

CITY OF WATERVILLE

LE SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA

ORDINANCE NO. 150.06-2025

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FRANCHISE FEE WITH CENTERPOINT ENERGY, AND ANY AND ALL OTHER GAS ENERGY UTILITIES, PURSUANT TO THE CITY'S FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH CENTERPOINT ENERGY.**

The City Council for the City of Waterville, Minnesota, ("City"), hereby Ordains as follows:

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE.** The City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to impose a \$3 per month, per each account, franchise fee on those accounts receiving gas energy service in the corporate limits of the City of Waterville. This Ordinance shall apply to gas energy companies, including but not limited to CenterPoint Energy, operating within the corporate limits of the City of Waterville now and hereafter.

**SECTION 2. FRANCHISE FEE STATEMENT.** A franchise fee \$3 per month, and per each account, is hereby imposed on any gas energy companies, including but not limited to Center Point Energy, operating within the City's corporate limits.

**SECTION 3. PAYMENT AND FEE DESIGN.** The \$3 per month, per each account, fee shall be payable to the City pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Franchise Agreement with the respective Company. The Franchise Fee for CenterPoint Energy shall be paid to the City quarterly. In the event that there is no formal Franchise Agreement in place it shall be paid quarterly. This fee is an account based fee on each account. In the event that an individual or corporate entity covered by this Ordinance has more than one account at a premise the fee will be assessed to each account.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE OF FRANCHISE FEE.** The effective date of this Ordinance shall be after its publication as required by law and ninety (90) days after sending written notice to the Company enclosing a copy of this Ordinance.

Passed this 5th day of August, 2025.

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William P. Conlin, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Teresa K. Hill, City Administrator