

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING REQUIREMENTS FOR UTILITY DEPOSITS AND AMENDING REFUND OF UTILITY DEPOSITS; RESTORATION OF SERVICE; PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS; SAME DAY SERVICE; LETTER OF CREDIT/HISTORY; FIXING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, The Utility Committee has requested a review of deposit rates and determined the City was losing revenues with the lower utility deposits and has determined that the current deposits are inadequate and result in greater loss from unpaid utility bills;

WHEREAS, The City Council has determined that the adjustments hereinafter set forth are necessary to allow the City to continue to provide such utility services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAYNESVILLE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Before natural gas, electric, water, sanitary sewer services, and trash services are furnished by the City to any residential or commercial customers; the customer shall pay to the City a deposit in an amount which is determined from the following schedule:

	RESIDENTIAL	RESIDENTIAL	SMALL	LARGE
	OWNER	RENTER	COMMERCIAL	COMMERCIAL
ELECTRIC	\$250.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$500.00
NATURAL GAS	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$300.00
WATER	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
SEWER	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
TRASH	\$25.00	\$25.00	EQUAL TO MONTHLY TRASH SERVICE RATE	

SECTION 2. Utility Deposits paid by customers shall be held by the City of Waynesville in an escrow account until such time as the customer terminates the account or becomes delinquent and is disconnected. Deposit will be applied to the account and customer shall pay entire balance in full and to restore service must make a new deposit. If any account in good standing that terminates service with the City and has a balance at that time said balance will be refunded to customer.

SECTION 3. Payment and Deposit Arrangements: City Administrator and or Designated Representative(s) have the authority to make special payment or arrangements for unforeseen or special circumstances.

SECTION 4. Immediate (Same Day) Connection/Disconnection Service: A \$15 service fee will be required for immediate/same day connection or disconnection of utilities.

SECTION 5. Letter of Credit/Payment History: Based on an evaluation of utility payment history and or a current letter of credit, the utility deposit may be reduced as follows:

- Renter deposit can be reduced to the homeowner deposit amount.
- a. Owner deposit can be reduced by \$50.00
- b. Commercial deposit can be reduced by \$200.00

SECTION 6. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed, to include: 615.040 (A), 615.050, 615.060.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ON THIS 21ST DAY OF JULY, 2022.

Dr. Jerry Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michele Brown, City Clerk

Ordinance approved by City Council:

Councilman Farnham Yes	Councilman Davis Yes	Councilman Wilson Yes
Councilman Rice Yes	Councilman Liberty Yes	Councilman Conley Yes
Councilman Koren Yes		

Ordinance not signed by Mayor Brown within specified time period per Section 110.090 of the Waynesville Municipal Code.

Ordinance in full force and effect as of August 18th, 2022 without Mayor's signature.