

**ORDINANCE NO. 1345**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GIRARD, KANSAS BY AMENDING ARTICLE 1 SECTIONS 106 REGARDING UTILITY DEPOSITS.

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

**Section 1. Utility Deposits.**

The City shall require a cash deposit of One Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$125.00) from any new user (user being defined as a single person or husband and wife, jointly, who occupy residence) of electric service installed, except those users under a "Total Electric" contract, before electric service shall be extended to said user. The City shall require a cash deposit of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) from any new user of electric service installed who is under a "Total Electric" contract. The City shall also require a deposit of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) from the user of any new water service installed. The City requires two (2) forms of identification. One of the identifications must be a photo id and show proof of age. For every property registered as a rental a lease shall be required before connection of services. All residents must be listed on the application for services. If any resident has a past due utility balance with the City, it must be paid in full before connection of services. Interest shall be paid on all funds so deposited with the City at the rate determined each year by the Kansas Corporation Commission. The City may deduct from any such deposit a sum equal to the balance of any utility bill which remains due and unpaid after termination of service. The balance of the deposit shall then be refunded to the user. Two (2) years after the posting of such deposit, the City shall refund said deposit, together with accrued interest as provided herein, to the user who made the deposit, provided that during said Two (2) year period, said user has been current in the payment of all utility bills.

(a) A deposit shall not be required of any user of City utilities who have been a utility user for a period of Two (2) years and if all utility bills were paid by the 15th of each month.

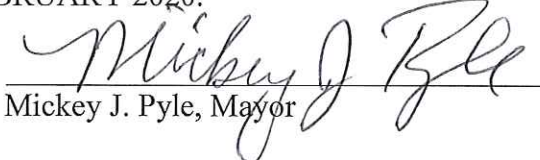
(b) Any person who occupies a residence for a period two (2) years, whose utilities have been in another person's name, must produce to the City office proof by check or other form of payment that they had paid these utility bills by the 15th of each month, must fill out a new application form for utility service to be placed in said person's name with no deposit required.

(c) Any user of utility services, who has not been a utility customer of the City for a continuous six (6) month period, shall re-establish credit with the City of Girard, as provided in this section.

(d) A customer requesting utility services with the City of Girard must be at least 18 years of age.

**Section 2.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication according to law.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020.

  
Mickey J. Pyle, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Karen E. Buck, CMC, CPM, City Clerk