

What is an Electric Meter Charge?

The electric meter charge is a fixed monthly fee that helps cover the cost of having electricity available at your home or business—no matter how much you use.

Why is there a charge even if I don't use much electricity?

Even with low usage, we still maintain the system that delivers power to you. This includes poles, wires, transformers, and other equipment that keep your service reliable and ready when you need it.

Your bill has two parts:

- A **fixed meter charge** for basic service
- A **usage charge** based on how much electricity you use

What does the meter charge pay for?

The meter charge helps cover:

- Installing, maintaining, and replacing your meter
- Reading your meter
- Billing and account services
- Customer support
- The connection from the power line to your property

Why is this change being made?

This approach:

- Helps keep rates more stable over time
- Makes sure all customers contribute fairly to maintaining the electric system
- Reduces cost differences between high- and low-usage customers, as well as seasonal and year-round residents

Why call it an “Electric Meter Charge”?

We chose this name to be clear and transparent—this fee is specifically for electric service and tied directly to the meter at your property.

Can I lower this charge by reading my own meter?

No. Meter reading is only one small part of the overall cost covered by this charge.

What is the City doing to keep costs reasonable?

We've spent the past two years working to secure a reliable, affordable energy supply. The City has entered into a new 3-year agreement (June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2028) to help provide stable and competitive rates.

In short

The meter charge covers the cost of keeping you connected. The more electricity you use, the more you'll see in usage charges—but this fixed fee ensures the system is always there when you need it.