

AN ORDINANCE No. 87-83-108

ADOPTED MAY 28 1987

To amend sections 30-237, 30-239, 30-243 and 30-246 of Article II of Chapter 30, Water, Gas and Sewers, of the Code of the City of Richmond, 1985, as amended, concerning the rates, and other charges, to be charged to and conditions to be met by customers furnished gas and certain related services by the City of Richmond.

Patron - City Manager

Approved as to form and legality
by City Attorney

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That Sections 30-237, 30-239, 30-243 and 30-246 of the Code of the City of Richmond, 1985, as amended, be and are hereby amended and reordained as follows:

Sec. 30-237. Residential Gas Service.

The following rates and charges shall apply for gas provided for residential purposes in individual residences (other than residences qualifying for "residential gas peaking service"):

SCHEDULE RS

(1) Application. This section shall apply to use of service for residential purposes in individual residences or owner occupied duplexes served by one meter at locations within the service area where service is available.

(2) Monthly Rate:

- a. Customer charge (readiness to serve)... \$3.67 per month
- b. Commodity charge
 - 1. First 50,000 cubic feet per month [~~69¢~~] 55.5¢
per 100 cf
 - 2. For all additional cubic feet
per month [~~67+6¢~~] 54.4¢
per 100 cf
- c. Air conditioning (May through October)
 - 1. First 5,000 cubic feet [~~69¢~~] 55.5¢
per 100 cf
 - 2. For all additional cubic feet
per month [~~63+1¢~~] 50.7¢
per 100 cf

(3) Purchased gas adjustment. The charges specified in the Commodity Charge are subject to an adjustment per 100 cf for increases or decreases in the costs associated with purchased pipeline gas or any gas used as a substitute for or supplement to purchased pipeline gas.

(4) Minimum charge. The minimum charge shall be three dollars sixty-seven cents (\$3.67) per month.

(5) Utility tax. Bills rendered under this schedule shall be subject to any applicable utility tax.

(6) Term of contracts. Contracts for gas service made under this schedule shall be cancellable at any time; provided, that a customer cannot resume service within one month at the same location without paying the prescribed charges during the intervening period in accordance with this schedule.

(7) Special provisions:

- a. Air conditioning. Gas service under this schedule shall be available to all customers who have installed and use air conditioning equipment using natural gas as the principal source of energy. This service will not be available to new customers on or after July 1, 1981.
- b. Equal monthly payment plan. A customer may have the option, with the consent of the director of public utilities, of paying for service taken under this schedule for a limited period in equal monthly amounts based on the application of the rate to the estimated usage during the period. At the end of this period, or at the discontinuance of service if prior thereto, the customer shall pay or be given credit for the difference between the amount paid and the charges for the actual usages under this rate. This payment or refund shall be made under such arrangements as may be agreed upon by the customer and the director of public utilities.

c. Discontinuance of service. A customer who uses gas in accordance with this schedule for space heating exclusively, may discontinue such use; and when, after such use is discontinued, the customer requests that the service be restored, a charge of twenty-six dollars (\$26.00) shall be paid for restoring the service if the request is made within twelve (12) months from the date the service is discontinued.

Sec. 30-239. General Gas Service.

The following rates and charges shall apply to service provided locations subject to billing at the rate for general gas service.

SCHEDULE GS

(1) Application. This section shall apply to use of service for all purposes in other than individual residences or owner occupied duplexes served by one meter at locations within the service area where service is available.

(2) Monthly Rate:

a. Customer charge (readiness to serve)... \$3.67
per month

b. Commodity charge

1. First 50,000 cubic feet per month [~~69¢~~]
55.5¢ per 100 cf

2. For all additional cubic feet per month
[~~67.6¢~~] 54.4¢ per 100 cf

c. Air conditioning (May through October - separate meter) [~~63.1¢~~] 50.7¢ per 100 cubic feet

(3) Purchased gas adjustment. The charges specified in the Commodity Charge are subject to an adjustment per 100 cf for increases or decreases in the costs associated with purchased pipeline gas or any gas used as a substitute for or supplement to purchased pipeline gas.

(4) Minimum charge. The minimum charge shall be three dollars sixty-seven cents (\$3.67) per month.

(5) Utility tax. Bills rendered under this schedule shall be subject to any applicable utility tax.

(6) Term of contracts. Contracts for gas service made under this schedule shall be cancellable at any time; provided, that a customer cannot resume service within one month at the same location without paying the prescribed charges during the intervening period in accordance with this schedule.

(7) Special provisions:

a. Air conditioning. Gas service under this schedule shall be available to all customers who have installed and use air conditioning equipment using natural gas as the principal source of energy. Such gas shall be separately metered and the meter used for measuring the quantity or volume of gas

used shall not be used for measuring the quantity or volume of gas used for any other purpose.

This service will not be available to new customers on or after July 1, 1981.

- b. Discontinuance of service. A customer who uses gas in accordance with this schedule for space heating exclusively, may discontinue such use; and when, after such use is discontinued, the customer requests that the service be restored, a charge of twenty-six dollars (\$26.00) shall be paid for restoring the service if the request is made within twelve (12) months from the date the service is discontinued.
- c. Incremental pricing surcharge. Any industrial customer subject to the provisions of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978, but not qualifying for exemption under Section 206 or other applicable sections of the Act, shall be billed at a price per Mcf which will be the higher of:
 - 1. The rate under this schedule as adjusted by the currently effective Purchased Gas Adjustment.
 - 2. The applicable alternative fuel price ceiling of residual fuel oil as published on a monthly basis for the State of Virginia by the Energy Information Administration of the Department of Energy.

In the application of this provision, all sums received in excess of the amount calculated in 1. above shall be used to reduce the rates to all customers not subject to the incremental alternative fuel pricing provision of the Act, by including these sums as credits to the Purchased Gas Adjustment.

Sec. 30-243. Municipal Gas Service.

The following rate and charges shall apply for gas provided to buildings, structures or facilities used by the City of Richmond and for which the City of Richmond purchases gas:

SCHEDULE MGS

(1) Application. This section shall apply to use of service for all purposes in buildings, structures or facilities used by the city where service is available.

(2) Monthly rate. Commodity charge, [~~sixty-five-cents~~ ~~(\$0.65)~~] fifty-one and nine tenths cents (\$0.519) per one hundred (100) cubic feet.

Sec. 30-246. Unmetered Gas Light Service.

The following rates and charges shall apply for providing gas for ornamental gas lights having a manufacturer's rated gas consuming capacity of 1,400 cubic feet per month or less:

SCHEDULE GL

(1) Application. Unmetered gas service under this schedule may be furnished to all customers within the service area who have installed ornamental gas lights having a manufacturer's rated gas consuming capacity of one thousand four hundred (1,400) cubic feet per month or less when the director determines that such service is available at places where such lights are installed.

(2) Monthly Rate. Commodity charge, [~~seventy-one and six tenths cents (\$0.716)~~] fifty-seven and six tenths cents (\$0.576) per one hundred (100) cubic feet.

(3) Purchased Gas Adjustment. The charges specified in the commodity charge are subject to an adjustment per one hundred (100) cubic feet for increases or decreases in the costs associated with purchased pipeline gas or any gas used as a substitute for or supplement to purchased pipeline gas.

(4) Minimum charge. The minimum charge shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) per month for each gas light.

(5) Utility tax. Bills rendered under this schedule shall be subject to any applicable utility tax.

(6) Term of contracts. Contracts for gas service made under this schedule shall be cancellable at any time.

§ 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect on July 1, 1987, and shall apply to all bills rendered for Cycle 1 gas service for July 1987, and all bills rendered subsequent thereto.