

ORDINANCE NO. 20-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, KENTUCKY REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 12-34 AND ESTABLISHING NEW RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR GAS SERVICE AND FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF GAS.

WHEREAS, rates now charged for gas service to customers of the Richmond Water, Gas and Sewer Works were established by Ordinance No. 12-34;

WHEREAS, the rates now charged for transportation of gas purchased by customers from third parties were established by Ordinance No. 12-34;

WHEREAS, since 2012, costs of operating the gas distribution system have increased;

WHEREAS, the Richmond Utilities Board has recommended that rates for gas service be increased to cover the increase in costs and to maintain the financial security of the gas system;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, KENTUCKY, THAT:

1. The schedule of rates to be charged for each class of gas user shall be the wholesale cost of natural gas, adjusted from time to time in accordance with Ordinance No. 82-01, plus the following amount:

Residential

Customer Charge per billing period	\$12.00 (minimum bill)
Delivery Charge per Mcf	\$1.90 per 1000 cu ft.

Commercial

Customer Charge per billing period	\$12.00 (minimum bill)
Delivery Charge per Mcf	\$2.05 per 1000 cu ft.

Industrial

Customer Charge per billing period	\$12.00 (minimum bill)
Delivery Charge	\$2.15 per 1000 cu ft.

2. The monthly minimum bill shall apply to every residential, commercial, and industrial gas meter whether the meter is in service or temporarily disconnected. If the meter reading or calculated consumption for the bill period is greater than zero, a delivery charge (of an amount not less than for one Mcf) shall be added to the minimum bill.

3. If service is discontinued at the request of any residential, commercial, or industrial Customer, Richmond Utilities may refuse service to such Customer at the same premises unless that Customer pays a reconnection fee equal to the number of months disconnected multiplied by the minimum bill for those months. If service is discontinued for greater than six months, then customer must have a licensed plumber perform a pressure test on customer's gas line and this test

must be witnessed by a Richmond Utilities employee.

4. The Richmond Utilities Board is authorized to enter into contracts with customers, using natural gas in the amount of 1000 MCF or more per month, to transport natural gas purchased by those customers from third parties, transporting said gas from the point of delivery to the city-owned system to the customer's site.

5. Richmond Water, Gas and Sewerage Works shall not be responsible for providing back-up gas service to its transportation customers.

6. Customers requiring transportation services shall be required to install monitoring devices as mandated by Richmond Water, Gas and Sewerage Works.

7. The rate to be charged to customers for this transportation service shall be \$1.70 per MCF.

8. The rates established herein shall be applied to all bills mailed on or after April 1, 2020.

Date of First Reading: February 25, 2020
Motion By: Commissioner Morgan
Seconded By: Commissioner McDaniel

Date of Second Reading: March 10, 2020
Motion By: Commissioner McDaniel
Seconded By: Commissioner Morgan

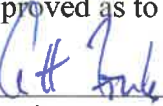
VOTE:	YES	NO
Commissioner Brewer		x
Commissioner Grant	x	
Commissioner McDaniel		x
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	



Mayor

Attest: 

City Clerk

Approved as to form:


City Attorney, Garrett Fowles