

## CHAPTER 110

### GAS UTILITY

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**110.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this chapter is to provide for the operation of the municipally owned gas system.

**110.02 POLICY DIRECTION.** The Mayor and Council shall establish appropriate rules and regulations governing the operation and maintenance of the gas system.

**110.03 SUPERINTENDENT.** The Gas Superintendent is responsible for execution of policies governing the system as established by the Council.

**110.04 SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS.** The rules and regulations for gas service are contained in the *City of Bloomfield Service Rules of the Municipal Gas Utility*, on file with the Utilities Division of the Iowa Department of Commerce. Also, an official copy of the rules and regulations as adopted is now on file in the office of the Clerk. The rules and regulations contained therein shall apply to all users of the municipal gas system.

**110.05 RATES.** The rates for gas service for all categories (residential and commercial) are as follows:

Availability Charge	\$15.00 per month
Usage Charge	\$4.00 per 1,000 cubic feet (MCF), plus the actual cost to the City for the City's purchase of gas and the actual cost of transportation of purchased gas to the City's border station.

*(Section 110.05 – Ord. 728 – May 23 Supp.)*

#### **110.06 BILLING FOR GAS SERVICE.**

1. Bills for combined service accounts shall be due and payable at the office of the Clerk by the tenth day of each month.
2. Late Payment Penalty. Bills not paid when due shall be considered delinquent. A late payment penalty of 1 ½ percent per month of the amount due shall be added to each delinquent bill.

*(Ch. 110 - Ord. 621 – July 06 Supp.)*

**110.07 SETOFF.** Gas utility services charges remaining unpaid and delinquent shall also be sent to the Iowa Department of Revenue for setoff pursuant to procedures adopted by the department.

Disconnection for nonpayment may occur only after the City has sent written notice of disconnection by regular mail postmarked at least 12 days before service is to be shut off. This notice must include the reason for disconnection. If disconnection is scheduled between November 1 and April 1 and it has not been possible to contact the obligor by telephone or in person, a notice shall be placed on the door of the property at least one day before service is disconnected.

The obligor may request a hearing by submitting a request in writing to the City Clerk by noon on the day preceding the scheduled shutoff date. The hearing board shall be the Director of Public Works, one Council member and the Mayor or his/her designee. The hearing shall be held within two business days of the request for hearing. The hearing may be held in person, by telephone or by video conference. The decision of the hearing board is final.

(Section 110.07 – Ord. 731 – Feb. 24 Supp.)