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ORDINANCE #199

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A UTILITY SERVICE DEPOSIT FOR TENANTS ESTABLISHING NEW MUNICIPAL UTILITY SERVICE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF MANTER, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the financial interests of the City by requiring a security deposit from persons establishing new municipal utility service at rental properties. The deposit shall serve as security for the payment of utility charges and any other lawful fees owed to the City.

SECTION 2. APPLICABILITY

This ordinance applies to any person who:

1. Establishes new municipal utility service in the City;
2. Is renting or leasing residential property within the City; and
3. Is the customer responsible for payment of municipal utility service.

SECTION 3. UTILITY DEPOSIT REQUIRED

A. Prior to activation of municipal utility service, each applicant subject to this ordinance shall pay a utility deposit in the amount of \$200.00.

B. The utility deposit shall be paid in full before utility service is connected unless otherwise approved by the City Clerk or designated City official pursuant to an approved payment agreement.

SECTION 4. USE OF DEPOSIT

The City may apply all or part of the deposit toward:

1. Unpaid utility charges;
2. Late fees;
3. Service connection and or disconnection fees;
4. Damages to City owned utility equipment caused by the customer; or
5. Any other lawful charges owed to the City utility account.

SECTION 5. REFUND OF DEPOSIT

A. Upon termination of utility service, any remaining deposit shall be applied to the customer's final bill.

B. Any balance remaining after payment of all outstanding charges shall be refunded to the customer. Plus earned interest. The City shall pay the customer making the deposit interest at a rate determined by the State Corporation Commission or its successor pursuant to K.S.A. 12-822

C. At the discretion of the Governing Body or pursuant to City Policy, a residential customer's deposit may be refunded after the current bill is paid in full.

SECTION 6. TRANSFER OF DEPOSIT.

A utility deposit may be transferred to another municipal utility account within the City for the same customer if approved by the City Clerk and provided no delinquent balance exists.

SECTION 7. FAILURE TO PAY DEPOSIT.

Failure to pay the required utility deposit shall constitute grounds for denial or discontinuance of municipal utility service in accordance with applicable City ordinances and Kansas Law.

SECTION 8. ADMINISTRATION.

The City Clerk is authorized to establish reasonable administrative procedures necessary to implement this ordinance, including deposit, receipts, account records, and refund processing.

SECTION 9. SEVERABILITY.

In any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

SECTION 10. REPEALER.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication in The Johnson Pioneer, the official City newspaper.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body this 4th day of August, 2026.

ATTEST:

Linda Steimel
Linda Steimel, City Clerk



Jerry C. Tedder
Jerry Tedder, Mayor



Welcome to the new school year! New for the 2026-2027 School year are USD452 Teachers. Pictured above are Pictured left to right:

Mrs. Hammer - Superintendent
Mr. Nickell - 5th/6th Social Studies

Ms. Barlow - HS Social Studies

Mrs. Jeske - K - 4 Music

Mrs. Seger - Jr/Sr High Social Studies

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