

## **ORDINANCE NO. 06-17G**

### **UTILITY DEPOSITS AND TAP FEES FOR UTILITY CUSTOMERS OF THE VILLAGE OF ELIZABETH AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Board of Aldermen of the Village of Elizabeth who in regular session convened, and elected to amend Ordinance 06-17F to increase and/or provide for water, sewer and gas deposit(s) and/or connection fee(s) for utility customers of the Village of Elizabeth and to clarify the provisions of Ordinance 06-17F. Said amended ordinance to become Ordinance 06-17G and is hereby enacted to read as follows:

**SECTION 1:** Water, sewer and gas deposits and/or connection fees, which are set forth below, are due prior to the connection of utility services unless the Mayor, at his/her discretion, approves a written request for the deposit(s) and/or connection fee(s) to be deferred to a later date.

### **DEPOSITS AND CONNECTION FEES**

#### **Residential Owner:**

- Water Deposit: \$200.00 plus \$25.00 Connection Fee = \$225.00
- Gas Deposit: \$225.00 plus \$25.00 Connection Fee = \$250.00
- Water and Gas Deposit: \$425.00 plus \$50.00 Connection Fee = \$475.00

#### **Residential Rental:**

- Water Deposit: \$250.00 plus \$25.00 Connection Fee = \$275.00
- Gas Deposit: \$275.00 plus \$25.00 Connection Fee = \$300.00
- Water and Gas Deposit: \$525.00 plus \$50.00 Connection Fee = \$575.00

#### **Commercial Owner:**

- Water Deposit: \$225.00 plus \$25.00 Connection Fee = \$250.00
- Gas Deposit: \$250.00 plus \$25.00 Connection Fee = \$275.00
- Water and Gas Deposit: \$475.00 plus \$50.00 Connection Fee = \$525.00

**SECTION 2:** Water, sewer and gas tap fee(s), which are set forth below, are due prior to the connection of utility services unless the Mayor, at his/her discretion, approves a written request for the tap fee(s) to be deferred to a later date. The tap fee(s) set forth below are for flat ground installations only. In the event that large ditches, road bores, excess flow valves, and any other non-flat ground installations result in additional expenditures by the Village of Elizabeth, these additional costs will be added to the tap fee(s) set forth below.

**TAP FEES**

**Residential Owner:**

- Sewer Tap: \$375.00
- Water Tap: (3/4" Meter): \$175.00
- Gas Tap: \$250.00

**Commercial Owner:**

- Sewer Tap: \$475.00
- Water Tap: (1" Meter): \$350.00
- Water Tap: (2" Meter or Larger): \$850.00
- Gas Tap: \$300.00

**SECTION 3:** In the event that utility services are disconnected due to non-payment, the utility customer must bring his/her utility account current within thirty (30) calendar days after the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month in which the utility services were disconnected. In the event that the utility customer does not bring his/her utility account current within the thirty (30) day deadline set forth above, the Village of Elizabeth will close and final bill the utility account by applying the utility customer's deposit that is on file. The utility customer will be responsible for any balance still due and owing after the customer's deposit has been applied to his/her account.

**SECTION 4:** In the event that an existing utility account is closed, a utility customer shall pay the applicable utility deposit(s) and/or connection fee(s) set forth above in Section 2 for said utility account to be re-opened.

**SECTION 5:** Should a utility customer desire to install a natural gas generator at his/her residence and/or commercial structure, said customer must obtain a permit from the Elizabeth Town Hall prior to the installation of the natural gas generator. Permits for the installation of a natural gas generator will be \$25.00. In the event that the installation of the natural gas generator results in the Village of Elizabeth incurring expenditures, these additional costs will be added to the \$25.00 permit fee set forth above.

**SECTION 6:** If any provision of this ordinance is determined to be invalid or contrary to the laws of the State of Louisiana, then it shall not invalidate the entirety of this ordinance but only that provision found to be not in compliance with the laws of the State of Louisiana. Furthermore, any other ordinance and/or provisions found to be in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance herein are hereby repealed.

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**SECTION 7:** The amendment herein shall become effective on February 11, 2025.

**THIS ORDINANCE** was introduced on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025. After Public Hearing having been held on February 10, 2025, title having been read and ordinance considered, on motion by Councilwoman Stacy Weldon and seconded by Councilman Ken Kelly to adopt said Ordinance 06-17G.

A record vote was taken and the following result was had:

Mea Dillehay: Absent      Ken Kelly: Yea      Stacy Weldon: Yea

Approved by:/s/Mandy L Green, Mayor 2.13.25    Attest by:/s/Denise Lee, LCMClerk 2.13.25