

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 38-1. Mandatory annual utilities rate review.

(a) The elected officials of the city shall pass on to any and all utility customers any increase from any supplier of water, gas and electric and such increases shall be automatic and effective without action of council. The city clerk shall charge the rates with the first billing cycle after such an increase.

(b) The governing body of the city shall employ the services of a rating specialist not less than once annually to study and review the utility rates then in effect and suggest changes, either increases or decreases, in each utility offered to the citizens.

(c) At a regular council meeting, the recommendations of the rate study shall be made public and if such recommended rates of the study are not adopted, a full explanation shall be given at such meeting as to why such recommendations of the rating specialist are not being put into effect.
(Prior Code, § 13.04.010; Ord. No. 671, 8-24-1996)

Sec. 38-2. Utility bills; due dates; disconnections.

(a) Payment of city utility bills shall be due and payable on the fifteenth (15th) day of the month and shall be deemed late after the fifteenth (15th) day of the month. Payments received after the fifteenth (15th) day of the month shall be charged a late fee.

(b) Utility services will be disconnected on those accounts for which payment has not been received by the twenty-fourth (24th) day of the month. There will be a reconnection fee to reestablish services on such disconnected accounts.

(c) The amounts of late fee and the reconnection fee shall be established by the city council by resolution from time to time.
(Prior Code, § 13.04.020; Ord. No. 682, 1997; Ord. No. 10-2013, § 1, 10-28-2013)

Sec. 38-3. Rates for city services.

Rates and fees for all city utility services shall be as established by the city council, from time to time, and will be available for public inspection on a schedule kept and maintained by the clerk.
(Prior Code, §§ 13.04.030—13.04.050; Ord. No. 672, 1996; Ord. No. 680, 1997; Ord. No. 685, 1997; Ord. of 3-23-1998; Ord. No. 690, 2000; Ord. No. 723, 2-24-2003; Ord. No. 2011-02, 3-14-2011)

Sec. 38-4. Construction or extension of utility lines.

(a) Any utility company which proposes to construct or extend any poles, towers, lines, wires, cables, conduits, insulators, transformers, appliances, either overhead or underground, shall submit the proposed plans and drawings to the clerk of the city at least 30 days prior to the beginning of such construction or extension.

(b) The clerk shall submit such plans to the mayor and council of the city to determine if the proposed construction or extension of utility lines will interfere with traffic or commerce or be a hazard to the citizens of the city when complete. Upon a determination being made that such extension or construction of utility lines will not interfere with traffic or commerce or be a hazard to the citizens of the city, the mayor and council will instruct the clerk to issue a permit to the utility company proposing the construction authorizing same.

(c) If no action has been taken to either approve or disapprove the proposed construction within 30 days from the date of its submission to the clerk, the city will have been deemed to have approved the proposed construction and the clerk shall issue a permit therefor.

(d) It is unlawful for any utility company to construct or extend any overhead or underground utility line within the city limits for which approval is required under subsection (a) of this section without a permit from the city.
(Prior Code, § 13.04.060; Ord. No. 535, 1-9-1978)

Sec. 38-5. Lease agreement required.

Upon adoption of the ordinance from which this section is derived, a person renting property within the city must produce at the time of application for

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THE CITY OF GRANTVILLE, GEORGIA

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-04
BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GRANTVILLE
APPROVING UTILITY SERVICE AND UTILITY BILLS PROCEDURES**

WHEREAS, the City of Grantville has adopted Section 38-2 Utility bills; due dates; disconnections of the Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Section 38-2(c) provides "The amounts of late fees and the reconnection fee shall be established by the city council by resolution from time to time."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANTVILLE, GEORGIA AS FOLLOWS:

The City of Grantville procedures for Utility Service and Utility Bills attached as Exhibit A and Exhibit B are approved and incorporated herein as fully as if set forth verbatim.

This Resolution is passed this 28th day of March, 2016.

Doug Jewell, Mayor

ATTEST

Lynn Basham, City Clerk

Approved as to form

S. Mark Mitchell, City Attorney

Utility Service

Individuals/ businesses applying for new utility service must complete a City of Grantville Application for Utilities and pay a fifteen (\$15) dollar credit check fee.

Deposits are required for each utility account. All new utility services require a deposit the amount of which is determined by the City Clerk's office in their sole discretion based on the credit history of the applicant or applicants.

Utility deposits may not be transferred from one utility account to another without authorization by the City Clerk or her designee. Utility deposits will normally not be transferred until all bills, penalties and charges are paid on the account from which the transfer is made. Deposits may be applied to any or all utility accounts for which the deposit was received.

Any customer wanting to establish utility services whose prior utility service was terminated shall be required to pay any outstanding charges on the previous account together with a new deposit.

Requests to establish utility service must be received in the City Clerk's office prior to 12:00 p.m. on the day utility services are requested to be turned on. Requests received after 12:00 p.m. will be accommodated; however, utility service may not be available until the next regularly scheduled business day.

Customers wanting to terminate their utility services with the City of Grantville must request in writing the termination of utility services. Telephone requests are not acceptable and utility service fees may continue to be charged. Upon closing an account and/or terminating utility service, the customer is responsible for providing an accurate forwarding address and completing all requisite forms to insure their deposit can be returned.

Exhibit A

Utility Bills

Meters are read and utility bills for the monthly charges for the use of the cities' utilities (water, sewer, electric, gas, solid waste) shall be submitted by the city of Grantville to the customer on or before the last day of the billing month.

City of Grantville utility bills shall be due and payable by the end of the business day on the fifteenth (15th) day of the month immediately following. In the event the fifteenth (15th) day of the month falls upon a weekend or a day when City Hall is closed, payment shall be extended until the end of the next regularly scheduled business day.

City of Grantville utility bill payments received after the fifteenth (15th) day of the month will be charged a \$25.00 late fee. In the event the fifteenth (15th) day of the month falls upon a weekend or a day when City Hall is closed and therefore payment has been extended until the end of the next regularly scheduled business day, the late fee \$25.00 will be charged only after the next regularly scheduled business day.

If any City of Grantville bill for utility services shall continue and remain unpaid by the close of business on the twenty-fourth (24th) day of the month immediately following the submission of such bill, the utility services to the customer shall be discontinued or disconnected. Utility services discontinued or disconnected shall not be continued or reconnected until all past due charges, including all penalties have been fully paid, together with a reconnection fee to reestablish services on such discontinued or disconnected accounts. The disconnect and reconnect charges shall be assessed whether or not the utility services have been actually disconnected.

In the event the twenty-fourth (24th) day of the month falls upon a weekend or a day when City Hall is closed, utility services will not be discontinued or disconnected until the end of the next regularly scheduled business day.

Should such utility bill continue to remain unpaid by the end of the twenty-fourth (24th) day of the month immediately following the submission of the bill (or any extension as noted above), the utility service to the customer will be terminated. All bills, penalties and charges will be deducted from the customer's deposit. Any arrearages will be billed to the customer.

Individuals/businesses whose utilities have been terminated will be placed on the disconnect list on the next working day after termination by the Utility Billing Clerk or the City Clerk's office. The disconnect list will be forwarded immediately after completion to the Public Works and Utilities Coordinator. A reconnection fee (\$25.00) will be charged to any individual/business on the disconnect list. The disconnect and reconnect charges shall be assessed/charged whether or not the utility services have been actually disconnected.

Exhibit B

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All outstanding charges and assessments must be paid prior to any request for utility service to be connected or continued. Requests to connect or continue utility service that has been terminated for non-payment must be received in the City Clerk's office prior to 12:00 pm. on the day utility services are requested to be connected or continued. Requests received after 12:00 pm. will be connected or continued on the next regularly scheduled business day.