

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-01.01

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE DEPOSIT AMOUNTS FOR UTILITY CUSTOMERS FOR THE CITY OF READING, KANSAS, AND REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH OF THE CITY OF READING, KANSAS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF READING, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. Effective September 5, 2024 the following utility deposit amount for water, gas, sewer, and trash in the city shall be as follows.

A. Homeowners

- a. A utility deposit of \$275.00 will be collected at the time of move-in.
- b. The utility deposit will be held by the City of Reading for one year after move-in. At the end of one year, if the homeowner has no delinquent payments during the first year, the deposit will be returned to the homeowner via check. If the homeowner has delinquent payment(s) in the first year the deposit is forfeited and is non-refundable.

B. Renters

- a. A utility deposit of \$275.00 will be collected at the time of move-in.
- b. The utility deposit will be held by the City of Reading for one year after move-in. At the end of one year, if the renter has no delinquent payments during the first year, the deposit will be returned to the renter via check. If the renter has delinquent payment(s) in the first year the deposit is forfeited and is non-refundable.

SECTION 2. Accounts that are habitually late and/or shut-off multiple times, may be requested by the City of Reading to add a second utility deposit of the same amount as the original utility deposit amount or a greater amount.

SECTION 3. The base rate for utilities will be charged to the customer each month and late charges will accrue each month on the unpaid balance. Trash cart(s) will be picked up by the city and the trash cart base rate will not be charged.

SECTION 3. All other utility deposit ordinances are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect on September 5, 2024 and shall be in full force upon its publication in The Emporia Gazette. All utility deposit on or after this date shall be computed at this revised rate.

Adopted and passed by the governing body, and signed by the Mayor of the City of Reading, Kansas this 5th day of September, 2024.



Malonne Davies
Malonne Davies, Mayor

Attest: *Nancy Standiford*
Nancy Standiford, City Clerk