

PASSED

The following ordinance which was previously introduced at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of July 2024, a summary thereof having been published in the official journal together with a notice of public hearing which was held in accordance with said public notice, was brought up for final passage on a motion offed by Councilman Nash and seconded by Councilman N. Poche:

ORDINANCE 24-18
ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 114 ARTICLE II, GAS, OF THE ST. JAMES PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CLEARLY DEFINE AND CATEGORIZE NATURAL GAS TAPPING FEES, INSTALLATION CHARGES, AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEES CHARGED BY THE ST. JAMES PARISH UTILITIES DIVISION TO MEET THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DISTRIBUTION OF NATURAL GAS

WHEREAS, St. James Parish Government operates and maintains a natural gas and water utility system for residential, commercial, and industrial consumers within St. James Parish, Louisiana,

WHEREAS, the utilities division of St. James Parish Government is considered an enterprise resource organization and taxes or millages do not exist to support its funding; and,

WHEREAS, the costs of operating and maintaining the St. James Parish gas and water utility system is funded solely by fees collected for products and services provided to consumers; and,

WHEREAS, the costs of installing new, or upgrading existing natural gas services continue to increase due to inflation, increased maintenance costs, and system upgrades;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL, that Chapter 114, Article II, Natural Gas, Section 114-26, Service Connections, Deposits, and Penalties; Paragraph (c) and (d) of the St. James Parish Code of Ordinances shall be deleted in their entirety and replaced with Exhibit A, attached hereto:

This ordinance having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Jasmin, Etienne-Steib, Long, N. Poche, T. Poche, Nash, and Louque
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

And, the ordinance was declared adopted on this, the 21st day of August 2024.


B. R. S. J.

Council Chairman

L. M. Schubel

Secretary

Delivered to Parish President: 08-21-2024

Approved: 8-21-2024

Robert Dufour
Parish President

Returned to Secretary on 08-21-2024

At 8:51 AM/PM

Received by Linda Lubell

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Linda Hubbell, Secretary of the Council of the Parish of St. James, State of Louisiana, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the St. James Parish Council in regular meeting held on the 21st day of August 2024.

Signed at Vacherie, Louisiana, this 22nd day of August 2024.

(S E A L)

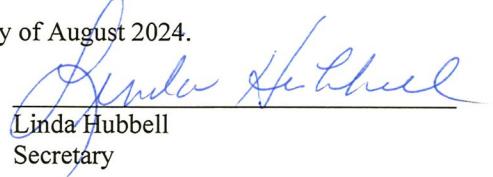

Linda Hubbell
Secretary

EXHIBIT A

- (c) The initial deposit fee charged for natural gas service shall be one-hundred-fifty dollars (\$150.00).
- (d) The tapping and installation fee charged for all new natural gas services shall be one-thousand-five-hundred dollars (\$1,500) for residential service up to two-hundred-seventy-five cubic feet per hour (275 CF/HR).
- (e) The charge for services requiring greater than two-hundred-seventy-five cubic feet per hour (275 CF/HR) shall be one-thousand-five-hundred dollars (\$1,500) plus the actual material, equipment, and labor charges for larger service connections.
- (f) Should the costs of tapping and installation of gas services exceed the fees listed above, the fees will be increased to cover the actual material, equipment, and labor costs associated with the gas service connection.
- (g) Administrative and clerical charges for utility connections shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00).
- (h) Administrative and clerical reconnection fees for services disconnected due to nonpayment shall be twenty-five (\$25.00).
- (i) The fee for the installation and reconnection of removed meters due to nonpayment shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00).
- (j) The fee for nonsufficient funds (NSF checks) shall be thirty dollars (\$30.00).