

VILLAGE OF WOODWORTH
ORDINANCE NO. 56-83

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE VILLAGE OF WOODWORTH TO ESTABLISH THE GAS DEPARTMENT. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN AND ALDERWOMAN OF THE VILLAGE OF WOODWORTH IN LEGAL SESSION CONVENED THAT:

GAS

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ARTICLE A

Gas Department

Section 16.1 Creation; purpose

A gas department is created and established for the municipality. The department is responsible for the management, maintenance, care and operation of the gas supply and distribution system of the Village of Woodworth.

Section 16.2 Administration

Subject to the general control and direction of the mayor and board, the department shall be administered by the Operations Superintendent who shall manage the municipal gas system and shall perform all acts necessary for the prudent, efficient and economical management of the municipal gas supply and distribution system.

Section 16.3 Operations Superintendent; Certification Requirements; Training; Reports

(a) The Operations Superintendent shall be certified in accordance with the State of Louisiana, Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation-Pipeline Safety and Materials Transportation Bureau. Also, the United States Department of Transportation, Materials Transportation Bureau, Pipeline Safety, Office of Operations and Enforcement, Research and Special Programs Administration.

(b) The Operations Superintendent shall be required to attend various training seminar's of the State of Louisiana, Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation-Pipeline Safety and Materials Transportation Bureau. Also those sponsored by the United States Department of Transportation, Materials Transportation Bureau, Pipeline Safety, Office of Operations and Enforcement, Research and Special Programs Administration.

(c) The Operations Superintendent shall be required to give a written monthly report to the mayor and board on the activity of the gas department.

(d) The Operations Superintendent shall be required to perform all work on the Village of Woodworth's gas supply and distribution system as defined in the Manual for Operation and Maintenance. Also, as defined in Regulation 9, Pipeline Safety Standards for the Transportation of Natural and Other Gas by Intrastate Pipeline in the State of Louisiana, Manual. Plus, the Guidance Manual for Operators of Small Gas Systems as published by the United States Department of Transportation, Research and Special Programs Administration.

(e) The Operations Superintendent shall be required to perform his duties as defined in the Job Description by the mayor and board.

Section 16.4 Enforcement

The mayor is hereby empowered to enforce the provisions of this code relating to the gas supply and distribution system in the area within five (5) miles of the corporate limits.

Section 16.5 Through section 16.9 reserved

ARTICLE B

Gas Regulations, Policies and Rates

Section 16.10 Utility Work Orders

All work to be performed on the Village of Woodworth's gas supply and distribution system shall be done on a Utility Work Order issued by the clerk.

Section 16.11 Turning on gas

(a) No gas from the municipal gas supply shall be turned on for service into any premises by any person but the Operations Superintendent or some person authorized by him to perform this service.

(b) Where gas has been cut off or disconnected for non-payment of a bill, temporarily disconnected at the request of a customer or for other reasons, there shall be a charge for reconnection of \$12.50 during normal working hours and \$15.00 at all other times. This charge shall be added to the utility bill.

Section 16.12 Application

Application to have gas turned on shall be made in writing to the clerk.

Section 16.13 Deposite

A deposit of \$150.00 shall be made with each application, this sum to be retained, to insure payment of all bills. When service to the applicant is discontinued permanently this deposit, less any amount still due for gas service, shall be refunded without interest. Provided, that where any applicant for gas service is the owner of the premises to be served no deposit shall be required. Deposites shall be paid by all applicants outside corporate limits.

Section 16.14 Plumbing

Reserved.

Section 16.15 Service installation; fee; resale; tampering

(a) No connections with a gas main shall be made without Utility Work Order being issued and 48 hours notice having been given to the Operations Superintendent. All connections shall be made, all work done and all materials necessary for work shall be at the expense of the applicant; all connections shall be made under the supervision of the Operations Superintendent and no connections shall be covered until the work has been inspected by him. All connections shall not exceed a length of two (2) feet inside the property line. Application for connections must be made to the clerk, the maximum connection fee to be determined by the Operations Superintendent based on the work to be done and materials necessary for work. The minimum connection fee shall be \$170.00, shall be paid for each connection. At no time shall the connection fee cost be less than the cost to the Village of Woodworth's gas supply and distribution system.

(b) No gas shall be resold or distributed by the recipient thereof from the municipality to any premises other than that for which application has been made.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to tamper with or alter any part of the municipal gas supply, distribution system, or any meter.

(d) It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to enter into any of the fenced compound areas of the Village of Woodworth's gas supply and distribution system.

Section 16.16 Service pipes

(a) All service pipes from the meter to the premises served shall be installed by, and at the cost of, the owner of the property to be served or the applicant for the service. The installation shall be under the inspection of the Operations Superintendent.

(b) All repairs for service pipes and plumbing systems of buildings shall be made by and at the expense of the owners of the premises served. The Village of Woodworth may in case of an emergency, repair any service pipes and if this is done the cost of repair shall be repaid by the owner of the premises served.

(c) Excavations for installing or repairing service pipes shall be made in compliance with the code provisions relating to making excavations in streets. Provided, that it shall be unlawful to place any service pipe in the same excavation with, or directly over, any drainpipe or sewer pipe.

Section 16.17 Meters

(a) All premises using the municipal gas supply must be equipped with an adequate gas meter furnished by the municipality but paid for by the consumer.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any gas meter installed by the Village of Woodworth, for the use and operation of its gas system, to be used by more than one residence, premises or place of business.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to obtain gas from the Village of Woodworth's gas supply system except through a gas meter duly installed by the said Village of Woodworth.

(d) The provisions of Section 16.17 (b) of this ordinance shall not apply to buildings or residences owned or used by a duly recognized church organization.

(e) Meters shall be installed in a location that will be easy of access, if there is an existing water meter on the premises to be served, the meter for gas shall be installed next to same.

(f) The Operations Superintendent shall read or cause to be read every gas meter used by the Village of Woodworth's gas supply and distribution system at such times as are necessary that the bills may be sent out at the proper time.

(g) Any municipal gas meter shall be tested upon complaint of the consumer. The gas meter shall be tested by calibration and at the time of said calibration the consumer shall be furnished a copy of same, if calibration test prove meter to be accurate, the consumer shall pay all cost in having said test performed. If the calibration test proves that the meter was inaccurate, then all gas meter billings for the previous ninety (90) days shall be pro-rated and cost adjustments made accordingly, the Village of Woodworth shall pay all cost in having said test performed.

Section 16.18 Rates

The gas rates to all gas suppliers and to all gas customers or users of the Village of Woodworth's gas supply and distribution system shall be as follows:

(a) Where any existing consumer is presently charged under a meter rate, the gas rate for meter customers is:

(1) For the first 1,000 cubic feet of gas the customer shall pay a charge of \$6.00.

(2) For any gas in excess of 1,000 cubic feet and up to 4,000 cubic feet shall be a charge of \$3.20 per 1,000 cubic feet.

(3) For any gas in excess of 4,000 cubic feet and up to 7,000 cubic feet there shall be a charge of \$2.80 per 1,000 cubic feet.

(4) For any gas in excess of 7,000 cubic feet and up to 10,000 cubic feet there shall be a charge of \$2.20 per 1,000 cubic feet.

(5) For any gas in excess of 10,000 cubic feet and up there shall be a charge of \$2.00 per 1,000 cubic feet.

(b) The minimum monthly rate shall be \$6.00.

(c) The Industrial Rate shall be \$2.15 per 1,000 cubic feet.

(d) The Fuel Cost Adjustment (cost in excess of \$1.20 per MCF) shall be \$1.10 per 1,000 cubic feet.

(e) Bills for gas used shall be dated and sent out at the times directed by the mayor and board.

(f) The gas supply may be shut off from any premises for which the gas bill remains unpaid past the 20th day of the current month for which was read on or before the 10th day of the previous month that was rendered and mailed. When shut off, gas shall not be turned on except upon the payment of the fee specified in section 16.11(b).

(g) Charges for gas shall be a lien upon the premises. If the consumer of gas whose bill is unpaid is not the owner of the premises, and the clerk has notice of this, then notice shall be mailed to the owner of the premises, if his address is known to the clerk, whenever a bill remains unpaid past the 20th day of the current month for which was read on or before the 10th day of the previous month that was rendered and mailed.

(h) Property subject to a lien for unpaid gas charges shall be sold for non-payment, and the proceeds of sale shall be applied to pay the charges, after deducting costs, as in the case of the foreclosure of statutory liens. Foreclosure shall be by bill in equity in the name of the municipality. The municipal attorney is authorized and directed to institute proceedings, in the name of the municipality, in any court having jurisdiction over these matters, against any property for which a gas bill has remained unpaid past the 20th day of the current month for which was read on or before the 10th day of the previous month that was rendered and mailed.

Section 16.19 Turning off gas

It is unlawful for any unauthorized person to turn off any gas flowing in any main or pipe line owned or operated by the municipality unless the person shall have first obtained the permission of the mayor and board or its designee.

Section 16.20 Damage; accidental or negligence

Any damage done to the Village of Woodworth's gas supply and distribution system whether or not accidental or negligence shall be repaired or replaced and all cost involved shall be charged to the person or persons responsible.

Section 16.21 Servitude; easement or right of way

When the crossing of private property is required by the Village of Woodworth's gas supply and distribution system a servitude, easement, and right of way shall be required before any Utility Work Order will be issued for work to proceed, this servitude, easement, and right of way will be done on a form to be issued or provided by the Village of Woodworth's Clerk Office.

Section 16.22 Through section 16.30 reserved

Section 16.31 Repeal of ordinance

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that any and all ordinances in conflict herewith shall be abolished.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at Woodworth, Louisiana, on this 11th day of May, 1987.

YEAS: Butler, Rougeou, Pepper

APPROVED:

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None


David C. Butler II, Mayor

I, David C. Butler II, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the ORDINANCE duly passed and adopted by the Village of Woodworth, Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, on the 11th day of May, 1987.

ATTEST: Mable P. Scarbrock
Clerk, Village of Woodworth

Mable P. Scarbrock

Editorial Note: L.R.S. 33.404 grants the mayor authority and jurisdiction to enforce ordinances on municipal property within a five (5) mile area contiguous to the municipal boundaries. This statute required that the authority be granted by ordinance.

**TOWN OF WOODWORTH
AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE NO. 56-83**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF WOODWORTH, LOUISIANA THAT SECTION 16.18(a) & (b) OF ORDINANCE NO. 56-83 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF WOODWORTH, LOUISIANA IS HEREBY AMENDED AND RENACTED, SAID AMENDED SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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(a) Where any existing or future consumers is to be charged under a meter rate for gas services, the fees shall be accessed by a duly adopted resolution of the Mayor and Town Council.

(b) The minimum monthly rate for gas services shall be accessed by a duly adopted resolution of the Mayor and Town Council.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all other provisions of the ordinances of the Town of Woodworth shall remain in full force and effect except as specifically amended herein.

Said Amended Ordinance having been introduced on January 9, 2001, by Council Member Reich, notice of public hearing having been published on Friday, January 19, 2001, in the Town Talk, Official Journal of the Town of Woodworth, Louisiana, said public hearing having been held on February 13, 2001, the title having been read and the Amended Ordinance considered on motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Reich, to adopt the Amended Ordinance, a record vote was taken and following results was had:

YEAS: Butler, Dunn, Reich ABSENT: None APPROVED:

NAYS: None ABSTAINED: None

David C. Butler, II - Mayor



Whereupon, the Municipal Clerk delivered said Amended Ordinance to the Mayor on the 14th day of February, 2001, and this same date, the Mayor returned said Amended Ordinance to the Municipal Clerk, declaring the above Amended Ordinance duly adopted.

I, David C. Butler, II, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the AMENDED ORDINANCE, duly passed and adopted by the Town of Woodworth, Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, on the 13th day of February, 2001.

ATTEST: Mable P. Scarbrock
Clerk, Town of Woodworth

