

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR CONNECTIONS, PAYMENT, AND DISCONTINUANCE OF UTILITY SERVICES, INCLUDING WATER, ELECTRICITY, GARBAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 362 ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE WATER, ELECTRICAL, GARBAGE COLLECTION, AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SERVICES RENDERED BY THE CITY OF LODI AND REPEALING CERTAIN ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH INsofar AS SUCH CONFLICT MAY EXIST", AND ORDINANCE NO. 422 AMENDING SAID ORDINANCE.

The City Council of the City of Lodi does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Ordinance No. 362 entitled "AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE WATER, ELECTRICAL, GARBAGE COLLECTION, AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SERVICES RENDERED BY THE CITY OF LODI AND REPEALING CERTAIN ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH INsofar AS SUCH CONFLICT MAY EXIST", and Ordinance No. 422 amending said Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 2. DEFINITIONS:

The word CITY shall mean the City of Lodi.

FINANCE DIRECTOR shall mean the person named from time to time by the City Manager to be in charge of the financial records and accounts of the City.

SERVICE shall mean the supplying of water, electrical energy, the collection of garbage and the disposal of sewage.

WATER TAP shall mean the connections, valves, pipes and fittings used to connect the customers' water system to the City water mains.

ELECTRIC CONNECTION shall mean all wires, insulators, conduits, fuse blocks, fuses and switches up to and including the meter used to connect the consumers electric wiring to the City's electrical distribution system.

SANITARY SEWER TAP shall mean all connections, valves, pipes and fittings used to connect the customers' sewer system to the City sewer mains.

GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICE is that service described in Ordinance No. 383 of the City of Lodi, as said Ordinance is now and may hereinafter be amended.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL SERVICE is that service provided for in Ordinance No. 350 as the Ordinance now exists or may hereinafter be amended.

DELINQUENT BILLS shall mean all accounts that have not been paid to the City within twenty (20) days after the mailing of the statement for the services provided for herein.

Section 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF SERVICE:

All applications for service or discontinuance of service shall be made to the Finance Director on forms provided by him. The Finance Director shall issue all orders for services, changes, or discontinuances. A deposit for the furnishing or continuance of service may be required by the Finance Director in those cases where he deems it to the best interest of the City. Such deposit shall not exceed the estimated amount of charges for two months service.

Section 4. PAYMENT OF BILLS:

(A) All bills for the services herein enumerated are due and payable upon receipt thereof, at the Finance Department, City Hall, Lodi, California, and become delinquent 20 days after the postmark date of the bill.

(B) The Finance Director shall send notice of delinquent bills, and if all delinquent charges for service are not paid within 10 days after mailing this notice, then the Finance Director may discontinue all service furnished to the customer by the City. In the event of a discontinuance of service, as aforesaid, the Finance Director may require as a condition precedent to the resumption of service that the customer pay: (1) The amount of the delinquent bill, (2) The cost to the City of discontinuing and resuming service, and (3) A deposit in an amount not exceeding the estimated amount of charges for two months service.

(C) Closing bills are due on the date on which service is discontinued.

Section 5. SERVICE CONNECTIONS:

No person except a duly authorized employee of the City shall make any water, electrical or sewer service connection to the City supply lines. Water and sewer tapping shall include bringing the supply lines to a point six inches inside the property line. Electrical connection shall include the service drop and necessary meter. On all new and reconstructed buildings where water, sewer and electrical connections are involved, the equipment and equipment locations must be approved by the inspecting authority. A service charge will be charged to the applicant when trouble calls involve customer caused service interruptions. All costs of water tapping and sewer connections shall be borne by the applicant and shall be charged at actual cost to the City. However, a flat rate may be established by the provision of Section 6 of this Ordinance.

The City of Lodi will construct without cost the following electrical services:

DOMESTIC

(A) For each domestic service 2-wire or 3-wire (of not more than 2500 watts) not to exceed 250 feet of W.P. conductor (duplex).

(B) For each domestic service including lighting and range service not to exceed 300 feet of W.P. conductor (triplex).

(C) For each domestic service including lighting, range, water heating, space heating and other similar service not to exceed 300 feet of W.P. conductor, the size and weight to be determined by the connected load at the time of connection.

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

(A) For each commercial or industrial service, the City of Lodi will install 50 feet of service wire for each horsepower of connected load not to exceed 600 feet.

(B) In unusual circumstances, when the application of the provisions of this rule appears impracticable or unjust to either party, or in case of high voltage services, the applicant may refer the matter to the Superintendent of Public Utilities, appeal may thereafter be made to the City Manager, whose decision shall be final.

(C) For the purpose of this rule, "service wire" shall mean the wire from the City's nearest pole to the customer's facilities or outlets.

(D) Underground service or riser-runs of either high or low voltage are not included in this order and must be installed with City permission at the customer's expense. Curb stops for water, and any connections to the City electrical supply, are for City use only and shall not be used by anyone except an authorized employee of the City. Any tampering with these connections shall subject the service supplied to being discontinued.

(E) Subject to Section 6 of this Ordinance, flat rates for water and sewer connections will be as follows:

EASWENT AND ALLEY TAPS

For each 3/4" (inch) domestic water tap located in easements or alley way the flat rate shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00); and for each additional 3/4" (inch) tap installed at the same time and leading into the same customer pipe line at the same address, the flat rate shall be ten dollars (\$10.00). All material shall be furnished by the City; and curb stops shall be located 6" (inches) inside of customer's property, if possible. Services larger than 3/4" (inch) may be made by special arrangement. Each domestic sanitary sewer tap located in easements or alley ways shall have a flat rate of \$15.00.

ROADWAY AND STREET TAPS

For each 3/4" (inch) ~~domestic~~^{water} tap located in streets or roadways, the flat rate shall be \$35.00; for each additional 3/4" (inch) tap installed at the same time and leading into the same customer's pipe line at the same address, the flat rate shall be \$16.00. All material shall be furnished by the City, and the curb stops shall be located 6" (inches) inside customer's property, if possible. For each domestic sanitary sewer tap located in streets or roadways, the flat rate shall be \$40.00.

Section 6. FLAT RATES:

When flat rates are applicable, the Finance Director may, with the approval of the Superintendent of Public Utilities, establish and/or change the flat rates charged for water and sewer connections, based on the average cost to the City for such connections made within the preceding six month period.

Section 7. WATER SERVICE TO APARTMENTS AND FLATS:

When more than one flat, apartment, building or premises is supplied through one water tap, each occupant may pay his own water and sewage bill if flat rates apply. However, if at any time the water is used by an occupant or occupants and such fact is not reported to the City, the Finance Director may require that the owner or the owners' agent-in-charge pay all the water and sewage charges applying to the flats, apartments, buildings or premises being supplied through one tap.

Section 8.

No plumber shall leave water turned on at any newly-erected building unless it is by consent of the City, nor shall he connect or reconnect any service found shut off at the service stop.

Section 9.

Authorized employees of the City shall have the right of access to any premises receiving any service named herein at reasonable hours for the purposes of inspection and refusal of this right shall subject the owner or occupant to discontinuance of services.

Section 10.

In case of fire, and when so directed by an employee of the City of Lodi, all faucets and valves supplying water to any premises shall be turned off immediately by every owner or occupant and not opened until the fire is extinguished.

Section 11.

The owner or occupant of premises where City services are supplied shall keep all service pipes, valves, connections or other facilities used in connection with such supply in good repair at all times, and the City shall not be liable for any damage sustained by reason of such owner or occupant's neglect.

Section 12.

All water hoses used by persons who engage in the business of washing vehicles or the nature of whose business requires the washing of floors, driveways, vehicles, etc., must have all hoses used in said work equipped with a self closing valve.

Section 13.

No person shall supply service to any premises other than the one to which the service contract applies.

Section 14. RIGHT TO LIMIT WATER SUPPLY:

The City reserves the right to limit the amount of water supplied to any consumer or to different parts of the City should it appear necessary so to do, and shall not be liable for temporary discontinuance of any service while making repairs or replacements.

Section 15. WASTE OF WATER PROHIBITED:

The waste of water is prohibited and any waste continued after notice thereof is given by the City shall subject the consumer so wasting water to the provisions of Section 15 of this Ordinance. Waste of water is hereby defined as allowing water to escape from a leaking fixture at the rate of one quart per hour or the permitting of water to run for more than 30 minutes in the same place on the same day.

Section 16. WATER METERS:

Metered water service shall be supplied only when it is to the best interest of the City to install a meter.

Section 17. DISPUTED BILLS:

Application for the adjustment and/or cancellation of a bill any consumer believes to be inconsistent with the provisions of the Ordinances of this City relating to water, electric, garbage and sewage services shall be made to the Finance Director. Appeal from the decision of the Finance Director may be made to the City Manager whose decision may, upon request, be subject to a final review by the City Council.

Section 18. VIOLATIONS:

In addition to any penalty prescribed herein, violation of any of the provisions set forth in this Ordinance shall subject the offender to discontinuance of service without notice and shall also be a misdemeanor punishable on conviction thereof by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisonment in the County Jail for not more than thirty (30) days or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Approved and signed this 2nd day of March, 1955.

Attest:

Henry A. Glaves Jr.
City Clerk

[Signature]
Mayor

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN) ss.

I, HENRY A. GLAVES, JR., City Clerk of the City of Lodi and ex officio Clerk of the City Council of said City, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 521 was introduced in regular meeting of said Council held February 16, 1955, and was thereafter passed, adopted and ordered to print at a regular meeting of the City Council held March 2, 1955, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen - Hughes, Mitchell, Richey,
Robinson and Fuller

NOES: Councilmen - None

ABSENT: Councilmen - None

I FURTHER CERTIFY that Ordinance No. 521 was approved and signed by the Mayor on the date of its passage and has been published pursuant to law.

Henry A. Glaves Jr.
HENRY A. GLAVES, JR.
City Clerk

Dated: March 4, 1955