ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE TARENTUM BOROUGH ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT AND SETTING FORTH THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE BOROUGH FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRICITY TO THE RESIDENTS OF TARENTUM BOROUGH.

WHEREAS, Section 1201 of the Borough Code, 8 Pa.C.S. §1202, entitled "Specific Powers", authorizes the Borough to make and adopt ordinances necessary for the proper management, care and control of the Borough and its citizens and to provide for enforcement and penalties for violation thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Code authorizes the Borough to operate utilities and other facilities and services, and to make and regulate charges for them for general borough purposes;

WHEREAS, Tarentum Borough Council desires to enact an Ordinance to establish rules, regulations and rates and charges for electric service provided to its residents via a resolution of Council;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Borough Council of the Borough of Tarentum, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, in accordance with the powers permitted by the Borough Code (8 Pa.C.S. §1202, et seq.) the Tarentum Borough Electric Service Ordinance shall read as follows:

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ARTICLE I. SHORT TITLE AND DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1 – Short Title

This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the "Tarentum Borough Electric Service Ordinance."

Section 1.2 – Definitions

Unless specifically defined below, words or phrases used in this Ordinance shall be interpreted so as to give them the meaning they have in common usage and to give this Ordinance its most reasonable application. Where terms are not defined, such terms shall have ordinarily accepted meanings such as the context implies.

Auxiliary Service: Electric service that is not interconnected to service supplied by the Electric Department, which supplements the Electric Department service where arrangements are made so that either one or both sources can be utilized in whole or in part.

Borough. The Borough of Tarentum, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Contract for Service. The provision of electrical service by the Borough of Tarentum and the acceptance of that service by any customer shall constitute an agreement between the Borough and the customer to be bound by the laws, rules and regulations of the Borough which regulate the provision of electric service.

Customer. Any person, partnership, corporation or government agency receiving electric service from the Borough.

Dwelling Unit. A building or portion thereof arranged or designed for occupancy by not more than one family and having separate cooking, sleeping and sanitary facilities.

Electrical Code. The National Electrical Code, as amended from time to time or other such Code, as adopted by the Council of the Borough.

Electric Department. The employees, agents, and representatives of the Borough authorized by the Borough Council to provide electrical service to any customer and to otherwise administer or enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.

Electric Distribution Line. An overhead or underground electric line, supplying either primary or secondary voltage, located on a roadway or right-of-way acquired by the Electric Department and used or is usable as part of the Electric Department's general

electric supply system.

Electric Service. Alternating current supply at 60 hertz delivered at the Electric Department's standard voltages, as defined by the Electric Department from time to time, in such quantities

sufficient to supply the customer's maximum requirements, based upon the customer's advice to the Electric Department, whether or not the customer makes any use of the service.

Non-Residential Service. Electric service for any general use purpose other than Residential Service.

Person. Any natural person, firm, association, government agency, partnership or corporation.

Point of Delivery. The single point at which the Electric Department's service line terminates and the customer's electric facilities for receiving service begins.

Purchase Power Adjustment. A charge per kWh, as set by Resolution, and applied to all kWh billed to customers.

Residential Service. That electric service supplied to an individual dwelling unit, including a single-family dwelling, mobile home, or an individually metered apartment, where there is not more than 3,000 watts connected load associated with a commercial activity served as part of the dwelling unit.

Service Line. That electrical supply line that connects the Electric Department's distribution facilities to the customer's point of delivery.

Special Facilities. Any lines or other electrical equipment, the cost of which shall be paid for by the customer, as determined by the Borough.

Standby Service. Service which can be used for reserve in case of an emergency, breakdown, or failure of the customer's regular source of supply.

ARTICLE II. CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

Section 2.1 – Requirements for the Furnishing of Electric Service

Compliance with all provisions of this Ordinance shall be the initial requirements for the furnishing of electric service.

Section 2.2 – Contract for Services

The use of electric service supplied by the Borough shall be deemed a request by the customer (including the owner of the property, the tenant or lessee of the premises) for electric service and an acceptance by the customer of all rules, regulations, rate schedules, terms, conditions and provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 2.3 – Service is not Transferable

Electric service is not transferable. In every instance, the new occupant(s) of a property shall make application for service at the Borough office in the form required.

Section 2.4 – Failure to Comply

Failure of any customer to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed a breach of conditions precedent to the furnishing of electric service and the Borough, upon notice, may discontinue said service and remove any and all Borough property from the premises of the customer in default.

Section 2.5 – Liability of Owner of Leased Premises

Pursuant to the Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the owner of a property shall be liable along with the tenant for the payment for electric service supplied to the leased premises on the property and for all damages arising out of the lessee's misuse of electric service and/or equipment.

ARTICLE III. SERVICE APPLICATION

Section 3.1 – Special Requirements Agreements

Each applicant for electric service involving special facilities or equipment shall be required to complete and execute an agreement identifying all special requirements of applicant's installation or use of electricity, and shall agree to comply with the conditions of service and such other requirements as may be deemed by the Electric Department to be reasonably necessary for safe and efficient electric service.

Section 3.2 – Borough's Right to Reject an Application

The Borough reserves the right to reject any application for service for any reason, including, but not limited to those instances where such service is not available under a standard rate schedule or where such service would otherwise require excessive service or installation costs or where such service may adversely affect the level of service to other customers.

ARTICLE IV. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE

Section 4.1 – Electric Service Characteristics

Electric Service supplied by the Borough Electric Department is 60 hertz, alternating current, delivered at the following nominal voltages:

- Single-phase: 120/240; 120/208
- Three-phase: 120/240; 120/208Y; 277/480Y
- Primary three-phase: 4,000; 12,000

Section 4.2 – Available Service

Prior to the purchase of service or the installation of any electrical equipment, the customer is responsible to secure from the Electric Department, a written confirmation of the type of electrical service available to the customer.

Section 4.3 – Service Installation

All electric service facilities of the customer shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the National Electrical Code adopted by the Borough.

The Borough will not connect electric service or facilities to a structure or building (or major alteration of a structure or building) which has new wiring unless a Certificate of Occupancy is issued for the building or structure by the Borough Code Enforcement Officer and a certificate of approval is issued by a fire underwriter's association qualified and authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

No person or organization shall occupy any dwelling or building within the Borough unless electric service is furnished in accordance with the Borough's standard requirements for electric service and an authorized fire underwriter's approval is obtained.

Section 4.4 – Service Supply

The Borough does not guarantee that it will provide a continuous supply of electric energy but will employ its best efforts to supply electric energy in such a manner as to maintain voltage and frequency within reasonable limits. The Borough shall not be liable for any damage, direct or consequential, which the customer may sustain by reason of either the failure of supply or variation in voltage characteristics or phase reversal.

Section 4.5 – Right-of-Way and Easement

Prior to any installation of electric service by the Borough, the property owner shall provide, at no expense to the Borough, suitable easements and/or rights-of-way for all said installations. In addition, all such easements and rights-of-way shall be suitably improved to accommodate the installation. Improvements shall include, but are not limited to, rough grading, ground line clearing of trees, brush or any other obstructions as may be identified by the Electric Department.

Section 4.6 – Borough Personnel Access to Customer Premises

The Electric Department, through its officers, employees or authorized agents shall have the right of access to any customer's premises at all reasonable hours for the purpose of reading, inspecting, testing, repairing or removing its meters or other property, and to inspect and determine the connected service load. No person shall interfere in any manner with any such
officer, employee, or authorized agent while in the performance of his duties or exercising his authority under this Ordinance.

Section 4.7 – New Service

The installation of any new service or service provided to new construction will not be provided unless and until advance payment of a fee for all costs is made by the customer to the Borough. Such costs shall include but are not limited to installation, including the cost of transformer(s), removal of materials, labor, and metering equipment. Fees for said costs shall be established from time to time by Resolution of Borough Council.

Section 4.8 – Use of Electric Service

Electric service is provided solely through the Borough's electric meters or other metering devices to the customer for use by the customer on customer owned or rented/leased premises. No customer may resell any electric service provided by the Borough or install any unauthorized metering system.

Section 4.9 – Change of Service

The Electric Department's facilities have a defined capacity at the customer location. No additions to the customer's installation shall be made unless a written application has been made to the Borough and the Borough has approved all proposed changes or additions to service. The customer shall be responsible for all damages to Borough facilities and equipment which result from a violation of this Section.

Section 4.10 – Standby Service

The rate schedules contained herein are based on the customer purchasing all electric energy requirements from the Borough. If the customer requires Standby Service, the customer

should notify the Borough in writing of his Standby Service requirements and the Borough will subsequently provide to the customer, monthly charges for such service.

ARTICLE V. BILLING AND PAYMENT FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE

Section 5.1 – Billing Period

All bills for electric service will be rendered on a monthly basis or, at the Borough's option, at other regular intervals. The Borough may prorate bills for shorter periods, at its option.

Section 5.2 – Late Payment Charge

Utility bills shall be due and payable on the fifteenth (15th) day of each month. If the fifteenth (15th) day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, the Day After Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, the Day After Christmas, or any day on which Borough administrative offices are closed due to a publicly announced emergency posted on the Borough's official website, the due date shall automatically be extended to the next regular business day. ,The adjusted date established under subsection (2) shall be deemed the official due date for all purposes under this Ordinance. A late payment charge of five percent (5%) of the unpaid balance shall be added to any bill not paid in full by the Adjusted Due Date. Payments shall be applied first to the oldest outstanding balance and then to current charges. Delinquent accounts shall be subject to the collection and termination procedures set forth in Article VI of this Ordinance.

Section 5.3 – Returned Check Charge

A charge of thirty-five dollars ($35) will be added to the account of any customer when a check is returned to the Borough by the financial institution due to insufficient funds.

Section 5.4 – Standby Service

The Borough reserves the right to require a security deposit from all customers as a security of payment, in the amount equal to the estimated bill for service for any single billing period plus one month. At the request of the customer, such deposit may be returned to the customer at the expiration of at least a two (2) year satisfactory payment history without interest.

Section 5.5 – Security Deposit-Temporary Service

A security deposit shall be required for all temporary service provided by the Borough. All connection and reconnection costs will be paid in advance by the customer. Security deposit fees shall be established from time to time by Resolution of Borough Council. The balance of any security deposit (less any outstanding charges and fees) held by the Borough shall be returned to a customer upon the discontinuation of the temporary service without interest.

Section 5.6 – Disputed Bill

Any bill disputed by the customer shall be paid in full by the customer and the customer shall provide to the Borough written documentation as to why the bill is being challenged. The Borough agrees to promptly investigate the dispute and issue a report to the customer detailing the findings.

ARTICLE VI: DISCONNECTION AND RECONNECTION OF ELECTRIC SERVICE

Section 6.1 – Reasons for Disconnection

- Written request by the Customer to the Borough
- Failure to make payments on any bill for electric service within forty-five (45) days of the date the bill was rendered

- Failure to pay any required security deposit within forty-five (45) days of the date demand for said payment
    - If payment is not received or a check is returned for insufficient funds ("bounced") after the forty-five (45) day period, a shutoff notice will be mailed to the property owner. Service will be disconnected within seven (7) days after the notice is mailed for non-payment.
- Any customer installation determined by the Electric Department to be dangerous and/or defective
- Any customer installation determined by the Electric Department which has been tampered with, altered or in any way caused electric energy to be improperly diverted from meter registration
- Any customer violation of any Provision of this Ordinance

Section 6.2 – Procedure for Disconnection
Bills are due approximately fifteen (15) days after issuance.
If payment is not received within that time, the account becomes delinquent and is subject to the following sequence:

1. Delinquent Notice via **Next Billing Cycle**
   The next regularly issued utility bill shall clearly identify any unpaid balance as "Past Due." The appearance of a past-due balance on the subsequent utility bill shall serve as the Borough's delinquent notice to the customer and property owner, if different from the customer.
2. **Payment Opportunity**
   The customer shall have until the due date of the subsequent utility bill to pay all past due balances, current charges, penalties, and other applicable fees.
3. **Termination Notice**
   If the account remains delinquent after the due date of the subsequent utility bill, the Borough shall issue a termination notice to the customer and property owner, if different from the customer. The termination notice may be mailed, posted upon the property, or otherwise delivered in accordance with Borough policy.
4. **Termination of Service**
   If payment in full is not received within five (5) days of issuance of the termination notice, the Borough may terminate electric service.

   No termination shall occur on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, the Day After Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, the Day After Christmas, or during any period in which termination is otherwise prohibited by this Ordinance.

5. **Restoration of Service**
   Service shall be restored only after:
    - All delinquent balances and current charges are paid in full;
    - Applicable reconnection and service fees are paid; and
    - Any required deposits are received in accordance with Borough policy.

   This process generally results in approximately forty-five (45) to sixty (60) days from the original billing date before termination of service may occur, providing customers with ample notice and opportunity to cure delinquent accounts while maintaining the financial integrity of the Borough's utility systems.

If service is to be terminated due to non-payment of the electric bill by the owner of a property that is subject to the provisions of the Utility Service Tenant Rights Act (Act 299 of 1978), the Borough will follow the procedures set forth in that Act.

Section 6.3 – Exceptions to Disconnection

Such exceptions shall include when a customer demonstrates a current inability to pay an outstanding bill in full and 1) pays a reasonable portion of the outstanding bill (see 6.3.2), 2) agrees to pay all future bills by the due date, and 3) agrees to pay a portion of the outstanding arrearage with interest.

6.3.1 Additional exceptions:

1) Medical Exemption:

The Electric Department will not disconnect a customer when the Borough has received a certification from a Pennsylvania licensed physician that a seriously ill or disabled person resides at the premises receiving electric service. This exception is for only a thirty (30) day period and can only be used once every six (6) months.

2) Disconnection Prohibition During Freezing Temperatures:

The Borough of Tarentum Electric Department will not disconnect electric service to an active customer if the projected temperature for the area is expected to be at or below 32°F (freezing) within the next 24 hours.

2)(a)Disconnection Resumption After Freezing Period: If electric service has been previously disconnected for at least seven (7) days due to non-payment or other valid reasons, the Borough is not obligated to restore service solely due to a temporary freeze warning. Restoration of service will be conducted only after all outstanding account obligations are satisfied or as required by Borough policy

6.3.2 – Payment Arrangement Terms

A "reasonable portion" of the outstanding bill is defined as **25%** of the total amount due. Customers may enter into no more than **three (3) payment arrangements per calendar year**. If a payment arrangement is broken due to failure to make the agreed-upon payment, no further arrangements will be allowed for the remainder of the calendar year in which the arrangement was broken.

Section 6.4 – Disconnection Without Notice Includes Any of the Following

- Willful misuse of the service
- Dangerous or hazardous electric wiring or equipment
- Meter tampering
- Electrical current diversion
- Emergency repairs or maintenance of Borough facilities
- Any power shortage or interruption of the Borough's source of power by its supplier
- The vacating of a premise by a customer who is delinquent in payment of his account
- An unauthorized electrical connection
- Customer equipment which is adversely affecting another customers' service
- Any emergency request for disconnection by Fire Department or other Emergency Personnel

- Electric Department's right to disconnect

Section 6.5 – Customer Disconnection Responsibility

Disconnection does not relieve the customer of any liability for services provided by the Borough.

Section 6.6 – Reconnection of Service

Electric service will not be reconnected until all account balances have been settled. The property owner, whether the account is in the name of the property owner, tenant or lessee, is liable for the account balance. The Borough reserves the right to place a municipal lien upon the real property upon which the demand for payment has been made.

Section 6.7 – Reconnection Fee

No electric service shall be reconnected until a Reconnection Fee has been paid. The reconnection fee shall be established from time to time by Resolution of the Borough Council.

Section 6.8 – Protective System Shutoff

If any property's water or electric service has been terminated for any reason and no contact or payment arrangement has been made with the Borough within seven (7) days of termination, the Borough shall proceed to disconnect all remaining municipal utilities to that property and finalize the account.

This is necessary to protect the integrity of the Borough's utility systems, particularly during winter months when a lack of electric service may cause frozen plumbing or contamination risks within the water system.

A final bill shall then be issued, and any outstanding balances shall be subject to lien in accordance with law.

ARTICLE VII: METERS AND METER READING

Section 7.1 – Meters, Transformers and Other Equipment

The Electric Department shall furnish, own, and maintain one meter or a unified set of meters and metering equipment for each electric service. The Electric Department will determine the location and placement of the meter on the customer's building or structure. It is the customer's responsibility to provide, at the customer's expense, suitable space for the installation and use of the Department's meter and transforming equipment. The customer shall permit properly identified Borough personnel to remove, inspect, and alter such equipment.

The Borough shall provide and install "Do Not Tamper" stickers or notices on all meter boxes or meters to ensure the integrity and protection of the Borough's utility equipment. No person, other than an authorized Borough employee or agent, shall remove, deface, or otherwise tamper with the "Do Not Tamper" sticker or notice. Any tampering or interference with Borough-installed stickers or notices will be subject to penalties as outlined in this ordinance.

Borough employees, agents, or representatives shall have the right to access the meter or meter box during reasonable hours for purposes including, but not limited to, inspection, maintenance, repair, reading of the meter, or replacement of the "Do Not Tamper" stickers. Access to the meter or meter box shall be provided without obstruction.

Any Borough-owned equipment damaged, destroyed, altered, or otherwise prevented from properly registering the energy supplied to the customer due to the act, failure to act, or negligence of the customer or their representative will result in the customer's responsibility for all necessary repairs, equipment replacement, and the reasonable costs of investigation needed to determine the amount of energy not registered and an estimate of the energy not registered.

Section 7.2 – Meter Reading Intervals for Customers Without Demand Meters

Meters shall be read at regular intervals of approximately thirty (30) days. Bills will be rendered on a monthly basis. If the Borough is not able to ascertain a monthly reading, the customers' electric use may be estimated for an interim bill and the necessary adjustment will be made upon actual reading of the meter.

Section 7.3 – Meter Reading Intervals for Customers With Demand Meters

All customers with a demand meter shall have their meter read at regular intervals of approximately thirty (30) days. If the Borough is not able to ascertain a monthly reading, the customer's use may be estimated, and the demand kW shall be based on the customer's history. Any adjustment in the bill will be made on the next meter reading.

ARTICLE VIII: CUSTOMER FACILITIES

Section 8.1 – Service Location

The customer shall request from the Electric Department the electric service location prior to commencing any electrical installation work.

Section 8.2 – Point of Delivery

The point of delivery for electrical service is that point at which the service connection of the Borough terminates and the customer's wiring and installation begins.

Section 8.3 – Customer Wiring

- All wiring shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the current version of the National Electrical Code. Compliance with the Code should result in an installation essentially free from hazard but not necessarily efficient, convenient, or adequate for good service or future expansion of electrical use.
- In buildings where wiring is new or where a major alteration of wiring or equipment has taken place, the Electric Department shall not furnish service until the Borough has received a certificate of approval issued by a Fire Underwriters Inspector or other Borough approved electrical inspector.
- The Borough is not responsible for any injury or damage which may result from defects in customer wiring or devices upon connection of the customer's wires to the Borough's system.
- All equipment provided by the Borough shall remain the exclusive property of the Borough. Any facilities installed by the Electric Department not provided in a standard installation, shall be paid for by the customer for whom the facilities are installed.

ARTICLE IX: BOROUGH FACILITIES

If any section, subsection, sentence, or clause of this Ordinance is held, for any reason, to be invalid, such decision or decisions shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 9.1 – Capacity of Facilities

The Electric Department facilities installed for the customer are in accordance with information provided by the customer. Any facility damaged because of incorrect information and/or customer electrical load increases not reported to the Borough will be the responsibility of the customer.

Section 9.2 – Single Phase Service

The Electric Department reserves the right to restrict the types of load connected to a single- phase service and may require loads deemed objectionable be removed from the system.

Section 9.3 – Meter Testing

The Department shall not be required to test its polyphase meters more than once within an eight (8) year period or its single-phase meters more than once within a thirty (30) year period. The Customer may request a meter be tested only upon payment of a fee established by Borough Council Resolution. The fee shall be retained by the Department whenever the

accuracy of the meter is determined to be within the limits of plus or minus two percent (2%). Whenever the accuracy of the meter is determined to be outside the limits of plus or minus two percent (2%), the Department shall repair the meter, refund the fee, and adjust the
customer's account accordingly.

Section 9.4 – Distribution Line Extension

The Department may, at its discretion, construct, own and maintain all distribution line extensions up to 100 feet along a public street. All other costs in excess will be the responsibility of the customer. Customer shall make a non-refundable payment for the estimated costs for the line extension.

Section 9.5 – Service Line Extension

The Department will extend overhead service lines on public or private property for a distance of not more than a nominal 100 feet at no cost to the customer. Any customer who requires a service line in excess of 100 feet shall make a non-refundable payment of the estimated costs for the line in excess of 100 feet and pay any excess costs after completion of the installation.

Section 9.6 – Undergrounding of Facilities

At the request of the customer, the Department may determine the practicality and costs of providing underground service to the customer. If the Department agrees to install such service, the customer shall, prior to any installation, pay to the Department all costs in excess of the costs which would be incurred for normal overhead service. The customer will be required to provide the necessary trenching and backfilling for such underground service.

Section 9.7 – Pole Removal or Relocation

The costs of any pole removal or relocation made at the request of the customer is the cost responsibility of that customer. Payment for such relocation/removal shall be paid prior to any work performed.

ARTICLE X: EMERGENCY LOAD CONTROL

Section 10.1 – Load Emergency

A load emergency shall exist whenever the demands for power on all or on a portion of the Borough's electric system exceed or threaten to exceed system capacity, or whenever system instability could result in expected or actual system overloads. In such an event, the Department shall take such reasonable steps under the circumstances to control the load upon the system. Such measures may include but are not limited to the reduction or interruption of electrical service to one or more customers.

ARTICLE XI: LIMITS OF SERVICE AGREEMENT

Section 11.1 – Agreements

No promises, agreements or representations by any Borough employee, agent or representative shall be binding on the Borough unless expressly authorized by this Ordinance or incorporated in a written contract for electric service.

ARTICLE XII: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 12.1 – Agreements

The following list of schedules, procedures and manuals are approved as a result of this ordinance and may be revised, from time to time by Resolution of the Borough Council.

12.1 The Schedule of Service Fees
12.2 Employees' Customer Service and Procedures Manual
12.3 Service, Equipment and Wiring Rules

Section 12.2 – Cost Recovery for Unauthorized Activity

Any individual, contractor, or other party who performs unauthorized or unlawful work on or involving the Borough's electric infrastructure—such as tampering with, bypassing, damaging, or disconnecting meters, service lines, transformers, or any other component of the electric system—shall be responsible for the full cost of any corrective action required by the Borough.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- The cost of Borough staff time (including overtime, if applicable),
- The cost of any replacement parts, equipment, or materials,
- The cost of any permits that should have been obtained,
- Any external contractor or engineering fees incurred by the Borough, and
- A reasonable administrative fee for preparing a bill of service.

The Borough shall issue a formal **Cost Recovery Invoice** or **Bill of Service** within five (5) business days of the event, incident report, or discovery of unauthorized activity. A copy shall be provided to the responsible party.

Failure to remit payment within thirty (30) calendar days of the invoice date shall subject the responsible party to:

- Civil action to recover the outstanding amount,
- Fines as authorized under this Ordinance,
- A temporary suspension from performing any work on or near Borough electric infrastructure for a period of up to six (6) months per violation, as determined by the Borough Manager or their designee.

Repeat violations may result in a permanent bar from performing electrical work within the Borough limits.

ARTICLE XIII: RATES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE

Section 13.1 -- Power to Establish Rates via Resolution.

Tarentum Borough reserves the right to modify all-electric rates from time to time by

resolution of the Council. All resolutions adopted by the Council modifying electric rates shall give residents a minimum of a 30-day notice before enacting rate changes. Notification may be done via legal advertisements, inserts in the monthly utility bill, or a combination thereof.

Section 13.2 – Residential Services Rate Schedule (RS)

This Rate Schedule is for single phase residential service when supplied in accordance with the Use Provisions as set forth below.

Minimum Charge. Each account shall be assessed a minimum monthly charge of $10.00.

Monthly Rate. All kWh for RS service shall be billed at 0.149822 plus a capacity fee of 0.02796 per kWh.

Total Rate based on 1,000 kWh. 18.78 cents per kwh

Use Provisions. This Rate Schedule is for sixty (60) hertz, single phase, 120/240 volt service and is applicable to the following:

1. Single family dwelling units and its appurtenances
2. Single family dwelling units in a multi-unit building
3. A family of persons, no more than eight, who unite to establish a common dwelling place
4. Temporary dwelling units with installed cooking facilities
5. Volunteer fire company facilities
6. Senior citizens' centers

This Rate Schedule does not apply to:

1. Residential service that includes more than 3,000 watts of connected load for non- residential service
2. Any service deemed to be professional or commercial by the Electric Department
3. Welding equipment, electric furnaces or motors greater than one (1) horsepower
4. Electric water heaters with a connected load that exceeds 5,500 watts
5. Central heating furnaces with switched loads in excess of 10,000 watts

Payment. The above Monthly Rate applies if bills are paid within 20 days after billed. A late payment charge of 5% will apply if the current bill is not paid within 20 days. Contract Period is for not less than one year.

Section 13.2 – General Service Rate Schedule (GS)

Minimum Charge. Each account shall be assessed a minimum monthly charge of $15.00.

Monthly Rate. 1–300 kWh: $0.206276
300–1,000 kWh: $0.133784
1,000+ kWh: $0.127549
Demand over 5 kW: $6.23 per kW
Capacity fee of 0.02796 per kWh.

This Rate Schedule is for any use not included under the RS Rate Schedule. Three phase service is only available from an existing three phase distribution line unless the new installation facilities are paid for by the customer. Service is provided in accordance with the Use Provisions as set forth below.

Billing kW. Measurement of load, when necessary for billing purposes, shall be determined monthly from the highest registration of a 15-minute block interval type meter rounded to the nearest kW.

Use Provisions. This Rate Schedule is for 60 hertz, single or three phase, 120/240 volt service and is applicable to the following:

- All customer installations, original and additions, shall be inspected and approved by an Electric Department approved inspector before connection to the Borough's electric system.
- No more than 20 kW of electric space heating may be switched at any one time.

Payment. The above Monthly Rate applies if bills are paid within 20 days after billed. A late payment charge of 5% will apply if current the bill is not paid in 20 days. Contract period is not less than one year.

Section 13.3 – General Power Rate Schedule (GP)

This Rate Schedule is available for electrical loads over 100 kW. Electric service is for three phase, 60 hertz electricity for general power service supplied to the customer at 240 volts and higher.

Minimum Charge. Each account shall be assessed a minimum monthly charge of $30.00.

Monthly Rate. All kWh: $0.124241
All Demand: $4.36 per kW
Capacity fee: $ 0.02796 per kWh.

Voltage Rate. Service supplied at 1,000 volts or greater shall be billed 0.24 cents per kW.

Billing kW. The monthly minimum charge shall be $4.36 per kW for all kW of customer's current monthly demand. Monthly load shall be determined from the highest reading of a 15-minute block-interval meter, rounded to the nearest kW.

Use Provisions. This Rate Schedule is for 60 hertz, three phase, 240 volt or higher service and is applicable to the following:

- All customer installations, original and additions, shall be inspected and approved by an Electric Department approved inspector before connection to the Borough's electric system.
- No more than 20 kW of electric space heating may be switched at any one time.

Payment. The above Monthly Rate applies if bills are paid within 20 days after billed. A late payment charge of 5% will apply if the current bill is not paid in 20 days. Contract Period is for not less than one year.

Section 13.4 – Purchase Power Adjustment

A Purchase Power Adjustment will be applied to all kWh charges billed under all Customer Rates as amended from time to time by Resolution.

Section 13.5 – Meter Multiplier

A meter multiplier will be applied to certain three-phase electrical meters as determined by the
Borough. The meter multiplier is used to calculate the total energy consumption based on the readings from the meter. The multiplier formulas authorized are as follows:

1. Meter Multiplier = (Current Transformer Ratio) x demand reading = total energy consumption
    a. Example: Meter Multiplier = (100/5) × (200) = 4000

2. Meter Multiplier = (Current Transformer Ratio) × (Potential Transformer Ratio) = total energy consumption
    a. Example: Meter Multiplier = (100/5) × (10/1) = 20 × 10 = 200

Section 13.6 – Street Lighting Service Rate Schedule

Availability of Street Lighting Service. This service is available for lighting of roadways, bridges and highway interconnections, and private parking lots or other private areas as approved by the Electric Department. Mercury vapor lighting is restricted and is not available to new locations.

Monthly Rate.

Mercury Vapor		
8150 Lumens – 175 watts	$12.00 each	74 kWh per month
11,500 Lumens – 250 watts	$17.00 each	103 kWh per month
21,500 Lumens – 400 watts	$21.00 each	162 kWh per month
Sodium Vapor		
9,500 Lumens – 100 watts	$13.00 each	51 kWh per month
22,000 Lumens – 200 watts	$18.50 each	86 kWh per month
50,000 Lumens – 400 watts	$27.50 each	167 kWh per month

Payment. The above Monthly Rate applies if bills are paid within 20 days after billed (30 days for governmental accounts). A late payment charge of 5% will apply if the bill is not paid in 20 days. Contract Period is for not less than five years.

Any person who violates, or permits the violation, of any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction in a summary proceeding, be subject to a fine of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00), and costs of the prosecution for each offense, or imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days, or both fine and imprisonment.

Any fines collected as a result of a violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be placed in the General Fund of Tarentum Borough.

Effective Date:
This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Ordinance is duly Ordained and Enacted by the Council of the Borough of Tarentum at a public meeting held this 9th day of July 2026.

ATTEST: BOROUGH OF TARENTUM

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Dwight D. Boddorf, Borough Manager Scott Dadowski, President of Council

EXAMINED AND APPROVED by me this 9th day of July 2026.

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Eric Dee, Esq., Solicitor Bob Lang, Mayor