ORDINANCE NO. 1779 OF 2020

ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 27 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RUSTON, LOUISIANA

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF RUSTON, LOUISIANA:

§1. Article IV of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Ruston, Louisiana is amended to provide as follows:

ARTICLE IV. - RATES

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Sec. 27-126. – Residential rate schedule.

(a) Generally. The residential electric rate schedule in this section is applicable to electric service for all domestic purposes in a private residence or an individual family apartment, or for combined domestic and farm purposes, when all such service required by the customer on the premises is supplied by the city, at one point of delivery, and is measured through one kilowatt-hour (kWh) meter. Service under such schedule shall not be resold, submetered, used for standby or shared with others.

(b) Rates. The electric service rates are as follows:

(1) The energy charge shall be $0.035 per kWh, except $0.0195 per kWh shall be charged for all kWhs used over 800 per month during the billing months of November through the following April.

(2) The minimum account fee shall be $6.95, including the energy cost adjustment.

(c) *Deposits to ensure payment of service charges.* At the discretion of the city, a deposit may be required at the time of a service request, which shall be equivalent to the estimated charge for four months of service. The city will return such deposits after termination of service or upon request by customer after two years of timely bill payments. Refunds not claimed will be transferred to the Louisiana Unclaimed Property Division as governed by the Louisiana Uniform Unclaimed Property Act of 1997, La. R.S. 9:151 et seq.

(c) Meter security seal. Each customer's meter shall be sealed at the time of installation. City employees shall be the only individuals authorized to break such seals. If a customer's meter seal is observed to be broken at any time, the customer's electric service shall be disconnected and a penalty shall be assessed in order to restore service to such customer.

(d) Energy cost adjustment. Each customer's billing will be adjusted using an energy cost adjustment (ECA) calculated as follows:

ECA = Total cost of all energy purchased/(Net kWh generated and purchased) × (1 - annual loss rate)

(Code 1961, § 14:30; Ord. No. 937, § 1, 6-4-1984; Ord. No. 984, § 1, 5-4-1987; Ord. No. 1027, § 1, 7-17-1989; Ord. No. 1080, § 1, 7-15-1991; Ord. No. 1525, § 2, 5-7-2007; Ord. No. 1663, §§ 1—4, 6-1-2015)

Sec. 27-127. - General service rate schedule.

(a) *Generally*. The rate schedule set forth in this section shall be applicable to electric service at a single metering point throughout the entire territory served by the city for all service other than residential service or service for customers owning generation of 5,000 Kw or larger that is operated in parallel with the city's electrical system.

(b) *Monthly rate.* The monthly rate shall be computed on demand, and the energy charge shall be as follows:

(1) Monthly demand charge:

	Per kw
First 30 kw	No charge
All over 30 kw	$2.75

(2) Monthly energy charge:

	Per kwh
First 100 kwh	$0.07
Next 400 kwh	0.055
Next 500 kwh	0.05
Next 4,000 kwh	0.035
Next 10,000 kwh	0.027
Next 15,000 kwh	0.023
All over 30,000 kwh	0.015

(3) The minimum account fee shall be $6.95, including the energy cost adjustment.

(c) *Demand charge.* The billing demand shall be the maximum kw measured during any consecutive 15-minute interval during the current billing period, but shall not be less than the highest consecutive 15-minute kw established during the preceding 11 months. A demand meter shall be installed at the option of the city when the customer's monthly energy consumption exceeds 5,500 kwh, or when the customer's requested service or connected load exceeds 30 kw.

(d) *Power factor.* All customers incurring a demand charge under subsection (c) of this section will be expected to maintain a power factor of nine-tenths or above. Periodic power factor checks may be made at the option of the city. Customers found to have a power factor deficiency as measured at the time of the monthly system peak on a 15-

minute demand interval basis, will be required to correct their power factor within a reasonable time or be subject to the following penalty. Customers with a power factor below nine-tenths will receive a bill adjustment calculated by the following formula:

0.90/Measured Power Factor × Demand in kW

(e) *Deposits to ensure payment of service charges.* At the discretion of the city, a deposit may be required at the time of a service request, which shall be equivalent to the estimated charge for four months of service. The city will return such deposits after termination of service or upon request by customer after two years of timely bill payments. Refunds not claimed will be transferred to the Louisiana Unclaimed Property Division as governed by the Louisiana Uniform Unclaimed Property Act of 1997, La. R.S. 9:151 et seq.

(f) Energy cost adjustment. Each customer's billing will be adjusted using an energy cost adjustment (ECA) calculated as follows:

ECA = Total cost of all energy purchased/(Net kWh generated and purchased) × (1 - annual loss rate)

(Code 1961, § 14:30; Ord. No. 937, § 1, 6-4-1984; Ord. No. 984, § 1, 5-4-1987; Ord. No. 987, § 1, 7-6-1987; Ord. No. 1467, § 1, 9-6-2005; Ord. No. 1525, § 3, 5-7-2007; Ord. No. 1663, §§ 5—7, 6-1-2015)

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Sec. 27-134. – Renewable Power Facilities.

(a) *Generally*. Applicable to customers desiring to operate and maintain solar, other renewable energy facilities, or any other type of Distributed Generation.

(b) *Residential Customers*. Residential customers shall complete an application with the City of Ruston Inspection Department and execute a Net Metering Interconnection Agreement. Once approved the City will install a net meter and monitor flow of energy. Customers shall pay the full Residential Service retail rate for all energy purchased from the City of Ruston, shall pay a zero rate for all energy self-generated and shall be credited at Avoided Cost for the energy sold back to the City of Ruston.

(c) *Commercial Customers.* Commercial customers shall complete an application with the City of Ruston Inspection Department and execute a Net Metering Interconnection Agreement. Maximum connection to the City of Ruston Electric System shall not exceed 300 kW. Commercial customers shall pay the full General Service retail rate for all energy purchased from the City of Ruston, shall pay a zero rate for all energy self-generated and shall be credited at Avoided Cost for the energy sold back to the City of Ruston.

(d) Avoided Cost. Avoided Cost shall be calculated at the 12 month Locational Marginal Price and will be updated annually. Calculation will be based upon the 12 month average for the prior year of the Locational Marginal Price.

Secs. 27-135 – 27-145. – Reserved.

§2. If any one or more of the provisions of this Ordinance shall, for any reason, be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance, but this Ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained herein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of this Ordinance which validates or makes legal one or more of the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be deemed to apply to this Ordinance.

§3. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

§4. This Ordinance shall become effective upon final adoption and publication of the same in the manner prescribed by law.

This Ordinance was introduced on June 1, 2020, by Alderwoman Angela Mayfield, Notice of Public Hearing was published on June 7, 2020, and said public hearing having been held, the title having been read and the Ordinance considered, on motion to adopt, as amended, by Alderman Jedd Lewis, seconded by Alderwoman Carolyn Cage, a record vote was taken and the following result was had:

YEA: ALDERWOMAN CAROLYN CAGE
ALDERMAN JEDD LEWIS
ALDERWOMAN ANGELA MAYFIELD
ALDERMAN BRUCE SIEGMUND

NAY: NONE

ABSTAINED: NONE

ABSENT: ALDERMAN JIM PEARCE

WHEREUPON, the presiding officer declared the above Ordinance duly adopted on the 6th day of July, 2020.

ATTEST:

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JULIE KEEN, CLERK **RONNY WALKER, MAYOR**