

ORDINANCE 546

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS; TO UPDATE THE WATER, SEWER AND ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT INSTALLATION EXPENSES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE FEES TO BE AS PROVIDED IN THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE; TO HARMONIZE WITH STATE LAW; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHAPPELL, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. Section 51.31 of the Municipal Code of Chappell, Nebraska, is amended to read as follows:

§ 51.31 INSTALLATION EXPENSE – Water Department

No person other than the Utilities Superintendent or his or her duly authorized agent shall tap the water main. Upon approval of the application for new or upgraded water services, the customer shall pay a tap fee according to the size of pipe. There will be an additional fee to cut pavement when installing or upgrading a new water line. The customer shall at his or her own expense bring water service from stop box or meter pit to his or her own premises and shall employ a licensed plumber who shall install water service to the place of disbursement. Non-residents shall pay such tap fees and installation charges in such sums as the Utilities Superintendent shall in each case fix. All fees as outlined above shall be as set out in the Master Fee Schedule, a copy of which is kept and available at the Clerk's office at the City of Chappell. The extension of commercial mains into unsupplied territory within the corporate limits may be made by means of water extension districts.

Section 2. Section 52.03 of the Municipal Code of Chappell, Nebraska, is amended to read as follows:

§ 52.03 INSTALLATION EXPENSE –Sewer Department

The customer, upon approval of the application for new or upgraded sewer services, shall pay to the Sewer Superintendent a tap fee as set out in the Master Fee Schedule, a copy of which is kept and available at the Clerk's office at the City of Chappell, which compensates the municipality for the expense of processing his or her application and tapping the sewer main. The customer is responsible for the excavation and shoring to access the sewer line. The Sewer Superintendent, in his or her discretion, may direct the customer to hire a licensed plumber to tap the main. The customer shall then be required to pay the expense of procuring the materials required as well as the services of a licensed plumber and shall pay all other costs of installation.

Section 3. Section 54.05 of the Municipal Code of Chappell, Nebraska, is amended to read as follows:

§ 54.05 INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES – Electric Department

Upon approval of the application for new or upgraded electrical services, the expense of installation and wiring from the meter to the points of distribution shall be the responsibility of the consumer. Maintenance and replacement expenses shall be apportioned in the same manner.

Electrical upgrades shall be charged as set out in the master fee schedule.
Any primary underground service is the expense of the customer. All three phase underground service is the expense of the customer.

Section 4. Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this ordinance shall commence with the September 2022 billing.

Section 5. Any other ordinance or section passed and approved prior to passage, approval, and publication or posting of this ordinance and in conflict with its provisions is repealed.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, publication or posting as required by law.

Passed and approved this 1st day of August, 2022.

Steve Brott
Mayor

Ashlea Bauer
City Administrator-Clerk

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