

**State of Minnesota
County of Watonwan**

RESOLUTION NO. 07.25.08

**RESOLUTION AMENDING ELECTRIC SERVICE RATES EFFECTIVE
January 15, 2026**

WHEREAS, an analysis of the cost of providing electric service indicates the need for additional revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ST. JAMES, MINNESOTA, that pursuant to the authority granted by section 3.02 of the City Code, the change for electrical service is hereby established according to the following schedule and conditions to take effect on the 15th Day of January each year and may be amended from time to time:

ST. JAMES MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULE

Residential Service

APPLICABLE TO: Residential customers for all domestic uses in single-family dwellings and individually metered apartments within the service territory of the City of St. James including use of motors of not more than 5 horsepower individual capacity. Space heating and air conditioning shall be served under this schedule.

SERVICE AVAILABLE: Single-phase, 60 hertz, 120/240-volt 400-amp max., 3-wire, single meter.

	Current Rate	2026	2027	2028
Meter Charge (No KWH)	\$21.50	\$22.50	\$23.50	\$24.50
Energy Charge All KWH	\$.0860	\$.090	\$.095	\$.100

METER DEPOSIT: Residential – rental units and contract for deed holders - \$200.00 deposit, interest will be paid annually at an interest rate set by the Minnesota Department of Commerce. Meter Deposit will be refunded to contract for deed holders at the time the contract for deed is paid in full and verification is provided to the city. Renters will have the meter deposit applied to the final bill, after renter has vacated the rental unit.

MULTIPLE DWELLINGS: Where residential service in an apartment building or other multiple units dwelling is measured through one meter, the minimum bill and base rate shall be multiplied by the number of apartments served. In houses where five (5) or more rooms equipped for living purposes are for rent, each five rooms or fraction thereof, exclusive of apartments, shall be counted as one (1) apartment.

Commercial Service

APPLICABLE TO: Any commercial, industrial, City, or farm load within the service territory of the City of St. James, for all purposes. Loads less than 50 KW.

SERVICE AVAILABLE: Single-phase, 60 hertz, 120/240-volt, 400-amp max., 3-wire, single meter. Three-phase, 60 hertz, three-phase, 240/120 V, 208 Y/120 V, OR 480 Y/277 V

	Current Rate	2026	2027	2028
Meter Charge				
Single-Phase	\$27.00	\$28.75	\$30.25	\$32.00
Three-Phase	\$45.00	\$47.50	\$49.50	\$52.00
Energy Charge All KWH	\$.0950	\$.100	\$.106	\$.112

C & I Rate, Three-Phase

APPLICABLE TO: Any commercial, industrial, City, or farm load within the St. James service territory, for all purposes. Loads 50 KW and up. Any commercial Three-Phase load that reaches 50 KW for 2 months within a 12-month period shall be moved into the C & I Rate class. Any load that does not reach 50 KW in a 2-year period may be moved back to the Commercial Three-Phase class.

SERVICE AVAILABLE: 60 hertz, three phase, 240/120 V, 208 Y/120 V, or 480 Y/277 V. 4-wire, or standard primary voltage available at point of delivery. Special voltages may be provided at the discretion of the utility. Utility furnishes only one transformer bank and/or one meter.

	Current Rate	2026	2027	2028
Meter Charge	\$80.00	\$83.00	\$86.00	\$90.00
Energy Charge All KWH	\$.0479	\$.0500	\$.0510	\$.0520
Energy Charge – Primary	\$.0469	\$.0490	\$.0500	\$.0510
Demand Charge	\$15.30	\$16.25	\$17.60	\$19.10

METERED DEMAND: The metered demand for any month shall be the maximum kilowatt demand established by the consumer for any fifteen-minute interval during the month as indicated or recorded by a demand meter.

POWER FACTOR ADJUSTMENT: If the customer's average monthly power factor falls below 90%, leading or lagging, the utility may adjust the metered demand by the ratio of 90% to the measured average monthly power factor in percent. Example:

Metered Demand = 739 KW
 Average Month Power Factor = 73.0%
 Ratio = $90/73 = 1.2329$
 Adjusted Demand = $(739) (1.2329) = 911 \text{ KW}$

ADJUSTED DEMAND: The adjusted demand consists of the metered demand adjusted for power factor, if applicable.

BILLING DEMAND: The demand to be billed shall be the adjusted demand for the month but not less than 50% of the highest adjusted demand during the preceding 11 months.

PRIMARY METERING: The utility will furnish and install primary metering when service is taken by the consumer and metered at primary voltage. The consumer owns and installs all necessary primary and transformers beyond point of service. A 2% discount will apply to the energy portion of the bill to allow for losses and investment return.

If service is taken at primary voltage (that is, customer owns primary and transformers) and metered at secondary voltage, a 1% discount will apply to the energy portion of the bill to allow for investment return.

Street Lighting

	Current Rate	2026	2027	2028
Customer Charge	\$21.50	\$22.50	\$23.50	\$24.50
Energy Charge	\$.0860	\$.0900	\$.0950	\$.1000

Security Lighting

	Current Rate	2026	2027	2028
Metered Charge 70 Watt LED	\$6.50	\$6.50	\$6.50	\$6.50
Unmetered Charge 70 Watt LED	\$8.50	\$8.50	\$8.50	\$8.50

CONDITIONS AND PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL CUSTOMERS

1. Prompt Payment Provisions: All charges are net. If the bill is not paid or received by mail by the due date, a late payment charge of 8.0% of the balance due will apply. If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Holiday, the due date will be the next working day.
2. Sales tax to be added to all electric bills so as to be in compliance with the provisions of the laws of Minnesota.

3. The City will charge \$30.00 for any check or ACH Withdrawal returned by a financial institution.
4. The City will charge \$1.50 for mailing paper statements.
5. The City will make a charge for special services that may be requested or required of it.
6. Such charges to be based on total costs for labor and materials plus a nominal markup which is determined by department policy.
7. An example of such special service might be the moving of a building requiring the moving or clearing of power lines or municipal facilities along the route.
8. Where one meter is used to service more than one user, the base rate, replacement and maintenance rates for electric shall be charged at the number of users using the one meter. There is not a cap to how many users can use one meter.
9. Owners and/or occupants of property served by the Municipal Utilities of the City of St. James shall be responsible for the repairs to all utility meters damaged through negligence on their part. Under these circumstances, they shall be charged for the cost of repairing the same. Necessary repairs resulting because of damage from negligence of any kind on the part of the customer shall be charged to the customer.
10. Customers using electric heat will be exempt from the payment of sales tax during the months of which is designated by the state under the cold weather rule. It is the customer's responsibility to notify the City. The customer will be given a form to complete.
11. Nothing herein shall be construed as limiting power of the City Council to modify or to make such further rule or rulings as it may deem necessary or expedient from time to time.
12. The Electric Department shall proceed at once to do all things necessary to expedite and implement all provisions of this resolution.
13. The Electrical Superintendent will interpret these regulations and rules as to intent. In case of dispute, the Council will arrange to review the point in question upon request.
14. If any provisions hereof, or the application of such provisions to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this act shall not be affected thereby.
15. That any customer/account disconnected shall be charged a \$100.00 reconnection fee to regain electric service.

16. All interpretations regarding rates and procedures shall be made in favor of the City of St. James.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ST. JAMES, MINNESOTA, that all previous resolutions inconsistent herewith may be, and the same hereby are, repealed.

Adopted by the City Council this 15th day of July 2025.

Christopher Whitehead, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristin K. Hurley, City Clerk

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