

ORDINANCE NO. 080200
0-08-48

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A, SECTION UTILITIES (5) NATURAL GAS OF THE GAINESVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY INCREASING NATURAL GAS BASE RATES AND CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARGES; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CODIFIER; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHEDULE PROVIDED HEREIN.

WHEREAS, at least ten (10) days notice has been given of the public hearings once by publication in a newspaper of general circulation notifying the public of this proposed ordinance and of the public hearings in the City Commission meeting room, first floor, City Hall, City of Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, the public hearings were held pursuant to the published notices described above at which hearings the parties in interest and all others had an opportunity to be and were, in fact, heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Appendix A, Section Utilities (5) Natural Gas of the Gainesville Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

(5) *Natural gas*:

a. Appliance service and repair charges (§27-279):

1. Trip charge..... \$ 25.00
2. Labor charge, per one-half hour \$ 18.50

Minimum charge of one-half hour; total charge in one-half hour increments.

3. In addition, for other than normal working hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.,
M-F, excluding city holidays), per one-half hour \$ 18.50

b. Residential service rates (§27-272):

1. Base rate. The rates to be charged and collected for natural gas sales
on a firm basis furnished by the City to consumers for residential service
are hereby fixed as follows:

(i) Customer charge, per month, per bill rendered	\$ 7.15 <u>9.52</u>
(ii) Energy charge, per therm	\$ 0.42 <u>40.483</u>
(iii) Manufactured gas plant cost recovery factor, per therm	\$ 0.032 <u>10.037</u>

2. Minimum Monthly Bill. The minimum monthly bill shall be equal to the
customer charge.

3. Purchased gas adjustment. (see Section 27-273)

c. General service rates (§27-272):

1. Base rate. The rates to be charged and collected for natural gas sales
on a firm basis furnished by the City to consumers for general service
are hereby fixed as follows:

(i) Customer charge, per month, per bill rendered	\$ 19.89 <u>30.00</u>
(ii) Energy Charge, per therm.....	\$ 0.27 <u>00.308</u>
(iii) Manufactured gas plant cost recovery factor, per therm	\$ 0.032 <u>10.037</u>

1 2. Minimum Monthly Bill. The minimum monthly bill shall be equal to the customer charge.

3 3. Purchased gas adjustment. (see Section 27-273)

5 d. Interruptible service rates (§27-272):

7 1. Base rate. The rates to be charged and collected for natural gas sales
8 on an interruptible basis furnished by the City to consumers for
9 interruptible service are hereby fixed as follows:

- 10 (i) Customer charge, per month, per bill rendered ~~\$360.00~~\$375.00
11 (ii) Energy charge, per therm ~~\$0.2060~~\$0.286
12 (iii) Manufactured gas plant cost recovery factor, per therm ~~\$0.0321~~\$0.037

13 2. Minimum Monthly Bill. The minimum monthly bill shall be equal to the customer
14 charge plus a minimum billing volume of natural gas as specified in the interruptible
15 service contract.

17 3. Purchased gas adjustment. (see Section 27-273)

19 4. Make-up gas. If, in any month, the consumer does not take the minimum monthly
20 quantity and as a consequence is required to pay the sum of the non-fuel energy
21 charge and the manufactured gas plant cost recovery factor for natural gas not
22 taken, then and in that event, the consumer shall be entitled to receive from the City
23 without payment of a further non-fuel energy charge and manufactured gas plant
24 cost recovery factor, at any time within the subsequent eleven (11) months, a
25 quantity of make-up gas equal to the quantity paid for but not taken; provided,
26 however, that consumer shall be entitled to receive make-up gas in a subsequent
27 month only if and to the extent that the consumer has actually taken natural gas

(excluding any natural gas taken in violation of an interruption or curtailment order) in excess of the minimum monthly quantity during such subsequent month. The minimum monthly quantity shall in each subsequent month be the first natural gas taken. Consumer shall pay the Purchased Gas Adjustment charge applicable to such make-up gas at the time it is taken.

5. Availability. This service is available to consumers in the natural gas service area both within and outside the corporate limits of the City who have executed an Interruptible Gas Service Contract with the City and only to the extent that supplies are available for this service under the City's service contracts with its suppliers.

e. Contract interruptible service rates (§27-272):

1. Base rate. The rates to be charged and collected for natural gas sales on an interruptible basis furnished by the City to consumers for contract interruptible service are hereby fixed as follows:

(i) Customer charge, per month, per bill rendered \$ ~~360.00~~375.00

(ii) Energy charge, per therm. A contract rate which is not less than the adjusted current cost of alternative fuel and which is not greater than the sum of the non-fuel energy charge and the manufactured gas plant cost recovery factor for interruptible service. In no event shall the contract rate be less than \$0.00 per therm. The non-fuel energy charge for a consumer not complying with the provisions of section 5(ii) below shall be equal to the sum of the current non-fuel energy charge and the manufactured gas plant cost recovery factor for interruptible service.

- 1 2. Minimum Monthly Bill. The minimum monthly bill shall be equal to the customer
2 charge plus a minimum billing volume of natural gas as specified in the contract
3 interruptible service contract.
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- 5 3. Purchased gas adjustment. (see Section 27-273)
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- 7 4. Make-up gas. If, in any month, the consumer does not take the minimum monthly
8 quantity and as a consequence is required to pay the sum of the non-fuel energy
9 charge and the manufactured gas plant cost recovery factor for natural gas not
10 taken, then and in that event, the consumer shall be entitled to receive from the City
11 without payment of a further non-fuel energy charge and manufactured gas plant
12 cost recovery factor, at any time within the subsequent eleven (11) months, a
13 quantity of make-up gas equal to the quantity paid for but not taken; provided,
14 however, that consumer shall be entitled to receive make-up gas in a subsequent
15 month only if and to the extent that the consumer has actually taken natural gas
16 (excluding any natural gas taken in violation of an interruption or curtailment order)
17 in excess of the minimum monthly quantity during such subsequent month. The
18 minimum monthly quantity shall in each subsequent month be the first natural gas
19 taken. Consumer shall pay the Purchased Gas Adjustment charge applicable to
20 such make-up gas at the time it is taken.
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- 22 5. Availability. This service is available to consumers in the natural gas service area
23 both within and outside the corporate limits of the City:
- 24 (i) who have executed an Contract Interruptible Gas Service Contract with the
25 City; and,
- 26 (ii) who have completed and submitted a Contract Interruptible Service Affidavit
27 and Agreement form specifying their adjusted current cost of alternative fuel.

Such forms shall be submitted monthly, on the first day of each month, and anytime there is a change to information contained in a form previously submitted; and,

(iii) only to the extent that supplies are available for this service under the City's service contracts with its suppliers.

The city reserves the right, upon twenty-four (24) hours notice to the consumer and in the sole discretion of the general manager for utilities or his/her designee, to discontinue service under this rate classification or to discontinue the contract rate and to offer the consumer an increased contract rate, not to exceed the current non-fuel energy charge for interruptible service.

f. Large volume interruptible service rates (§27-272):

1. Base rate. The rates to be charged and collected for natural gas sales on an interruptible basis furnished by the City to consumers for large volume interruptible service are hereby fixed as follows:

(i) Customer charge, per month, per bill rendered	\$ 360.00 <u>375.00</u>
(ii) Energy charge, per therm	\$ 0.12 <u>0.143</u>
(iii) Manufactured gas plant cost recovery factor, per therm	\$ 0.032 <u>0.037</u>

2. Minimum Monthly Bill. The minimum monthly bill shall be equal to the customer charge plus the minimum monthly quantity of 790,000 therms times the rate per therm, excluding the Purchased Gas Adjustment, and shall apply to each billing or portion thereof.

1 3. Purchased gas adjustment. (see Section 27-273)

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3 4. Make-up gas. If, in any month, the consumer does not take the minimum monthly
4 quantity and as a consequence is required to pay the sum of the non-fuel energy
5 charge and the manufactured gas plant cost recovery factor for natural gas not
6 taken, then and in that event, the consumer shall be entitled to receive from the City
7 without payment of a further non-fuel energy charge and manufactured gas plant
8 cost recovery factor, at any time within the subsequent eleven (11) months, a
9 quantity of make-up gas equal to the quantity paid for but not taken; provided,
10 however, that consumer shall be entitled to receive make-up gas in a subsequent
11 month only if and to the extent that the consumer has actually taken natural gas
12 (excluding any natural gas taken in violation of an interruption or curtailment order)
13 in excess of the minimum monthly quantity during such subsequent month. The
14 minimum monthly quantity shall in each subsequent month be the first natural gas
15 taken. Consumer shall pay the Purchased Gas Adjustment charge applicable to
16 such make-up gas at the time it is taken.

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18 5. Availability. This service is available to consumers in the natural gas service area
19 both within and outside the corporate limits of the City who have executed a Large
20 Volume Interruptible Gas Service Contract with the City and only to the extent that
21 supplies are available for this service under the City's service contracts with its
22 suppliers.

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24 g. Liquid propane gas service rates (§27-288.1):

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26 1. Base rate. The rates to be charged and collected for liquid propane gas sales
27 furnished by the City to consumers are hereby fixed as follows:

- (i) Customer charge, per month, per bill rendered \$ ~~7.15~~9.52
- (ii) Energy charge (Non-fuel), per gallon. A contract rate which shall equal the sum of the current non-fuel energy charge for residential natural gas customers and one of the following fixed charges as determined by the general manager for utilities or his/her designee:
- A. Three-year recovery, per gallon \$ 0.15
- B. Five-year recovery, per gallon \$ 0.10
- C. Seven-year recovery, per gallon \$ 0.075
- D. More than seven-year recovery, per gallon \$ 0.03

2. Minimum Monthly Bill. The minimum monthly bill shall be equal to the customer charge.

3. Liquid propane purchased gas adjustment. (see Section 27-288.2)

h. Curtailment penalty, per therm (§ 27-277(b)(3)) \$1.75

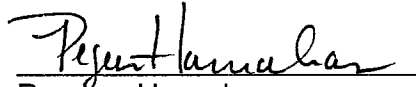
Section 2. It is the intention of the City Commission that the provisions of Section 1 of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Florida, and that the Sections and Paragraphs of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered in order to accomplish such intentions.

Section 3. If any word, phrase, clause, paragraph, section or provision of this ordinance or the application hereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or

1 unconstitutional, such finding shall not affect the other provisions or applications of the
2 ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provisions or
3 application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared severable.

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5 **Section 4.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption;
6 provided however, the rates and charges as provided for herein shall be applicable to all
7 monthly bills which are for the first time rendered and postmarked after 12:01 A.M.,
8 October 1, 2008.

9 PASSED and ADOPTED this 18th day September, 2008.

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15 Pegeen Hanrahan
16 Mayor

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20 Kurt M. Lannon, Jr.
21 Clerk of the Commission

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24 Approved as to form and legality

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28 Marion J. Radson
29 City Attorney
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32 This ordinance passed on first reading this 4th day of September, 2008.

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35 This ordinance passed on second reading this 18th day of September, 2008.
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