

## Ordinance 483

### An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 306 Sec. 70-34. Connection Charge and Applications

#### THE CITY COUNCIL OF ADA, MINNESOTA DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:

##### **Sec. 70-34. - Connection charge and applications.**

*Connection charges.* Every customer is to pay a \$50.00 connection charge. This charge will include read-ins, reconnects, new service and transfers. If electrical and water hookups are connected at the same time, there will be one \$50.00 charge. If water and electrical hookups are hooked up separately, there will be a \$50.00 charge for each hookup. If either water or lights or both are disconnected for a period of any amount of time, except in an emergency, including, but not limited to, fire, water break, electrical mishaps, a \$50.00 connection charge will be made. The \$50.00 connection charge will apply in all cases, not just in cases of delinquent bill disconnects and reconnects. For delinquent reconnect fees that occur for a second time or more, in a 12-month period, the fee shall be a \$100 reconnect charge for each time thereafter.

*Application required for service.* To obtain service, the applicant must apply at the office of the city clerk or water and light department.

*Application for water, sewer and garbage services.* The owner or the owner's agent of the real property to be served shall make application for water and sewer services and garbage or refuse collection. The owner shall be liable for all unpaid water, sewer and garbage service bills incurred on the premises. In the event of default in payment, the city is authorized to levy an assessment of the unpaid amount for said services against the property served and certify it to the county auditor for collection. Bills for services will be mailed only to the owner of the property.

*Application on rental property.* In all rental property, both the owner (or the owner's agent) of the real property and the tenant are required to execute and file an application for water, sewer, garbage and electrical services with the city clerk. The tenant's application must be re-submitted each time a new tenant is acquired or the property is sold. In addition, the owner (or the owner's agent) shall send written notice within three days of the sale of the property or the re-letting of the property to the city clerk.

*Continuing application.* If the rental property consists of more than two rental units, the owner of said units may sign an application for service which will be kept on file. Said application shall be an acknowledgment by the owner that delinquent accounts may be assessed against the property of the owner. The tenant shall still be required to sign an application for the property rented by the tenant.

*Application for electrical services.* Only the owner or owner's agent of real property may apply for electric services to said property. The owner of the property shall be liable for all unpaid electric bills incurred on the premises. The city may make the electric utility charges a charge against the owner and levy an assessment for the unpaid amount for the property served. The owner of the real property shall be liable for the utility bills of the person in possession of the real property. Bills for electrical services will be mailed only to the owner of the property.

*Certification of delinquent utility accounts.* Delinquent accounts shall be certified to the city clerk who shall prepare an assessment roll each year providing for assessment of the delinquent amounts against the respective property served. The assessment roll shall be delivered to the council for adoption at the regular council meeting in October of each year, or as soon thereafter as possible. Upon such adoption, the clerk shall certify the assessment roll to the county auditor for collection along with taxes.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after passage and publication according to state law. This ordinance shall be placed on file at the City of Ada City Hall for public review.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Ada, Minnesota this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

Ayes:

Nayes:

Absent:

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ATTEST:

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John Hintz  
Mayor

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Ashley Larson  
City Administrator