

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-02

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 March 6, 2025 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 4: It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation, other than duly authorized city officials or employees or their designees to turn water on or off at the water meter or curb stop shut off, with a key or in any other manner, without first obtaining written permission from the mayor or the governing body and remove, handle or otherwise molest or disturb any meter, meter lid, cutoff or any other appurtenances to the water system of the city


SECTION 5: Customer shall at their expense pay for repairs to the meter, meter yoke, meter box, meter lid/ring and touch pad where damage is done due to abuse, neglect or willful intent.

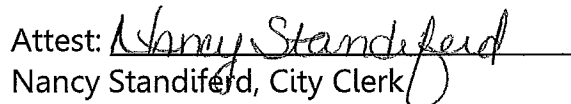
SECTION 6: It shall be unlawful for any person to break the seal of any meter, to alter the register or mechanism of any meter, or to make any outlet or connection in any manner so that water supplied by the city may be used or wasted without being metered. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation, other than duly authorized city officials or employees or their designees to turn water on or off at the water meter or curb stop shut off; or if an emergency arises, customer must report same to the city office that day or on the next business day. If meter is illegally turned on following disconnection, theft of service charges will be filed.

SECTION 7. All other utility deposit ordinances are hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. This ordinance shall take effect on March 6, 2025 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 6th day of March, 2025.


Malonne Davies, Mayor

Attest: 
Nancy Standiferd, City Clerk