

ORDINANCE NO. 1023

AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 15 UTILITIES, by repealing section 15-105 Pertaining to deposits and replacing it with a new section 15-105 implementing a connection fee; and by repealing Chapter 15, Section 15-220, Utility Deposit. (PUBLISHED ON JUNE 25, 2026)

Be It Ordained by the Governing Body of the City of DOWNS:

SECTION 1: That Section 15-220 of the Code of the City of Downs, Kansas is hereby repealed

SECTION 2: That Section 15-105 of the Code of the City of Downs, Kansas is hereby repealed and replaced with Section 15-105 to read as follows:

15-105

A. CONNECTION FEE FOR SERVICE

1. A non-refundable connection fee of \$75 total shall be charged at the time a customer requests and is granted Water and Sewer. The full amount of the connection fee shall be paid to the City Clerk before any service connection shall be made.
2. If service has been shut off for failure to pay, the reinstatement fee shall be \$25 for water service. No connection or reinstatement shall be made for any customer who owes an unpaid balance to the city for prior or existing service at any location.

B. TRANSFER AND TRANSFER FEE

1. Should an existing customer move to another address in the City's service area, utilities may be established at the new address without paying the full connection fee provided the following are met:
 - a. The customer cannot have been disconnected due to failure to pay during the past 24 months;
 - b. The customer must have a good payment record, which is defined as no more than one late payment in a 12-month period.
2. A transfer fee of \$25 will be required to transfer the utilities
3. Connection fees cannot be transferred from one customer to another

SECTION 3: All ordinances and parts of ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in force and take effect from and after the date of its approval and adoption as shown below and its publication in the official City newspaper.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the City of Downs, Kansas on the 15th day of June, 2026.

Vienna M. Janis
Vienna Janis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Miranda Robinson
Miranda Robinson, City Clerk



ORDINANCE NO. 1022 SUMMARY

On June 15, 2026, the City of Downs, Kansas adopted Ordinance No. 1023 regarding the repeal of the utility deposit and the implementation of a utility connection fee. A complete copy of this ordinance is available at WWW.DownsKS.net or at city hall at 715 Railroad Avenue, Downs, Kansas. This summary certified by Bruce Berkley, City Attorney.