

**CITY OF FOREST LAKE
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

ORDINANCE NO. 760

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 622, MODIFYING THE A GAS SERVICE FRANCHISE FEE ON NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY, A MINNESOTA CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, FOR PROVIDING GAS SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY OF FOREST LAKE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOREST LAKE DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. The City of Forest Lake Municipal Code is hereby amended to include reference to the following Special Ordinance by deleting those words ~~stricken through~~ and adding those words that are underlined.

Subd. 1. Purpose. The City of Forest Lake City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to impose a franchise fee on those public utility companies that provide natural gas services within the City of Forest Lake.

- (a) Pursuant to City Ordinance 621, a Franchise Agreement between the City of Forest Lake and Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, its successors and assigns, the City has the right to impose a franchise fee on Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, its successors and assigns, in an amount and fee design as set forth in Section 9 of the Northern States Power Company Franchise and in the fee schedule attached hereto as Schedule A.
- (b) Pursuant to City Ordinance 621, the City exercised its right to impose a franchise fee on Xcel Energy. This includes the right to modify the fee amount with the consent to Xcel Energy as to the terms of the Franchise Agreement.

Subd. 2. Franchise Fee Statement. Pursuant to Ordinance 621, a franchise fee is hereby imposed on Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota Corporation, d/b/a Xcel Energy, its successors and assigns, under its electric Franchise Agreement. The fee schedule is attached here to and made a part of this Ordinance, commencing with the Xcel Energy's March 2026 billing month.

Subd. 3. Payment and Fee Design. The said franchise fee shall be payable to the City in accordance with the terms set forth in Section 9 of the Franchise.

- a) This fee is an account based fee and not a meter based fee. An account includes all electric meters located on a single property or premises that have the same address and property owner.
- b) Properties with a single address and owner shall pay the largest fee that applies to any one of their meters.
- d) Separately metered space rented to tenants other than the owner shall pay a fee for each tenant meter.

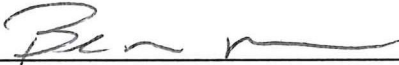
e) The City Administrator, or his designee, is authorized to determine the appropriate implementation of this Section 3.2. Appeals from decisions of the staff may be taken to the City Council.

Subd. 4. Surcharge. The City recognizes that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission may allow Company to add a surcharge to customer rates of city residents to reimburse Company for the cost of the fee.

Subd. 5. Enforcement. Any dispute, including enforcement of a default regarding this ordinance will be resolved in accordance with Section 2.5 of the Franchise Agreement.

Subd. 6. Effective Date of Franchise Fee. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be after its publication and ninety (90) days after the sending of written notice enclosing a copy of this adopted Ordinance to NSPM by certified mail. Collection of the fee shall commence as provided in above.

Passed and Approved by the City Council of the City of Forest Lake this 24th day of November, 2025.

BY: 

Its Blake Roberts
Mayor

Attest:



Jolleen Chaika
Its Assistant City Administrator/Clerk

SCHEDULE A

Franchise Fee Rates:

Gas Utility

The franchise fee shall be in an amount determined by applying the following schedule per customer premise/per month based on metered service to retail customers within the City:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Amount per month</u>
Residential	\$4.00
Commercial Firm Non-Demand	\$10.50
Commercial Firm Demand	\$21.00
Small Interruptible	\$104.25
Medium and Large Interruptible	\$21.00
Firm Transportation	\$21.00
Interruptible Transportation	\$21.00

Franchise fees are to be submitted to the City on a quarterly basis.

January – March collections due by April 30.

April – June collections due by July 31.

July – September collections due by October 31.

October – December collections due by January 31.