

**Electric Rate Increase Info.**

**Residential:**

Old meter charge \$11.00	New meter charge \$12.25
Old usage per kwh \$.0765	New usage per kwh \$.0791

**Commercial and Industrial:**

Old meter charge \$50.00	New meter charge \$54.00
Old usage per kwh \$.0455	New usage per kwh \$.0463
Old demand charge \$12.60	New demand charge \$13.00

**Commercial single phase:**

Old meter charge \$16.00	New meter charge \$16.50
Old usage per kwh \$.0845	New usage per kwh \$.086

**Commercial three phase:**

Old meter charge \$28.00	New meter charge \$29.00
Old usage per kwh \$.0845	New usage per kwh \$.086

**Security Lights:**

(Old) 100 HPS metered \$4.00 per month unmetered \$8.00 per month  
(New) 100 HPS metered \$4.15 per month unmetered \$7.25 per month  
(Old) 250 HPS metered \$5.00 per month unmetered \$10.00 per month  
(New) 250 HPS metered \$5.25 per month unmetered \$11.30 per month  
(Old) LED metered \$6.00 per month unmetered \$12.00 per month  
(New) LED metered \$6.15 per month unmetered \$8.50 per month

**Resolution No. 06.16.04**  
**Resolution Establishing Electric Rates Effective August 15, 2016.**

WHEREAS, an analysis of the cost of providing electric service indicates the need for additional revenue;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of St. James, Minnesota, that pursuant to the authority granted by section 3.02 of the City Code, the changes for electrical service is hereby established according to the following schedule and conditions:

**ST. JAMES MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULE**

Residential Service

*Rate Code #1 #2*

**APPLICABLE TO:** Residential customers for all domestic uses in single-family dwellings and individually metered apartments within the service territory of the City of St. James including use of motors of not more than 5 horsepower individual capacity. Space heating and air conditioning shall be served under this schedule.

**SERVICE AVAILABLE:** Single-phase, 60 hertz, 120/240 volt 400 amp max., 3-wire, single meter.

**MONTHLY RATE:**

Meter Charge (No KWH)	\$ 12.25
Plus	
Energy Charge	
All KWH @	.0791

**PROMPT PAYMENT PROVISIONS:**

All charges are net. If the bill is not paid or received by mail by the due date, a late payment charge of 8.0% of the balance due will apply. If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Holiday, the due date will be the next working day.

**SALES TAX:**

Sales tax to be added to all electric bills so as to be in compliance with the provisions of the laws of Minnesota.

**RETURNED CHECK /ACH CHARGE:** The City will charge \$ 30.00 for any check or ACH Withdrawal returned by a financial institution.



**POWER FACTOR ADJUSTMENT:** If the customer's average monthly power factor falls below 90%, leading or lagging, the utility may adjust the metered demand by the ratio of 90% to the measured average monthly power factor in percent. Example:

Metered Demand 739 KW  
Ave. Mo. Power Factor = 73.0%  
Ratio =  $90/73 = 1.2329$   
Adjusted Demand =  $(739) (1.2329) = 911$  KW

**ADJUSTED DEMAND:** The adjusted demand consists of the metered demand adjusted for power factor, if applicable.

**BILLING DEMAND:** The demand to be billed shall be the adjusted demand for the month but not less than 50% of the highest adjusted demand during the preceding 11 months.

**PRIMARY METERING:** The utility will furnish and install primary metering when service is taken by the consumer and metered at primary voltage. The consumer owns and installs all necessary primary and transformers beyond point of service. A 2% discount will apply to the energy portion of the bill to allow for losses and investment return.

If service is taken at primary voltage (that is, customer owns primary and transformers) and metered at secondary voltage, a 1% discount will apply to the energy portion of the bill to allow for investment return.

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**Commercial Service, Single-Phase**

**APPLICABLE TO:** Any commercial, industrial, City, or farm load within the service territory of the City of St. James, for all purposes.

**SERVICE AVAILABLE:** Single-phase, 60 hertz, 120/240 volt, 400 amp max., 3-wire, single meter.

**MONTHLY RATE:**

Meter Charge (no KWH)	\$16.50
Plus	
Energy Charge	
All KWH @	.086

*Rate Code #3*

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**Commercial Service, Three-Phase**

**APPLICABLE TO:** Any commercial, industrial, City, or farm load within the St. James service territory, for all purposes. Loads less than 50 KW.

**SERVICE AVAILABLE:**

60 hertz, three-phase, 240/120 V, 208 Y/120 V, OR 480 Y/277 V

**MONTHLY RATE:**

Meter Charge (no KWH)	\$ 29.00
Plus	
Energy Charge	
All KWH @	.086

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**Meter Deposit**

A meter deposit equal to 15% of the facilities last years usage is required on all commercial property. The interest rate on said deposit shall be set by the Minnesota Department of Commerce and payment of the interest shall be done on an annual basis. The meter deposit shall be refunded at the end of five years, if the utility bills have been paid on time and there is no outstanding utility bill.

**Security Lighting**

100 HPS bulb metered \$ 4.15 per month unmetered \$ 7.25 per month  
250 HPS bulb metered \$ 5.25 per month unmetered \$ 11.30 per month  
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**CONDITIONS AND PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL CUSTOMERS**

1. The City will make a charge for special services that may be requested or required of it.
2. Such charges to be based on total costs for labor and materials plus a nominal markup which is determined by department policy.
3. An example of such special service might be the moving of a building requiring the moving or clearing of power lines or municipal facilities along the route.
4. Owners and/or occupants of property served by the Municipal Utilities of the City of St. James shall be responsible for the repairs to all utility meters damaged through negligence on their part. Under these circumstances, they shall be charged for the cost of repairing the same. Necessary repairs resulting because of damage from negligence of any kind on the part of the customer shall be charged to the customer.
5. Customers using electric heat will be exempt from the payment of sales tax during the months of which is designated by the state under the cold weather rule.

6. Nothing herein shall be construed as limiting power of the City Council to modify or to make such further rule or rulings as it may deem necessary or expedient from time to time.

7. The Electric Department shall proceed at once to do all things necessary to expedite and implement all provisions of this resolution.


8. The Electrical Superintendent will interpret these regulations and rules as to intent. In case of dispute, the Council will arrange to review the point in question upon request.

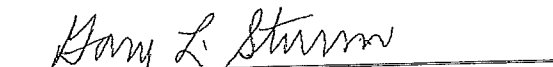
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10. That any customer/account disconnected shall be charged a \$50.00 reconnection fee to regain electric service, and a \$ 100.00 reconnection fee if after normal Electric Department working hours.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT ALL PREVIOUS Resolutions inconsistent herewith may be, and the same hereby are, repealed.

Adopted this 21st day of June, 2016


  
Lee Ann M. Nibbe, City Clerk

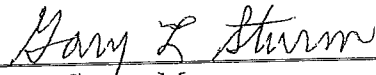
  
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**Medically necessary equipment.**

(a) A utility shall reconnect or continue service to a customer's residence where a medical emergency exists or where medical equipment requiring electricity necessary to sustain life is in use, provided that the utility receives written certification, or initial certification by telephone and written certification within five business days, that failure to reconnect or continue service will impair or threaten the health or safety of a resident of the customer's household.

(b) Certification of the necessity for service is required. Certification may be provided by:

(1) a licensed medical doctor;

(2) a licensed physician assistant;

(3) an advanced practice registered nurse, as defined in section 148.171; or

(4) a registered nurse, but only to the extent of verifying the current diagnosis or prescriptions made by a licensed medical doctor for the customer or member of the customer's household.

(c) Except as provided in paragraph (d), a certification may not extend beyond six months from the date of written certification.

(d) If a utility determines that a longer certification is appropriate given a particular customer's circumstances, the utility may, at its sole discretion, extend the duration of a certification for up to 12 months.

(e) A certification may be renewed, provided that the renewal complies with this subdivision. A certification may be renewed by the same or another medical professional who meets the qualifications of paragraph (b).

(f) A customer whose account is in arrears must contact and enter into a payment agreement with the utility. The payment agreement must consider a customer's financial circumstances and any extenuating circumstances of the household. The payment agreement may, at the discretion of the utility, contain a provision by which the utility forgives all or a portion of the amount in which the account is in arrears, which, if implemented, extinguishes individual liability for the amount forgiven.