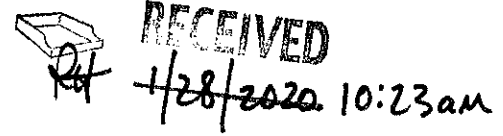


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Jan.30, 2020

Robi Higgins  
City Clerk  
City of Grantville  
123 LaGrange St.  
Grantville, Ga.30220



Re: Veto of Ordinance 2019-13 Amending Chapter 38, Article 1, Section 38-1 of the code of ordinances of the City of Grantville, Ga.

Dear Ms. Higgins:

Pursuant to Section 2.06 of the Charter of the City of Grantville, I am Vetoing the above referenced and attached ordinance 2019-13 adopted by the city council Jan. 23,2020 amending chapter 38, article 1, section 38-1 of the code of ordinances of the city of Grantville, Ga.

My reason for this veto is as follows:

In my opinion a annual rate study is the best way to monitor the rates needed to be charged to our customers and more moderate rate increases are more manageable for our customers.

Yours truly,

  
Mayor

Cc: City Council Members  
Al Grieshaber Jr. City Manager

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2019-13

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF GRANTVILLE, GEORGIA  
TO AMEND CHAPTER 38, ARTICLE I, SECTION 38-1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO  
ESTABLISH THE TITLE OF THE SECTION AS MANDATORY RATE REVIEW AND TO  
ESTABLISH THAT THE CITY SHALL CONDUCT A REVIEW AND STUDY OF ITS UTILITY  
RATES NOT LESS THAN EVERY FIVE YEARS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Grantville are charged with safeguarding the safety, health and welfare of the citizens of the City, and

WHEREAS, Section 1.04(h) of the Charter of the City of Grantville provides that the Mayor and City Council are empowered to regulate the rates and services of public utilities,

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Grantville, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same that the following ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 1:

Section 38-1. Mandatory annual rate review is deleted in its entirety, and replaced as follows:

Sec. 38-1. Mandatory rate review.

- (a) The elected officials of the city shall pass on to any and all utility customers any increase from any supplier of water, gas and electric and such increases shall be automatic and effective without action of council. The city clerk shall charge the rates with the first billing cycle after such an increase.
- (b) The governing body of the city shall employ the services of a rating specialist not less than every five (5) years to study and review the utility rates then in effect and suggest changes, either increases or decreases, in each utility offered to the citizens.
- (c) At a regular council meeting, the recommendations of the rate study shall be made public and if such recommended rates of the study are not adopted, a full explanation shall be given at such meeting as to why such recommendations of the rating specialist are not being put into effect.

Section 2: Repealer

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed.

First Reading: December 16, 2019

SO ORDAINED in lawfully assembled open session this 23 day of January, 2020.

Attest:

  
Clerk

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MAYOR