

CITY OF RIDGETOP, TENNESSEE

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-101

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2019-103, MODIFYING THE NATURAL GAS INFRASTRUCTURE FEE SYSTEM FOR THE CITY OF RIDGETOP NATURAL GAS SYSTEM, RIDGETOP, TENNESSEE:

REF: TITLE 19, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 19-207:

Whereas, the Board of Mayor and Alderman of the City of Ridgetop finds it necessary to modify Title 19, Chapter 2, Section 19-207 Natural Gas Infrastructure fee system for the City of Ridgetop Natural Gas System Ridgetop, Tennessee, be as hereinafter described; and

Whereas, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen have reviewed such Ordinance for recommendation and have conducted a public hearing thereon.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY CITY OF RIDGETOP, TENNESSEE AS FOLLOWS:

19-207. Natural gas infrastructure fee system.

- (1) A Ridgetop Natural Gas Infrastructure, non-returnable fee of \$300.00 shall be due by any entity requesting installation of a new gas service. This will include new construction (residential and commercial) and existing residences that currently do not have gas service.
- (2) The Ridgetop Natural Gas System will charge for the cost of installing the new gas service at the rate of eight dollars and fifty cents (\$8.50) per linear foot of run, of open trench or open ditch type burials, utilizing a nominal diameter of three quarter inch ($\frac{3}{4}$ ") to one inch (1") polyethylene (PE) pipe. In order to lower the costs of this charge the gas system offers the following program:
- (3) The Ridgetop Natural Gas System shall charge and shall bill to the customer the cost of installing new gas service with a nominal diameter exceeding one inch (1") polyethylene (PE) pipe in the following manner;
 - (a) Cost of polyethylene (PE) pipe, fittings, tracer wire, detectable warning tape in addition to or plus (+) eight dollars (\$8.00) per linear foot of run, of an open trench or open ditch type burial
 - (b) Cost of boring, drilling, punching, under a roadway, street or any driveway shall be payable by the entity requesting service
 - (c) Cost of open trench or open ditch type burial onto or across a roadway, street or driveway, including any concrete, asphalt or gravel disturbed by such action shall be payable by the entity requesting service
- (4) The Ridgetop Natural Gas System shall charge and shall bill to the customer the cost of installing the new gas service providing the entity requesting service wants to open the trench or open the ditch at a depth of thirty six inches (36") at customer expense, at the rate of seven

dollar and fifty cents (\$7.50) per linear foot of run for polyethylene (PE) pipe up to and including a nominal diameter of one inch (1”).

- (a) Polyethylene (PE) pipe greater than a nominal diameter of one inch (1”) shall be at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per linear foot of run in addition to the cost of said nominal diameter of PE pipe, fittings, tracer wire and detectable warning tape being utilized.
- (5) The Ridgetop Natural Gas System will not be responsible for finish grades or ditches settling when service is requested on a new or existing structure. If leak repairs are made on service lines the Ridgetop Gas System “will” be responsible for finish grade.
- (6) The Ridgetop Natural Gas System shall charge a fee of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) to the land owner or (contractor, if known) whom covers a Gas line Stub Out with earth or by any other method to which a locate of the underground gas line Stub Out is required.

19-207.1. Excess Flow Valve (EFV) Customer Requested

- (1) Per Federal mandate, 49 CFR part 192 (192.383 and 192.385) effective April 14, 2017; Ridgetop Natural Gas is required to offer the installation of an EFV to all gas customers whom do not have an EFV already installed on their gas service line from the main line.
 - (A) Installation of an EFV (per 192.383) in a residential district with a gas flow below 1000 SCFH (Standard Cubic Feet per Hour) with a steel service.
 - (B) Installation of an EFV (per 192.383) in a residential district with a gas flow below 1000 SCFH (Standard Cubic Feet per Hour) with a plastic (poly-ethylene-PE) service line.
 - (C) Installation of an EFV (per 192.383) in a commercial or light industrial district with a gas flow “below” 1000 SCFH (Standard Cubic Feet per Hour) with a steel service line.
 - (D) Installation of an EFV in a commercial or light industrial district with a gas flow “above” 1000 SCFH (Standard Cubic Feet per Hour) with a steel service line.
 - (E) Installation of an EFV (per 192.383) in a commercial or light industrial district with a gas flow “below” 1000 SCFH (Standard Cubic Feet per Hour) with a plastic (poly-ethylene-PE) service line.
 - (F) Installation of an EFV in a commercial or light industrial district with a gas flow “above” 1000 SCFH (Standard Cubic Feet per Hour) with a plastic (poly-ethylene-PE) service line.

BE IT ENACTED that this ordinance shall take effect from and after its adoption, the public welfare requiring it.

Passes 1st Reading: January 19, 2026

Passes 2nd Reading: February 17, 2026

Tim Shaw, Mayor

Kelly Rider, City Recorder