

Notice is hereby given that at 6:30 p.m. on October 7, 2019 at 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia the Mayor and Council of the City of Covington, Georgia, shall provide for a hearing on the passage of an ordinance entitled:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND THE COVINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE, ENACTED AND ADOPTED ON THE 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2001, AS AMENDED BY PREVIOUS AMENDMENTS, TO ALTER CERTAIN PROVISION OF TITLE 13 OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING SECTION 13.08.380 (RIDERS AND ADJUSTMENTS) OF CHAPTER 13.08 (ELECTRIC SYSTEM) THEREOF, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

A copy of said proposed ordinance is posted on the bulletin board at the City Hall, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia.

This 8th day of October, 2019.

THE CITY OF COVINGTON
Audra M. Gutierrez
City Clerk

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Covington duly assembled and its ordained by the authority of same that Chapter 13.08 (Electric System) of Title 13 (Public Services) of the Covington Municipal Code are hereby amended as follows:

1.

By deleting the contents of subsection C of Section 13.08.380 (Riders and adjustments) and adopting the following in lieu thereof:

“C. Distributed Generation Rider (Before 2017). Applicable to customers in all areas served by the city, under any rate defined in Section 13.08, installing distributed generation on or after January 1, 2017, and subject to its service rules, regulations, terms, policies and procedures, as amended from time to time, which are incorporated herein by this reference, and desiring to sell electrical energy to the city produced by the distributed generation facility, which must be eligible for participation subject to the terms and provisions of the Georgia Cogeneration and Distributed Generation Act of 2001 or successor legislation (the "DG Act"). Customer's account(s) with the city must be in good standing.

Distributed generation facility must:

1. Be owned (or leased) and operated by an existing customer for production of electric energy;
2. Be located on the customer's premises;
3. Be connected to and operate in parallel with the city's distribution facilities;
4. Be intended primarily to offset part or all of the customer's generator's requirement for electricity;

5. Have peak generating capacity of not more than ten (10) kW for residential applications and not more than one hundred twenty-five (125) percent of actual or expected maximum annual peak demand of the premises for commercial applications; and

6. Use solar photovoltaic system, wind, fuel cell, or hydro generation.

MONTHLY METERING COST:

Bi-directional metering charge \$4.50 per month.

All installed costs for metering and associated equipment will be paid by the customer at the time service is initiated under this section.

Bi-directional metering is defined as measuring the amount of electricity supplied by the city and the amount fed back to the city by the customer's distributed generation facility during the billing period using the same meter. Bi-directional metering shall be used where distributed generation facilities are connected to the city on the customer's side of the customer's meter.

MONTHLY CAPACITY COST:

The city requires each customer with a distributed generation facility to pay the monthly stand-by capacity charges based on sixty (60) percent of the installed nameplate capacity rating (in kW) of the customer's system.

Stand-by Capacity Charge

Residential (Flat Charge)

1 kW to 5 kW Nameplate \$5.50 per month

6 kW to 8kW Nameplate \$9.50 per month

9kW to 10kW Nameplate \$15.00 per month

Commercial non-demand \$ 15.16 per kW per month

Commercial demand \$20.26 per kW per month

Industrial \$16.69 per kW per month

Time of Use \$14.84 per kW per month

PAYMENT FOR ENERGY

Bi-directional Metering.

1. When electricity supplied by the city exceeds electricity generated by the customer's distributed generation, the customer will be billed by the city in accordance with the applicable tariff(s).

2. When electricity generated by the customer's distributed generation system exceeds electricity supplied by the city, the customer will be billed for the customer charges as provided in the standard rate for that billing period and credited for excess kWh generated during that period at the city's avoided energy cost.

Avoided Energy Cost

Payments by the city to the customer for the billing period metered avoided energy kWhs will be computed by the city in its sole discretion based on the six-month period April through September average monthly wholesale market price as determined by the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (MEAG Power), the city's wholesale energy provider.

In the event the customer develops a credit balance during a billing period, the balance will remain as a credit on the customer's account. Credit balances remaining at the end of the city's fiscal year will be cleared by the issuance of a check to customer for the credit balance. Mid-year clearance of account credit balances will be at the city's discretion.

SAFETY, POWER QUALITY, AND INTERCONNECTION REQUIREMENTS:

The customer will be responsible for the cost of maintaining a safe and reliable interconnection with the city. The city will provide, upon request, the following documents which

must be completed and submitted to the city for approval prior to interconnection by the customer to the city's distribution system:

1. Application for interconnection of distributed generation facility.
2. Interconnection agreement.
3. Electrical power exchange agreement.

All provisions of the said documents are incorporated by this reference into this rider and made a part hereof. For the avoidance of doubt, the customer shall be deemed to have agreed to such provisions by applying for service under this rider.

The city will only be required to purchase energy from eligible distributed generation facilities on a first-come, first-served basis until the cumulative generating capacity of all renewable energy sources from all customers equals the percentage of the city's annual peak demand in the previous year as set forth in O.C.G.A. § 46-3-56(a). Additional energy may be purchased by the city at its sole discretion at a cost agreed to by it and the customer provider. The city shall not be required to purchase energy from customers in excess of amounts required by the DG Act.

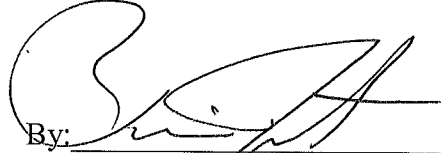
The city reserves the right to separate the customer's generating equipment from city lines and facilities when, in the city's sole judgment, the continued parallel operation may be unsafe or may cause damage to persons or property. Upon such separation, the city shall promptly notify the customer so that any unsafe condition can be corrected.”

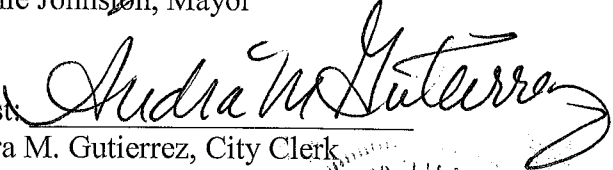
2.

This ordinance shall be effective as of the date of its enactment. All ordinances and parts of the ordinances in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

ENACTED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of October, 2019.

CITY OF COVINGTON

By: 
Ronnie Johnston, Mayor

Attest: 
Audra M. Gutierrez, City Clerk

(CITY SEAL)

