

ORDINANCE NO. 15 - 2003

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 12-2001  
AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 4 - 2003  
RELATING TO GAS RATES AND CHARGES

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ARTICLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 32.001 UTILITY CHAIRMAN'S AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Utility Chairman is hereby authorized to enter into Transportation Services Agreement which will provide Cook's Foods, General Refractories or any Industrial Customer Company with natural gas transportation service from the city using the city's natural gas delivery system. The Transportation Agreement is hereby adopted by reference as if fully set forth herein.  
(Ordinance 4-1989, passed 3-17-89)

ARTICLE II. RATES AND CHARGES

§ 32.100 METER DEPOSITS

Upon request for gas service from the city, the applicant shall be charged the following amount as a security deposit, refundable upon termination of service, upon satisfactory proof no outstanding debt is owed the city for gas previously provided:

<u>Residential Owner</u>	<u>Commercial Owner</u>	<u>Renter</u>
\$35.00	\$150.00	\$150.00

(Ord. 19-1980; Am. Ord. 10-1987; Am. Ord. 9-1990, passed 4-2-90;  
Am. 12-1995, passed 7-6-95)

**§ 32.101                    GAS CHARGES**

- (A) Definition of cost of Gas: Cost of Gas Per cubic ft. + ~~\$1.25/MCF~~  
~~for O+M costs + loss and unaccountable\*~~.
- (B) Charges for gas provided by the city shall be as follows:

**Inside City Limits**

Meter Fee                    \$ 12.00 per month (Residential/Commercial)  
   \$300.00 pre month (Industrial)

**Outside City Limits**

Meter Fee                    \$ 14.00 per month (Residential/Commercial)  
   \$300.00 per month (Industrial)

~~Cost of Gas + \$1.25/MCF for O+M costs + loss and unaccountable\*\*.~~  
~~Cost of Gas + \$2.25/MCF for O+M costs + loss and unaccountable\*\*.~~

**Formula/Definition for O&M and Debt Service Rate**

(O&M costs + debt service – meter fees)/metered gas usage.

Text version is (O&M costs plus debt service less meter fees) divided by metered gas usage.

\*This percentage will change on a yearly basis.

\*\*Cost of gas based on MCF cost of gas + pipeline charges + fuel adjustment charges.

- (C) The cost of natural gas to the city is subject to adjustment on a monthly basis at the discretion of the Utility Department. The Utility Department shall determine the monthly adjustment based on cost of gas and amount of loss. The regulations shall be available for public inspection.

(Ord. 1-1981, passed, 1-6-81; Am. Ord. 18-1982, passed 12-16-82;  
Am. Ord. 4-1986, passed 6-3-86; Am. Ord. 1-1989, passed 1-21-89)

- (D) O&M costs shall be reviewed and will be subject to change on a quarterly basis.

**Cross References:**

Public Record. see Ch 24

§ 32.102

**TAP-ON FEES**

(A) Tap-on fees for various sizes of gas taps shall be as follows:

Residential in city	\$ 250.00
Residential out of city	\$ 350.00
425 in city	\$ 500.00
425 out of city	\$ 600.00
800 in city	\$1,300.00
800 out of city	\$1,400.00
1000 in city	\$1,300.00
1000 out of city	\$1,400.00
1400 in city	\$2,000.00
1400 out of city	\$2,100.00
2300 in city	\$3,000.00
2300 out of city	\$3,100.00
5000 in city	\$5,000.00
5000 out of city	\$5,100.00

(B) In the event there are extraordinary expenses in relation to any particular tap installation due to either the particular location of the tap or a rise in the cost of materials, then the Utilities Superintendent shall set the tap fee at a reasonable amount which will fairly compensate the Utilities Department considering its expense and need for profit margin. The tap fee will be reviewed by the Utility Commission.

(Ord. 1-1990, passed 1-18-1990)

§ 32.103

**RECONNECTION FEES**

The rates for reconnection after the disconnection of services for gas shall be Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per connection.

(Ord. 12-1990, passed 6-4-90)

§ 32.104

**SERVICE CHARGE FOR AFTER HOURS SERVICE CALL**

There is hereby imposed a charge of Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$7.50), if within the corporate limits, or Twelve Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$12.50), if without the corporate limits of the city, for service runs by the city utility employees made upon request of customers of the utility services of gas, where it is determined that the cause of the service run was a matter involving the private individual service of the customer, as opposed to a problem involving the lines, pumps, meters, or other equipment or devices owned and operated by the city.

The service charge herein imposed shall not be charged if the service run is made between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on those Mondays through Fridays which are national holidays or city holidays then in effect as are specified by the personnel policies of the city, or its Utility Department.

(Ord. 13-1982, passed 8-3-82)

**Cross Reference:**

Personnel policies, see Ch. 27

§ 32.105

**INSUFFICIENT FUND CHECK PAYMENTS**

A service charge of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) shall be imposed for each check returned to the city dishonored by bank or other financial institution by reason of insufficient funds or no-account, which the check was issued in payment for services provided by the city.

(Ord. 199-1980, passed 12-9-80)

§ 32.106

**METER TESTING**

If upon request by a customer of the city utilities a meter is tested, and the meter is found to be operating correctly, the customer shall be charged a fee of Thirty-Five Dollars (\$35.00). If meter is found to be operating incorrectly upon testing, there shall be no charge.

(Ord. 19-1980, passed 12-9-80)

§ 32.107

**RE-READING OF METERS**

If upon request by a customer of the city utilities a meter is re-read, and the original reading is found to have been correct, the customer shall be charged a fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00). If the original reading was incorrect there shall be no charge.

(Ord. 19-1980, passed 12-9-80)

§ 32.108 PROPERTY OWNER RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT OF BILL

Any past due gas bill shall be paid prior to reconnection of service to any particular property. In the event a renter leaves without paying a bill, then the owner of the property or the property itself shall be ultimately responsible for the bill.  
(Ord. 10-87-passed 6-2-87)

§ 32.109 APPEAL PROCEDURE

Any person aggrieved by any of the terms and provisions of the article may appeal a determination of liability or denial of reconnection to the Utility Superintendent by filing a written protest with twenty (20) days of the billing of a gas bill or the denial of a reconnection of service. The Superintendent shall review the protest and enter a ruling thereon, in writing, within ten (10) business days. If the protest is denied, an appeal may be taken to the Utility Commission if the same is filed, in writing, with the City Clerk within twenty (20) days of the date of the Superintendent's ruling. The appeal shall be heard and disposed of at the next regular session of the Utility Commission, or at any special meeting called for that purpose.  
(Ord. 12-1995, passed 7-6-95)

**Cross Reference:**

City Council Meetings, see § 20.208

This amended ordinance becomes effective upon its adoption, approval, and publication as provided by law.

First reading, approval and adoption this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2003

Second reading, final approval and adoption this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2003.

  
LEDA DEAN, MAYOR

ATTEST

  
MARTHA LEMASTER, CITY CLERK