

ORDINANCE NO. 089, 2023
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
AMENDING CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FORT
COLLINS REGARDING CALCULATION AND COLLECTION OF
DEVELOPMENT FEES IMPOSED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
OF NEW OR MODIFIED ELECTRIC SERVICE CONNECTIONS

WHEREAS, the City Council is empowered and directed by Article XII, Section 6, of the City Charter to fix, establish, maintain and provide for the collection of such rates, fees or charges for utility services furnished by the City as will produce revenues sufficient to pay the costs, expenses and other obligations of the electric utility, as set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Code Sections 26-473 through 26-475, the City imposes development fees for new or modified electric service connections, including an Electric Capacity Fee (“ECF”) and a Building Site Charge (“BSC”); and

WHEREAS, the ECF is a one-time charge designed to recover the initial cost of adding new development to the electric system, and the BSC is designed to recover actual time and material costs associated with building onsite electric facilities at the specific development; and

WHEREAS, the ECF and BSC together represent the total electric plant investment fee (PIF) for new development; and

WHEREAS, Fort Collins Utilities staff uses an approved cost allocation methodology to calculate ECF and BSC to assign costs based on actual system value, i.e. the “buy-in” approach also used to calculate service connection fees for water and wastewater services; and

WHEREAS, Utilities staff recently identified a need to clarify in the City Code the ECF applicable to multi-family developments requiring two-hundred-amp service connections; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Board considered the proposed 2023 multi-family ECF clarification in a meeting on June 8, 2023, and provided feedback to Utilities staff; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, it is the desire of the City Council to amend Chapter 26 of the City Code to update the values and costs applied in calculating ECF for new or modified multi-family two-hundred-amp electric service connections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby makes and adopts the determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

Section 2. That Subsection 26-474(b) of the Code of the City of Fort Collins is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 26-474. - Residential electric development fees and charges.

...

(b) The ECF shall be the total of the dwelling unit charge and systems modification charge, to be determined as follows:

...

(2) The dwelling unit charge shall be as follows:

a. Charge for a detached or attached single-family or multi-family panel size with two hundred (200) amp service	\$2,286
...	

...

Section 3. That the modifications set forth above shall be effective for all fees paid on or after August 1, 2023.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 20th day of June, 2023, and to be presented for final passage on the 18th day of July, 2023.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Chief Deputy City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 18th day of July, 2023.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Chief Deputy City Clerk