

CITY OF SAINT PAUL, NEBRASKA

ORDINANCE # 974

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL, HOWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AMENDING ARTICLE 322 TO CHAPTER 3 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL, NEBRASKA; PROVIDING FOR THE RATES; CUSTOMERS OF THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEM SHALL BE CHARGED; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE TIME THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND TAKE EFFECT.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. Article 322 of Chapter 3 of the Municipal Code of Saint Paul, Nebraska shall be amended to read as follows:

3-322 MUNICIPAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEM RATE SETTING.

Electric Customers of the Municipal Electrical Department of the City of St. Paul, Nebraska ("City") shall be charged the following rate(s) for the use of electrical service. Electric Customers whose service is disconnected by written order of the Utility Superintendent shall not be liable thereafter for electrical service until electrical service is restored.

1. Residential Rate

Customer charge	\$9.25 per month
Net Metering charge	\$20.00 per month
First 50 KWH.....	@ 18.49 ¢ per KWH per month
Next 150 KWH.....	@ 12.57 ¢ per KWH per month
Next 300 KWH.....	@ 10.22 ¢ per KWH per month
Remainder KWH.....	@ 6.05 ¢ per KWH per month – Winter (Oct. – May Billing)
Remainder KWH...@	9.56 ¢ per KWH per month – Summer (June – September Billing)

2. Commercial Rate

Single Phase Customer charge.....	\$13.00 per month
Net Metering charge	\$20.00 per month
First 500 KWH.....	@ 14.68 ¢ per KWH per month
Next 4,500 KWH.....	@ 10.22 ¢ per KWH per month
Remainder KWH.....	@ 8.77 ¢ per KWH per month – Winter (Oct. – May Billing)
Remainder KWH...@	9.59 ¢ per KWH per month –Summer (June – September Billing)

Three Phase Customer charge.....	\$18.50 per month
Net Metering charge	\$30.00 per month
First 500 KWH.....	@ 14.68 ¢ per KWH per month
Next 4,500 KWH.....	@ 10.22 ¢ per KWH per month
Remainder KWH.....	@ 8.77 ¢ per KWH per month – Winter (Oct. – May Billing)
Remainder KWH..@	9.59 ¢ per KWH per month – Summer (June – September Billing)
Rate applicable to all loads exclusive of single family dwellings	

3. Commercial Demand Rate

When the monthly KWH consumption exceeds 15,000 KWH or rated transformer capacity is 45 KW or above, demand type metering will be installed by the City. When the 15 minute rolling Demand exceeds 45 KW, the rate schedule shall convert to the commercial Demand rate and the charges shall be as follows:

Customer Charge \$26.00 per month

- Demand:
- (1) \$13.75 per KW for maximum demand winter rates.
 - (2) \$14.45 per KW for maximum demand summer rates.
 - (3) 65% of maximum summer Demand during preceding 11 months. Summer shall mean June through September.

Energy: For all KWH \$0.0502 (5.02 cents) with a minimum charge of \$250.00 of ratcheted Demand in the winter months of October through and including May.

Energy: For all KWH \$0.0595 (5.95 cents) with a minimum charge of \$250.00 of ratcheted Demand in the summer months of June through and including September.

4. Electric Customers may be subject to an additional charge for the fuel cost to the City, charged by the Howard-Greeley Rural Public Power District. The fuel cost charged by the Howard-Greeley Rural Public Power District to the City shall be prorated among Electric Customers by the same factor as used by the Howard-Greeley Rural Public Power District to compute its fuel cost per kilowatt hour consumed times the monthly fuel cost factor. The City shall use the same factor to prorate the fuel cost to each Electric Customer, whether the customer is commercial or residential.
5. The Utility Clerk or Bookkeeper shall require a service deposit from domestic occupants who are living in a home leased by them in a sum not to exceed two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars and from commercial users operating their businesses in a building or other type structure leased by them in a sum not to exceed two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars.
6. Service to the City shall be measured and bills shall be rendered to the various departments of said City and shall be collected and paid for in accordance with the above rates.
7. The City, by resolution of its Mayor and Council, shall have the power and authority to contract with any person, persons, association or corporation, to sell electric current for light, heat and power purposes beyond its corporate limits when, in the judgment of the Mayor and Council, it is beneficial to the City to do so. The cost or expense of extending the City lines beyond its borders, to serve farmers and other shall be paid out of net earnings of the system. For furnishing electric service beyond its corporate limits, subject to the above conditions, said City may establish rates with such person, persons, association or corporation without regard to the rates specified in the foregoing schedule; provided, however, that the contract rate made shall be uniform so far as it affects the uses of equal amounts of current under such contracts under similar conditions.
8. No electric service shall be furnished to any Electric Customer under any other rate than as provided in this Section, and there shall be no discrimination in rates as between Electric Customers using equal amounts of current for the same purpose under the same conditions.
9. Electrical energy shall be sold by meter measurements only. No flat rates will be quoted or allowed.
10. Payment of all utility bills shall be due by the **20th (twentieth)** of every month, unless otherwise stated on the bill. A late payment penalty of 10% (ten percent) shall be added to the total amount of the bill after the due date. This will be effective May 1, 2017.
11. If a balance on an account remains unpaid after the due date and no arrangements have been made to satisfy the account, the City will mail to the Electric Customer a "Disconnect Notice" by first-class mail stating the date the service will be disconnected. This will result in an additional charge of \$15.00 to offset the cost of generating a Disconnect Notice, which will be effective May 1, 2017. Prior to disconnection, the Electric Customer should make every effort to arrange for payment with the City. Should the Electric Customer fail to make such arrangements or to comply with these arrangements, the disconnection process will be enforced.

12. If electrical service is not disconnected following the issuance of a Disconnect Notice, the City may issue subsequent Disconnect Notices. Each Disconnect Notice will be mailed by first-class mail and shall carry an additional service charge fee of **\$15.00**. This will be effective May 1, 2017.
13. All Disconnect Notices will reflect the legal requirements of Nebraska State Statutes §70-1605 and §70-1606. These notices will give the Electric Customer no less than **seven (7)** working days to either pay the account in full or make mutually agreeable arrangements for payment of the account in a timely manner.
14. In the event electrical services are disconnected, for any reason, the electrical deposit, if any, shall be set off against the final bill rendered to the Electric Customer.

The cost to restore electrical service to the meter will include payment of the current billing, late penalties, Disconnect Notice fees, plus a reconnect fee of **\$25.00** provided such disconnection and reconnection is **done during normal business hours**. If demand is made to reconnect **after normal business hours**, weekends or holidays, the fee associated therewith shall be **\$60.00**. This will be effective May 1, 2017.


15. A fee of **\$25.00** will be charged to the Electric Customer for any and all checks returned for non-sufficient funds. This will be effective May 1, 2017


SECTION 2. That any other Ordinance or section passed and approved prior to the passage, approval, and publication of this Ordinance and in conflict with its provisions is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. The rates as set forth in this Ordinance shall be effective commencing May 1, 2017.

SECTION 4. Except as provided in Section 3 of this Ordinance, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

Passed and approved this 6th day of March, 2017.


Tracy J. Howard, Mayor

ATTEST

Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk

