

CITY OF NEWTON, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. 25-04

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REPLACE CHAPTER 11 ELECTRIC SYSTEM  
11-1-1 SERVICE CHARGES,  
11-1-2 BILLING AND PAYMENT OF CHARGES,  
and 11-3-1 INCENTIVE ESTABLISHED  
OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWTON, ILLINOIS

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF NEWTON, ILLINOIS  
THIS 15th DAY OF APRIL, 2025

PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM BY AUTHORITY OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWTON  
JASPER COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2025

**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION**

I, MAGGIE McDONALD, the duty qualified City Clerk of the City of Newton, Illinois, and the official custodian of records of said City do hereby certify that this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

  
MAGGIE McDONALD, City Clerk

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BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Newton, Illinois, that 11-1-1,  
11-1-2 AND 11-3-1 of the Newton City Code is hereby amended provide as follows:

**CHAPTER 11**

**ELECTRIC SYSTEM**

**ARTICLE I – GENERALLY**

**11-1-1**      **SERVICE CHARGES.** There are hereby established rates and charges for the use and service of electric current for light and power based upon electricity consumed as recorded by electric meters based upon the type of premises served as follows:

(A)      **Electricity Used For Residential Purposes.** (Available to single-family dwelling units for all domestic use.)

Meter Charge	\$16.00/meter
kWh	\$0.12875 per kWh

The minimum charge for electric service for residential purposes shall be the **Sixteen Dollar (\$16.00)** meter charge per meter.

(B)      **Electricity Used For Commercial Purposes.** (Available to commercial and non-residential customers for lighting and all power purposes.)

Meter Charge	\$25.00/meter
For the first 1000 kWh used per month at	\$0.1648/kWh
For all over 1000 kWh used per month at	\$0.132406/kWh

The minimum charge for electric service for commercial purposes shall be the **Twenty-Five Dollar (\$25.00)** meter charge per meter.

(C)      **Rates and Charges for Electric System.** Except as established by a Council approved contract, there are established charges and rates for the use of and for the services supplied by the electric system of the City based on the amount of kilowatts consumed by the customer as shown by electric meters. Calculations of charges are made by rate tables.

Commencing with the first billing for each customer after **May 1, 2025** and on **May 1** every year thereafter, the rate tables will be reviewed and may be adjusted by the Mayor and City Council each year or at any time deemed necessary by them.

(D)      **Utility Taxes.** Utility taxes are billed at a rate set by the State of Illinois; collected by the City on the billing and then are paid over to the State of Illinois monthly.

(E)      **Power Cost Adjustment Charges.** These charges are billed to the City by their wholesale power providers based on consumption by the City each month. Such charges are then calculated and billed to each customer on the basis of the consumption of that individual customer.

(Ord. No. 25-04; 04-15-25)

**11-1-2**      **BILLING AND PAYMENT OF CHARGES.** Charges for electric services shall be mailed monthly. All bills for service shall be rendered as of the **first (1<sup>st</sup>) day** of the month following the month for which service is rendered and electric meters read. All bills shall be payable by the **fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day** of the month in which

the bill is rendered. All bills not paid shall have a penalty of **five percent (5%)** added on the **sixteenth (16<sup>th</sup>) day** of said month. When the **fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day** of any month shall be a Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday, then such bills for service shall be paid on the next succeeding secular day without the penalty added. See also Utilities 38-1-8 and 38-1-9.

In addition to all other charges, there shall be charged to the customer the sum of **Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00)** for each customer's check returned to the City for insufficient funds or other reason. Two or more such returned checks within a six (6) month period shall result in the requirement that all future payments to the City from that customer must be in form of either cash, money order or cashier check, unless otherwise authorized by the City Collector. All unpaid return check charges shall be added to the customer's account and shall constitute a lien on the customer's property. (Ord. No. 25-04; 04-15-25)

### ARTICLE III – ECONOMIC INCENTIVES

**11-3-1 INCENTIVE ESTABLISHED.** The Mayor or other authorized office of the City is hereby authorized to negotiate with and offer to any individual, association, corporation or other legal entity proposing to come to the City and create **ten (10)** or more new jobs a **five (5) year** contract which contains the following terms:

(A) An employer creating **ten (10)** or more full-time jobs within the **first (1<sup>st</sup>) year** of their doing business in the City and retaining those jobs for a minimum of **five (5) years** will be eligible for electric rate discounts as follows:

(1) **Twenty-Five Dollar (\$25.00)** meter charge per meter.

(2) Years 1-5 – Industrial Rate which shall be a rate equal to the City Rate which changes when the City's supplier's rate changes.

**Rates and Charges for Electric System, Utility Taxes and Power Cost Adjustment Charges** apply as defined in the Newton City Code.

(3) Year 6 – Graduated Industrial Rate as defined in the following billing rate table:

For the first 1000 kWh used per month at \$0.137155 per kWh

For all over 1000 kWh used per month at \$0.110195 per kWh

The minimum charge for electricity used for commercial purposes shall be **Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00)** per meter charge.

**Rates and Charges for Electric System, Utility Taxes and Power Cost Adjustment Charges** apply as defined in the Newton City Code.

(4) Year 7 – Commercial Rate as defined in the City Code.

(B) The foregoing rates would not change during the term of the contract unless the City's cost from its wholesale power provider changes. Then any increases would be passed on to the customer.

(C) The foregoing discounted rates may terminate if the new employer (1) fails to create **ten (10)** or more full-time jobs in the City within the **first (1<sup>st</sup>) year**; (2) fails to retain those **ten (10)** or more jobs for a minimum of **five (5) years** or (3) fails to meet any other of its obligations to the City. At said time, the Mayor or Council will review the circumstances and make a determination. In the event of said termination, the new employer agrees to reimburse the City the difference between the discounted electric rate and the normal electric rate that would have been charged to the new employer, said difference to be paid to the City within **sixty (60) days** from the date of said termination. (Ord. No. 25-04; 04-15-25)

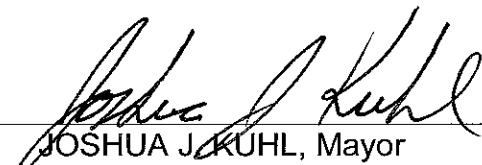
This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

Upon roll call vote the following Alderperson voted:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not Present
Gayle Glumac	✓			
Kaleb Wright	✓			
Larry Brooks	✓			
R. J. Lindemann		✓		
Eric Blake		✓		
Mike Swick	✓			
Mayor Joshua Kuhl				

Passed, approved and published in pamphlet form this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.



  
JOSHUA J. KUHL, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
MAGGIE McDONALD, City Clerk