

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 All gas service shall be furnished under such rate schedules as the board of mayor and aldermen may from time to time adopt by appropriate ordinance.

No natural gas service shall be rendered free of charge to any person, firm, corporation or to the City of Ridgetop. (1977 Code, § 13-201)

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)

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 (\$40.00) and an additional thirty dollars (\$30.00) after hour reconnection charge only by appointment. (1977 Code, § 13-204, as replaced by Ord. #2004-101, March 2004, and amended by Ord. #2004-108, Jan. 2005)

¹Municipal code reference
Gas code: title 12.

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

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 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,

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19-207. Natural gas infrastructure fee system. (1) A natural gas infrastructure 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.

¹Ordinance #98-73 provides further that:

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

(2) The Ridgetop Natural Gas System will charge for the cost of installing the new gas service. In order to lower the costs of this charge the gas system offers the following program:

(3) Installation program. Effective for the first one hundred (100) feet of service. Any distance over one hundred (100) feet shall be billed to customer and due payable before the meter is set.

(a) Gas heat. If the structure is heated by Ridgetop Natural Gas a credit of fifty percent (50%) of the cost of the first one hundred (100) feet will be applied to the service installation cost.

(b) Gas water. In addition to gas heat if the structure also uses Ridgetop Natural Gas to heat water a credit of ninety percent (90%) of the cost of the first one hundred (100) feet will be applied to the service installation cost.

(c) Gas appliance. (i.e. gas logs, gas dryer, etc.) If the structure installs gas heat and gas heated hot water and a third gas appliance is installed Ridgetop Natural Gas will issue a credit of one hundred percent (100%) of the cost for the first one hundred (100) feet of the gas service installation.

(4) Ridgetop Natural Gas personnel will confirm the existence of the number of gas appliances before credit is issued. (as added by Ord. #2006-118, Nov. 2006, and amended by Ord. #2007-112, Nov. 2007)