

ORDINANCE NO. 2193

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GERING, NEBRASKA TO ADJUST EXISTING ELECTRICAL RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND RURAL USERS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM.

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 customer bills with readings in the months of June through September.

WINTER: The winter rate shall apply to customer bills with readings in the months of October through May.

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).

Rate:	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Winter</u>
Customer Charge, per month:	\$26.32	\$26.32
Energy Charge:		
First 650 kWh used per month, per kWh	\$0.1312	\$0.1312
Balance kWh used per month, per kWh	\$0.1312	\$0.1050

Residential 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 (application by the customer required), Residential All Electric Charges shall apply as follows:

Rate:	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Winter</u>
Customer Charge, per month:	\$26.32	\$26.32
Energy Charge:		
First 650 kWh used per month, per kWh	\$0.1312	\$0.1312
Balance kWh used per month, per kWh	\$0.1312	\$0.0944

Terms of Payment: Bills are due and payable upon receipt and delinquent if not paid by the 10th day of the following month.

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

conditions.

COMMERCIAL RATE

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.

Rate:	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Winter</u>
Customer Charge, per month:	\$47.37	\$47.37
Energy Charge:		
First 3,000 kWh used per month, per kWh	\$0.1306	\$0.1306
Balance kWh used per month, per kWh	\$0.1306	\$0.1096

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 by the 10th day of the following month.

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.

Rate:	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Winter</u>
Customer Charge, per month:	\$89.48	\$89.48
Demand Charge, per kW of Billing Demand:	\$15.79	\$13.16
Energy Charge:		
First 50,000 kWh used per month, per kWh	\$0.0895	\$0.0895
Balance kWh used per month, per kWh	\$0.0579	\$0.0579

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.

Determination of Billing Demand: The billing demand for a billing period shall be the higher of the following:

- (a) The Maximum Demand occurring during the billing period.
- (b) 65% of the highest Maximum Demand established for bills rendered for June, July, August or September of the preceding 11 months.

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 by the 10th day of the following month.

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: Rural rate schedules are applicable to rural residents, farm service, and commercial and industrial service outside the corporate limits of Gering for lighting, heating and power.

RURAL 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.

Rate:

Customer Charge, per month:	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Winter</u>
Single Phase	\$29.48	\$29.48
Three Phase	\$37.90	\$37.90
Energy Charge:		
First 750 kWh used per month, per kWh	\$0.1749	\$0.1749
Balance kWh used per month, per kWh	\$0.1749	\$0.1487

Rural Residential 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 (application by the customer required), Rural Residential All Electric Charges shall apply as follows:

Rate:	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Winter</u>
Customer Charge, per month:		
Single Phase	\$29.48	\$29.48
Three Phase	\$37.90	\$37.90
Energy Charge:		
First 750 kWh used per month, per kWh	\$0.1749	\$0.1749
Balance kWh used per month, per kWh	\$0.1749	\$0.1338

RURAL 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.

Rate:	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Winter</u>
Customer Charge, per month:	\$53.69	\$53.69
Energy Charge:		
First 3,000 kWh used per month, per kWh	\$0.1357	\$0.1357
Balance kWh used per month, per kWh	\$0.1357	\$0.1146

RURAL INDUSTRIAL

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

Rate:	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Winter</u>
Customer Charge, per month:	\$97.90	\$97.90
Demand Charge, per kW of Billing Demand:	\$16.31	\$13.69
Energy Charge:		
First 50,000 kWh used per month, per kWh	\$0.0921	\$0.0921
Balance kWh used per month, per kWh	\$0.0632	\$0.0632

Terms of Payment: Bills are due and payable upon receipt and delinquent if not paid by the 10th day of the following month.

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.

AREA LIGHTING SERVICE

Available: All Gering City service area.

Applicable: To all size outdoor lighting lamps.

Rate:	100-175 Watt	\$23.64 per month
	250 Watt	\$31.84 per month
	400 Watt	\$47.07 per month
	1000 Watt	\$59.91 per month
	1500 Watt	\$63.64 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.

Customer Charge, per month: \$27.37

Energy Charge:
0.0665 per kWh

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 Fixed Charge.

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 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.

CUSTOMER DEPOSITS:

When application for electric service is made, the City shall require the applicant to pay:

\$125.00 deposit for residential service

\$250.00 for commercial, industrial and irrigation service

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. The charge is based on shipping and cost for 3rd party testing.

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.

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.

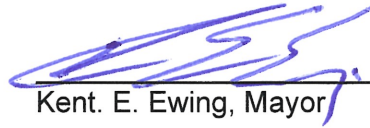
PENALTY:

Bills paid after the tenth day of each month shall be deemed delinquent and have a penalty charge of 10% of said services added thereto. The City may discontinue service two weeks after the delinquent date pursuant to § [50.03](#). Once discontinued, service shall not be recommenced except upon payment of a reconnection fee in an amount set by ordinance of the City Council. The City may also take any action authorized by law to effect collection of the delinquent charges. (Ord. 2122, passed 2023).

SECTION 2. That the aforementioned rates set forth in this ordinance shall be effective for service October 1, 2026.

SECTION 3. 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. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the date of its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of September, 2026.


Kent. E. Ewing, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk

