

CHAPTER 1046

Electricity

1046.01	Delinquent bills.	1046.99	Penalty.
1046.02	Telecommunication services.		

CROSS REFERENCES

Electricity generally - see Mich. Const. Art. 7, Secs. 24, 25
Electrical Code in home rule cities - see M.C.L.A. Secs. 117.3, 117.4b et seq., 117.4f
Aerial wires - see S.U. & P.S. 1020.06; F.P. 1610.13
Electrical Inspector - see B. & H. 1444.03
Electrical equipment in floodways - see B. & H. 1458.08
Electric signs - see B. & H. 1476.19(d)
Electricity for mobile homes - see B. & H. 1480.01
Electricity in rental dwellings - see B. & H. 1482.13

1046.01 DELINQUENT BILLS.

- (a) Lien. Charges for services provided by the Light and Power Department pursuant to Section 21 of Act 94 of the Public Acts of 1933, as amended (M.C.L.A. 141.121) are a lien on all premises served thereby, unless written notice is given by the owner that a tenant is responsible pursuant to this chapter.
- (b) Placement on Tax Roll. Whenever any such charge against any piece of property exceeds two hundred dollars (\$200) and is delinquent for six months, the City Treasurer or other official in charge of the collection thereof may certify, on or before May 1 of each year to the City Assessor, and on or before September 1 of each year to the proper tax assessing officer outside of the City, the fact of such delinquency. Upon such certification, such delinquent charge shall be entered upon the next tax roll as a charge against such premises, and a lien thereof shall be enforced in the same manner as general taxes against such premises are collected.
- (c) Tenancy. Where written notice is given by the owner that a tenant is responsible for such charges as provided by Section 21 of Act 94 of the Public Acts of 1933, as amended, no further service shall be rendered to such premises until a cash deposit of an amount, not exceeding two months service, has been made as security for payment of such charges. (Ord. 225. Passed 5-18-87.)
- (d) Collection. The Utility may utilize third party collection efforts in collecting any outstanding receivable before it is certified to the City Assessor. (Ord. 983. Passed 10-21-13)

1046.02 TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES.

The Light and Power Department of the City is hereby authorized to engage in telecommunications services. All powers and duties possessed by the Light and Power Department and the Light and Power Board pursuant to Chapter XVIII of the City Charter are hereby made applicable to telecommunication services. As used in this section, "telecommunication services" means approved cable television systems, approved cable communication systems or telephone systems, including plants, works, instrumentalities and properties used or useful in connection with such systems and

ELECTRICITY

further means wired and wireless broadband services, and services whether wired or wireless for the transmission of 2-way interactive communication and associated usage.

(Ord. 261. Passed 10-3-88. Ord. 865. Passed 04-19-10.)

1046.03 METER TAMPERING

- (a) TCL&P Meters. All electric meters receiving service from the Traverse City Light and Power Department are property of that electric utility.
- (b) Tampering. Unless authorized by the electric utility owning the meter, a person shall not work on, interfere with, damage or remove an electric meter or allow or assist another person to do so.
- (c) Bypassing Meter. A person shall not place in use any device which allows electricity to be used and not measured by an electric utility's meter.
- (d) Responsibility. An adult person occupying or having control over the property at which the meter is located or receiving a benefit from the electricity consumed is presumed responsible for any discovered tampering or bypassing of that meter.
- (e) Sanctions. A person who violates this section is responsible for a municipal civil infraction, the sanctions for such violation, and the retail price of electricity that has not been metered. The electric utility's estimate of the unmetered electricity consumed shall be presumed correct unless proven otherwise.

(Ord. 983. Passed 10-21-13)

1046.99 PENALTY.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: See Section 202.99 for general Code penalty if no specific penalty is provided.)