

FACT SHEET

CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

TITLE

An ordinance to amend Chapter 78, Article II, Division 3 of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, Code of Ordinances relative to poles and wires and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

DATE

August 11, 2020

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT

COUNCIL DISTRICT

City-wide

SPONSORS

Councilman John Nickelson

PURPOSE

This ordinance amends Chapter 78, Article II, Division 3 of the Code of Ordinances.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This ordinance requires persons using or maintaining poles to file a sworn report containing a list of all such poles with the location and number and character of wires carried on each pole, as well as underground conduits. This ordinance also requires poles, wires, and cables to be properly replaced, altered, or constructed and in the case of abandonment they must be removed.

TIMETABLE

Introduction: August 11, 2020

Final Passage: August 25, 2020

ATTACHMENTS

None

SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

NA

FINANCES

NA

SOURCE OF FUNDS

NA

ALTERNATIVES

(1) Adopt the ordinance as submitted, or (2) Amend the ordinance, or (3) Reject the ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION

Councilman John Nickelson recommends that the City Council adopt this ordinance.

FACT SHEET PREPARED

Danielle A. Farr Ewing,

BY:

Clerk of Council

ORDINANCE NO. _____ OF 2020

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 78, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 3 OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO POLES AND WIRES AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY COUNCILMEMBER: JOHN NICKELSON

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana in due, legal and regular session convened, that Chapter 78, Article II, Division 3 of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

DIVISION 3. - POLES AND WIRES

Sec. 78-81. - Periodic inspections of existing poles—Required.

It shall be the duty of the electrical inspector to make an inspection of each pole and post including every wire or cable erected upon the streets, alleys, sidewalks and neutral places of the city, by any public service corporation furnishing light, heat or power or transmitting messages by telephone or telegraph lines. Such inspection shall be made at least once every three months and at such other times as the director of public works shall direct.

Sec. 78-83. - Report of inspections under article; notice to remove, replace, or alter.

The electrical inspector, upon completion of any inspection under this article, shall report any violation of any ordinance of the city to the director of public works and, in addition thereto, shall report any defect in or defective or unsafe condition of any pole inspected and any such wire or cable whenever its attachments, insulation, supports, or appliances are unsuitable or unsafe. A copy of such report shall immediately be furnished to the corporation owning the pole, wire, or cable inspected requiring that such poles, wires, or cables must be properly replaced, altered, or constructed. They shall require the owner of any pole, wire, or cable abandoned for use to remove the pole, wire, or cable.

Sec. 78-86. – Reports required.

Every person using or maintaining any telegraph, telephone, electric light, or other poles in any of the streets, highways, parks, or public places within the city shall annually, on March 10, file with the director of public works a sworn report containing a list of all such poles so used, possessed, or maintained by the person, giving the accurate location of each pole, the number and character of wires carried on each pole, and the names of the owners of such poles and of the persons using the poles. Every person owning or using any wire run in conduits beneath the surface of the streets, highways, alleys, parks, or public places within the city shall include in the sworn report a statement as to the number and length of the wires then owned or used by the person and run in such underground conduits.

Sec. 78-87. – City may order audit of books and records.

The city council may have the books and records of the person rendering the statement required in Section 78-86 examined by a bookkeeper employed by the city to ascertain whether such statement is accurate, but nothing in this article prevents the city from ascertaining the facts by any other method.

Secs. 78-88—78-95. - Reserved.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given affect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of [Shreveport City Charter Section 4.23](#).

THUS DONE AND ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office