



St. James Parish Council

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following entitled ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Parish Council of the Parish of St. James, State of Louisiana, on June 5, 2024, and laid over for publication of notice:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE 24-10 **ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 114, ARTICLE II, NATURAL GAS, OF THE ST. JAMES PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR CHANGES IN FEES CHARGED

WHEREAS, the St. James Parish Government operates and maintains a gas and water utility system for residential, commercial, and industrial users; and,

WHEREAS, the St. James Parish Gas and Water Distribution System is a revenue generated based division, which collects no sales taxes or millages for its operations and, therefore, needs to operate as efficiently as possible and within a profit margin needed to maintain and undertake necessary system improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the St. James Parish Council that Chapter 114 of the St. James Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as shown in Exhibit A hereto and made a part thereof.

BE IT, FURTHER, ORDAINED, BY THE ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL, that the Office of the Parish President is hereby authorized to incorporate these rate revisions into the Gas & Water Distribution System budget at such time that these rates and changes are effective.

NOTICE IS HEREBY, FURTHER, GIVEN that the Parish Council of said Parish will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3, 2024, in the Council Chambers of the Parish Courthouse, 5800 Hwy 44, Convent **and** at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, in the Council Chambers of the Parish Courthouse Annex, 2631 Hwy 20, Vacherie, LA at which time there will be a public hearing on the adoption of the aforesaid ordinance.

s/ Ryan Louque
Chairman

s/Linda Hubbell
Secretary

***Note:** St. James Parish will provide, upon request, reasonable accommodation to any disabled individual wishing to attend the meeting. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation is requested to contact 1-800-846-5277 (TDD), 1-800-947-5277 (Voice) or 562-2400 (Handicapped) to discuss the particular accommodation needed.*

Exhibit A

Chapter 114, Article II, Natural Gas, Section 114-26, Paragraph (e) and (f) shall be added and Paragraph (c) and (d) of the St. James Parish Code of Ordinances shall be deleted in their entirety and replaced with:

- (c) The basic charge for a gas deposit shall be \$150.00.
- (d) The basic charges for gas tapping fees shall be \$1,500.00 for regular residential service up to 275 cf/hour. The charge for services requiring greater than 275 cf/hour shall be the cost of service (\$1,500.00), plus actual material, equipment, and labor for larger service connections.
- (e) If cost of tap is greater than tapping fees listed, tap shall be the tapping fee plus actual material, equipment, and labor for gas service connection.
- (f) The basic charges for clerical connections shall be \$50.00. The fee for clerical reconnection of service due to nonpayment shall be \$25.00. The fee for reconnection of removed meter due to nonpayment shall be \$50.00. The fee for nonsufficient funds (NSF checks) shall be \$30.00.

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