

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-0302-2

WHEREAS: Utility billings for the City of Alma have increased since the last time the City's Customer Utility Deposit Policy was established; and

WHEREAS: It is prudent policy to minimize the risk of the City being left with substantial amounts of unpaid utility statements when customers leave Alma and discontinue utility services; and

WHEREAS: City staff have surveyed the utility deposit requirements of other communities in the area and have made the recommendations set forth below for establishing utility deposits which will protect the City from unpaid utility statements and be reasonable for the City's utility customers.

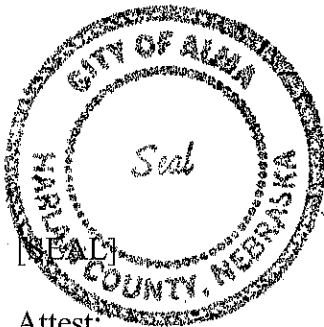
NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska that the following policy shall be adopted in regard to the collection of customer utility deposits and be commonly referred to as the "Customer Utility Deposit Policy:"

1. The City of Alma shall apply the following policy towards those customers who are considered a homeowner or business owner:
 - a. If homeowner or business owner supplies a letter of good credit from their previous utility supplier which provides documentation that the customer made timely payments of their utility bill for a minimum of one year, that they had no utility disconnects, and that they left the account in good standing, the deposits for this customer would be as follows: Gas: \$50.00, Water: \$25.00, Sewer: \$25.00.
 - b. If homeowner or business owner is unable to supply a letter of good credit from their previous utility supplier, the deposits for this customer would be as follows: Gas: \$100.00, Water: \$50.00, Sewer: \$50.00.
 - c. The City shall return a homeowner's or businesses owner's deposit to the customer after a period of 24 months on the condition that their bill is current.
2. The City of Alma shall apply the following policy towards those customers who are renting a property:
 - a. If renter supplies a letter of good credit from their previous utility supplier which provides documentation that the customer made timely payments of their utility bill for a minimum of one year, that they had no utility disconnects, and that they left the account in good

standing, the deposits for this customer would be as follows: Gas: \$100.00, Water: \$50.00, Sewer: \$50.00.

- b. If renter is unable to supply a letter of good credit from their previous utility supplier, the deposits for this customer would be as follows: Gas: \$150.00, Water: \$75.00, Sewer: \$75.00.
 - c. The City shall return this customer's deposit once they move out of the property, but the City shall first apply the deposit amount to the final bill. If any amount is remaining from the deposit after paying the final bill, this portion will be refunded to customer.
3. Any prior customer utility deposit resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby revoked and rescinded.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2 day of March, 2011.



City of Alma, Nebraska

By: Hal Haeker
Hal Haeker, Mayor

Attest:

Emily J. Anderson
Emily J. Anderson, City Clerk