 14-6)

19-107. Installation of electric service lines. (1) In all subdivisions being developed and to be developed within the city, where the subdivider or developer thereof communicates to the city manager a desire to have electrical distribution lines placed underground, the city will make such installation of distribution lines together with other equipment required for effective electric service such as transformers and protective devices; provided, however, that as a condition precedent to making such installations, the subdivider or developer shall provide and install such electric conduit, vaults, pedestals and other such items as may be required by the city manager in accordance with standards and specifications that may be promulgated from time to time.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) above, should the city manager determine that revenues resulting from the construction of a

subdivision will not support the installation, maintenance and operation of electrical facilities necessary to support the subdivision, the city manager may require monetary contributions on the part of the subdivider or developer prior to the construction of the facilities.

(3) The city manager shall propose, and from time to time revise, the electric system development policies that shall be adopted by resolution of city council. The electric system development policies shall include specific guidelines regarding cost contributions by subdividers and developers, provision street lighting and such other items as the city manager may deem appropriate. (Ord. #29-00, Dec. 2000)

19-108. Overhead installations prohibited in subdivisions with underground distribution lines. In all subdivisions where underground electrical distribution lines have been installed, overhead installations for such distribution or any other purpose will not be permitted, including in this prohibition the installation of any overhead electrical service lines. (1969 Code, § 14-8)