

DEPARTMENTS

§3-1201            Article 12.    Utilities Generally            §3-1202

**§3-1201    UTILITIES GENERALLY; DRVERSION OF SERVICES, METER TAMPERING, UNAUTHORIZED RECONNECTION, PROFABITED; EVIDENCE.**

(1) Any person who connects any instrument, connects any pipe or conduit supplying gas or water, without the knowledge and consent of the Municipality, in such manner that any portion thereof may be supplied to any instrument by or at which electricity, electric current, gas, or water may be consumed without passing through the meter provided for measuring or registering the amount or quantity passing through it, and any person who knowingly uses or knowingly permits the use of electricity, electric current, gas, or water obtained in the above mentioned unauthorized ways, shall be deemed guilty of an offense.

(2) Any person who willfully injures, alters, or by any instrument, device, or contrivance in any manner interferes with or obstructs the action or operation of any meter made or provided for measuring or registering the amount or quantity of electricity, gas, or water passing through it, without the knowledge and consent of the Municipality shall be deemed guilty of an offense.

(3) When electrical, gas, or water service has been disconnected pursuant to sections 70-1601 to 70-1615 RS Neb. or this Code, any person who reconnects such service without the knowledge and consent of the Municipality shall be deemed guilty of an offense.

(4) Proof of the existence of any wire, pipe, or conduit connection or reconnection or of any injury, alteration, or obstruction of a meter, as provided in this section, shall be taken as prima facie evidence of the guilt of the person in possession of the premises where such connection, reconnection, injury, alteration, or obstruction is proved to exist. (Ref. 86-329 through 86-331 RS Neb.) (Amended by Ord. No.1325, 5/21/96)

**§3-1202 DENIAL OF UTILITY SERVICE; WHEN PROHIBITED.**

No applicant for the services of a public or private utility company furnishing water, natural gas, or electricity at retail in this municipality shall be denied service because of unpaid bills for similar service which are not collectible at law because of statutes of limitations or discharge in bankruptcy proceedings. (Neb. RS 70-1601) (Ord. 1454; 08/03/99)