

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE X, DIVISION 3, SECTION 24-250 OF CHAPTER 24 OF THE CUBA CITY CODE RELATING TO UTILITY RATES CHARGED FOR NATURAL GAS UTILITY SERVICES FURNISHED TO RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS BY THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI, PURSUANT TO RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE NATURAL GAS COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Recitals:

- A. It has been more than fourteen years since the City of Cuba, Missouri, adjusted its schedule of charges for natural gas utility services provided by the City to its residents, and the City deems it necessary and advisable to change the utility rate structure and rates charged for natural gas utility services now furnished to residential, commercial and industrial utility consumers within the City to defray and offset the cost of natural gas and its delivery to the City and its residents.
- B. The recommendations of the City's natural gas committee to the City regarding a new rate structure are intended to directly offset the City's actual costs of providing natural gas utility services to City residents; the fees assessed by the City for natural gas utility services are to be paid as and when the services are provided; the fees are to be paid by the actual consumer of the utility service; the amount of fees charged is directly related to the actual utility services used and consumed by the consumer; the consumer is in fact receiving actual goods and services for the fees paid in the form of natural gas and its transportation; and the City has historically and exclusively provided natural gas utility services to its residents through its utility department.
- C. The Board of Aldermen specifically finds that the requirements of Article X, Section 22 of the Missouri Constitution have been met with respect to the rate structure hereby imposed.
- D. The City desires by this ordinance to amend the current natural gas utility rates in compliance with the recommendations of its natural gas committee, but also understands the need to re-evaluate its utility charges on a periodic basis to ensure that rates to the end-consumer are kept as low as possible while ensuring that the City has adequate funding to defray the costs and expenses of operating and properly maintaining a City-owned utility.

Now therefore, be it ordained, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Cuba, Missouri, as follows:

Section 1: Section 24-250, Article X, Division 3, Chapter 24 of the Cuba City Code is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 24-250. Rates.

- (a) **General.** The City of Cuba, Missouri shall charge the rate of \$0.0135 per cubic foot of for natural gas utility services during each monthly billing cycle. The City shall strive to review, adjust and maintain and adjust rates on an annual basis, but if no such review is made the rates set forth herein shall remain in force and effect.
- (b) **Meter Service Charge.** There will be a monthly meter service charge of SEVEN AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$7.00) for all natural gas customers..
- (c) In addition to the above, the City may charge industrial users a separate transportation fee for transportation of natural gas to the customer via city owned delivery systems. Said charges shall be negotiated on a case-by-case basis between the City and the individual industrial customer in consideration of such factors as the estimated volume of natural gas to be consumed by the customer, the distance required to transport the natural gas, whether

others use the same distribution infrastructure, and other objective criteria. Any agreement relating to such additional charges shall be reduced to writing.

Section 2: The rates and terms approved above shall be considered final and enforceable.

Section 3: Except to the extent hereby amended, all of the other terms and provisions of said Article X, Division 3, of Chapter 24 of the Cuba City Code shall remain in force and effect.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall be effective from and after the date of passage and approval, and shall be applied as to natural gas utility billings made from and after its effective date.

READ TWO TIMES AND PASSED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI, THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

X _____
KEVIN COPLING, MAYOR

Attest:

X _____
LAINIE GARBO, CITY CLERK
(City Seal)

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2025.

X _____
KEVIN COPLING, MAYOR

Attest:

X _____
LAINIE GARBO, CITY CLERK
(City Seal)

Approved as to the form.
WILLIAMS, ROBINSON, RIGLER & BUSCHJOST, P.C.

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