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Lions Den Nears Completion

Little did the Elkhorn Lions Club members know the building they built would stand the test of time for 35

years. The Lions Den located in Sunset Park provided a place for families to gather, youth to



enjoy summer recreation programs and even a setting for Christmas photos of your pet. In recent years its age began to show and City Council had to condemn the building.

After months of discussion between City staff, elected officials and the

present Lions, a new Lions Den has replaced the old. The cost of the replacement was \$181,143. The new

> Lions Den is an open air pavilion with bathrooms and a recreation storage area

Many of the Lions who participated in the original construction expressed concern about

losing the building. All was not lost, the City was able to save the focal point of the building—the fireplace.

A dedication ceremony renaming the Lions Den and honoring the club will be scheduled at a later date. Watch the City's website for time and date.

Façade grant program on track

The Historic District Façade Grant Program is responsible for many of the changes in our downtown.

When the program was first developed, the City hoped it would be a tool for downtown property owners to make improvements. The initial amount of money set aside for the program was \$100,000.

Among the first to make use of the program was Jim Schoberg, owner of J Roberts. With two storefronts, Schoberg received \$15,000 in grant money for façade renovation. The Schoberg project proved positive for S. Wisconsin Street. Since then, the City has added \$40,000 more to the project.

The City has disbursed \$56,649 of the \$87,034 grant money approved. Thirteen property owners have requested grant money with 8 completing their

projects.

Alderman Julie Taylor said there is still money available. Applications can be picked up at City Hall. Property owners may request a grant in the amount of 1/2 of the total project cost up to the maximum (\$7,500) allowed. The grant applications are reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission and recommended to Plan Commission for approval.

Letter from the Mayor

As your new Mayor, I took an interest in the City and how things happened. I invite you to do the same. Starting December 1, 2006 you may pick up papers to run for upcoming City offices. Three seats on the City Council are up for election in Districts 2 represented by Gary Payson, District 1 represented by Howie Reynolds and District 5 by Charles Van Dyke. If you live within the City limits, are an elector, and a citizen you can run for office. You must reside in the District you are running for.

Stop in at City Hall on or after November 20th and you can pick up an informational packet. The packet will give you Campaign registration statement, Declaration of candidacy and nomination papers. Candidates are exempt from filing campaign finance reports if they do not spend more than \$1,000 on the campaign or accept any contribution or cumulative contribution of more then a\$100 from a single source during the calendar year. A candidate for Alderman requires 20 to 40 signatures of qualified voters in the District they will represent. Further details may be obtained from the City Clerks office, 9 S. Broad St., Elkhorn, WI 53121

This is a real opportunity for you to have your voice in local government.

Mayor John T. Giese

Employee Spotlight

Jason Lundvall, the City's newest employee, is presently working

on his Electric Lineman Apprenticeship. He began with the City in June. Jason comes to

the City in his second year of lineman school. His schooling will be completed in three years.



Jason graduated from Elkhorn Area High School in 1997 and lives in the Elkhorn area with his wife, Jill. When he is not schooling or working at the City, he enjoys hiking, mountain biking and climbing.

What's Happening

S. Church Street reconstruction

A complete reconstruction is underway for S. Church St.

It includes replacing the sanitary sewer, water mains, and storm sewers from Centralia to W. Walworth Street.

Utility work is expected to be completed by October 2. Excavation will begin upon completion of the utility work. A new subgrade will be installed followed by pavement construction beginning October 10. The project is expected to be completed by Nov. 23.

Utility lines updated

The City Electric Department continues to work on its recon-



struction of utility lines.

"The work consists of reconstructing the electrical lines to improve reliability and update the system capabilities," Electric Utility Director Art Schmitz said, "to handle the new demands of customers with computers, airconditioners and other devices." The Electric Crew is replacing pole wires in some areas with

underground and overground systems. The current area being converted are Edgewood Circle, Second Avenue and Westlawn from Van Buren east to the end of that street.

The next area, which begins around the beginning of 2007, are Third Street, Lincoln Street, Patricia Street north to Harvest Pointe.

Elkhorn Police

CRIME PREVENTION TIP: Halloween Trick or Treat

KNOW THE RULES...SAFETY TIPS FOR HALLOWEEN

- 1. Do not allow a child to go "Trick or Treating" alone. Be sure older children TAKE A FRIEND and an ADULT accompanies young children.
- 2. Be certain to accompany young children to the door of every house they approach.
- 3. Be certain that parents are familiar with every house and all people from which the children receive treats.
- 4. Children should be cautioned that they should NOT enter any home without prior permission from their parents.
- 5. Children should be cautioned not to approach any vehicle, occupied or not, unless they know the owner and are accompanied by a parent.
- 6. Make sure that all children carry a glow stick or wear reflective clothing.
- 7. When using facial masks, make sure that children can see and breathe properly and easily.
- 8. All costumes and masks should be clearly marked as flame resistant.
- 9. Children should be warned to NEVER approach any house that is not well lit and does not have a porch or "outside" light on.
- 10. Children should be cautioned to remember any suspicious incidents and report them to their parents and/or the proper official.
- 11. Children should be cautioned to run away from people who try to trick them with special treats.
- 12. Children should be instructed to scream and make a scene if anyone tries to grab them or force them, in any way, to go with them.
- 13. Parents should inspect all treats and dispose of anything that seems to have been tampered with, has been opened, or is not wrapped.
- 14. A good alternative to "Trick or Treating" is for parents to organize parties at home, in schools, or in community centers.

HAVE A SAFE AND FUN HALLOWEEN!

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City of Elkhorn Halloween Trick or Treat Tuesday, October 31, 5 — 7 p.m.



Brush Collection October Schedule

Fall Clean-up time in the City

(includes description of neighborhood boundaries)

Week beginning Tuesday. October 3: Northeast neighborhood

North & east to the City boundaries including both sides of N. Wisconsin & E. Walworth St.

Week beginning Tuesday, October 10: Southeast neighborhood

South & east to the City boundaries including both sides of S. Wisconsin and south of E. Walworth St. Week beginning Tuesday, October 17: Southwest neighborhood

South & west to the City boundaries including both sides of W. Walworth and west of Wisconsin St. Week beginning Tuesday, October 24: Northwest neighborhood

North & west to the City boundaries including property within the boundary of W. Walworth and N. Wisconsin St.

November Schedule begins on Tuesday the week of:

Nov. 7: Northeast neighborhood

Nov. 14: Southeast neighborhood

Nov. 21: Southwest neighborhood

Nov. 28: Northwest neighborhood

Guidelines

- * Bring brush to the curbside by 7 a.m. Tuesday but no earlier than the Saturday before the scheduled pickup.
- * Cut ends facing the direction that traffic is traveling on the street.
- * Diameter—minimum of 3/4 inches to maximum of 6 inches.
- * Length—minimum of 4 feet to a maximum of 12 feet.
- * No vines, rakings and roots. These will be handled through the yard waste program. For Special Collections or if the crew has to return and chip the brush because it was not out by the prescribed time or if it goes beyond the homeowner's normal pruning and trimming, a charge will be applied. Call the Public Works office at 723-2223 for the charges or to schedule an appointment for a special brush collection.



Fall Leaf Collection/Seasonal Burning

The Fall Leaf Collection begins Tuesday, October 17 and ends the week of November 28, 2006. The City's garbage/recycler, Veolia (formerly Onyx), is contracted to conduct the leaf collection. On alternating weeks, the City will be divided into two sections during the Fall Leaf Collection. The schedule is as follows:

East of Wisconsin Street: Beginning October 17 West of Wisconsin Street: Beginning October 24

Please rake leaves into the gutter no earlier than Saturday and no later than 7 a.m. on the scheduled day. Do not place them in bags or boxes. Veolia will pick up the leaves from the gutter. If you have any questions concerning Fall Leaf Collection call Veolia Waste Services at (800) 248-2373.

Seasonal leaf burning is allowed between October 1 and November 30 without a permit. Requirements are as follows:

- * Burning shall occur on the resident's property at a minimum distance of 15 feet from any occupied dwelling.
- * **Do not** burn on streets, sidewalks, terraces, or any other location within the public right-of-way.

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Yard Waste and Grass Clippings Drop-off Site

Open through October 28

Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

At the City Garage, 12 E. First Avenue (Fenced in area adjacent to N. Washington Street)

- * Leaves, vegetables, and grass clippings
- * Yard/garden debris and brush—including clean, woody vegetative material no greater than 3 inches in diameter
- * Stumps, roots or shrubs with intact rootballs are not yard waste.
- * Containers must be:
- * 30 gallon paper bags
- * Dry cardboard boxes not larger than 3 X 3 feet
- * Tightly bundle tree limbs and branches no greater than 3 inches in diameter and 4 feet in length with twine (not wire or nylon)
- * Plastic bags are prohibited.



Tax Bills will be mailed by mid-December

Winter Parking goes into effect December 1

December 1, 2006, marks the beginning of winter rules for parking on City streets. When the snow flies, cooperation is needed to allow the snow plows to do their job. The rules are enforced as follows:

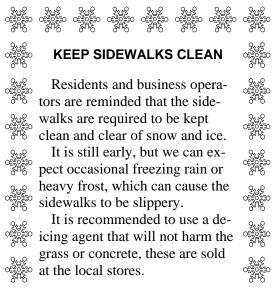
Parking will be permitted on the even numbered sides of the street on even number calendar days; and, on the odd numbered sides of the street on odd numbered days. The day will be a 24-hour period beginning the preceding day at 5:01 p.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. that calendar day.

If tomorrow is the 15th, an odd numbered day, the odd numbered side parking begins at 5:01 the evening of the 14th.

All posted no parking zones will remain in effect. Residents should be patient with the snow removal crews because they are attempting to have the major streets cleared by the time school starts and then they concentrate on the secondary streets. The streets that



seem to always be last are the cul-de-sacs because they take the most time to clear. It may seem that your street is always last. The crews alternate routes after every storm to alleviate the problem that one area has their snow removal completed first every time, with the exception of the school routes and downtown.



Frequently asked question: What can I plant in my terrace?

A question that is often asked of the Parks and Recreation Director is what can I plant in the terrace. The terrace is the area between the sidewalk and the street which is City property; however, the property owner is responsible for its upkeep.

"Planting on the terrace requires a 'Planting Permit' so that safety and ordinance issues can be addressed," Park and Recreation Director Jeff Simons said. "The permit must be requested for anything that is planted in the terrace."

By ordinance, the only plants allowed to be planted in the terrace are deciduous leaf trees or grass. Simons, who is in charge of forestry for the City, has available a listing of trees that are allowed in the terrace. The list of trees were chosen because of their adaptability in a terrace setting where they will not interfere with utility wires or traffic visibility.

FLUSHING FIRE HYDRANTS

During the months of November and December the Water Utility will be flushing fire hydrants. The city will be sectionalized into four parts: Northeast, Northwest, Southeast and Southwest divided by Wisconsin and Walworth Streets.

The third week of November the Northeast and Southeast sections will be flushed. The following week is a short week with the holiday so we will continue the first week of December to flush the Northwest and Southwest portions.

You may experience at times some rusty looking water and/or low water pressure. You should allow the water to run a few minutes to clear up any discolored water. If you have any concerns or problems call 723-2223.

LEAD DRINKING WATER AND YOU!

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Lead in our environment is a public health issue about which we should all be concerned.

Lead is a soft metal, which is now known to be harmful to human health if consumed or inhaled. Since lead accumulates in the body, its potential for harm depends upon the level of exposure from all sources. There are three potential sources for lead to accumulate in the body. The major source is from food, and lead is also inhaled from the air. The other potential source of lead is from your drinking water.

To protect the public's health, public drinking water supplies are governed by the Safe Drinking Water Act under which the United States Environmental Protection Agency sets water standards.

Although there is a high level of compliance with drinking water standards throughout the United States, there is still reason for some concern about certain contaminants, which may get into public drinking water supplies, including lead.

As your supplier of drinking water, this information piece has been prepared to help educate you on this issue.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets drinking water standards and has determined that lead is a health concern at certain levels of exposure. There is currently a standard of 15 parts per billion.

Part of the purpose of this notice is to inform you of potential adverse health effects of lead. This is being done even though your water may not be in violation of the current standard.

The U.S. EPA and others are concerned about lead in drinking water. Too much lead in the human body can cause serious damage to the brain, the kidneys, the nervous system, and red blood cells. The greatest risk, even with short term exposure, is to young children and pregnant women.

Lead levels in your drinking water are likely to be highest:

If your home or water system has lead pipes, or If your home has copper pipes with lead solder, and

If the home is less than five years old, or If you have soft or acidic water, or If water sits in the pipes for several hours. Typically, if lead is present in drinking water, it enters after the water leaves the local water treatment plant. The most likely source for lead contamination is in the home or residence. The most common cause of lead entering drinking water is corrosion, a reaction between the water and the lead pipes or the lead-based solder.

When water stands in the pipes of a residence for several hours without use, there is a potential for lead to leach, or dissolve, into the water if a lead source is present. Soft water (water that makes soap suds easily) can be more corrosive and, therefore, have higher levels of dissolved lead. Some home water treatment devices may also make water more corrosive.

It was common practice in the Unites States through the early 1900s to use lead pipes for interior plumbing. Since the 1930s, copper pipe has been used for residential plumbing. Until 1986, however, lead-based solder was used widely to join copper pipes. Lead free solder and lead free materials are now required by federal law for use in new household plumbing and for plumbing repairs To find out if the plumbing in a residence contains lead, try scratching the pipe with a key or screwdriver. Lead is a soft metal and is dull gray in color. If lead pipes are present they will scratch easily and will be shiny when scratched.

Dissolved lead cannot be seen in water. Testing by a state approved laboratory is the only way to determine if drinking water has high levels of dissolved lead. Please contact your local utility or health department for the name of an approved laboratory. The lab will provide the correct procedures to be followed for a water test. The U.S. EPA estimates that a test should cost somewhere between \$20.00 and \$75.00.

It the drinking water is determined to have high levels of dissolved lead, or if there is an abiding suspicion of lead contamination because of the presence of soft water, lead pipes, lead solder, and other lead based plumbing materials, there are ways to minimize exposure.

One way is to "flush" each cold water faucet in a home when water stands more than a few hours. Flushing a cold water faucet means allowing the water to run until it gets as cold as it will get before each use. Normally this may take two or three minutes. Keep in mind that toilet and shower use or doing laundry with cold water will also move water

through the plumbing system, and this will reduce the amount of time needed to flush the cold water faucet from five (5) to thirty (30) seconds.

Another way is one of avoidance: do not cook with or consume water from the hot water faucet. Hot water dissolves lead more quickly than cold water. Especially avoid using hot tap water for making baby formula. If hot water is needed for cooking or oral consumption, draw water from the cold water tap and heat it on the stove.

If plumbing repairs or other plumbing work is done, make certain that only lead free solder and other lead free materials are used. This is now a federal law.

There are other actions which can be taken by household users to reduce the risk of lead in drinking water For additional information, contact your local utility, county or state health department or the U.S. EPA. The U.S. EPA Safe Drinking Water department has a toll free hotline dedicated to this subject—1-800-426-4791 and also has prepared a booklet on this issue.

This information has been approved by the U.S. EPA and meets EPA's lead public notice requirements under Section 1417 of the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1986.

ELKHORN WATER DEPARTMENT

The average lead content from forty sample points within the water system is 8.9 parts per billion. This is well below the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water standard of fifteen parts per billion. However, the tap water in your home may be higher if lead plumbing materials have been used in the house.

The Elkhorn Water Department has a continuous water treatment process and adjustments are made to maintain a PH (alkalinity value) level of the water delivered to your home to be minimally corrosive, which dissolves lead more slowly than corrosive water.

If additional information is required, contact:

Elkhorn Water Department P.O. Box 920

Elkhorn, WI 53121

Telephone: (262) 723-2223

Important Information About Your Drinking Water Chlorine Levels in Drinking Water May Fluctuate

The City of Elkhorn water system is working to correct a problem that is causing a reduction of chlorine residual in parts of the water distribution system. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should expect, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

Chlorine is routinely added at our wells and water treatment facilities as a normal treatment process. Chlorine reacts with many naturally occurring substances such as organic matter, nitrites, iron, manganese and ammonia. These substances combine with chlorine and can change the chlorine residual available within the water distribution system.

What should you expect?

During the next several months, chlorine levels may fluctuate. Because of changes in the chlorine feed rates, you may become more aware of the taste or odor of chlorine in your tap water.

What should I do?

You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.

If someone is highly sensitive to chlorine, you may want to take some extra precautions with the water from your tap during the correction period. (If you are sensitive to chlorine, you may want to consult with your doctor.)

If your aquatic pets are sensitive to chlorine, you may want to take some extra precautions with the water from the tap during the correction period.

Place water for drinking in a pitcher or other appropriate container and place it in the refrigerator to reduce the otherwise noticeable chlorine taste or odor.

What is being done?

The City is working with a consulting engineer to determine the cause of the chlorine residual loss, and to determine what corrective actions are necessary.

As always, we are continuing to monitor your drinking water to insure that it is safe for your consumption and other use.

Similar notices will continue to be sent to our customers until the chlorine depletion problem is resolved.

For more information, please contact the City Administrator at (262) 723-2219.

CITY OF ELKHORN ELECTRIC RATES

Residential Service -- Rg-1

Application: This rate will be applied to residential single-phase customers for ordinary household purposes. Single-phase motors may not exceed 5 horsepower individual-rated capacity without utility permission.

Monthly Customer Charge:

Single-Phase: \$6.00 Three-Phase: \$12.00

Energy Charge: \$0.0661 per kilowatt-hour (kWh).

Plus: Power Cost Adjustment Clause (See PCAC Section)

Minimum monthly bill: \$6.00 per month (customer charge) Prompt payment of bills: A charge of no more than 1% per

month will be added to bills not paid within 20 days from date of issuance. This late payment charge shall be applied to the total unpaid balance for utility service, including unpaid late payment charges. This charge is applicable to all customers. The utility customer may be given a written notice no sooner than 20 days after the bill is issued and unless payment or satisfactory arrangement for payment is made within the next 10 days, service may be disconnected pursuant to the Wis. Adm. Code, section 113.

Residential Service -- Optional Time-of-Day

Application: This rate schedule is optional to all Rg-1, Residential Service customers. Customers that wish to be served on this rate schedule must apply to the utility for service. Once an optional customer begins service on this rate schedule, the customer shall remain on the rate for a minimum of one year. Any customer choosing to be served on this rate schedule waives all rights to billing adjustments arising from a claim that the bill for service would be less on another rate schedule than under this rate schedule.

Once on this rate, the utility will review billing annually according to Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 113.

Monthly Customer Charge:

Single-Phase: \$6.00 Three-Phase: \$12.00

Energy Charge per kilowatt hour (kWh):

On-peak: \$0.1205 Off-peak: \$0.0405 **Power Cost Adjustment Clause:** Charge per all kWh varies monthly. (See PCAC section.)

Pricing Periods:

On-peak: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, specified below.

Off-peak: All times not specified as on-peak including all day Saturday and Sunday, and the following holidays: New year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day, or the day nationally desig-

nated to be celebrated as such.

Prompt Payment of Bills: Same as Rg-1

Minimum monthly bill: The minimum monthly bill shall be the customer charge.

Moving Provision: If a customer moves within the utility's service territory, both the original and the new customer have the option to retain time-of-day billing or to transfer to the Residential Service rate, Rg-1, at no cost to the customer.

Joint Residential/Commercial Customers: A customer occupying a building or apartment for residential and commercial purposes jointly shall be billed on another rate which is determined based on the customer's load.

General Service -- Gs-1

Application: This rate will be applied to single and three-phase customers. This includes commercial, institutional, governmental, farm and other customers. The monthly Maximum Measured De-

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mand of customers served on this rate shall not exceed 75 kilowatts for three or more months in a consecutive 12-month period.

Gs-1 customers shall be transferred into the appropriate demand class as soon as the application conditions of that class have been met.

Rate:

Customer Charge: Single Phase: \$8.00 per month.
Three Phase: \$12.00 per month.

Energy Charge: \$0.0724 per kilowatt-hour (kWh).

Plus: PCAC (See PCAC Section)

Minimum Monthly Bill: The minimum monthly bill shall be the customer charge.

Prompt payment of bills. Same as Rg-1.

Farm Customer: Defined as a person or organization using electric service for the operation of an individual farm, or for residential use in living quarters on the farm occupied by persons principally engaged in the operation of the farm and by their families. A <u>farm</u> is a tract of land used to raise or produce agricultural and dairy products, for raising livestock, poultry, game, fur-bearing animals, or for floriculture, or similar purposes, and embracing not less than 3 acres; or, if small, where the principal income of the operator is derived therefrom. (Otherwise, the service used for residential purposes is classed as residential, and that used for commercial is classed as general service.)

Determination of Maximum Measured Demand: The Maximum Measured Demand in any month shall be that demand in kilowatts necessary to supply the average kilowatt-hours in 15 consecutive minutes of greatest consumption of electricity during each month. Such Maximum Measured Demand shall be determined from readings of permanently installed meters or, at the option of the utility, by any standard methods or meters. Said demand meter shall be reset to zero when the meter is read each month.

Small Power Service -- Cp-1

Application: This rate will be applied to customers for all types of service if their monthly Maximum Measured Demand is in excess of 75 kilowatts (kW) per month for three or more months in a consecutive 12-month period unless the customer exceeds the application conditions of the large power time-of-day schedule.

Customers billed on this rate shall continue to be billed on this rate until their monthly Maximum Measured Demand is less than 75 kW per month for 12 consecutive months. The utility shall offer a customer billed on this rate a one-time option to continue to be billed on this rate for another 12 months if their monthly Maximum Measured Demand is less than 75 kW per month. However, this option shall be offered with the provision that the customer waives all rights to billing adjustments arising from a claim that the bill for service would be less on another rate schedule than under this rate schedule.

Customer Charge: \$10.00 per month

Distribution Demand Charge: \$0.50 per kW of distribution demand.

Demand Charge: \$6.75 per kW of billed demand. **Energy Charge:** \$0.0475 per kilowatt-hour (kWh).

Plus: PCAC (See PCAC section)

Prompt payment of bills: Same as Rg-1.

Minimum Monthly Bill: The minimum month bill shall be equal to the customer charge, plus the distribution demand charge.

Discounts: The monthly bill for service will be subject to the following discounts applied in the sequence listed below:

<u>Primary Metering Discount:</u> Customers metered on the primary side of the transformer shall be given a <u>2.00</u> percent discount on the monthly energy charge, distribution demand charge, and demand charge. The PCAC and the monthly customer charge will not be eligible for the primary metering discount.

Transformer Ownership Discount: Customers who own and maintain their own transformers or substations shall be given a credit of \$0.20 per kW of distribution demand.. Customer-owned substation equipment shall be operated and maintained by the customer. Support and substation equipment is subject to utility inspection and approval.

Determination of Maximum Measured Demand: The Maximum Measured Demand in any month shall be that demand in kilowatts necessary to supply the average kilowatt-hours in 15 consecutive minutes of greatest consumption of electricity during each month. Such Maximum Measured Demand shall be determined from readings of permanently installed meters or, at the option of the utility, by any standard methods or meters. Said demand meter shall be reset to zero when the meter is read each month. The Billed Demand shall be the Maximum Measured Demand.

Determination of Distribution Demand: The Distribution Demand shall be the highest monthly Maximum Measured Demand occurring in the current month or preceding 11-month period.

Large Power Service -- Cp-2

Application: This rate will be applied to customers for all types of service, if their monthly Maximum Measured Demand is in excess of 200 kilowatts (kW) per month for three or more months in a consecutive 12-month period, but not greater than 1,000 kW per month for three or more months in a consecutive 12-month period.

Customers billed on this rate shall continue to be billed on this rate until their monthly Maximum Measured Demand is less than 200 kW per month for 12 consecutive months. The utility shall offer a customer billed on this rate a one-time option to continue to be billed on this rate for another 12 months if their monthly Maximum Measured Demand is less than 200 kW per month However, this option shall be offered with the provision that the customer waives all rights to billing adjustments arising from a claim that the bill for service would be less on another rate schedule than under this rate schedule.

Customer Charge: \$40.00 per month

Distribution Demand Charge: \$1.00 per kW of distribution demand.

Demand Charge: \$7.00 per kW of on-peak billed demand. **Energy Charge:** per kilowatt hour (kWh)

On-peak: \$0.0500 Off-peak: \$0.0330

Plus: PCAC (See PCAC section)

Minimum Monthly Bill: The minimum monthly bill shall be equal to the customer charge, plus the customer demand charge.

Prompt Payment of Bills: Same as Rg-1.

Determination of Maximum Measured Demand and On-peak Maximum Demand: (See Small Power Cp-1)

Pricing Periods:

On-peak 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Holidays, specified below.

Off-peak: All times not specified as on-peak including all day Saturday and Sunday, and the following holidays; New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day. Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day; or the day nationally designated to be celebrated as such.

Discounts: See Small Power Service — Cp-1 for Discount Information

Determination of Distribution Demand: The Distribution Demand shall be the highest monthly Maximum Measured Demand occurring in the current month or preceding 11-month period.

Determination of On-peak Billed Demand: On-peak Billed Demand shall be determined each month by the following formula:

On-Peak - <u>On-Peak Maximum Measured Demand x 90%</u> Billed Demand Average Monthly Power Factor

The Average Power Factor is obtained by the following formula, where A = monthly use of kilowatt-hours and B = monthly use of lagging reactive kilovolt-ampere-hours as obtained from a reactive component meter. Any reactive component meter used shall be equipped with ratchets to prevent registration of leading Power Factor.

Average Monthly Power Factor
$$=$$
 A
$$A^2 \text{ Plus } B^2$$

Industrial Power Time-of-Day Service -- Cp-3

Application: This rate will be applied to customers for all types of service, if their monthly Maximum Measured Demand is in excess of 1,000 kW per month for three or more months in a consecutive 12-month period.

Customers billed on this rate shall continue to be billed on this rate until their monthly Maximum Measured Demand is less than 1000 kW per month for 12 consecutive months. The utility shall offer customers billed on this rate a one-time option to continue to be billed on this rate for another 12 months if their monthly Maximum Measured Demand is less than 1,000 kW per month However, this option shall be offered with the provision that the customer waives all rights to billing adjustments arising from a claim that the bill for service would be less on another rate schedule than under this rate schedule.

Customer Charge: \$40.00 per month

Distribution Demand Charge: \$1.00 per kW of distribution demand.

Demand Charge: \$8.00 per kW of on-peak billed demand.

Energy Charge per Kilowatt Hour (kWh):

On-peak: \$0.0480 Off-peak: \$0.033

Power Adjustment Clause: Charge per all kWh varies monthly. See schedule PCAC

Minimum Monthly Bill: The minimum monthly bill shall be equal to the customer charge, plus the customer demand charge.

Prompt Payment of Bills: Same as Rg-1.

Determination of Maximum Measured Demand and On-Peak Maximum Demand: (See Small Power Cp-1)

Pricing Periods: See Large Power Service — Cp2 for Pricing Periods

Discounts: See Small Power Service — Cp-1 for Discount Information

Determination of Distribution Demand: The Distribution Demand shall be the highest monthly Maximum Measured Demand occurring in the current month or preceding 11-month period.

Determination of On-peak Billed Demand: See Large Power Service for Determination of On-peak Billed Demand **Interruptible Rider**

Application: This rider is available on a voluntary basis to customers served under Rate Schedule Cp-3 Industrial Power TOD Service with a minimum on-peak interruptible load of 200 kW or greater for at least 6 months during any 12-month period. All provisions of the Cp-3 Schedule shall apply to customers receiving service under this rider. Such customers will be referred to as "Interruptible Customers".

Customer Charge: \$50.00 per month.

Rate: The Interruptible Customer will receive a credit against its net bill for service under the Cp-3 Schedule at the rate that is consistent with the terms of the customer's contract.

Interruptible Demand Credit per kilowatt of Billed Interruptible Demand:

1-hour Notice Rate \$3.17 Instantaneous Rate \$3.93 Additional information available at City Hall.

Power Cost Adjustment Clause (PCAC)

All metered rates shall be subject to a positive or negative power cost adjustment charge equivalent to the amount by which the current cost of power (per kilowatt-hour of sales) is greater or lesser than the base cost or power purchased (per kilowatt-hour of sales).

The current cost per kilowatt-hour of energy billed is equal to the cost of power purchased for the most recent month, divided by the kilowatt-hours of energy sold. The monthly adjustment (rounded to the nearest one one-hundredth of a cent) is equal to the current cost less the base cost. The base cost of power (U) is \$0.0509 per kilowatt-hour.

Periodic changes shall be made to maintain the proper relative structure of the rates and to insure that power costs are being equitably recovered from the various rate classes. The company shall file a request with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin within 30 days for changes in the rates to incorporate a portion of the power cost adjustment into the base rates, if after final wholesale rates have been authorized, the monthly adjustment (A) exceeds \$0.0150 per kilowatthour

For purposes of calculating the power cost adjustment charge, the following formula shall be used:

$$A = \frac{C}{S} - U$$

 $\underline{\mathbf{A}}$ is the power cost adjustment rate in dollars per kilowatt-hour rounded to four decimal places applied on a per kilowatt-hour basis to all metered sales of electricity.

 $\underline{\mathbf{S}}$ is the total kilowatt-hours sold during the most recent month.

 $\underline{\underline{U}}$ is the base cost of power which equals the average cost of power purchased per kilowatt-hour of sales for the test year period. This figure remains constant in each subsequent monthly calculation at \$0.0509 per kilowatt-hour until otherwise changed by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

 $\underline{\mathbf{C}}$ is the cost of power purchased in dollars in the most recent month. (net of wholesale interruptible credits) PLUS amounts credited to retail customers for interruptible service in the current month. Cost of power purchased for calculation of C are the monthly amounts which would be recorded in the following account of the Uniform System of Accounts:

Class A & B utilities: Account 555
Class C utilities: Account 545
Class D utilities: Account 540

General Rules

Reconnection of a Seasonal Customer's Service: Reconnection of a service for a seasonal customer who has been disconnected for less than one year shall be subject to the same reconnection charges outlined below. A seasonal customer shall also be charged for all minimum bills which would have been incurred had the customer not temporary disconnected service.

Account Charge: An account charge of \$10.00 shall be paid by each applicant for service whether for a new account or for a transfer of account. The purpose of this charge is to defray the cost incurred in clerical and bookkeeping activities, the turning on of service and/or meter reading required for each new account or transfer of account.

Billing:

Regular - Bills for service will be rendered monthly unless otherwise specified. The term "month" for billing purposes will be the period between any two consecutive readings of the meters by the utility, such readings to be taken as nearly as practicable every 30 days within the provisions of the Administrative Code PSC 113.15.

Budget Payment Plan - A budget payment plan, which is in accordance with Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 113, is available from the utility. The utility does not use a fixed budget year. The utility will calculate the monthly budgeted amount by spreading the estimated annual bill over eleven months, with the last month consisting of any end of year adjustments.

Disconnection and Refusal of Service:

Reasons for disconnection: Service may be disconnected or refused for any of the following reasons:

- 1. Failure to pay a delinquent account or failure to comply with the terms of a Deferred Payment Agreement.
- 2. Violation of the utility's rules and regulations pertaining to the use of service in a manner which interferes with the service of others or to the operation of nonstandard equipment, if the customer has first been notified and provided with reasonable opportunity to remedy the situation.
- 3. Failure to comply with deposit or guaranteed arrangements as specified in s. PSC 113.0402.
 - 4. Diversion of service around the meter.

Deferred Payment Agreement: The utility shall offer Deferred Payment Agreements to residential customers. The Deferred Payment Agreement shall provide that service will not be disconnected for the outstanding bill if the customer pays a stated reasonable amount of the outstanding bill and agrees to pay a stated reasonable portion of the remaining outstanding balance in installments until the bill is paid. In determining what amounts are "reasonable", the parties shall consider the following:

- a. Size of the delinquent account.
- b. Customer's ability to pay.
- c. Customer's payment history.
- d. Time that the debt has been outstanding.
- e. Reasons why the debt has been outstanding.
- Any other relevant factors concerning the circumstances of the customer.

Reconnection Billing: All customers whose service is disconnected in accordance with the disconnection rules as outlined in Wis. Adm. Code, Chapter PSC 113, shall be required to pay a reconnection charge. The charge shall be \$35.00 during regular office hours. After regular office hours the minimum reconnection charge of \$35.00 applies plus any overtime labor costs, not to exceed a total maximum charge of \$70.00.

Insufficient Fund Charge: A \$15.00 charge from the utility, plus any additional fees charges to the utility by the financial institution involved, will be applied to the customer's account when a check rendered for utility service is returned for insufficient funds. This charge may not be in addition to, but may be inclusive of, the water utility's insufficient fund charge when the check was for payment of both electric and water service.

Access to Customer's Premises. Authorized agents of the utility shall have access to customer's premises at all reasonable times for the purpose of reading meters, making repairs. making inspections, removing utility property, or for any other purpose incident to the service.

Complete rules on file at City Hall Offices, 9 S. Broad St, and the Elkhorn Electric Utility office at 400 Koopman Lane, Elkhorn.

BILLS REMAIN DURING WINTER MORATORIUM

November 1 marks the day that the State of Wisconsin winter moratorium begins.

Annually, the date marks the time when electric utilities cannot disconnect customers due to outstanding balances on their accounts. The State created the law to protect those who cannot pay their bills in full when temperatures may plummet.

Disconnections begin again after April 15. If customers continue to pay their light and water bills to the extent possible throughout the winter months, a large utility bill on April 16 could be avoided. The bill does not go away, it just accumulates with penalties.

REMEMBER, that Elkhorn Electric Utility works with Community Action to assist customers with bill payments when financial difficulties exist. Customers can apply on an annual basis from October 1 through September 30 for assistance through this program at (262) 728-8296.

If you are a customer who does not make payments during the moratorium but has the ability to pay, Elkhorn Light and Water can take the customer to court. The court would require the customer to pay 3 times the balance at the time of judgment.

COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2004/2005

Elkhorn Electric Utility began collecting Public Benefits program fees as mandated by the State from its customers in October 2000. For the fiscal year (July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006), the total Public Benefits fees collected were approximately \$70,736. This was spent on the following programs.

Low-income Customer Credit Program:

This program is intended to ease the energy burden facing our customers with limited financial resources. Customers may be eligible for the Customer Credit Program under which they can receive an account credit of up to \$175 of their annual electric costs. Customers may also qualify for an annual Crisis Assistance payment of up to \$200.

FUNDS PAID FOR CUSTOMERS = \$33,405

NO. OF CUSTOMERS SERVED = 226

AVERAGE SIZE CREDIT = \$147.81

Energy Efficiency Programs:

This program focuses on electrical savings. Eligible savings include compact fluorescent light bulb installation, refrigerator replacement, and domestic hot water heating measures where homes have electric hot water heat (water heater tank wrap, pipe insulation, low-flow showerheads, and faucet flow restrictors.)

FUNDS SPENT = \$16.474

NO. OF CUSTOMERS SERVED = 38

REFRIGERATORS REPLACED = 14

NO. OF DRYER VENTING REPLACEMENTS = 2 NO. OF INSTALLED CFL LIGHTBULBS = 398 NO. HWH PIPE INSULATION = 14 NO. OF HOMES RECEIVING HOT WATER SAVING MEASURES = 36 (ESTIMATED KWH SAVED = 151,274YEAR)

FREEZERS REPLACED = 1 NO. C.O. DETECTORS FOR HEALTH & SAFETY = 12

NO. OF INCENTIVES OFFERED TO HONOR F.O.E. REBATES = 1

MEDICAL ALERT WHEN THE LIGHTS GO OUT

If you use medical equipment that needs electricity to run, please let us know.

The City has a Critical Needs Response Plan that allows customers with critical needs to be notified of a power outage.

A "Critical Care" customer is defined to be:

- A customer with specific medical conditions requiring uninterrupted electric service; or,
- •Elderly, disabled and/or home-bound customer who is at risk and requires uninterrupted electrical service to maintain their well-being.

The City will contact the customer or other designated contact person if there is an outage, with an estimate of how long the power is expected to be off in case other arrangements need to be considered for the customers well being.

A form is available at City Hall. Information needed includes name, address, phone number, medical equipment used, and another person to contact if the critical needs resident does not answer the phone. A letter from the doctor is required to be on file stating the patient's name, date of birth and the need for continuous electric service for the health and safety of that individual.

For more information call Jessie at City Hall, 723-2219.





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IMPORTANT CITY SERVICES INFORMATION ENCLOSED

CITY FACES MANY CHANGES IN THE ELECTION PROCESS

The City Clerk's office is busy preparing for the November Election with the expectation of a large turnout. "Preparation for elections has become an even more complicated process since the addition of the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS)," City Clerk Nancy Jacobson said. "We are closing in on our first year anniversary since Walworth County went live with SVRS. It has been a long and difficult year converting to the new system. However, in the long run I believe it will benefit all of us."

The Clerk's office is in a constant learning process with SVRS and a number of law changes at both the State and Federal levels. For instance, registration by mail and special registration deputy closes on the 3rd Wednesday (20 days) before the election. After that date, a voter may only register in the office of the Clerk, at the polling place on Election Day or as a hospitalized elector. "If you have registered to vote after the third Wednesday, you will be considered late registration and will not be on the poll list," Jacobson said. "Those who register late in the Clerk's office will be given a certification of registration by the Clerk that must accompany the voter to the polling place. Any late registration voter will be put on a supplemental list along with those who register on Election Day."

After the third Wednesday, late registration applicants must provide proof of residency at the Clerk's office or on Election Day. Acceptable forms include current and valid drivers license, real estate tax bill for current year or year preceding the date of the election, and a utility bill not earlier than 90 days before the day of registration. Call the City Clerk at 723-2219 for other forms of identification.

"I encourage everyone who hasn't registered and plans to vote in the November election to come to City Hall and register to vote prior to Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2006." Jacobson said. "Early registration will place you in the poll book. The polls will be open at 7 a.m. and close a 8 p.m. November 7, 2006, at the Recreation Building in Sunset Park," Jacobson said. "I will be available at the polls to answer any questions you may have."