

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

(a) All new electrical customers shall pay deposits before power may be supplied. All residential customers shall pay a deposit of \$200.00, and commercial account customer shall pay a deposit of \$400.00, except as provided in § 17-2 (b). ( Ord. 3100, 3-29-2000)

(b) New electrical customers who can provide a credit letter from their prior electric utility which shows that within the last twelve (12) months they had a utility payment history of no more than two (2) late payments, no insufficient funds checks, no non-pay disconnects and that their final bill was paid on time, shall not be required to post a deposit as required in §17-2(a).

(c) Meter deposits shall be returned to the customers who posted them after two years if all City utility bills are paid on time, with simple interest at the same interest rate received by the City for its meter deposit account during the preceding year. 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 on time for at least two years and has never failed to pay utility bills when due may commence new utility service without posting a new deposit.( Ord. 1871, 1-4-93)

(d) In the case of rental property, the deposit shall be made either by the owner of the property, by his agent in his behalf, or by the party renting the property as they may agree. At the written request of the owner of the property, service will be rendered for periods in which the property is vacant only if the owner agrees to pay all utility charges incurred at the particular property up until such time as a deposit is filed by a new renter. In the event that service is to be discontinued as a result of the failure of the utility customer to pay the utility bills, notice of the impending disconnect shall be given to the owner if the owner has requested in writing that he be notified in the event his renter fails to pay utility bills. Service will be maintained only if the owner pays all the outstanding balance due.

(e) In the event that service is to be discontinued as a result of the failure of the customer to pay utility bills, the amount of the deposit may be increased up to an amount equal to 3 months bill.(Ord 1779; 1/07/91)

(f) Meter deposit refund checks which are not cashed by the individuals entitled to receive them within one year of their mailing by the City of Gillette, and unclaimed meter deposits for accounts that have been inactive over two years, shall be deposited in the general fund of the City of Gillette. (Ord 1813 11/04/91)

(g) Any person desiring temporary lighting and power service from the City during construction activities before permanent power is installed shall pay a deposit of \$50.00 for the meter to secure payment of electricity used. The person applying for temporary service shall pay for the electricity used at the Commercial rate according to §17-6(c), G.C.C. (Ord. 1311, 2-1-82; Ord.3497 , 7-2-2007).