

CITY OF POTOSI, MISSOURI

BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE NO. 1203

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 25-41 AND 25-119, PERTAINING TO TAP FEES OF THE CITY OF POTOSI.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF POTOSI AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** Sections 25-41 and 25-119 are amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 25-41. Deposit upon new service; Connection fees.**

(a) Any person desiring natural gas service to a premises within or without the City already served by a natural gas meter, shall apply for service to the City with proof that the applicant is the owner or occupant of the premises, and shall, at the time of application, deposit with the City a security deposit in the amount of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for residential or (\$500.00) commercial use, except where such application is a transfer of services from one premises to another for which no deposit will be required, provided that the customer owes no delinquent taxes, fees or utility bills to the City. The City Clerk shall not approve the application of any individual, corporation, or business concern, for natural gas service, who owes any delinquent taxes, fees or utility bills to the City until said sums are paid in full. The security deposit shall be refunded to the depositor upon the voluntary discontinuation of services provided that the user has not had any delinquency in payment of municipal serve bills in that time, as provided in Section 25-117, and has no outstanding balances owed to the City. In the event that there have been delinquencies, an involuntary termination of service or an outstanding balance to the City, the Deposit shall be forfeit.

(b) Any person desiring natural gas service to a premises within the City which does not have an existing natural gas tap and meter, shall apply for services with the City, with proof that the applicant is the owner or occupant of the premises. All applicants shall be required to pay a connection or "tap" fee for each connection before connection to the City's systems. The fee for connecting to the City Natural Gas System shall be six hundred dollars and fifty dollars (\$650.00) within the City Limits for the first tap to a building and two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each additional tap for that building.

(c) Any person desiring natural gas service to a premise outside the Corporate Limits of the City of Potosi, which does not have an existing natural gas tap and meter, shall apply for services with the City, with proof that the applicant is the owner or occupant of the premises. The City Clerk shall place the application for services upon the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Aldermen which shall have the right to approve or reject the proposed connection, after considering cost to the City for maintenance and extension of service to that premises and income to the City. All applicants shall be required to pay a connection or "tap" fee for each connection before connection to the City's systems. The fee for connecting to the City Natural Gas System

shall be eight hundred and fifty dollars (\$850.00) outside the City Limits for each tap.

(d) Whenever a connection is to be made to the natural gas system of the City, the City shall make the tap and connection to the curb line including the curb cock and box, if any, all of which charges shall be included in the connection fee set out above, however, the applicant shall be responsible for the cost of any line test from the curb line to the meter and the building.

(e) The City, by and through the Board of Aldermen may agree or contract with an applicant to perform labor and furnish materials to extend a natural gas line to a location where a premises may be attached to said line at a curb line, or upon the private property of the applicant, for a fee to be agreed upon. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the City of Potosi, Missouri, to pay for labor or materials to extend any connection, whether sewerage or water, upon the private property of any applicant.

**Sec. 25-119. Deposit upon new service; Connection fees.**

(a) Any person desiring water and sewerage service to a premises within or without the City already served by a water and sewerage tap and meter, shall apply for service to the City with proof that the applicant is the owner or occupant of the premises, and shall, at the time of application, deposit with the City a security deposit in the amount of seventy five dollars (\$75.00) for a home owner, and one-hundred dollars (\$100.00) for non-owner residential use, or one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for commercial use, except where such application is a transfer of services from one premises to another for which no deposit will be required provided that the customer owes no delinquent taxes, fees or utility bills to the City. The City Clerk shall not approve the application of any individual, corporation, or business concern, for water and sewerage service, who owes any delinquent taxes, fees or utility bills to the City until said sums are paid in full. The security deposit shall be refunded to the depositor upon the voluntary discontinuation of services or after twelve months provided that the user has not had any delinquency in payment of municipal service bills in that time, as provided in Section 25-117, and has no outstanding balances owed to the City. In the event that there have been delinquencies, an involuntary termination of service or an outstanding balance to the City, the Deposit shall be forfeit.

(b) Any person desiring water or sewerage service to a premises within the City which does not have an existing water or sewerage tap, shall apply for services with the City, with proof that the applicant is the owner or occupant of the premises. All applicants shall be required to pay a connection or "tap" fee for each connection before connection to the City's systems. The fee for connecting to the City Water System shall be six hundred and fifty dollars (\$650.00) within the City Limits. No connection to the City Sewerage System shall be allowed unless there is also a connection to the City Water System.

(c) Any person desiring water or sewerage service to a premise outside the Corporate Limits of the City of Potosí, which does not have an existing water or sewerage tap, shall apply for services with the City, with proof that the applicant is the owner or occupant of the premises. The City Clerk shall place the application for services upon the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Aldermen which shall have the right to approve or reject the proposed connection, after considering cost to the City for maintenance and extension of service to that premises and income to the City. All applicants shall be required to pay a connection or "tap" fee for each connection before connection to the City's systems. The fee for connecting to the City Water System shall be eight hundred and fifty dollars (\$850.00) outside the City Limits. No connection to the City Sewerage System shall be allowed unless there is also a connection to the City Water System.

(d) Whenever a connection is to be made to the waterworks system or to the sewerage system of the City, the City shall make the tap and connection to the curb line including the curb cock and box, if any, all of which charges shall be included in the connection fee set out above, however, the applicant shall be responsible for the cost of any line test from the curb line to the meter and the building.

(e) The City, by and through the Board of Aldermen may agree or contract with an applicant to perform labor and furnish materials to extend a water line or trunk sewer line to a location where a premises may be attached to said line at a curb line, or upon the private property of the applicant, for a fee to be agreed upon. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the City of Potosí, Missouri, to pay for labor or materials to extend any connection, whether sewerage or water, upon the private property of any applicant.

**SECTION 2.** EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

DULY READ and passed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.

ATTEST:

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Joseph Blount, Mayor

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Brenda Smith, City Clerk

Approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

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