ORDINANCE NO. 2012

AN ORDINANCE TO ADJUST EXISTING ELECTRICAL RATES; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1984; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

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

SECTION 1: The existing electric rates be amended as follows:

ELECTRICAL RATES: As a tariff of rates based on monthly consumption by each consumer of electricity from the electrical distribution system of the City, the following schedule of rates is established:

SUMMER: The summer rate shall apply to the customer bills due on July 1, August 1, September 1, and October 1.

WINTER: The winter rate shall apply to the customer bills due on November 1 through June 1.

ALL ELECTRIC: Where both water and space heating are permanently installed, in regular use and in accordance with terms and conditions as set forth by the City, the winter rate schedule may apply (application by the customer required) during summer months. (Residential accounts only.)

RESIDENTIAL RATE

Available: Within the corporate limits of Gering.

Applicable: To single family residences and individually metered apartments for all domestic purposes, including space heating, all service shall be supplied through a single meter per building.

Character of Service: 60 cycle, AC, Single-phase, 120/240 volt, 3 wire (optional with the system).

		Summer	Winter
Rate:	The first 50 KWH used per month	$0.5820	$0.5820
	The next 100 KWH used per month	0.1930	0.1510
	The next 500 KWH used per month	0.1340	0.1230
	Balance KWH used per month	0.1280	0.1000
Minimum Monthly Bill		$29.10	$29.10

Terms of Payment: Bills are due and payable upon receipt and delinquent if not paid in 10 days.

Terms and Conditions: Service will be furnished under the City's general terms and conditions.

COMMERCIAL SERVICE

Available: Within the corporate limits of Gering.

Applicable: To any customer whose monthly consumption does not exceed 15,000 KWH per month or whose monthly peak demand does not exceed 70 KW for 3 consecutive months.

Character of Service: This single phase, or 3 phase if available, alternating current, electric service will be supplied at the system's standard voltages with all customers' services being metered at one (1) location through one (1) meter.

		Summer	Winter
Rate:	The first 100 KWH used per month	$0.3380	$0.2970
	The next 400 KWH used per month	0.2300	0.2020
	The next 2,500 KWH used per month	0.1480	0.1250
	Balance KWH used per month	0.1270	0.1060
Minimum Monthly Bill:		$33.80	$29.70

Fluctuating Loads: Customers operating equipment having a highly fluctuating or large instantaneous demand such as welders and X-ray machines shall be required to pay all non-betterment costs of isolating the load from the balance of the City's system so that the load will not unduly interfere with service on the City's lines.

In addition, customers who fail to provide adequate corrective equipment shall be required to own and maintain their own transformers.

Terms of Payment: Bills are due and payable upon receipt and delinquent if not paid in 10 days.

Terms and Conditions: Service will be furnished under the City's general conditions for service under this schedule.

INDUSTRIAL RATE

Available: Within the corporate limits of Gering.

Applicable: To any customer whose monthly consumption exceeds 15,000 kilowatt-hours per month or whose monthly peak demand exceeds 70 kilowatts for 3 consecutive months.

Character of Service: The customer service must be 3 phase and will be supplied at the systems standard voltages with all the customers services located at one (1) metering point where possible.

Rates: Demand Charge Winter Rates - $15.68 per kilowatt of maximum billing demand shall apply to the customer bills due on November 1 through June 1.

Demand Charge Summer Rates - $18.55 per kilowatt of maximum billing demand shall apply to the customer bills due on July 1, August 1, September 1 and October 1.

Plus an Energy Charge year round of:

The first 2,000 KWH or less used per month	$0.1000
The next 3,000 KWH used per month	0.0920
The next 20,000 KWH used per month	0.0800
The next 25,000 KWH used per month	0.0730
Balance KWH used per month	0.0580

Minimum Monthly Bill: $1,299.63 Winter
$1,498.68 Summer

Determination of Maximum Demand: The maximum demand for any billing period shall be the highest integrated kilowatt load during any 15 minute period occurring in the billing period for which the determination is made.

Rate Classification: When the monthly energy consumption or peak demand qualifies a customer for the industrial rate, the customer shall be billed on the industrial rate for the next 12 consecutive months.

Fluctuating Loads: Customers operating equipment having a highly fluctuating or large instantaneous demand such as welders and X-ray machines shall be required to pay all non-betterment costs of isolating the load from the balance of the City's system so that the load will not unduly interfere with service on the City's lines. In addition, customers who fail to provide adequate corrective equipment shall be required to own and maintain their own transformers.

Power Factor Adjustment: At the option of the City, power factor adjustments may be made when the power factor, as determined by test, at the time of the customer's maximum use is less than 92%. If a power factor of 92% or higher is not maintained, the customer will be billed via a KVA-KVAH meter.

Terms of Payment: Bills are due and payable upon receipt and delinquent if not paid in 10 days.

Terms and Conditions: Service will be furnished under the system's general terms and conditions for service under this schedule.

Fuel Adjustment: At the option of the City the above rates and bills may be adjusted from month to month for fuel cost adjustments charged by the City's supplier.

RURAL RATES

Available: This schedule is applicable to rural residents, farm service, and commercial and industrial service outside the corporate limits of Gering for lighting, heating and power.

RESIDENTIAL

Power served under this schedule will be single phase (or 3 phase where such service can be extended) at approximately 120-240 volts measured by metering equipment installed at one point. Single phase motors will not exceed 5 horsepower individual rating.

		Summer	Winter
Rate:	The first 250 KWH used per month	$0.2970	$0.2230
	The next 500 KWH used per month	0.2230	0.1980
	Balance KWH used per month	0.1980	0.1620
Customer Charge per month: No Energy			
	Single Phase	$21.79	$21.79
	Three Phase	$29.07	$29.07

COMMERCIAL

Applicable: To any customer whose monthly consumption does not exceed 15,000 KWH per month or whose monthly peak demand does not exceed 70 KW for 3 consecutive months. (City + 10%)

		Summer	Winter
Rate:	The first 100 KWH used per month	$0.3710	$0.3260
	The next 400 KWH used per month	0.2530	0.2230
	The next 2,500 KWH used per month	0.1630	0.1380
	Balance KWH used per month	0.1420	0.1160
Minimum Monthly Bill:		$37.10	$32.60

INDUSTRIAL

Applicable: To any customer whose monthly consumption exceeds 15,000 kilowatt-hours per month or whose monthly peak demand exceeds 70 kilowatts for 3 consecutive months. (City + 10%)

Rates: Demand Charge Winter Rates - $17.12 per kilowatt of maximum billing demand shall apply to the customer bills due on November 1 through June 1.

Demand Charge Summer Rates - $19.98 per kilowatt of maximum billing demand shall apply to the customer bills due on July 1, August 1, September 1 and October 1.

Plus an Energy Charge year round of:

The first 2,000 KWH or less used per month	$0.1100
The next 3,000 KWH used per month	0.1010
The next 20,000 KWH used per month	0.0890
The next 25,000 KWH used per month	0.0800
Balance KWH used per month	0.0660

Minimum Monthly Bill: $1,419.09 Winter
$1,618.81 Summer

Terms of Payment: Bills are due and payable upon receipt and delinquent if not paid in 10 days.

Terms and Conditions: Service will be furnished under the City's general terms and conditions and the following additional terms and conditions pertaining to this schedule.

The customer will furnish all interior wiring and equipment for the use of the service of all poles, wires and fixtures necessary to distribute such service from the meter location to the various buildings served.

NEW BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT RATE

Must meet the following qualifications.

New construction only. Effective August 1, 1995.

Industrial User: Greater than 15,000 kwh's/month or 50 kw of demand for 3 consecutive months.

Must be all electric.

Tax increment financing.
Allow City to install load management switches on air conditioners and hot water heaters.

Limits:
a.) Original owner only.
b.) Maximum of 50,000 kwh/month. (Negotiate any usage over 50,000 kwh's).
c.) Ends 5 years from date of occupancy.

A power factor of 92% or higher will be maintained at all times or the use of a KVA meter will be used to produce billing of KVAH's and KVA demand.

COST PER KWH TO CUSTOMER:

Total cost of City purchased power/kwh's City purchased times 1.375
i.e. 2013/2014 $4,674,857.00 ÷ 76,007,881.00 kw = 0.06150
0.06150 times 1.375 = $0.0846 cost per kwh.
Rounds to four decimal places.

Over 50,000 kwh,
use 0.0660/kwh – low industrial rate plus demand
$19.98 Summer $17.12 Winter

COMBINATION COMMERCIAL-INDUSTRIAL SERVICE RATE

Must meet the following qualifications.

Non-concurrent peak. City peaks normally June through August.

Demand does not exceed 35 kw during June through August.
Allow City to install load management devices on air conditioners and hot water heaters.

Demand meter.

Rate: Rate to be lesser of the Commercial or Industrial Service Rate.

AREA LIGHTING SERVICE

Available: All Gering City service area.

Applicable: To all size outdoor lighting lamps.

Rate:	100 - 175 Watt	$23.20 per month
	250 Watt	$31.21 per month
	400 Watt	$46.15 per month
	1000 Watt	$58.73 per month
	1500 Watt	$62.39 per month

Monthly charge includes the fixture, lamp and mounting brackets.

IRRIGATION SERVICE

Available: In the general area served by the Gering Electric Department.

Applicable: To year-around irrigation service to customers who will contract for 5 horsepower or more and who may be served from existing three-phase distribution line of 480 volts or less.

Where the City does not have three-phase but has single-phase service available, single-phase motors not to exceed 25 horsepower rating may be connected under this Schedule. No contract shall be less than 5 horsepower.

Rate: Fixed Charge.

$20.37 per horsepower connected per year, payable with the first billing after April 1 of each year.

Energy Charge: $0.52 per KWH for the first 50 KWH and minimum bill of $26.00 per month, $0.068 per KWH for all additional use.

NOTE: All irrigation service shall be interruptible and in accordance with a written agreement between the City and customer. Installation of a load control switch must be allowed by the customer.

Determination of Connected Load: The City reserves the right at any time to check the customer's load for recalculation of the minimum bill.

Power Factor Adjustment: The rates set forth in this Schedule are based on the maintenance by the customer of a power factor of not less than 92% at all times. If it is determined by test that the power factor at the time of the customer's peak load is less than 92%, the City at its option may correct the power factor of the customer's load at the expense of the customer or bill via a KVA-KVAH meter.

Use of Service for Purposes Other than Irrigation: At locations where the City has provided facilities for irrigation service, the customer may use the facilities for purposes other than irrigation provided such service may be supplied from the City's facilities serving the irrigation pump.

APPLICATION FOR SERVICE: DEPOSIT: Every person desiring a supply of electric current must make application to the City office, which application shall be made on designated forms to the Utility Office at City Hall. The application must state truly and fully all the uses to which said electric current is to be applied and no additional use will be allowed except by permission of said City. When such application shall be made for electric services to said Utility Office, the City will run or cause to be run, supply wires or wires to the buildings of the consumer, if the same are located on premises abutting the distribution system of this City. New applicants for electric service shall be required to accompany their application with a service deposit of One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) for residential and a higher basic deposit rate will be required on all commercial and industrial accounts to insure the payment of electric bills and other charges; the City reserves the right to require of users a service deposit sufficient to equal forty-five (45) days estimated bills on the particular meter. (This will be estimated by multiplying the highest monthly billing in the previous twenty-four [24] months by

one hundred fifty percent [150%] or in the case of a new meter, a sum estimated to be one hundred fifty percent (150%] of the charge for that meter.) All meters required for providing applicant with electric service shall be furnished, shall be set in place, and shall remain the property of said City. All service deposits shall be refunded to the consumer when service is no longer desired subject to the conditions as hereinafter provided. All such supply wires shall be considered the property of the City. Not more than one house or building shall be supplied from one connection except by special permission. No consumer shall be permitted to take current for residence or commercial electric purposes at power rates, nor shall any electrical apparatus be attached or suffered to remain attached to any power meter. It shall be unlawful for any person to employ any scheme, device or contrivance for the purpose of evading the proper service and registration for any meter or to employ any scheme or device whereby he may obtain current which does not pass through the meter furnished him by the City. Finding electrical apparatus attached to a power meter or any device in or near any meter which causes the same to register incorrectly shall be prima facie evidence of the intent of the occupier of said premises, or of said consumer, to convert electric current to his own use, which is hereby declared unlawful, and the person convicted of a violation of the same shall be punished as hereinafter provided; and, in it shall appear to the said Electric Superintendent that any electrical meter shall have been tapped or tampered with, he is hereby empowered to install or cause to be installed, at the consumer's expense a meter installed in iron conduit mechanically sealed in closed meter box accessible only to the Electric Superintendent or his agents.

SERVICE CHARGES:

Meter Disconnect or Reconnect:

(a) For non-payment - $50.00 during business hours (ONLY)
$100.00 after business hours

(b) At customers request - $50.00 during normal business hours
(Call out fees) $100.00 after business hours

Reconnect service fees for non-payment are due in advance and are to be paid although electric service may not actually be physically disconnected.

Read In and Read Out: No Charge.

Meter Tests:

Free if the City of Gering requests. A charge will apply if the customer requests:

Single phase electric:	$50.00
Three phase electric:	$50.00

Hookup of Temporary Service Pole:

A service fee of $50.00 must be paid *before* the City of Gering will hook up the temporary service pole. This fee is for new construction only.

Service fee for temporary service pole is $50.00.

TAMPERING:

Any customer who attempts to obtain current or alter City property in the attempt of theft of services, to include: cutting meter seals; connections around disconnect; removing locks placed by the City of Gering, will be charged a $150.00 fee in advance of reconnection.

Immediate disconnect of electrical service shall be completed by the City upon finding any of the above described activities. The City has no liability for such action.

LOAD MANAGEMENT

At the option of the City, an energy load management switch may be installed that enables the City to turn off air conditioners or water heaters when there is an economic need to manage usage.

SECTION 2. Any Ordinance or part of any Ordinance of the City of Gering, Nebraska, in conflict with this Ordinance is hereby repealed, and should any part or section of this Ordinance be declared void and unenforceable, such declaration shall not render any other part void and unenforceable.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the date of its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law. The first billing for services will be for October services.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of September 2015.

Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Welfl, City Clerk