
CITY OF ALTAMONT
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. 527-13

AN ORDINANCE
ESTABLISHING ELECTRICAL SERVICE REGULATIONS
AND
NEW SERVICE FEES

ADOPTED BY THE
CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF ALTAMONT

THIS 14TH DAY OF January, 2013

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Effingham, County, Illinois, this 14th day of January, 2013.

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WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Altamont pursuant to the Revised Code of Ordinances, Chapter 11 of the City of Altamont Municipal Code, the City of Altamont, Illinois has established electrical rates for the use of the municipal electric system of the City of Altamont; and,

WHEREAS, after careful investigation, the City Council of the City of Altamont, Illinois, has determined that it is necessary to enhance the electrical service regulations; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined the increasing cost of supplies for non-standard electric service, typically commercial users, should not be burdensome to residential users; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined Chapter 11, Article III of the Revised Code of Ordinances should be appended to detail new regulations and fees with regard the electric service.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTAMONT, EFFINGHAM COUNTY, ILLINOIS THAT:

GENERAL REGULATIONS

11-3-1. All electrical wiring and installation thereof in any house, building, office or dwelling or other place within the city shall be in full and faithful accord and compliance with the rules concerning the same adopted by the National Electrical Code and the National Electrical Safety Code.

11-3-2. No person but the superintendent of electric or those authorized by him shall attach to or make any connections with any electrical wire with the purpose of procuring electrical current therefrom. Any person so attaching and connecting to any such wire for such purposes, without order from the superintendent of electric and compliance with the rules of this section, shall be prosecuted for theft.

11-3-3 No claim for damages shall be made against the city by reason of the breakage of any transformer, reducer, meter or wire carrying current; nor shall the city be liable in damages to any consumer deprived of electrical current by reason of any breakage or any machinery or stoppage for improvement or repair; nor shall the city be liable for any loss, injury or damage resulting from the interruption, restoration or electrical service from any cause.

11-3-4 The superintendent of electric, with supervision of the City Council, shall have power to cut off and deprive all consumers of electric current when satisfied that the building and place is not properly wired, or wired according to the rules, or for violation of any of the rules adopted, or for nonpayment of any rate, rental or other charge, and shall not again attach such consumer until all rules violated have been fully

complied with and all sums due for electric current and other charges and demands due the city are fully paid. Disconnection for nonpayment shall be pursuant to Section 11-2-6 of this code.

11-3-5 The superintendent of electric, under supervision of the City Council, and after consultation with the property owner, shall have full power to trim any shade tree or bush, remove any obstruction within the streets, alleys and public places of the city which hinder or obstruct the wire or the free and efficient delivery of the electric current to the several parts of the city.

11-3-6 The superintendent of electric, under supervision of the City Council, shall also have the right to order the removal of any pole or post of any telegraph or telephone line which in any way impedes the efficiency of the lines conveying electric current and power, and shall take all other precautions necessary to prevent the electric current coming in contact with wires of the lines other than the electric system, so that no harm may occur to any person.

11-3-7 The standard service voltage for all locations is 120/240 volts single-phase, three wire. Any other service voltage or three-phase service is considered nonstandard.

11-3-8 CONSTRUCTION OF ELECTRIC SERVICE

The following types of customer service taps are provided by the city electric system

1. Overhead Tap – Overhead Service Area. Overhead service shall be delivered to the individual residence by means of overhead cable from the electric system pole structure to a designated point on the dwelling of sufficient height to comply with applicable code clearances. The location of the service entrance shall be such as to provide for the shortest route from the structure to the home as practical. The owner or contractor shall provide the service head, riser conduit, and all other materials required to make a complete installation. Conductor tails of three (3) foot length shall extend out the riser weatherhead to facilitate making connections to the triplex service conductors provided by the city.

2. Underground Tap – Underground Service Area. In areas designated for underground service, the service shall be delivered to the residence by means of a buried triplex cable from pedestal, vault or pad-mount transformer located on or near the property line, to a point designated on the dwelling. The location of the service entrance shall be such as to provide the shortest route from the pedestal, vault, or pad-mounted transformer to the house as may be practical. All obstructions such as debris, dirt piles, brush and the like shall be removed prior to the installation of service, and a lot shall be graded to within one foot of final grade. Underground service is not guaranteed by the electric utility as circumstances may force service to be provided to any location to overhead service.

3. Underground Tap – Overhead Service Area. Underground service in an overhead service area will be available, provided engineering considerations will not prohibit service, in the opinion of the superintendent of electric. The conversion of existing overhead service to underground service may be available, but only on the availability of city personnel.

4. Overhead Service – Underground Service Area. Overhead service in an underground service area will not be permitted unless, in the opinion of the superintendent of electric, due to engineering considerations this is the only feasible and practical manner in which service may be provided.

5. Meter Sockets – All types of Service Area. All meter sockets requiring a five gang box or less for standard voltage shall be provided by the city. All other meter sockets shall be provided by the city only at the city's discretion.

All meter sockets shall be installed by the owner or the owner's contractor, and shall be located at a height five (5) feet above final grade, with all meters located outside of any building, dwelling or restricted area.

11-3-9 Fees

The following fees for tapping or connecting to the electric system shall be paid by each customer requiring service:

(A) Fee for standard 120/240 volt single-phase three-wire service:

- 1) Overhead tap, overhead service area: no charge;
- 2) Underground tap, underground service area: no charge;
- 3) Underground tap, overhead service area: no charge (new service):
- 4) Existing overhead to be changed to underground: actual cost

(B) For nonstandard service

1) Any person requesting special electrical service (three-phase service or special voltage) requiring additional lines and/or additional or special transformers to supply electric service shall pay, at the discretion of the city, 50% of the additional line, transformers and materials to make the necessary installation.

2) 50% of the customers share shall be paid to the city clerk prior to city starting the project. The balance owed by the customer shall be paid at the completion of the project.

3) In the event, the project installation requires overtime labor rates, the labor cost shall be paid by the customer.

4) If the customer elects and makes a request to have a nonstandard service, and the feasibility of providing such service is approved by the superintendent of electric, the customer assumes all risks incurred for such special nonstandard service. These risks include, but are not limited to, extended outages that may be due to transformer failure until the transformer is repaired or a suitable replacement can be obtained and installed.

11-3-10 General Metering Rules

The following metering rules and regulations shall be adhered to:

(A) General. All electric service provided by the electric system shall be metered. Meters shall be provided by the city's electrical department. If, in the opinion of the superintendent of electric, a situation dictates that a service go unmetered due to the lack of a proper meter, the customer will be billed on a flat rate, or an estimated usage, as determined by the city. All apartments or multiconstructed units must be provided with individual meters.

(B) Location. All meters shall be mounted on an exterior wall in an easily accessible location, as designated by the superintendent of electric or his appointed representative.

(C) Meters Stopped or Registering Inaccurately. Customer billing will be based on estimated usage when meters are found stopped or registering improperly.

Such estimates will be based on comparable months' billings or previous years' amended to the current rates and conditions when such information is available. Meters found to be registering incorrectly will be adjusted for compensation in favor of the city or the customer for a period not to exceed three years from the date of determination that the accuracy was found. Repayment by the city or customer will be made over a twenty-four month period until the correct amount of compensation has been refunded.

11-3-11 Rules of Service

The following rules of service shall apply.

1. The superintendent of electric, under the supervision of the City Council, shall deny service to a customer when in his opinion the wiring and equipment is unsafe or has objectionable conditions. However, the city will cooperate with the customer in order to determine the necessary remedial action for such conditions.

All of a customer's lighting equipment, motor-driven equipment, apparatus, and appliances shall have such characteristics or be equipped with corrective devices so as to enable the city to maintain a satisfactory standard of electric service. In the case of high motor starting current, violently fluctuating or intermittent loads and the like, the city reserves and shall have the right to require the customer to install, at the customer's expense, transformers and apparatus to correct the objectionable conditions. These cases may include welders, hoists, elevator motors, pump, and similar apparatus.

2. When a separate or oversized substation or transformer must be installed specifically to eliminate the effect of the objectionable load condition, and distribution system would otherwise have the capacity and equipment required to supply a normal load service of the same size, or where separate transformers and/or service are installed at the customer's request, the substation or transformers are considered a corrective device, and shall be provided at the customer's expense, at the discretion of the city.

3. The city's electrical rates for industrial and commercial services are based on all such customers maintaining a power factor or not less than eighty-five percent lagging. If a customer's power factor is less than eighty-five percent during periods of normal operation, the city reserves the right to require the customer to install, at his own expense, such corrective equipment as may be required to increase such customer's power factor to not less than eighty-five percent lagging.

4. When a customer fails to install the necessary facilities on this premises to correct the objectionable conditions of his load, or fails to prevent such objectionable conditions from interfering with the city's supply of satisfactory service to other customers, the city shall have the right to deny service to the customer until the objectionable conditions shall have been corrected in a manner satisfactory to the city.

5. Where corrective equipment is installed by the city on its distribution system to correct any objectionable conditions, the customer whose service caused the objectionable conditions shall be required to pay, at the discretion of the city, without refund, installed cost of such corrective equipment, and the corrective equipment shall remain the property of the city. In lieu of such payment, and subject to approval by the city, a customer may elect to pay a monthly charge equal to one and one-half percent of the installed cost of such corrective equipment installed by the city.

11-3-12 Application for New Service

When a customer makes application for new service, he shall specify the amount of electrical load to be connected to the electrical system so that the city may determine the adequate service of sufficient capacity for the operation of the equipment to be serviced.

The customer's connected load shall not be increased beyond the limits hereinafter stated until the customer has given notice to the city collector and the additional load has been approved by the superintendent of electric. Where the load increases total three horsepower or less, or electrical additions total twenty amperes or less, written notification will not be required.

11-3-13 Resale

Electrical energy provided by the electrical system, shall not be sold to a third party or otherwise disposed of by a third party. The energy provided by the electric system shall be for the sole use of its customers.

This Ordinance shall be effective February 1, 2013.

Presented, passed and approved this 14th day of January, 2013.

APPROVED:

LARRY E. TAYLOR, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
 :
COUNTY OF EFFINGHAM)

I, Sarah Stephen, City Clerk of the City of Altamont, Effingham County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Establishing Electrical Service Regulation and New Service Fees", and numbered 527-13, which was passed by the Council of the City of Altamont on January 14, 2013 and approved by the Mayor on January 14 , 2013.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the corporate seal of said City of Altamont, all on this 14th day of January , A.D. 2013.

City Clerk

(SEAL)

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
 :
COUNTY OF EFFINGHAM)

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CERTIFICATE

I, Sarah Stephen, certify that I am the duly appointed and acting Municipal Clerk for the City of Altamont, Effingham County, Illinois.

I further certify that on January 14, 2013, the Corporate Authorities of such municipality passed and approved Ordinance No. 527-13 entitled "An Ordinance Establishing Electrical Service Regulations and New Service Fees", which provided by its terms that it should be published in pamphlet form.

The pamphlet form of Ordinance No.527-13, including the Ordinance and a cover sheet thereof was prepared, and a copy of such Ordinance was posted in the municipal building, commencing on January 14, 2012, and continuing for at least ten days thereafter. Copies of such ordinance were also available for public inspection upon request in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Dated at Altamont, Illinois, this 24th day of January, 2013.

Sarah Stephen, Municipal Clerk

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