

POSSIBLE MOTION

I MOVE TO approve Ordinance 2015-23 on
first reading.

Hearing of this ordinance was postponed until 4/23

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CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA AMENDING THE SITKA GENERAL CODE IN TITLE 15 PUBLIC UTILITIES, UNDER CHAPTER 15.01 ELECTRIC UTILITY POLICIES, AT SECTION 15.01.020 ELECTRICAL RATES, BY INCREASING ELECTRIC RATES TO FUND APPROVED ELECTRICAL UTILITY CAPITAL PROJECTS INCLUDING THE BLUE LAKE HYDROELECTRIC EXPANSION PROJECT

1. **CLASSIFICATION.** This ordinance is of a permanent nature and is intended to become a part of the Sitka General Code ("SGC").

2. **SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this ordinance or any application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and application to any person or circumstance shall not be affected.

3. **PURPOSE.** This ordinance will increase the electrical rates for certain consumer classes at SGC 15.01.020 and provide sufficient revenues to meet all fiscal requirements to complete approved capital projects, including the Blue Lake Hydroelectric Expansion Project. The ability to meet financial margins and revenue bond covenants require electric rate increases.

4. **ENACTMENT.** NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka that Title 15 Public Utilities, under Chapter 15.01 Electric Utility Polices, at Section 15.01.020 of SGC is amended as follows (new language underlined; deleted language stricken):

**TITLE 15
PUBLIC UTILITIES**

**Chapter 15.01
ELECTRIC UTILITY POLICIES**

**Section
15.01.020 Electrical rates.**

B. Residential Services.

2. Energy Charges.

First 500 kWh	\$0.0935 per kWh	First 200 kWh's	\$0.0858 per kWh
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First 1,000 kWh's	\$0.1089 per kWh	Next 800 kWh's	\$0.1145 per kWh
Next 1,000 kWh's	\$0.1144 per kWh	Over 1,000 kWh's	\$0.1305 per kWh
Next 1,000 kWh's	\$0.1485 per kWh		
Over 3,000 kWh's	\$0.1903 per kWh		
Customer Charge is \$19.50 per month		Customer Charge is \$19.50 per month	

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C. General Service – Small

2. Energy Charges.

First 500 kWh	\$0.1771 per kWh
501 kWh to 10,000 kWh	\$0.1133 \$0.1246 per kWh
10,001 kWh to 100,000 kWh	\$0.1133 \$0.1218 per kWh
Over 100,001 kWh	\$0.1133 \$0.1190 per kWh
Customer charge is \$39.00 per month	

3. Demand Charges.

First 25 kW	No Charge
Over 25 kW	\$5.60 per kW

D. General Service – Large

2. Energy Charges.

First 500 kWh	\$0.1771 per kWh
501 kWh to 10,000 kWh	\$0.1128 \$0.1241 per kWh
10,001 kWh to 100,000 kWh	\$0.1128 \$0.1213 per kWh
Over 100,001 kWh	\$0.1128 \$0.1184 per kWh
Customer charge is \$60.00 per month	

3. Demand Charges.

First 25 kW	No Charge
Over 25 kW	\$5.60 per kW

E. General Service – Public Authority

2. Energy Charges.

First 500 kWh	\$0.1771 per kWh
501 kWh to 10,000 kWh	\$0.1133 \$0.1246 per kWh
10,001 kWh to 100,000 kWh	\$0.1133 \$0.1218 per kWh
Over 100,001 kWh	\$0.1133 \$0.1190 per kWh
Customer charge is \$45.00 per month	

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3. Demand Charges.

First 25 kW	No Charge
Over 25 kW	\$5.60 per kW

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M. Energy Assistance Fund. An energy assistance fund is hereby established to provide an opportunity for City and Borough of Sitka electric customers to make a voluntary monthly contribution to a fund that will provide limited financial assistance to customers. The intent of the program is to help provide emergency financial assistance to customers to pay electric utility bills. The program will be administered by the Salvation Army.

N. Plug-in Electric Vehicle (PEV) Incentive Credit. A \$120.00 annual PEV energy credit will be applied to all eligible Residential Class customers that register and operate an plug-in electric vehicle within the CBS up to a maximum of 2 PEV's per household. A \$200.00 annual PEV energy credit will be applied to all eligible General Service customers that register and operate an plug-in electric vehicle within the CBS up to a maximum of 5 PEV's.

5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall become effective on the day after the date of its passage.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska this 12th day of May, 2015.

Mim McConnell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Peterson, CMC
Municipal Clerk