

TITLE 19

ELECTRICITY AND GAS

CHAPTER

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CHAPTER 1

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. (1995 Code, § 19-101)

¹Municipal code reference
Electrical code: title 12.

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

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GAS¹

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19-201. Monthly charges. Monthly charges and adjustments for residential, general, and industrial gas service shall be governed by Ord. #758, and any amendments thereto.²

19-202. Monthly bills. All gas meters shall be read monthly and bills rendered monthly based on such reading. All bills shall be due and payable from and after the date on which such bills are rendered. (Ord. #758, Dec. 2007)

19-203. Billing when meter is inoperative. In the event any meter shall be found to be inoperative at the end of any billing period or to be faulty or inaccurate for any reason, the meter will be replaced or repaired as soon as possible and the bill for natural gas used during the current period shall be the average of the last three monthly bills. (Ord. #758, Dec. 2007)

19-204. Delinquent bills. Gas bills must be paid on or before the discount date shown thereon to obtain the net rate, otherwise the gross rate shall apply. If any bill for gas service shall be and remain due and unpaid for as long as fifteen (15) days after rendition, there shall be an additional charge of ten percent (10%) added thereto. Failure to receive a bill will not release a customer from payment obligation, nor extend the discount date.

In the event a bill is not paid on or before five (5) days after the discount date a written notice shall be delivered to the customer that his service may be discontinued without further notice if the bill is not paid on or before ten (10) days after the discount date. The delivery of such notice shall result in an

¹Municipal code reference
Gas code: title 12.

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additional charge of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) to the customer. The municipality shall not be liable for any damages resulting from discontinuing service under the provisions of this section, even though payment of the bill is made at any time on the day that service is actually discontinued.

Should the final date of payment of bill at the net rate fall on Sunday or a holiday, the business day next following the final date will be the last day to obtain the net rate. A net remittance received by mail after the time limit for payment at the net rate will be accepted by the municipality if the envelope is date-stamped on or before the final date for payment of the net amount. (Ord. #758, Dec. 2007)

19-205. 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 city, or to reconnect service, when it shall have been disconnected for non-payment of a bill for service, until such bill shall have been paid in full, including the reconnection fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). (Ord. #758, Dec. 2007)

19-206. Cash deposits for service. Each customer shall, before connecting with the system, obtain a permit from the city and shall remit a fifty dollar (\$50.00) non-refundable service fee. (Ord. #758, Dec. 2007)

19-207. Installation policy. The city shall provide the meter, meter box, regulators and the service pipe from the gas main to the consumer's property line, and such installation shall remain the property of the city. The gas service pipe shall be installed by the city from the property line of the consumer which is nearest the main to the initial junction with the consumer's pipe. From the initial junction with the service pipe, the consumer pipe shall be installed by the city at a cost determined by the gas department. The consumer shall pay a minimum installation fee based on the table below plus cost of installation on consumer's property beyond one hundred feet (100') and said expenses may be payable in five (5) monthly installments in lieu of a one time payment in full. All installation of consumer pipe shall be installed in conformity with provisions of §§ 12-401 to 12-412 of this code. In the event that service is discontinued for any reason, the gas inspector is authorized to remove the meter, regulator, meter box and gas service line which was installed by the city. Further if gas service is discontinued prior to the payment in full of the installation cost under the payment plan, said balance of said payment plan shall remain a lien on the property of the consumer, the same as delinquent property taxes. Reinstallation of service shall be subject to the payment of the installation cost in full plus any delinquent charges on service.

Gas Line Size
3/4 inch

Installation Fee
\$600.00

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| 1 inch | \$700.00 |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$800.00 |
| 2 inch | \$1,000.00 |
| >2 inch | Determined by city at the prevailing rate |

(Ord. #758, Dec. 2007)