

## **ORDINANCE ORD-2025-6**

### **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE IV OF THE DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, GEORGIA REGARDING SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS, NATURAL GAS ORDINANCE, AND PIPELINE SALES AND TO MOVE PROVISIONS RELATED TO NATURAL GAS ORDINANCE AND PIPELINE SALES (AS AMENDED) TO THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, GEORGIA**

The City Council of the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia hereby ordains that the Development Regulations for the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia and that the Code of the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia shall be amended as follows:

#### **Section 1:**

That Article IV of the Development Regulations for the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia is amended by deleting all references to Natural Gas Ordinance in the title.

#### **Section 2:**

That Section 4-102 of the Development Regulations for the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia related to subdivision regulations and natural gas ordinance, is hereby amended by deleting section 4-102 in its entirety and replacing the language to read as follows:

#### **4-102 Subdivision Regulations**

The Subdivision Regulations of the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia are hereby enacted, affirmed and incorporated herein by reference into this Article. The Subdivision Regulations of the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia are included hereto as Attachment 2.

#### **Section 3:**

That Section 4-103 of the Development Regulations for the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia related to pipeline sales, is hereby amended by deleting section 4-103 in its entirety and reserving said section for future use as follows:

#### **4-103 Reserved**

#### **Section 4:**

That the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia is amended by adding a new article to Chapter 38, said new article to be designated as Article IX – Natural Gas Utility and to read as follows:

## **ARTICLE IX – NATURAL GAS UTILITY**

### **Sec. 38-240. – Natural Gas Ordinance.**

(a) The purpose of this ordinance is to insure the safe, reliable and efficient distribution of natural gas to the Natural Gas customers of the City of Lawrenceville.

(b) Application:

(1) For projects to be constructed inside the city limits of Lawrenceville, the application shall cross reference the plats filed in the City Planning and Development Department.

(2) For projects to be constructed outside the city limits of Lawrenceville, the contractor or developer shall submit a final plat to the Gas Department showing the lot numbers and addresses of the lots in the subdivision.

(3) The Gas Department shall review the application, the plats, and approve the application. An approved City Official shall sign any contracts.

(4) Should the Gas Department refuse to approve an application, the contractor or developer may appeal to the City Council for review of the Department's decision. The appeal must be submitted in writing to the City Clerk within ten days of the Department's decision.

(c) Natural Gas Rates:

(1) Base Consumption Rate: The base consumption rate for natural gas charges to all customers shall be the actual cost of gas per unit paid by the City of Lawrenceville. The rate per unit is calculated by the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia and submitted to the City of Lawrenceville in the form of an invoice for all natural gas units consumed by the City of Lawrenceville natural gas system. The invoice of the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia shall include all costs of transportation, regulatory fees and all charges for the units of natural gas consumed. The calculation shall be reduced to a unit measure of 1,000 cubic feet ("MCF").

(2) Surcharge: In addition to the cost calculated pursuant to part (1) of this paragraph, an additional surcharge shall be charged to each customer for each MCF used. This surcharge is the cost charged by the City of Lawrenceville for providing the services from the point of delivery of the units to the city on the transportation system to the customers residential or commercial site for utilization. This rate is subject to modification after a public hearing before the City Council of the City of Lawrenceville, which meeting shall be properly advertised for the purpose of notification of gas customers. The surcharge is effective on July 1 of each year and shall be:

**2025**

**2026**

**2027**

Residential & Commercial	\$4.20	\$4.35	\$4.50
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- (3) Base Charge: In addition to the costs in part (2) an additional monthly base fee residential customers for commercial customers will be charged per meter per month. The rates are as follows and shall be effective on July 1 of each year:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Residential	\$28.00	\$30.00	\$32.00
Dual Fuel Additional Charge	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Small Commercial	\$34.00	\$36.00	\$38.00
Large Commercial 1.5M	\$45.00	\$47.50	\$50.00
Large Commercial 2.0M	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$60.00
Large Commercial 3.0M	\$55.00	\$60.00	\$65.00
Large Commercial 5.0M	\$75.00	\$80.00	\$85.00
Large Commercial 7.0M	\$80.00	\$85.00	\$90.00
Large Commercial 11.0M	\$100.00	\$105.00	\$110.00
Large Commercial 16.0M	\$215.00	\$220.00	\$225.00
Large Commercial 23.0M	\$250.00	\$260.00	\$275.00

- (4) Special Rates:

- a. The City Manager is authorized to enter into specific contracts with customers for gas rates that differ from paragraph (1), (2) and (3) above in the event the customer can demonstrate that they utilize a large quantity of natural gas during off-season periods when demand is lower and the utilization of the natural gas assists the City in covering the cost of transportation. In addition, the City Manager shall be authorized to enter into contracts with large volume customers at preferred rates. This special rate procedure shall only be authorized after a written agreement is submitted to the City Council for review and approval.
- b. As of the adoption of this ordinance, the City of Lawrenceville has a special rate for Publix Distribution Center facility, Ricoh and the Gwinnett County Hospital System. Contracts with these three specialized users are hereby approved consistent with the contracts that have already been reviewed by the City Council. Specialized contracts for specialized rates must be reduced to writing and be available for review at the City Clerk's Office.

- (5) Permit Fee: If the Gas Department approves the application, it shall notify the contractor

or developer in writing. The Gas Department shall also assess a permit fee based on the number of linear feet of pipe needed for construction of the pipeline. The Gas Department shall set and publish permitting fees based on linear feet of pipe and shall be the exclusive agent for installing and supplying pipe. Upon payment of the permitting fee, the City shall install the pipe and connect it to the City's system. This permit fee may be waived by the Department Director of the Gas Department provided the contractor or developer installs sufficient natural gas appliances to qualify for the City's Marketing Program.

(6) Inspection: The City Gas Department is authorized to inspect and access all gas lines and meters at any time.

(7) Minimum Monthly Charge: The minimum monthly charge will be the Base Service Charge .

(8) Senior Discount: Persons aged 65 years of age or older may request a discount. To qualify for the discount the customer must:

- a. Have a total household income at or below 150% of the current year's federal poverty guidelines;
- b. Have a residential City of Lawrenceville Gas account for a primary residence in the customer's name;
- c. Have Gas service from a single meter that is installed for individual use;
- d. Complete a senior / low-income discount application form.

(d) Terms of Payment: If the account is not paid by the due date, a late fee in the amount specified in this Code will be added to the account. Further failure to pay a bill will subject the customer to disconnection and/or disconnection charges specified in this Code.

#### Section 5:

All ordinances, regulations, or parts of the same, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby rescinded to the extent of said conflict and only to the extent of said conflict.

#### Section 6:

If any section, article, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word in this ordinance, or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance; and the City Council hereby declares it would have passed such remaining portions of the ordinance despite such invalidity, which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 7:

This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption by the City Council.

**IT IS SO ORDAINED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2025.

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David R. Still, Mayor

Attest:

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Karen Pierce, City Clerk