

**TITLE 19**

**ELECTRICITY AND GAS**

**CHAPTER**

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**ELECTRICITY<sup>1</sup>**

**SECTION**

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference  
Electrical code: title 12.

## CHAPTER 2

### GAS<sup>1</sup>

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**19-201. Council to operate and control.** The city council shall have and exercise all powers and duties necessary for the proper operation and control of the city's natural gas distribution system. The council shall fix the rates and charges for all services and facilities furnished by said system. It shall see that the income and revenues of the system are promptly collected each month, segregated from the other funds of the city and applied as prescribed and directed by the resolution authorizing the outstanding bonds of the system. (1970 Code, § 13-401)

**19-202. Meter connection fee required for connection.** A meter connection fee will be required of all customers of the gas system. The meter connection fee required shall be set by the city council, and until amended by the council, shall be \$40.00 for homeowners and \$80.00 for renters.

Upon application for gas service a prospective customer shall pay a deposit according to the following schedule.

Homeowner: No deposit required

Non-owner occupied residential: equal to three (3) months estimated usage

Owner/commercial: No deposit required

Non-owner commercial: equal to three (3) months estimated usage

Deposits will be returned to customers via a credit to their utility bill after establishing a twenty-four (24) month good payment record. A good payment record may be established by meeting the following criteria:

- (1) During the twenty-four (24) consecutive months that the service was provided, the customer did not have more than two (2) bills that were delinquent; and

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

(2) Did not have a service disconnected for nonpayment of a bill for services rendered; and

(3) Did not have a check returned to the city by a bank for insufficient funds. (1970 Code, § 13-402, as replaced by Ord. #187, Feb. 2003, and amended by Ord. #341, Oct. 2012)

**19-203. Installation of main and service line.** For areas not served by gas, main line construction will be considered after applications have been received from a minimum of eight customers per mile, accompanied by a tap fee of \$300.00 and the appropriate connection fee for each application. If fewer than eight customers per mile desire installation of a main line, a main line may be constructed after an application has been filed, accompanied by a fee of \$13,200.00, per mile, and each individual customer thereon will be required to file a separate application and pay a \$300.00 tap fee and the appropriate connection fee.

A service line (up to 100 feet) will be installed by the city from the main line to each customer's meter after an application, accompanied by the gas tap fee of \$300.00, and the appropriate connection fee is received. The customer will be charged and billed separately, an additional 75 cents per foot for service line installation exceeding 100 feet of gas line. (1970 Code, § 13-403, as replaced by Ord. #187, Feb. 2003)

**19-204. Reconnection and/or relocation charges.** Residential customers who terminate gas service and within twelve (12) months apply for its reinstallation at the same location will be charged a \$40.00 reconnection fee. Industrial and commercial rate customers who terminate gas service and within twelve (12) months apply for its reinstallation at the same location will be charged a reconnection fee equal to the minimum bill that would have been charged for such customers for the period that service was discontinued. When an existing customer moves to a new location, his or her reconnection will be handled as a new connection (and an appropriate connection fee charged) and the customer will be charged a new tap fee if there is no existing service connection at the new location, however, no tap fee charge will be made if there is an existing service connection at the new location. A relocation fee of \$25.00 will be required before a meter is relocated and any additional line that is used by the city to relocate a meter will be billed separately at the rate of 75 cents a foot. (1970 Code, § 13-404, as replaced by Ord. #187, Feb. 2003)

**19-205. Ownership of lines and meters.** All gas lines, regardless of how installed, up to and including the meter shall be the property of the city gas system. (1970 Code, § 13-405)

**19-206. Employees of system to have access to meters, etc.** Applications for service shall include a permit from the customer to the gas

system allowing necessary and reasonable access to the gas meter, regulator, and service lines installed on, or to be installed on, the customer's property. (1970 Code, § 13-406)

**19-207. Rates and charges.** Monthly gas service rates and charges will be in accordance with such schedules as the city council shall from time to time prescribe. (1970 Code, § 13-407)