ORDINANCE NO. 2184

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CRETE, NEBRASKA RELATING TO CONSUMER DEPOSITS; TO AMEND SECTION 3-121 OF THE CRETE MUNICIPAL CODE TO UPDATE THE NEW SERVICE DEPOSIT AMOUNT.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRETE, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. That Chapter 3, Article 1, Section 3-121 of the Crete Municipal Code shall be amended as follows:

3-121 Electric Department; Service Deposit; Refund.

- (1) Applicants for electric service shall be required to include a service deposit with their application to ensure the payment of electric bills and other charges. The amount of the service deposit shall be set forth in the City's Master Fee Schedule.
- (2) Service deposits shall remain in the custody of the Electric Department for up to ten years but may be refunded to a customer when (i) service has not been disconnected or payment waived past a disconnection date on more than one occasion over two consecutive years for residential service or over three consecutive years for other service classifications or (ii) service is no longer desired or otherwise permanently terminated. In the event of disconnection after a service deposit has been refunded, the customer will be required to pay reconnection fees in addition to a new service deposit, which will be <u>the same amount which was refunded on their prior account based on eighty</u> percent (80%) of the customer's average monthly billing. Any service deposit may be transferred by a customer between service locations in the city but may not be transferred by a customer to any other customer.

PASSED AND ENACTED the _____ day of _____ 2023.

ATTEST: Seal