

ORDINANCE NUMBER 09-17-07-1
AMENDING
ORDINANCE NO 10-03-05-1

CITY OF HARTFORD
COUNTY OF GENEVA
STATE OF ALABAMA

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 10-03-05-1 PROVIDING FOR DEPOSITS FOR ELECTRICAL AND WATER SERVICE AND REGULATING THE CHARGES FOR TEMPORARY SERVICE, CONNECTION AND RECONNECTION, LATE PAYMENT CHARGES, RETURNED CHECK CHARGES AND DISCONNECTION FEES AND PROHIBITING PARTIAL PAYMENTS FOR SERVICES OF THE CITY OF HARTFORD, ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, the City of Hartford, Alabama, is the owner and operator of a city electrical power and water system and,

WHEREAS, the City must pay for the operation and maintenance expenses associated with the related activities of the electrical and water system and,

WHEREAS, the City Council is desirous of establishing reasonable fees for services provided.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Hartford, Alabama that the following charges are established:

SECTION 1. No electrical or water service shall be connected nor shall any electrical meter or water meter be installed by the City of Hartford until satisfactory evidence is submitted that the following deposits and fees have been paid to the City Clerk:

A. Residential Service Applicants

- i) New-service applicants who pose no credit risk (Green Light returned on the ONLINE Utility Exchange) will be charged a \$100.00 deposit for electrical service and a \$25.00 deposit for water service.
- ii) New-Service applicants who pose minimal risk (Yellow Light returned on the ONLINE Utility Exchange) will be charged a \$175.00 deposit for electrical service and a \$30.00 deposit for water service.
- iii) New-Service applicants who pose substantial credit risk (Red Light returned on the ONLINE Utility Exchange) will be charged a \$275.00 deposit for electrical service and a \$40.00 deposit for water service.

B. Commercial Applicants

- i) Commercial applicants who pose low risk and display an IntelliScore of 80 to 100 shall pay a deposit of one times the

- highest monthly usage of the service address during the past 12 months or as set by the Utility Superintendent.
- ii) Commercial applicants who pose medium credit risk and display an IntelliScore of 70 to 79 shall pay a deposit of two times the highest monthly usage of the service address during the past 12 months or as set by the Utility Superintendent.
 - iii) Commercial applicants who pose medium credit risk and display an IntelliScore of 69 to lower shall pay a deposit of three times the highest monthly usage of the service address during the past 12 months or as set by the Utility Superintendent.

Residential and Commercial Applicants shall pay \$50.00 non-refundable fee for the installation of a temporary service.

SECTION 2. A service applicant who provides a social security number that is returned as deceased, non-issued, belonging to a person under the age of 18, or belonging to a person other than the applicant, or is fraudulent, shall be required to provide a valid social security number as well as additional proof of identity i.e. valid drivers license, Social Security Card, etc. before service will be activated.

Applicants who refuse to provide their social security number pose a greater credit risk and shall be charged the maximum deposit.

SECTION 3. The deposit or deposits paid by customers in accordance with the above schedule shall upon disconnection of the service by the City of Hartford be refunded to the customer provided that all charges for electricity and water previously used have been paid in full and in the event that any unpaid bill for water or electricity is due at the time of the disconnection prior to making a refund of the deposit, the City of Hartford shall deduct from the refund the amount the outstanding balance due the City of Hartford and any excess shall be refunded to the customer.

SECTION 4. In addition to the deposits set forth above, the following connection and disconnection fees shall be applicable and shall be payable prior to any connection of electrical service:

- A. The fee for applying for service shall be \$5.00 for each applicant and their spouse, \$5.00 per person for un-related persons living at the service address in order to cover the investigation of the Applicant(s).
- B. Commercial customers, i.e. sole-proprietorships, partnerships, LLC and LLP, and corporations shall pay an application fee of \$15.00 to cover multiple partners or the cost of the IntelliScore Report.
- C. All new service connections and reconnections \$25.00.
- D. All service terminations and disconnections \$25.00.

The application fee shall apply to all new service orders as well as all service reconnects.

SECTION 5. In the event any person, firm, or corporation fails to pay all charges due the City of Hartford by the 10th day of the month in which they become due, there shall be assessed and collected an additional late fee or penalty of \$10.00 which shall be added to the charges and collected as all other amounts are collected.

SECTION 6. No partial payments will be accepted for any services provided by the City of Hartford.

SECTION 7. Any person issuing a check for payment of services to the City of Hartford, which check is not honored by the customer's bank and is returned to the City of Hartford, shall be subject to a \$25.00 fee, which must be paid as all other charges.

SECTION 8. In the event any customer fails to pay their bill by the 15th day of the month, service to the premises will be disconnected. If an employee of the City of Hartford travels to a customer's premises to disconnect service and payment of the delinquent charges are made at the time the employee arrives at the premises, a trip fee of \$25.00 shall be added to the other charges and must be paid to prevent disconnection.

SECTION 9. In the event service to a premise has been disconnected for nonpayment, a fee of \$25.00 will be charged for the disconnection and must be paid together with all outstanding sums then due the City of Hartford for any service including the \$25.00 reconnection fee, all of which must be paid prior to service being reestablished at said premises.

Any existing customer who has had two or more delinquencies in any consecutive 12-month period shall be deemed to have an unsatisfactory payment record and must pay a maximum deposit to continue service.

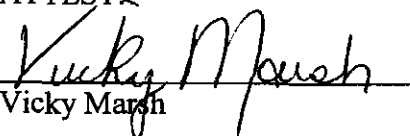
SECTION 10. The City of Hartford shall review the above charges at least annually and revise the rates as necessary to insure that the cost to the city of the above services is being paid by the customers who are responsible for the city incurring the expense.

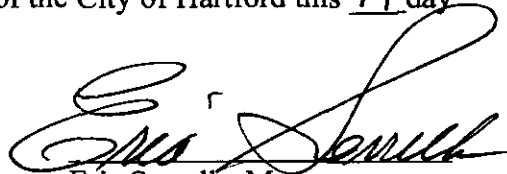
SECTION 11. Any ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, including but not limited to ordinance numbers 11-06-00-1, 3-10-72, 10-4-73, 8-12-72 and 03-19-01 are hereby repealed.

SECTION 12. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its execution and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Hartford this 17 day of September, 2007.

ATTEST:


Vicky Marsh


Eria Sorrells, Mayor