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AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING AND REORDAINING CHAPTER 31 (UTILITIES) OF THE CODE
OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA, 1990, AS AMENDED,
TO ESTABLISH NEW UTILITY RATES AND SERVICE FEES
FOR CITY GAS, WATER, AND SANITARY SEWER

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, effective July 1, 2026, that:

1. Sections 31-56, 31-57, 31-60, 31-61, 31-62, 31-102, 31-106, 31-153, 31-156, and 31-158 of Chapter 31, of the Code of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, 1990, as amended, are hereby amended and reordained as follows:

CHAPTER 31. UTILITIES

ARTICLE II. GAS

DIVISION 2. TYPES OF SERVICE; SERVICE CHARGES

Sec. 31-56. Rates - Generally.

The firm service gas rates based on monthly meter readings shall be as follows:

Basic Monthly Service Charge	\$ 10.00	
First 3,000 cubic feet, per 1,000 cubic feet	\$12.4070	<u>\$12.0802</u>
Next 3,000 cubic feet, per 1,000 cubic feet	\$11.7596	<u>\$11.4332</u>
Next 144,000 cubic feet, per 1,000 cubic feet	\$11.1121	<u>\$10.7862</u>
All over 150,000 cubic feet, per 1,000 cubic feet	\$10.4647	<u>\$10.1393</u>

Sec. 31-57. Air Conditioning.

(a) Gas service at the rate specified in this paragraph ("air conditioning rate") shall be available to customers who request such service in writing and who have installed and use air conditioning equipment operated by natural gas as the principal source of energy. The air conditioning rate will be \$ ~~\$9.8398~~ 9.4462 per one thousand (1,000) cubic feet of gas used per month.

Sec. 31-60. Interruptible Sales Service (IS).

(c) *Basic monthly service charge.* The basic monthly charge per meter for interruptible sales service ("IS gas") shall be sixty dollars (\$60.00).

(d) *Rate.* For all gas consumed by interruptible customers the rate shall be ~~\$9.6895~~ \$8.7834 per one thousand (1,000) cubic feet for the first six hundred thousand (600,000) cubic feet, and ~~\$8.9886~~ \$8.1037 per one thousand (1,000) cubic feet for all volumes over six hundred thousand (600,000) cubic feet.

(e) *Annual Minimum Quantity.* Interruptible rate customers shall be obligated to take or pay for a minimum quantity of one million two hundred thousand (1,200,000) cubic feet of gas annually. Each year, as of June 30, the Director of Finance shall calculate the total consumption of each interruptible customer for the preceding twelve (12) monthly billing periods and shall bill any customer that has consumed less than the minimum quantity for the deficient amount at the rate of ~~\$9.6895~~ \$8.7834 per one thousand (1,000) cubic feet. Any new customer shall be required to enter into a Service Agreement with the City prior to the start of service. If an interruptible customer terminates service, the annual minimum requirement shall be prorated on the basis of one hundred thousand (100,000) cubic feet per month for each month the customer has received service since the last June 30 adjustment.

Section 31-61. Interruptible Transportation Service (TS).

(b) *Rates.* The rates for interruptible transportation service (“TS gas”) shall be as follows:

- (1) ~~\$3.4713~~ \$3.4009 per dekatherm for a customer receiving only TS gas, and
- (2) ~~\$2.0828~~ \$2.0405 per dekatherm, for customers who transport 35,000 or more dekatherms per month (“large volume transportation customers”), regardless of whether such large volume transportation customer receives only TS gas, or also receives IS service.

Section 31-62. Purchased Gas Adjustment.

In computing gas customer billings, the basic rate charges established under Sections 31-56, 31-57, 31-60, and 31-61 shall be adjusted to reflect increases and decreases in the cost of gas supplied to the City. Such increases or decreases shall be computed as follows:

- (1) For the purpose of computations herein, the costs and charges for determining the base unit costs of gas are:
 - a. Pipeline tariffs.
 - b. Contract quantities; and
 - c. Costs of natural gas, in effect or proposed as of ~~April 1st, 2025~~, April 1st, 2026.

- (2) Such base unit costs are ~~\$5.9327~~ \$5.6105 per one thousand (1,000) cubic feet for firm gas service and ~~\$3.8488~~ \$3.1198 per one thousand (1,000) cubic feet for interruptible gas service.

ARTICLE IV. WATER AND SEWER SERVICE CHARGES

Sec. 31-153. Water Rates Generally.

- (a) Water rates shall be as follows:

- (1) Monthly Service Charge:

Water Meter Size (Inches)	Fee
5/8	\$10.00 <u>\$12.50</u>
3/4	\$10.00 <u>\$12.50</u>
1	\$25.00 <u>\$31.25</u>
1 ½	\$50.00 <u>\$62.50</u>
2	\$80.00 <u>\$100.00</u>
3	\$160.00 <u>\$200.00</u>
4	\$250.00 <u>\$312.50</u>
6	\$500.00 <u>\$625.00</u>
14	\$3,275.00 <u>\$4,093.75</u>

- (2) Metered Water Consumption, per 1,000 cu. ft.:

May – September	October – April
\$100.52 <u>\$113.49</u>	\$77.33 <u>\$87.31</u>

Sec. 31-156. Sewer Service Charges Generally.

- (a) Any person having a connection directly or indirectly, to the City sewer system shall pay therefor a monthly charge as follows:

- (1) Monthly Service Charge:

Water Meter Size (Inches)	Fee
5/8	\$10.00 <u>\$12.50</u>
3/4	\$10.00 <u>\$12.50</u>
1	\$25.00 <u>\$31.25</u>
1 ½	\$50.00 <u>\$62.50</u>

2	\$80.00 <u>\$100.00</u>
3	\$160.00 <u>\$200.00</u>
4	\$250.00 <u>\$312.50</u>
6	\$500.00 <u>\$625.00</u>
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(2) An additional charge of ~~ninety five dollars and twenty nine cents (\$95.29)~~ ninety-nine dollars and twenty cents (\$99.20) per one thousand (1,000) cubic feet of metered water consumption.

Date Introduced: June 1, 2026

Date Adopted: June 15, 2026

Certified:

Clerk of Council