

TITLE 19

ELECTRICITY AND GAS

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¹Municipal code reference
Electrical code: title 12.

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

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19-201. Schedule of rates.² (1) That the rates for gas service to the customers of the City of Ridgeway Gas System be charged and assessed on a pro rata basis determined by the proportionate share of natural gas used by each customer as compared to the total gas usage by the entire gas system per month, including cost of actual gas purchased, transportation costs, storage costs and other incidental costs of purchased gas plus the operational cost of eight dollars and twenty cents (\$8.20) per each MCF (one thousand (1,000) cubic foot) of gas sold and a minimum monthly rate of ten dollars (\$10.00) per customer.

(2) Each month the total cost will be billed to each customer per one hundred (100) cubic foot basis, including the full cost of purchased gas plus the operational cost. (1977 Code, § 13-201, as replaced by Ord. #2013-104, June 2013 *Ch4_5-21-19*, and Ord. #2016-115, Nov. 2016 *Ch4_5-21-19*)

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. (1977 Code, § 13-202)

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. (1977 Code, § 13-203)

¹Municipal code reference
Gas code: title 12.

²Administrative ordinances and resolutions are of record in the recorder's office.

19-204. Delinquent bills. That any bill for gas service that has been disconnected for delinquency for a total of seven (7) days after rendition or disconnection by request of customer shall not be reconnected until all past due bills shall have been paid in full, together with a reconnection charge of forty dollars (\$40.00) and an additional sixty dollars (\$60.00) after hour reconnection charge only by appointment. (1977 Code, § 13-204, as replaced by Ord. #2004-101, March 2004, amended by Ord. #2004-108, Jan. 2005, and replaced by Ord. #2016-109, May 2016 *Ch4_5-21-19*)

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 town, 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. (1977 Code, § 13-205)

19-206. Cash deposits for service. The following prospective subscribers for gas services, before connection, shall file a cash deposit in the amount of twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) with the city clerk as security for the prompt payment of all accounts:

- (1) Home owners,
- (2) Business establishments,
- (3) All home owners and business establishments that have not previously made security deposits and have subsequently sold or disposed of such serviced property and have acquired new locations or homes.

Rental property shall require a meter deposit of \$350.00¹. The deposit must be accepted in the office of the city clerk before the service can be turned on.

All other applicants for service shall as a condition precedent to connection file a sixty dollar (\$60.00) security deposit with the city clerk.

All security deposits of the subscriber with the system shall be returned to the subscriber upon termination of services provided that all charges due the town shall have been paid, but in the event a subscriber shall become in arrears in such charges, then such deposit shall be used in whole or in part, in the liquidation of same, and the deposit by the subscriber shall be his consent to such use in such event.

All security deposits shall be retained in a separate account to be accounted for at the termination of service, except in the case of a subscriber becoming in arrears in a charge, in which event the deposit may be withdrawn

¹Ordinance #98-73 provides further that:

"All rental properties business & residential shall require immediate deposit of \$350.00."

from the special account and applied to the payment of the delinquent charge. (1977 Code, § 13-206, as amended by Ord. #80-1, June 1980, and Ord. #98-72, _____)

19-207. Natural gas infrastructure fee system. (1) A Ridgetop Natural Gas Infrastructure, non-returnable fee of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) shall be due by any entity requesting installation of a new gas service. This will include new construction (residential and commercial) and existing residences that currently do not have gas service.

(2) The Ridgetop Natural Gas System will charge for the cost of installing the new gas service at the rate of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per linear foot of run, of open trench or open ditch type burials, utilizing a nominal diameter of three quarter inch (3/4") to one inch (1") polyethylene (PE) pipe. In order to lower the costs of this charge the gas system offers the following program.

(3) The Ridgetop Natural Gas System shall charge and shall bill to the customer the cost of installing new gas service with a nominal diameter exceeding one inch (1") polyethylene (PE) pipe in the following manner:

(a) Cost of polyethylene (PE) pipe, fittings, tracer wire, detectable warning tape in addition to or plus (+) two dollars (\$2.00) per linear foot of run, of an open trench or open ditch type burial

(b) Cost of boring, drilling, punching, under a roadway, street or any driveway shall be payable by the entity requesting service

(c) Cost of open trench or open ditch type burial onto or across a roadway, street or driveway, including any concrete, asphalt or gravel disturbed by such action shall be payable by the entity requesting service

(4) The Ridgetop Natural Gas System shall charge and shall bill to the customer the cost of installing the new gas service providing the entity requesting service wants to open the trench or open the ditch at a depth of thirty six inches (36") at customer expense, at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per linear foot of run for polyethylene (PE) pipe up to and including a nominal diameter of one inch (1").

(a) Polyethylene (PE) pipe greater than a nominal diameter of one inch (1") shall be at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per linear foot of run in addition to the cost of said nominal diameter of PE pipe, fittings, tracer wire and detectable warning tape being utilized.

(5) The Ridgetop Natural Gas System will not be responsible for finish grades or ditches settling when service is requested on a new or existing structure. If leak repairs are made on service lines the Ridgetop Gas System "will" be responsible for finish grade.

(6) The Ridgetop Natural Gas System shall charge a fee of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) to the land owner or (contractor, if known) whom covers a gas line stub out with earth or by any other method to which a locate of the underground gas line stub out is required. (as added by Ord. #2006-

118, Nov. 2006, amended by Ord. #2007-112, Nov. 2007, and replaced by Ord. #2016-108, May 2016 *Ch 4_5-21-19*, Ord. #2017-101, Feb. 2017 *Ch 4_5-21-19*, Ord. #2018-106, Nov. 2018 *Ch 4_5-21-19*, and Ord. #2019-103, May 2019 *Ch 4_5-21-19*)

19-208. Excess Flow Valve (EFV) customer requested. (1) Per Federal mandate, 49 CFR part 192 (192.383 and 192.385) effective April 14, 2017; Ridgetop Natural Gas is required to offer the installation of an EFV to all gas customers whom do not have an EFV already installed on their gas service line from the main line. The board of mayor and alderman and per 192.383(d) have determined the cost of this customer requested EFV shall be paid by the gas customer at the following rates:

(a) Installation of an EFV (per 192.383) in a residential district with a gas flow below one thousand (1,000) SCFH (Standard Cubic Feet per Hour) with a steel service line shall be one thousand three hundred eighty dollars (\$1,380.00) which shall include the labor and EFV only. Additional material costs (such as fittings) shall be billed to the customer at actual cost of the material.

(b) Installation of an EFV (per 192.383) in a residential district with a gas flow below one thousand (1,000) SCFH (Standard Cubic Feet per Hour) with a plastic (poly-ethylene-PE) service line shall be five hundred forty five dollars (\$545.00) which shall include the labor and EFV only. Additional material costs (such as fittings) shall be billed to the customer at the actual cost of the material.

(c) Installation of an EFV (per 192.383) in a commercial or light industrial district with a gas flow "below" one thousand (1,000) SCFH (Standard Cubic Feet per Hour) with a steel service line shall be one thousand three hundred eighty dollars (\$1,380.00) which shall include the labor and EFV only. Additional material costs (such as fittings) shall be billed to the customer at actual cost of the material.

(d) Installation of an EFV in a commercial or light industrial district with a gas flow "above" one thousand (1,000) SCFH (Standard Cubic Feet per Hour) with a steel service line shall be one thousand three hundred dollars (\$1,300.00) which shall include the labor only. In addition to; per 192.385 a required manual service line cut off valve (e.g. curb stop) shall be billed to the customer at the actual cost of said valve and valve riser. Additional material costs (such as fittings) shall be billed to the customer at actual cost of the material.

(e) Installation of an EFV (per 192.383) in a commercial or light industrial district with a gas flow "below" one thousand (1,000) SCFH (Standard Cubic Feet per Hour) with a plastic (poly-ethylene-PE) service line shall be five hundred forty five dollars (\$545.00) which shall include labor and EFV only. Additional material costs (such as fittings) shall be billed to the customer at actual cost of the material.

(f) Installation of an EFV in a commercial or light industrial district with a gas flow "above" one thousand (1,000) SCFH (Standard Cubic Feet per Hour) with a plastic (poly-ethylene-PE) service line shall be five hundred dollars (\$500.00) which shall include labor only. In addition to; per 192.385 a required manual service line cut off valve (e.g. curb stop) shall be billed to the customer at the actual cost of said valve and valve riser. Additional material costs (such as fittings) shall be billed to the customer at actual cost of the material. (as added by Ord. #2019-103, May 2019 *Ch4_5-21-19*)