

## CHAPTER 8.04 – ELECTRICAL UTILITY PROVISIONS

### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8.04 ELECTRICAL UTILITY PROVISIONS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARKER, SOUTH DAKOTA:

That Chapter 8.04 – Electrical Utility Provisions of the Parker City Ordinances is hereby amended and shall read as follows:

8.0401      Residential Electrical Service. Residential electric service shall be available to all customers in single family residences were authorized.

8.0402      Commercial Electrical Service. Commercial electric service shall be available to commercial and non-residential customers whose normal demand does not exceed 40 kw where authorized. All services shall be taken through one meter and shall not be for resale.

8.0403      Large Power Electric. Large power electric service shall be available to any customer whose normal demand is 40 kw or more, provided the entire service requirements are taken through one meter. This service is not applicable to resale, standby, temporary, supplemental, auxiliary, or shared services. Customers shall use the large power rate, as applicable to the service, for a period of not less than one year. The minimum payable each month shall be the demand charge, but not less than \$210.00 per month, which may be adjusted by resolution by the Parker City Council. The billing demand shall be the maximum integrated 30-minute kilowatt load occurring during the billing period, but not less than 50% of the highest demand established during the preceding 11 months.

8.0404      Service Connection Fee. In addition to the utility deposit, a service connection fee shall be required of each new account established as follows:

- A.      Residential - \$600 plus tax
- B.      Commercial and Industrial – Negotiable based on market cost of supplies, materials and service size plus tax

These fees may be adjusted by resolution by the Parker City Council.

8.0405      Refusal. The city may refuse service for any of the following reasons:

- A.      The applicant is indebted for past utility service and refuses to liquidate the debt;
- B.      The utility deposit, service fee and or security deposit is not paid;
- C.      A customer has tampered with a utility service meter; the applicant, although not personally liable to the city for utility services, is attempting to return service to an

indebted premise and no attempts are forthcoming to liquidate the debt of that premise;

D. Property has a delinquent bill from previous owner.

8.0406 Installation of Meters by City. All meters, service wires and other electrical facilities installed by the City at its expense, upon customer's premises for the purpose of delivering and metering electric energy to the customer will continue to be the property of the City and may be repaired, inspected, relocated, replaced, or removed by the City. All meters shall be installed outside of doors.

8.0407 Access to Customer Premises. The customer will provide and maintain, without cost to the City, subject to City approval, an easily accessible location on or within the premises to be supplied service, with sufficient and property facilities for installation of meters and other apparatus and the necessary right-of-way to this point.

8.0408 Relocation of Inaccessible Meter. Where meters or services originally installed in accessible locations satisfactory to the City are rendered inaccessible thereafter by virtue of alterations or new constructions or upgrading of service requirements by the owner of the premises or his agent, such meters or services shall be reinstalled at a location, subject to City approval, at the expense of the owner.

8.0409 Compliance with Electrical Codes. All installations shall comply with the current edition of the state electrical wiring bulletin and the current edition of the National Electrical Code.

8.0410 Meter Tests. Customers may have their meters tested upon payment of the actual cost for testing. If the meter is found to be in error, the fee shall be refunded.

8.0411 Cost Adjustments. The City may adjust rates for electricity to reflect base costs of "Power Production Cost Adjustment" and/or "Energy Cost Adjustment" charged to the City by its power supplier.

8.0412 Tax Clause. The City may adjust rates for electricity by the amount of any new or increased governmental tax imposed or levied on the transmission, distribution, production or sale of electricity.

8.0413 New Underground Residential Service:

A. The City will provide:

1. All underground cables, conduits, and fittings from the transformer to the point of service.

2. The meter socket and meter.

3. All trenching, backfilling, and labor to lay cable and conduit in the trench and connect to the city equipment.

- 4. All primary service.
- B. The Customer will pay for applicable hook-up fees.
- C. Commercial Secondary Service to Include Multi-Family Dwellings:
  - 1. All transformers, and other high voltage equipment deemed necessary by the City of Parker with costs negotiated based on market cost of supplies, materials, and service size.
  - 2. The City will designate a junction point for the connection of the customer secondary underground service.
  - 3. The junction point shall be a service pedestal, secondary junction box or the terminals of a pad mount transformer.
  - 4. The City will install, own, operate, and maintain all the facilities on the source side of the junction point, including the junction enclosure, and connections.
  - 5. The customer will install, own, operate, and maintain all secondary facilities on the load side of the junction point including the secondary cable, conduit, and meter pedestal. The city will provide and own the electric meter.
  - 6. All lots to be individually metered.
  - 7. The junction points will normally be located within front lot line easements, if possible, unless it is necessary or desirable to designate locations along rear or side property lines that are closer to meter points. All utility easements requested by the city are to be granted to the city by the customer at no cost to the city.

8.0414 New Large Commercial or Industrial Secondary Service (over 200-amps). All commercial or industrial services, underground, over 200 amps shall be approved by the City prior to installation. The following work shall be completed by the City of Parker.

- A. All primary cables, conduits, poles, and fittings shall be installed.
- B. All trenching, setting of poles, and backfilling for the primary cable shall be completed.
- D. The primary equipment and cable shall be connected and installed.
- E. Instrument metering material shall be installed.

All materials necessary to complete the above work shall be supplied by the City of Parker. The following items shall be completed by the customer and the customer shall be solely responsible for the payment of the following:

- A. All secondary wiring from pad mounted transformer to the customer service entrance equipment.
- B. All transformers, switches, and other high voltage equipment deemed necessary by the City of Parker with costs negotiated based on market cost of supplies, materials and service size.

8.0415 Existing Service.

- A. Secondary services from the transformer to the meter, once installed, will be maintained by the city.
- B. Existing secondary service requested to be upgraded by the customer will be done at the owner's expense.
- D. Customer will replace all concrete or asphalt placed over existing service at their expense should such service wire need replacement.

8.0416 Easements and Maps.

- A. In all new developments the developer shall provide the planning commission with a platted map of the development showing all streets, alleys, and lots. The planning commission should then refer such map to the appropriate city department head for their comments and approval before the planning commission gives their final approval to the developer.
- B. All proper easements granting the city access shall be signed by the owner before any underground City utility work begins.

8.0417 Street Lighting. All street lighting material in new developments shall be furnished and installed and paid for by the developer and approved by the City.

8.0418 Conversion to Underground Electric Secondary Service Lines to All Residential and Small Commercial Secondary Service (under 200-amp) Electric Customers.

- A. The City of Parker hereby finds that it is in the best interest of providing reliable electric service to residential and small commercial customers to install underground service lines to all residential and small commercial customers. The installation of underground electric service is deemed necessary to prevent unnecessary outages and to provide safe service to residents.
- B. Thirty days prior to conversion, the City electric department shall provide notice to the property owners at their usual electric billing address informing them of the intent to install an underground electric service.

*Section 2. Immediate Effect*

*This ordinance is necessary to protect and immediately preserve the public health, safety, welfare, peace and support of the municipal government and its existing public institutions pursuant to SDCL 11-4-3.1 and SDCL 9-19-13.*

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