

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-05

An Ordinance to Amend Section 90-32, Deposit for Utility Services

WHEREAS, the City of Alexander City ("City") owns and operates its own utilities; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to use best management practices to assure payment of accounts as well as provide for a deposit for each account which will be fair to the customer and to the City if the account becomes delinquent; and

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Alexander City, Alabama, Section 90-32, Deposit for Utility Services is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1. A utility customer shall be required to:

- a. Sign an Application for Utility Service which will include providing a Social Security number or other Federal or State identification document.
- b. Authorize a soft credit check to be used by the Utility Collections Department to determine the deposit amount.
- c. Consent to contacts for collection of delinquent accounts by City or City's agent.
- d. Acknowledge the City's prosecution for theft of utilities as per Ala. Code Section 13A-8-10 and 13A-8-23
- e. Sign a Disclosure Consent form which includes the consent for a soft credit check, consent to contact for purposes of collection by the City's employees or agents, and acknowledgment of the City's position regarding Theft of Utilities.

SECTION 2. Based upon the credit information received, the Utility Collections Department shall follow the below schedule for the deposit amount required for residential customers based on credit equaling Green, Yellow or Red.

SECTION 3. The following chart shall apply for both residential and non-residential customers.

Residential				Business	Restaurant	Industrial
Credit Score 665 - 850	Green	Electric	\$50	\$500.00 (total)	\$500 up to 10 tables \$1000 11 to 20 tables \$1500 21 or more tables	Estimated on predicted load amount.
	Green	Gas	\$50			
	Green	Sewer	\$50			
	Green	Water	\$50			
Credit Score 575 - 664	Yellow	Electric	\$100		** After 30 days of opening the City will reassess the number of table tops and adjust the deposit amount accordingly.	** After 30 days of opening the City will reassess and adjust the deposit amount accordingly.
	Yellow	Gas	\$100			
	Yellow	Sewer	\$100			
	Yellow	Water	\$100			
Credit Score 300 - 574	Red	Electric	\$150			
	Red	Gas	\$150			
	Red	Sewer	\$150			
	Red	Water	\$150			

SECTION 4.

- 1. An "New Service Administrative Fee" of \$50 shall be charged when a customer (business or residential) initiates a new account.
- 2. A "Transfer Fee" of \$25 shall be charged when a customer with an existing account (business or residential) requests to transfer services of the account to a new location.

SECTION 5. For customers who manage multiple rental properties, a Standing Deposit will be determined by the Utility Collections Department shall be utilized.

SECTION 6. Repealer Clause. All former ordinances or parts thereof conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance or the section hereby adopted are repealed.

SECTION 7. Severability. If any section, clause, provision or portion of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of any competent jurisdiction, said section shall not affect any other section, clause, provision or portion of this Ordinance which is not in or itself invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 8. Effective Date. This Ordinance and the section hereby adopted shall take effect and be enforced 30 days after its adoption and publication as required by law.

SECTION 9. Publication. The City Clerk of the City of Alexander City is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this Ordinance to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Alexander City, Alabama.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 15th day of March 2021.

ATTEST:

Amanda F. Thomas
Amanda F. Thomas, City Clerk

Audrey "Buffy" Colvin
Audrey "Buffy" Colvin, Council President

Curtis "Woody" Baird
Curtis "Woody" Baird, Mayor

CERTIFICATION OF CITY CLERK

The undersigned, as City Clerk of the City of Alexander City, Alabama, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true, correct and complete copy of **Ordinance No. 2021-05** which was adopted by the City Council on this 15th day of March 2021.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, as City Clerk of the City Alexander City, Alabama, under the seal thereof, this 15th day of March 2021.



Amanda F. Thomas
City Clerk of the
City of Alexander City, Alabama

Yeas: Tapley, Colvin, C. Brown, Keel

Nays: None

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