

ORDINANCE NO. 1576

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 7 – ELECTRICITY AND ELECTRICIANS – ARTICLE 3 – MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT BY AMENDING SECTION 7-37 REGARDING APPLICATION FOR SERVICE, SECTION 7-39 REGARDING DEPOSIT, SECTION 7-44 REGARDING DISCONTINUANCE AND RECONNECTION OF SERVICE AND SECTION 7-52 REGARDING CUSTOMER CLASSIFICATION

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MADISON, SOUTH DAKOTA:

That Section 7-37, Section 7-39, Section 7-44 and Section 7-52 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Madison, also known as the Code of Ordinances, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7-37. Application for service.

- (a) Past due bills. No person owing the City for past electric bills will be furnished with electric service until all past due electric bills owed to the City are paid in full.
- (b) Service application. Any person desiring electric service from the City shall apply at the City Finance Office on an application provided for the purpose. A twenty dollar (\$20.00) application fee will be charged. This application fee will also be charged to present consumers re-establishing electric service at a new location within the City.
- (c) Owner of rental. The owner of a rental house, apartment or mobile home may request that the utility account automatically be placed in his name when the tenant closes the account. Such request shall be in writing. If the owner does not desire electric service to the premises when a tenant closes the account, the service will be disconnected without notice to the owner.

Sec. 7-39. Deposit.

- (a) Residential customers will be required to make a two hundred dollar (\$200.00) deposit upon application for service. Commercial and industrial customers will be required to make a deposit upon application for service in an amount equal to two (2) times the highest electric billing in the past twenty-four (24) months at the same or comparable service address.
- (b) Residential, commercial and industrial customer deposits may be waived if the customer can provide a letter of reference disclosing information as required by the City from another electric, water or gas utility. A deposit may also be waived if the customer has a current City utility account reflecting 12 months of satisfactory payment history including no disconnections, no late payments or penalties and no outstanding balances.
- (c) Deposits will be applied to customer utility accounts when service is discontinued or following 12 months of satisfactory payment history including no disconnections, no late payments or penalties and no outstanding balances. A deposit may again be required if a customer's account is delinquent two or more times in any 12-month period.

Sec. 7-44. Discontinuance and reconnection of service.

- (a) Consumers who are delinquent on their electric bills will be immediately mailed a "Notice of Delinquent Account" which will detail the past due amount and additional penalty amount due. If payment is still not received at the City Finance Office by the time and date noted on the "Notice of Delinquent Account", all utility services to the consumer will be terminated by disconnection.
- (b) Payment Agreements may be negotiated with the City Finance Office and additional fees may be applied.
- (c) An electric account which has been terminated by disconnection will be reinstated when requested by the customer and when all bills on said account have been paid in full, including a reconnect charge of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for residential customers or one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for commercial or industrial customers if the electric service is reconnected during regular electric department working hours or one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for residential customers or two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for commercial or industrial customers if the electric service is reconnected after regular electric department working hours.

Sec. 7-52. Customer classification.

- (a) Residential customer classification. An electric account shall be deemed to be a residential account for billing purposes for any single phase alternating current electric service at standard City voltages for residential and church uses when all electric service is measured by one meter. The residential accounts shall include individually metered single family dwellings, individual mobile home units or to each dwelling unit of apartment houses, condominiums or other multiple family dwelling units. A dwelling unit shall be defined as follows: "One or more rooms located in a dwelling that are used as living quarters for one family only. Each dwelling unit contains one and only one set of kitchen facilities." Any property located in a residential zone of the City which conducts a home occupation as defined in the City Zoning Ordinance shall be considered residential for the purpose of this electric ordinance.
- (b) Commercial customer classification. An electric account shall be deemed to be a commercial account for billing purposes for consumers with single phase service or three phase power service only if said three phase power service demand does not exceed fifty kilowatts integrated over a thirty minute time interval two or more times within the preceding calendar year. In addition, the commercial classification shall be applicable to multiple family dwellings, apartment houses and mobile home courts where the respective dwelling units are not individually metered but rather metered at a central location.
- (c) Industrial customer classification. An electric account shall be deemed to be an industrial account for billing purposes when the consumer's monthly peak power demand exceeds fifty kilowatts integrated over a thirty minute time interval two or more times within the preceding calendar year. However, a customer in the industrial class who does not reach sixty-five kilowatts two times within the preceding calendar year may request to be moved to the commercial class with said request to be considered and acted upon by the Mayor, Utilities Commissioner and Electric Utilities Director.

Dated this 23rd day of November, 2015.

CITY OF MADISON


Mayor

ATTEST 
Finance Officer

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