

## ORDINANCE NO. 2233

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CRETE, NEBRASKA RELATING TO CITY DEPARTMENTS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 3-120 AND 3-121 OF THE CRETE MUNICIPAL CODE; TO AMEND DEPOSIT RATES FOR ELECTRICAL CUSTOMERS WHO DEplete THEIR DEPOSIT OR PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A DEPOSIT REFUND**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRETE, NEBRASKA:**

**Section 1.** That Chapter 3, Article 1, Section 3-120 of the Crete Municipal Code be amended as follows:

### **3-120 Electric Department; Billing; Collecting**

- (1) Customer accounts shall be kept under such bookkeeping system as determined by the City. A ledger shall be kept current with a separate account for each customer. All electric meters shall be read monthly by the Electric Department, and the amount of usage shall be billed according to the rates, fees, and other costs set forth in the City's Master Fee Schedule.
- (2) All bills for electric service shall be due and become delinquent after the due date specified on the bill. If a customer neglects, refuses, or otherwise fails to pay their bill in full on or before five o'clock p.m. on the due date, the amount due will be increased by the late payment charge. If the bill becomes delinquent, a notice will be mailed to inform the customer that electric service will be discontinued no earlier than ten nor later than sixteen days after the due date, with no further notice, and that service will not be restored until the bill is paid in full, together with any collection and reconnection fees and costs and deposit repayment. ~~Deposit repayment will be based on eighty percent (80%) of two months average billing for the customer.~~

**Section 2.** That Chapter 3, Article 1, Section 3-121 of the Crete Municipal Code be amended as follows:

### **3-121 Electric Department; Service Deposit; Refund**

- (1) Applicants for electric service shall be required to include a service deposit with their application to ensure the payment of electric bills and other charges. The amount of the service deposit shall be set forth in the City's Master Fee Schedule.
- (2) Service deposits shall remain in the custody of the Electric Department for up to ten years but may be refunded to a customer when (i) service has not been disconnected, payment delinquent, or payment waived past a disconnection date on more than one occasion over two consecutive years for residential service or over three consecutive years for other service classifications or (ii) service is no longer desired or otherwise permanently terminated. In the event of disconnection after a service deposit has been refunded, the customer will be required to pay reconnection fees in addition to a new service deposit, which will be the current deposit amount for their specific rate class. ~~same amount which was refunded on their prior account~~. Any service deposit may be transferred by a customer between service locations in the city but may not be transferred by a customer to any other customer.

**Section 2.** That the above section shall be codified as part of the Crete City Code as stated herein.

**Section 3.** All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**Section 4.** This ordinance shall be published in pamphlet, book, or electronic form and shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication, as provided by law.

PASSED AND ENACTED the 7th day of January 2025.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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