

ORDINANCE NO. 539

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 ORDINANCE NOS. 344 AND 508 AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

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

SECTION 1. 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 2. 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 3. LINE AND METER RESPONSIBILITY. The City shall be responsible for the maintenance of all electric service lines from the distribution line to the meter.

SECTION 4. 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 5. 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 6. EXTENSION OF ELECTRICAL LINES. (a) 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.

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(b) In areas where electric transmission lines do not exist adjacent to the property to be served to which a connection can be made, and an extension of existing electric transmission lines would be necessitated, the applicant may either deposit in cash the estimated cost of extending such main or request an extension in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 12-6a01 through 12-6a18, as amended from time to time, and according to the terms of the extension plan designated in this section. It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to provide for all estimated costs and plans in connection herewith, and none of the provisions herein shall obligate the City, financially or otherwise, to be responsible for providing any of the estimated costs or plans hereunder.

SECTION 7. 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 8. 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 9. METER RELOCATION. Electric meters shall be removed from within all buildings when any of the following conditions exist:

- (a) Non-accessible location of meter.
- (b) Building is enlarged.
- (c) Any alteration or changing of existing wiring within the building.

SECTION 10. ELECTRICAL CONNECTION CHARGES. (a) Electrical connection charges are hereby established as provided at (i) through (vi) below, the same to be paid to the City Clerk at the time provided in Section 1 above:

- (i) For residential customers in existing structures inside the City limits - \$300.00;
- (ii) For residential customers in existing structures outside the City limits - \$600.00;
- (iii) For light commercial customers in existing structures outside the City limits - \$300.00;
- (iv) For light commercial customers in existing structures outside the City limits - \$300.00;

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- (v) For commercial customers in existing structures inside the City limits - \$600.00;
- (vi) For commercial customers in existing structures outside the City limits - \$1200.00.

The payment of the electrical connection charges provided above shall be a required condition of 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 11. 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 12. INSPECTION. All installations shall be subject to inspection and approval by the City Superintendent.

SECTION 13. REPEALER. Ordinance Nos. 344 and 508 of the City of Wathena and all other Ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 14. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be effective from and after its passage and publication in the Official City paper.

PASSED by the Council and APPROVED by the Mayor on the 2nd day of October, 2001.


Mayor

ATTEST:

(CITY SEAL)


City Clerk