

**CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-11**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA TEMPORARILY AMENDING TITLE 15 "PUBLIC UTILITIES" OF THE SITKA GENERAL CODE BY MODIFYING CHAPTER 15.01 "ELECTRIC UTILITY POLICIES", SECTION 15.01.020 "ELECTRICAL RATES" WHICH WILL TEMPORARILY EXTEND THE LOWER SEASONAL ELECTRIC RATE FROM APRIL TO JUNE IN 2020 ONLY**

**1. CLASSIFICATION.** This ordinance is NOT of a permanent nature and is NOT 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.** The purpose of this ordinance is to extend the lower seasonal electric rate period by two months for 2020 only. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the related governmental mandates, many residents are experiencing a decrease in income due to layoff, reduced work hours, or reduced work opportunities. Additionally, many residents are experiencing unexpected increases in electrical usage due to hunkering down and sheltering in place, including children staying home due to school closures. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has been declared a federal, state and local emergency, the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka deems it desirable to provide financial assistance to its residents by extending the lower seasonal electric rate period end, currently appearing in the SGC from April until June for 2020 only.

**4. ENACTMENT.** NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka that the Sitka General Code Title 15 "Public Utilities", be temporarily amended at Chapter 15.01, entitled "Electric Utility Policies", by modifying Section 15.01.020, entitled "Electrical rates" at subsections B, C, and F to read as follows (new language underlined; deleted language stricken):

**TITLE 15  
PUBLIC UTILITIES**

**Chapters:**

- 15.01 Electric Utility Policies**
- 15.02 Watershed Control Program**
- 15.04 Sewer System**
- 15.05 Water System**
- 15.06 Solid Waste Treatment and Refuse Collection**
- 15.07 Storm Drainage**
- 15.08 Utility Poles**
- 15.12 Private Extensions of Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Utilities**
- 15.15 Utility Cost Subsidization Program**

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**Chapter 15.01  
ELECTRIC UTILITY POLICIES**

Sections:

- 15.01.005 Definitions.
- 15.01.010 Statement of purpose.
- 15.01.012 Level of authority and responsibilities.
- 15.01.020 Electrical rates.
- 15.01.025 Customer and city rights and responsibilities.
- 15.01.030 Deposits—Fees.
- 15.01.035 General requirements.
- 15.01.040 Service connections.
- 15.01.045 Line extension.
- 15.01.050 Subdivisions.
- 15.01.055 Mobile home parks, RV parks, private marinas and boat docks.
- 15.01.060 Rental structures.
- 15.01.065 Motors and controllers.
- 15.01.070 Undesirable characteristics.
- 15.01.075 Special equipment.
- 15.01.080 Customer generation

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**15.01.020 Electrical rates.**

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B. Residential Services.

1. Applicable to all residential customers for all uses in the home or residence, subject to the rules and regulations and customer services policies of the city and utility.
2. Energy Charges.

All kWh from the first billing cycle in November through the last billing cycle in <del>April</del> <u>June</u>	\$0.120 per kWh
All kWh from the first billing cycle in <del>May</del> <u>July</u> through the last billing cycle in October	\$0.192 per kWh
Customer charge is \$20.48 per month	

C. General Service—Small.

1. Applicable to all nonresidential customers for all uses, including lighting, heating and power, when the electricity consumed in the preceding twelve months is less than one hundred thousand kWh and has a measured demand of less than fifty kW, subject to the rules, regulations and customer service policies of the utility and the city. Typical customers

in this class could include: restaurants, retail vendors, churches, fueling stations, and service industries.

2. Energy Charges.

All kWh from the first billing cycle in November through the last billing cycle in <del>April</del> <u>June</u>	\$0.1180 per kWh
All kWh from the first billing cycle in <del>May</del> <u>July</u> through the last billing cycle in October	\$0.1880 per kWh
Customer charge is \$40.95 per month	

3. Demand Charges.

First 25 kW	No charge
Over 25 kW	\$5.88 per kW

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F. Boat Service.

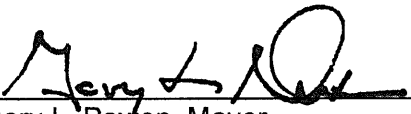
1. Applicable to separately metered boats, lights, heaters, pumps or other uses.
2. Energy Charges.

All kWh from the first billing cycle in November through the last billing cycle in <del>April</del> <u>June</u>	\$0.120 per kWh
All kWh from the first billing cycle in <del>May</del> <u>July</u> through the last billing cycle in October	\$0.1920 per kWh
Customer charge is \$20.48 per month	

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**5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall become effective the day after the date of its passage and is temporary in nature to be applied only in 2020.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska this 14th day of April, 2020.

  
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Gary L. Paxton, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Sara Peterson, MMC  
Municipal Clerk

1<sup>st</sup> reading 4/02/2020

2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading 4/14/2020

Sponsors: Christianson / Knox