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### ARTICLE IV. GAS SERVICE

#### Sec. 38-201. Service Rates and Charges.

(a) For gas furnished to customers by the city, the charges shall be found on the city's current fee schedule, with all future increases or decreases in commodity charges from the state municipal gas authority to be passed on in a straight flow through cost basis into each rate schedule.

(b) Payment. Payment for the charges shall be subject to the following provisions:

- (1) *Generally.* All of the charges will carry a ten percent penalty if not paid within the ten days after billing.
- (2) *Senior Citizens.* Senior citizen customers, however, could receive an additional ten days in which to pay their utility bill without penalty, thus being allowed a total of 20 days to pay their account in full without penalty. To participate in this program, a senior citizen must provide the following information:
  - a. Proof of being age 62 or older.
  - b. Utility service in their name.
  - c. Proof of fixed income, i.e. social security or similar fixed retirement benefit.

Acceptance into this program is a prerequisite to the payment of the utility bills as well as the derivation of the benefits offered. If at the end of the 20 day period the bill remains unpaid, then the senior citizen enrolled in the program will be subject to the same penalty fees, disconnection procedures and reconnection charges as provided in article I of this chapter.

(Code 1968, §21-57; Ord. No. 1023, §1, 7-12-93; Ord. No. 2117, §2, 7-7-03)

**Note** – Former §38-126.

**Sec. 38-202. Reserved.**

**Note** – Formerly §38-127.

**Section 38-203. Service charge to be established by Council; Service Lines to become property of Municipal Gas Authority.**

Customers who apply for gas service will be charged a fee to be set by the mayor and council as a matter of policy. In all cases the service lines installed at the cost to the customers shall become the property of the municipal gas system.

(Code 1968, §21-59; Ord. No. 2117, §2, 7-3-03)

**Note** – Formerly §38-128.

**Sec. 38-204. Reconnection charges.**

(a) Customers who order removal of service and within 12 months make application for reinstallation at the same location shall be charged the currently require reconnection.

(b) Anyone who orders a meter installation and, before using natural gas, orders the meter disconnected shall be charged a penalty when reconnection is made.

(c) Service installation for current customers at new locations shall be handled as a new connection; however, no charge shall be made at the new location if a service connection is in existence there.

(Code 1968, §21-60; Ord. No. 2117, §2, 7-7-03)

**Note** – Formerly §38-129.

**Sec. 38-205. Access to Facilities; System Property.**

Application for service shall include a permit from the customer allowing access to the meter, regulator and service line to the official or employee of the municipal natural gas system. All lines, regardless of how installed up to and including the meter, shall be the property of the municipal natural gas system. (Code 1968, §21-61; Ord. No. 2117, §2, 7-7-03)

**Note** – Formerly §38-130.

**Sec. 38-206. Industrial Interruptible Natural Gas Rate; Schedule 1.**

(a) *Availability.* This rate is available to any interruptible customer with a monthly consumption of no less than 5,000 Dekatherms (DT's). The customer must have alternative fuel capability and the standby system must be maintained in operational condition. In addition an adequate supply of alternate fuel must be inventoried on the customer's premises.

(b) *Metering.* Unless already installed, the city will install a remote metering devise capable of recording and storing consumption history on an hourly, daily, or monthly basis. The metering device shall be installed at the customer's expense, but shall remain the property of the city.

(c) *Pricing.* The customer shall pay the city's price per Dekatherm (DT) as negotiated from time to time by the city manager, with concurrence of the audit and finance committee of the city.

(d) *Penalties.* The customer is responsible for all penalties and higher gas costs incurred as a result of its actions or inactions.

(e) *Curtailment.* Natural gas provided under this rate shall be subject to curtailment or interruption in whole or in part upon four hour's notice.

(f) *Unauthorized Use of Gas.* If upon four hour's notice by the city the customer fails to comply with a notice of curtailment or interruption, the city shall charge the customer any penalties and higher gas costs it incurs as a result of the customer's failure to comply with such curtailment notice.

(g) *Written Agreement.* The customer shall be required to enter into a written agreement with the city to subscribe to this rate.

(Ord. No. 1037, §1, 6-6-94; Ord. No. 2045, §1, 7-12-99; Ord. No. 2117, §2, 7-7-03)

**Note** – Formerly §38-131.

**Sec. 38-207. Dual Fuel Heat Pump Rate.**

[The dual fuel heat pump rates are as follows:]

Up-front capacity surcharge ..... \$ 500.00  
Monthly Capacity Charge ..... 6.00

(Ord. No. 1073, §1, 11-6-95; Ord. No. 2117, §2, 7-7-03)

**Note** – Formerly §38-132.

**Sec. 38-208. Gas Air Conditioning Rate.**

(a) Special Gas Air Conditioning Rate – Commercial Customers.

(1) *Availability.* Anywhere natural gas service is currently available or can reasonably be installed, on the city's distribution system, where sufficient capacity can be made available.

(2) *Applicability.* This rate structure applies only to those commercial customers who use separately metered natural gas fired equipment for the purposes of cooling, refrigeration, or dehumidification, and only to the volumes used by such equipment.

(3) *Nature of Service.* Natural gas service provided under this rate schedule is firm and only subject to interruption in the event of force majeure.

(4) *Rate Structure.* The rate structure for service under this schedule is in accordance with the following schedule:

Base Service Charge ..... \$ 2.00

Summer Rate (April through September) per MCF ..... \$ 3.75

Winter Rate (October through March) ..... \$ 5.67\*

Plus applicable sales tax

\* All future increases or decreases will be passed on in a straight flow through cost basis.

(b) Special Seasonal Air Conditioning Rate – Residential Customers.

(1) *Availability.* Anywhere natural gas service is currently available or can reasonably be installed on the city's distribution system, where sufficient capacity

can be made available.

- (2) *Applicability.* This rate structure applies to those residential customers using natural gas for cooling, refrigeration, or dehumidification purposes solely on in addition to other uses.
- (3) *Nature of Service.* Natural gas service provided under this schedule is seasonal in accordance with the following schedule:

Base Service Charge .....	\$ 2.00
Summer Rate (April through September), per MCF .....	\$ 3.75
Winter Rate (October through March) .....	\$ 5.67

Plus applicable sales tax

\*All future increases or decreases will be passed on through a straight flow through cost basis. (Ord. No. 1075, §1, 11-6-95; Ord. No. 2117, §2, 7-7-03)

**Note** – Formerly §38-133.

**Sec. 38-209. Third Party Transportation Services.**

(a) *Availability.* This service is available to any interruptable customer with an average daily consumption of no less than 200 MCF per day. The customer must have alternative fuel capability and the standby system must be maintained in operational condition. In addition, an adequate supply of alternate fuel must be inventoried on the customer's premises.

(b) *Metering.* Unless already installed, the city will install a remote metering device capable of recording and storing consumption history on an hourly, daily and monthly basis. The metering device shall be installed at the customer's expense but shall remain the property of the city.

(c) *Pricing.* The customer shall pay the city's price per Dekatherm (Dt) as negotiated from time to time by the city manager with approval from the mayor and council for all volumes consumed and penalties or cash out charges incurred shall be collected in addition to the aforementioned rate.

(d) *Balancing.* The customer is responsible for maintaining a 15 percent tolerance between actual daily volumes consumed and daily volumes nominated for delivery. The customer is responsible for maintaining a five percent tolerance between actual monthly volumes consumed and the total volume nominated for delivery during the month.

(e) *Cash-out.* The city will designate the customer's volumes as first, through the meter for deliveries from Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation (Transco), the interstate pipeline through which the city receives its gas. If the volumes actually taken by the customer from the city's distribution system during a month exceed the amount of gas Transco delivered to the city for customer's account (or its agent), then the customer will pay the city 115 percent of the first of the month Spot Market Index price (as posted in Inside F.E.R.C. Gas Market Report for Transco; weighted at 40 percent telescoped and 60 percent Zone 4), plus Transco's interruptable transportation rate (including pipeline fuel and applicable surcharges) for each excess Dekatherm (Dt) taken. If the volumes actually taken by the customer from the city's distribution system during a month are less than the amount of gas Transco delivered to the city for the customer's account (or its agent) then the city will pay the customer 85 percent of the first of the month Spot Market

Index price plus Transco's firm transportation commodity (usage) rate (including pipeline fuel and applicable surcharges) for each Dt delivered by Transco for the customer's account but not actually consumed by the customer.

(f) *Penalties.* Customer is responsible for all penalties and higher gas costs incurred as a result of its actions or inactions.

(g) *Curtailment.* Natural gas provided under this agreement shall be subject to curtailment or interruption in whole or in part upon four hours' notice.

(h) *Unauthorized Use of Gas.* If upon four hours' notice by the City the customer fails to comply with a notice of curtailment or interruption, the city shall charge the customer any penalties and higher gas costs it incurs as a result of the customer's failure to comply with such curtailment notice.

(i) *Written Agreement.* The customer shall be required to enter into a written agreement with the city to subscribe to third party transportation service.

(Ord. No. 1098, §1, 11-4-96; Ord. No. 2117, §2, 7-7-03)

**Note** – Formerly §38-134.

**Sec. 38-210-38-230. Reserved.**