

CITY OF ST. PAUL, NEBRASKA

ORDINANCE #1051

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST 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 ST PAUL, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. Article 322 of Chapter 3 of the Municipal Code of St 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 City shall not be liable thereafter for electrical service until electrical service is restored.

As provided in this Ordinance, Summer rates shall be for usage during the months of June through September and Winter rates shall be for usage during the months of October through May.

1. Residential Rate

Availability: Available to single family residences and individually metered apartments for all domestic purposes, including space heating, when all services are supplied through a single meter and whose entire requirements are provided by the electric utility. Not applicable to resale, stand-by or auxiliary service.

Character of Service: AC, 60 Hertz, single-phase, at any of the City's standard voltages where the service may be supplied by a single power transformation.

Rates:

EFFECTIVE DATE:	<u>October 1, 2024</u>
Customer Charge, per month	\$11.25
Energy Charge, per kWh	
Summer	
First 500 kWh, per kWh	\$0.1128
Excess kWh, per kWh	\$0.0984
Winter	
First 500 kWh, per kWh	\$0.1128
Excess kWh, per kWh	\$0.0728

Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge.

2. **Commercial Rate**

Availability: Available to any customer for general commercial lighting and miscellaneous power service at standard voltages. This rate shall also apply, at the option of the City, when more than one dwelling unit is served through one meter. Not applicable to resale, stand-by or auxiliary service.

Character of Service: AC, 60 Hertz, single-phase or three-phase, at any of the City's standard voltages where the service may be supplied by a single power transformation.

Rates:

EFFECTIVE DATE:	<u>October 1, 2024</u>
Customer Charge, per month	
Single Phase	\$15.00
Three Phase	\$20.50
Energy Charge, per kWh	
Summer	
First 500 kWh, per kWh	\$0.1505
Next 4500 kWh, per kWh	\$0.1048
Excess kWh, per kWh	\$0.0983
Winter	
First 500 kWh, per kWh	\$0.1505
Next 4500 kWh, per kWh	\$0.1048
Excess kWh, per kWh	\$0.0899

Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge.

3. Commercial Demand Rate

Availability: Available to any customer 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.

Character of Service: AC, 60 Hertz, single-phase or three-phase, at any of the City's standard voltages where the service may be supplied by a single power transformation.

Rates:

EFFECTIVE DATE:	<u>October 1, 2024</u>
Customer Charge, per month	\$28.00
Demand Charge, per kW	
Summer, per kW	\$14.81
Winter, per kW	\$14.09
Energy Charge, per kWh	
Summer, per kWh	\$0.0610
Winter, per kWh	\$0.0515

Demand: 65% of maximum summer Demand during the preceding 11 months. Summer shall mean June through September.

Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge plus \$250.00 of ratcheted Demand in the winter months (October through May) and \$250.00 of ratcheted Demand in the summer months (June through September).

4. Net Metering Rate

Availability: Certain customers of the City may qualify for net metering treatment pursuant to Nebraska State Statutes §70-2001 to §70-2005. To qualify for this rate, the generation fuel source must be solar, methane, wind, biomass, hydropower, or geothermal and must have a rated capacity at or below 25 kilowatts (kW).

Such customers shall be subject to approval by the Mayor and Council. Customer must ensure that the following conditions are met:

- a. Customer is responsible for all costs associated with constructing, operating, and maintaining facilities required to ensure the safe operation.
- b. Customer must execute an agreement with the City.

Rate: The customer will be allowed to use the electrical output of their qualifying generation facility to supply all or a portion of their own load and

delivery any surplus to the City. If over the billing period there is a net flow of energy from the City to the customer, the customer will be billed for the net use at rates included in their applicable standard rate schedule. If over the billing period there is a net flow of energy from the customer to the City (i.e., Net Excess Generation, or NEG), the customer will be billed for the non-energy charges included in their applicable standard rate schedule and a monetary credit for such NEG will be determined and carried forward to the subsequent billing period as an offset to future energy charges. If at the end of the calendar year an amount is owed to the customer for accumulated monetary credits associated with NEG, then such amount will be paid to the customer.

The monetary credit for NEG is 4.9 cents per kilowatt-hour.

5. 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 (HGRPPD). The fuel cost charged by HGRPPD to the City shall be prorated among electric customers by the same factor as used by HGRPPD 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.
6. The City shall require a service deposit from domestic occupants who are living in a home leased by them in a sum not to exceed \$250.00 and from commercial users operating their businesses in a building or other type structure leased by them in a sum not to exceed \$250.00.
7. 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.
8. 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 others 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.
9. 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.

10. Electrical energy shall be sold by meter measurements only. No flat rates will be quoted or allowed.
11. Payment of all utility bills shall be due by the 20th of every month, unless otherwise stated on the bill. A late payment penalty of 10% shall be added to the total amount of the bill (excluding the cost of garbage) after the due date.
12. 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. 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.
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 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 \$50.00 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.

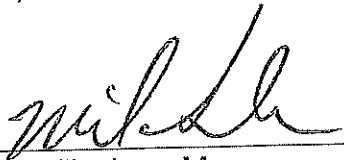
15. A fee of \$30.00 will be charged to the electric customer for any and all checks returned for non-sufficient funds.

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 October 1, 2024.

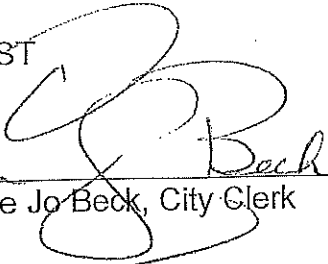
SECTION 4. Except as provided in Section 3 of this Ordinance, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

Passed and approved this 19th day of August, 2024.



Mike Feeken, Mayor

ATTEST



Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk

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