

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-26

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA 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 SHIFT THE PERIOD FOR SEASONAL ELECTRIC RATES

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. The purpose of this ordinance is to shift the seasonal electric rate periods by one month. Currently, SGC provides differing seasonal electric rates for two periods; (1) the first billing cycle in October through the last billing cycle in March (“October through March”) and (2) the first billing cycle in April through the last billing cycle in September (“April through September”). The shift proposed is (1) from “October to March” to “November to April” and (2) from “April to September” to “May to October.” This is a shift of one month for each period. Further, the effective date would be changed to November 1, 2019, to capture this shift.

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 amended at Chapter 15.01, entitled “Electric Utility Policies”, by modifying Section 15.01.020, entitled “Electrical rates” at subsections A, 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.

A. All electric rates are subject to sales tax if applicable. These rates are effective for all electricity billed after ~~October~~ November 1, 2017 2019, regardless of when electricity was consumed.

The assembly shall consider annually an adjustment to the electric rates, based on the Consumer Price Index, at a time when any adjustment could be made effective July 1st of the year applied. An adjustment, if any, shall be based on the prior year annual report for the municipality of Anchorage, Alaska, from the United States Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Consumer Price Index, and determined to be the percent change to the current year from the percent change of the prior year, and will be effective July 1st of any year applied. The first such adjustment date may be July 1, 2018.

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 October <u>November</u> through the last billing cycle in March <u>April</u>	\$0.120 per kWh
All kWh from the first billing cycle in April <u>May</u> through the last billing cycle in September <u>October</u>	\$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 October <u>November</u> through the last billing cycle in March <u>April</u>	\$0.1180 per kWh
All kWh from the first billing cycle in April <u>May</u> through the last billing cycle in September <u>October</u>	\$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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5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective the day after the date of its passage.

The amendment to the SGC set forth in Section 4 hereof shall become effective on the first billing cycle after November 1, 2019.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska this 25th day of June, 2019.

Gary L. Paxton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk

1st reading 6/11/19

2nd and final reading 6/25/19

Sponsors: Mosher and Nelson