

31.00 PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

31.01 **Establishment.** There is hereby established a Public Utility Committee for the City of Kerkhoven which shall be composed of all members of the City Council with the Clerk of the City acting as Secretary and Inspector of Utilities.

31.02 **Inspector.** The Clerk is hereby authorized to designate another individual as Inspector of Utilities.

31.03 **Franchise Required.** Before any natural gas or electric utility services any person, the company, school or other building with gas or electric service, such utility shall first obtain a franchise from the City of Kerkhoven. See Chapter 4.

31.04 **Minutes.** The Clerk of the City shall keep the minutes and records of the Public Utility Committee and keep the regulations as adopted from time to time by said Committee.

31.05 **Rules and Regulations.** The Public Utility Committee shall provide and establish rules and regulations regarding any gas or electric utility that will protect the health, welfare and safety of the residents of the City of Kerkhoven.

31.06 **Violations.** Any utility that serves any person or building within the limits of the City without first obtaining a franchise from the City, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, shall be fined a sum not greater than \$100.00, for each and every day that it operates without a franchise and each day shall be considered to be a separate and distinct violation of this Ordinance.

31.07 **Enforcement.** In addition to the penalties provided in subdivision 31.06 herein, the City may use its full power of enforcement officers to terminate any services provided without a franchise.

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