

ORDINANCE NO. 2268

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CRETE, NEBRASKA RELATING TO CITY DEPARTMENTS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 3-121, 3-221, AND 3-321 OF THE CRETE MUNICIPAL CODE; TO AMEND SERVICE DEPOSIT PROCEDURE FOR ELECTRIC, WATER AND SEWER SERVICE.

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

Section 1. That Chapter 3, Article 1, Section 3-121 of the Crete Municipal Code be amended as follows:

3-121 Electric Department; Service Deposit; Refund

- (1) Applicants for electric service shall be required to include a service deposit with their application to ensure the payment of electric bills and other charges. The amount of the service deposit shall be set forth in the City's Master Fee Schedule
- (2) Service deposits shall remain in the custody of the Electric Department for up to ten years but may be refunded to a customer when (i) service has not been disconnected, payment delinquent, or payment waived past a disconnection date on more than one occasion over two consecutive years for residential service or over three consecutive years for other service classifications or (ii) service is no longer desired or otherwise permanently terminated. Service deposits less such amount as the customer may owe the Electric Department for service and other charges, if any shall be refunded. In the event of disconnection after a service deposit has been refunded, the customer will be required to pay reconnection fees in addition to a new service deposit, which will be the current deposit amount for their specific rate class. Any service deposit may be transferred by a customer between service locations in the city but may not be transferred by a customer to any other customer.

Section 2. That Chapter 3, Article 1, Section 3-221 of the Crete Municipal Code be amended as follows:

3-221 Water Department; Service Deposit

- (1) Applicants for water service shall be required to include a service deposit with their application to ensure the payment of water bills and other charges. The amount of the service deposit shall be set forth in the City's Master Fee Schedule.
- (2) Service deposits shall remain in the custody of the Water Department for a minimum of ~~two~~ years up to ten years. Service deposits may be refunded to customers when (i) service has not been disconnected, payment delinquent, or payment waived past a disconnection date on more than one occasion over two consecutive years for residential service or over three consecutive years for other service classifications or (ii) service is no longer desired or otherwise permanently terminated. Service deposits less such amount as the customer may owe the Water Department for service and other charges, if any, shall be refunded.

Section 3. That Chapter 3, Article 1, Section 3-321 of the Crete Municipal Code be amended as follows:

3-321 Sewer Department; Service Deposit

- (1) Applicants for sewer service may be required to include a service deposit with their application to ~~insure~~ ensure the payment of sewer bills and other charges. The amount of the service deposit shall be set for the in the City's Master Fee Schedule.
- (2) Service deposits shall remain in the custody of the Sewer Department for a minimum of up to ten years as long as the applicant is a customer of the Sewer Department. Service deposits may be refunded to customers when (i) service has not been disconnected, payment delinquent, or payment

waived past a disconnection date on more than one occasion over two consecutive years for residential service or over three consecutive years for other service classifications or (ii) service is no longer desired or otherwise permanently terminated. Service deposits less such amount as the customer may owe the Sewer Department for service and other charges, if any, shall be refunded to the customer when service is no longer desired or otherwise permanently terminated.

Section 4. That the above section shall be codified as part of the Crete City Code as stated herein.

Section 5. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 6. This ordinance shall be published in pamphlet, book, or electronic form and shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication, as provided by law.

PASSED AND ENACTED the ____ day of February 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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