

ORDINANCE NO. 344

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF WATHENA, KANSAS, PRESCRIBING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, ESTABLISHING AN ELECTRICAL CONNECTION CHARGE AND CHARGES FOR THE ALTERATION OF EXISTING ELECTRICAL SERVICES, PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF ELECTRICAL LINES, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WATHENA, KANSAS:

SECTION I. APPLICATION FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICE. Any person, firm or corporation desiring to connect to the electrical distribution system of the City of Wathena or requesting the alteration of existing electrical services shall make application to the City Clerk for such service.

SECTION II. CITY TO MAKE CONNECTIONS. The City shall make all connections from the meter to the City's distribution lines and no connection shall be made without the consent of the City.

SECTION III. LINE AND METER RESPONSIBILITY. The City shall be responsible for the maintenance of all electric service lines from the distribution line to the meter loop or masthead.

SECTION IV. OWNERSHIP AND REPAIR OF METER AND CONNECTIONS. All meters and service connections shall be and remain the property of the City. All replacements of electric meters will be made at the expense of the City unless failure of the meter to function properly is due to the fault or neglect of the user.

SECTION V. METER TESTING. Upon written request made to the City Clerk and the deposit of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), the City Clerk shall issue an order for a test to be made of the accuracy of any meter. If upon conclusion of the test, the meter is shown to be recording three percent (3%) or more in excess of actual usage, the Ten Dollars (\$10.00) deposited shall be refunded to the individual making the request. In the event the meter is found to be recording less than three percent (3%) in excess of the actual usage, the deposit shall be retained by the City.

SECTION VI. EXTENSION OF ELECTRICAL LINES. The City may extend its electrical transmission lines within or without the City when application has been made for an extension and an agreement entered into with the persons requesting the proposed extension that will produce a revenue, in the judgment of the Governing Body of the City, sufficient to pay interest on the cost of the extension and the operating cost of the electrical service furnished.

SECTION VII. ESTIMATION OF BILLS. In the event any meter shall cease to function properly for any reason or upon the failure of the City to read the meter for any reason, the City may estimate the electrical bill based upon a reading for a preceding comparable period.

SECTION VIII. SEPARATE SERVICE CONNECTIONS AND METERS. Each building used for dwelling or business purposes by more than one occupant shall have a separate connection and meter for each individual occupant or tenant of said building, provided, that any existing building used by more than one occupant shall not be required to install separate service connections so long as no additional occupants or tenants are added to the existing service connection.

SECTION IX. METER RELOCATION. Electric meters shall be removed from within all buildings when any of the following conditions exist:

1. Non-accessible location of meter.
2. Building is enlarged.
3. Any alteration or changing of existing wiring within the building.

SECTION X. ELECTRICAL CONNECTION CHARGE. An electrical connection charge of \$ 100⁰⁰ is hereby established, the same to be paid to the City Clerk at the time provided in Section 1 above and the payment of such electrical connection charge shall be a required condition for the completion of any connection to the electrical distribution system. In the event underground wiring is installed the applicant shall pay for the underground wire and trenching in addition to the connection charge provided for herein.

SECTION XI. COST OF ALTERING EXISTING ELECTRICAL SERVICE. An applicant who requests the City to alter or add to existing electrical service shall be responsible to the City for the total cost of the labor and material incurred by the City in completing the alteration or addition requested. Such charge shall be paid at the time provided in Section 1 above.

SECTION XII. REPEALER. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances of the City of Wathena in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION XIII. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the official

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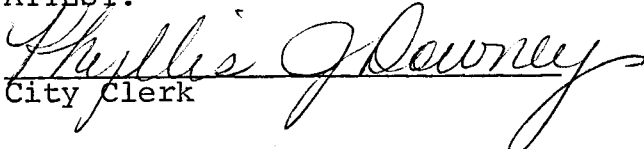
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PASSED by the Council and APPROVED by the Mayor on the
7th day of November , 1978.



Mayor, City of Wathena

ATTEST:



City Clerk