

## ORDINANCE NO. 625

### AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTION 9-302 OF ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 9 OF THE CITY OF WATFORD CITY ORDINANCES REGARDING TAMPERING WITH OR DAMAGING A PUBLIC SERVICE.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Watford City, North Dakota:

The following ordinance shall be repealed

#### **9-302 Tampering With or Damaging a Public Service**

1. A person is guilty of an offense if he causes a substantial interruption or impairment of a public communication, transportation, supply of water, gas, power, or other public service by;
  - a. Tampering with or damaging the tangible property of another;
  - b. Incapacitating an operator of such service; or
  - c. Negligently damaging the tangible property of another by fire, explosive, or other dangerous means.
2. The offense is a class C felony if the actor engages in the conduct intentionally and a **Class A Misdemeanor** if the actor engages in the conduct knowingly or recklessly. Otherwise, it is a **Class B Misdemeanor**.

And replaced with:

#### **9-302 Tampering with or damaging a critical infrastructure facility or a public service - Penalty.**

1. An individual may not cause a substantial interruption or impairment of a critical infrastructure facility or a public service by:
  - a. Tampering with or damaging the tangible property of another;
  - b. Incapacitating an operator of a critical infrastructure facility or a public service;
  - c. Damaging, destroying, vandalizing, defacing, or tampering with equipment in a critical infrastructure facility;
  - d. Damaging, destroying, vandalizing, defacing, impeding, inhibiting, or tampering with the operations of a critical infrastructure facility; or
  - e. Interfering, inhibiting, impeding, or preventing the construction or repair of a critical infrastructure facility.
2. A violation of this section is a class C felony if the actor engages in the conduct intentionally and a class A misdemeanor if the actor engages in the conduct knowingly or recklessly. Otherwise it is a class B misdemeanor.
3. This section does not apply to an employee or contractor acting within the scope of the employee's or contractor's employment. As used in this subsection, "employee or contractor" means any person hired or under contract to provide services to a critical infrastructure facility or public service.

4. An organization that has pled guilty or been convicted of a violation under section 12.1-06-04 of the North Dakota Century Code for conspiring with an individual who has pled guilty or been convicted under subsection 1 must be assessed a fine equivalent to the penalty authorized by subsection 2 for each individual who has pled guilty or been convicted under subsection 1, not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars.

5. This section may not be construed to prevent or prohibit lawful assembly and peaceful and orderly petition for the redress of grievances, including a labor dispute between an employer and its employee.

6. As used in this section, "critical infrastructure facility" includes:

- a. A petroleum or alumina refinery;
- b. An electrical power generating facility, substation, switching station, electrical control center, or electric power line and associated equipment infrastructure;
- c. A chemical, polymer, or rubber manufacturing facility;
- d. A drinking water source, water transmission line, water treatment plant, water distribution system, ground water monitoring well, wastewater treatment plant, or wastewater collection system;
- e. A natural gas compressor station;
- f. A liquid natural gas terminal or storage facility;
- g. Wireline telecommunications and internet infrastructure, including central offices, fiber optic lines, cable lines, and all additional equipment associated with the provision of broadband or telecommunication services;
- h. Wireless telecommunications infrastructure, including a cell tower, telephone pole or line, including a fiber optic line;
- i. A port, railroad switching yard, railroad track, trucking terminal, or other freight transportation facility;
- j. A gas processing plant, including a plant used in the processing, treatment, or fractionation of natural gas or a natural gas liquid;
- k. A transmission facility used by a federally licensed radio or television station;
- l. A steel-making facility using an electric arc furnace to make steel;
- m. A facility identified and regulated by the United States department of homeland security chemical facility anti-terrorism standards program;
- n. A dam regulated by the state or federal government;
- o. A natural gas transmission or distribution utility facility, including a pipeline interconnection, a city gate or town border station, a metering station, below or aboveground piping, a regulator station, and a natural gas storage facility;
- p. A crude oil or refined product storage and distribution facility, including a valve site, pipeline interconnection, pump station, metering station, below or aboveground pipeline or piping, and a truck loading or offloading facility;
- q. Any below or aboveground portion of an oil, gas, hazardous liquid, or chemical pipeline, tank, railroad facility, or other storage facility;
- r. An oil and gas production site; and
- s. A site or location designated or approved for the construction of a facility described in this subsection.

Beard moved the adoption of the foregoing Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Bulzomi. On roll call vote of the Council members, the following Council members voted "AYE": Renville, Sanford, Bulzomi, and Beard, and the following Council members voted "NAY": none. Absent and not voting: Devlin and Liebel.

WHEREUPON, the motion was passed and the Ordinance declared adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2023.



Mayor Philip K. Riely  
City of Watford City

ATTEST:



Peni Peterson, City Auditor

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