

**CITY OF WATHENA, KANSAS**

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 662**

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING CERTAIN ELECTRICAL CHARGES AND DEFERRING PAYMENT FOR CERTAIN ELECTRIC ENERGY PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF WATHENA, KANSAS; CLASSIFYING ELECTRIC ENERGY CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY OF WATHENA, KANSAS; DEFINING SUCH CLASSES; ESTABLISHING RATES AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC ENERGY DELIVERED BY THE CITY OF WATHENA, KANSAS, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 630 OF THE CITY OF WATHENA, KANSAS, 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. DEFINITIONS.** As used in this Ordinance:

- (a) "KWH" means kilowatt hour of electric energy consumed by a customer as measured and shown by meters installed by the City of Wathena, Kansas.
- (b) "Residential Customer" means a single family private dwelling unit supplied through one meter for domestic use.
- (c) "Commercial Customer" means all other electric energy customers of the City of Wathena, Kansas, supplied through one meter and not included in the definition of "Residential Customer" as set forth above.

**SECTION 2. WAIVER OF BASE MONTHLY CHARGES DURING CONSTRUCTION AND DEFERRAL OF OBLIGATION TO PAY FOR ELECTRIC ENERGY USED DURING CONSTRUCTION.** As an incentive for construction necessitating the installation of an electric meter to be utilized by/for a new residential or commercial customer the following shall be applicable.

- (a) The base monthly charges provided for in Section 3 (i) and in Section 4 (i) of this Ordinance shall be waived until the new construction has been completed or until the time limit of the building permit issued for said new construction has expired, whichever first occurs.

- (b) The power cost adjustment provided for in Sections 6 and 7 of this Ordinance shall be waived until the new construction has been completed or until the time limit of the building permit issued for said new construction has expired, whichever first occurs.
- (c) If requested by the customer, payment for electric energy used by a Residential or Commercial Customer during the period new construction is occurring, will be deferred until said construction has been completed or until the time limit of the building permit issued in connection with the construction has expired.

**SECTION 3. RATES AND CHARGES FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS.**

- (a) The following monthly rates and charges are hereby established for electric energy provided by the City of Wathena, Kansas to Residential Customer served by the City:
  - (i) A Base monthly charge of \$12.00 per month which minimum charge shall be assessed whether or not the customer consumes any electric energy.
  - (ii) For each KWH the sum of \$.115 per KWH.
- (b) The following monthly rates and charges are hereby established for electric energy provided by the City of Wathena, Kansas to Residential Customers served by the City which customer have total electric homes:
  - (i) There shall be no base monthly charge.
  - (ii) For each KWH the sum of \$.115 per KWH.

**SECTION 4. RATES AND CHARGES FOR COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS.** The following monthly rates and charges are hereby established for electric energy provided by the City of Wathena, Kansas, to Commercial Customers served by the City:

- (a) A base monthly charge of \$12.00 per month, which minimum monthly charge shall be assessed whether or not the customer consumes any electric energy.
- (b) For each KWH, the sum of \$.115 per KWH.

**SECTION 5. SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.** In order to provide funding for Phase 2 of the 2011 electric project upgrade, there shall be charged a special assessment of \$9.50 per electric customer meter per month.

**SECTION 6.** In addition to the chargers elsewhere provided for in this ordinance each electric customer of the City of Wathena, Kansas, shall pay a monthly power cost adjustment factor for the electric energy consumed by such customer during the period for which the customer is billed in an amount equal to the total KWH's consumed by each customer during the period for which billed, multiplied by the power cost adjustment factor, if any. The power cost adjustment factor shall be computed each month according to the method outlined in Section 7. Such power cost adjustment charges shall be billed by the City of Wathena, Kansas, to its customers monthly at the same time as other charges hereinafter provided for are billed an the same shall constitute a part of the total electric energy bill of the customer for the period stated, and shall be due and payable at the same time as other monthly charges pursuant to this ordinance.

**SECTION 7.** All users of electrical energy supplied by the City of Wathena, Kansas, shall be subject to a power cost adjustment factor (PCA). The power adjustment factor shall be calculated monthly as follows:

- (a) The rates for energy for all rate schedules shall be increased or decreased by \$0.00001 per KWH for each \$0.00001 increase or decrease in the aggregate cost of power per KWH as computed by the following formula:

$$\left\{ \left( \frac{\text{The actual total purchased power cost for the previous twelve months}}{\text{The actual total KWHs purchased over the previous twelve months}} \right) - \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{The total cost of} \\ \text{power during the} \\ \text{base period} \\ \text{(In$/KWH)} \end{array} \right) \right\} \times 110.0\% = \text{PCA}$$

This power cost adjustment will be applicable to all rate schedules offered by the City. The cost of power during the base period is \$.06669 per KWH and the average system loss factor is 110.0%

- (b) For all electric users served outside the corporate boundaries of the City the same PCA calculation shall apply.

**SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in The Kansas Chief, the official City Newspaper, subject to the condition that the rates established by this Ordinance shall be effective for all electric energy furnished by the City of Wathena, Kansas, and consumed by its customers commencing with the February 2021 billing.

**SECTION 9. REPEALER.** Ordinance No. 630 of the City of Wathena, Kansas, and all other ordinances and parts of ordinances for the City of Wathena, Kansas, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

PASSED by the Council and APPROVED by the Mayor on  
the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

  
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John Cluck, Mayor

ATTEST:  
(City Seal)

  
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Tammy Bembrick, City Clerk

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