

ORDINANCE 961

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 6-101 TO THE CENTRAL CITY MUNICIPAL CODE; TO REPEAL ALL OTHER CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CENTRAL CITY, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. That Chapter 6, Section 6-101, of the Central City Municipal Code be amended to read as follows:

SECTION 6-101: UTILITY DEPOSITS

Residential Utility Deposit Requirements:

A deposit for each new residential utility service shall be required from any residential user in the following amounts prior to the initiation of any utility services:

Water:	\$ 30.00
Sewer:	\$ 30.00
Electricity (no gas service)	\$150.00
Electricity (with gas service)	\$ 75.00
Gas	\$ 75.00
Garbage	\$ 15.00

Such deposit shall be returned to such user whenever the above named utility service is discontinued, after deducting from said deposit any and all amounts due to the City for water, sewer, electricity, gas or garbage service furnished, including charges for labor and materials.

After at least two (2) years of continuous service to the residential customer, if the monthly payments for the account have been made promptly, with no delinquent payments and no more than four (4) payments made past the due date during the immediately preceding 24 month period, the customer's deposit shall be refunded.

Commercial Utility Deposit Requirements:

Except as provided below, all utility service accounts established under the commercial rate structure shall be required to maintain a deposit in an amount to be determined by the utilities office as set forth in this section.

Deposits for any new account, or for any account for which service is reinstated after being disconnected for nonpayment, shall be maintained in the amount of not less than \$300.00, nor more than \$2,000.00, as determined by the utilities office. The exact amount of the deposit required should be equal to the entire utility bill of the highest usage month of the preceding 12 months of continuous utility usage.

The commercial utility deposit required herein shall be refunded to the commercial customer when the utility service has been disconnected, whether at the request of the customer or for non-payment of the customer's bill, OR a new account has been created for said service with a different customer, and a final reading has been taken. Any deposit on hand, minus any amount of unpaid billings, including penalties and other charges, shall be refunded to the customer.

After at least two (2) years of continuous service to the commercial customer, if the monthly payments for the account have been made promptly, with no delinquent payments and no more than four (4) payments made past the due date during the immediately preceding 24 month period, the customer's deposit shall be refunded.

Section 2. Any other ordinance or section passed and approved prior to passage, approval, and publication of this ordinance and in conflict with its provisions is repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of July, 2012.

Clayton Erickson, Mayor

Linda Jensen, City Clerk