

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REVISING CHAPTER 17, SECTION 2(b) and 2(c) OF THE GILLETTE CITY CODE REGARDING UTILITY DEPOSITS FOR ELECTRICAL CUSTOMERS

BE IT ORDANINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF GILLETTE, WYOMING:

Chapter 17, Section 2(b) and 2(c) of the Gillette City Code are amended and revised in whole to read as follows:

§17-2 Meter Deposits for Permanent and Temporary Service.

(b) New electrical customers shall have their credit verified through an on-line credit service to determine their utility payment history for the past twelve (12) months, and to determine if their utility payment history contains any reference to insufficient funds checks, no-pay disconnects, and that their final bill was paid on time. Upon successful completion of the verification, they may not be required to post a deposit as required in §17-2(a).

(c) Meter deposits shall be returned to customers who posted them after two (2) years if all City utility bills are paid on time. Effective October 1, 2016, meter deposits shall be refunded as follow: (1) Deposits posted before October 1, 2016 shall be refunded with simple interest at the same interest rate received by the City for its meter deposit account during the preceding year. This interest payment shall be calculated from the date of the initial deposit through September 30, 2016. After September 30, 2016 no further interest shall be paid on any electrical utility meter deposit; (2) Deposits posted on or after October 1, 2016 shall bear no interest, and the amount of the deposit to be returned to the customer shall not exceed the amount initially deposited with the City.

Meter deposits shall be used at the termination of service to cover any amounts owed the City by the customer. A customer receiving service at a new location must still pay any and all utility debts he may have accrued in the City before a new service may be started. A customer's utility bill shall include every location at which that customer receives utility service and shall include any amounts due from discontinued service locations. Any customer who has paid all his City utility bills for the last two years and has never failed to pay utility bills when due may commence new utility service without posting a new deposit.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Louise Carter-King, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk
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