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Ramsey Utility Customers:

The City of Ramsey adopted ordinances #20-11, #20-12 and #20-13 implementing a franchise fee on gas and electric utility customers. The City of Ramsey can legally impose a franchise fee on gas and electric utilities that provide service within their city limits.

What this means is that effective October 2020, customers of Centerpoint Energy, Connexus Energy and City of Anoka Electric will begin to see a line item on their monthly utility bills that states "City of Ramsey Franchise Fee". Charges per month are as such:

**Electric Utility – City of Anoka & Connexus Energy**

<u>Customer Classification</u>	<u>Amount per Account per Month (\$)</u>
Residential	\$ 7
Small Commercial/Industrial – Non-Demand	\$ 10
Small Commercial/Industrial – Demand	\$ 45
Large Commercial/Industrial/Institutional	\$210

**Gas Utility – Centerpoint Energy**

<u>Customer Classification</u>	<u>Amount per Account per Month (\$)</u>
Residential	\$ 7
Commercial/Industrial A (Up to 1,500 Therms)	\$ 10
Commercial/Industrial B (1,500-4,999 Therms)	\$ 20
Commercial/Industrial C (5,000 + Therms)	\$ 70
Small Volume, Dual Fuel A,B	\$148
Large Volume, Dual Fuel ("LVDF")	\$800

The City implemented the franchise fee, and the revenue generated from the franchise fee will be used solely to fund road reconstruction and overlay projects, as outlined in the City's Pavement Management Program. The collection of this fee will eliminate the need to levy special assessments to benefitting properties, and will eliminate the need to increase property taxes for road improvements.

For those properties that were levied a special assessment for Pavement Management projects beginning in year 2015, they will be eligible for a "Rebate". The rebate will be the lesser of the special assessment paid for the respective year or the annual franchise fee amount. The City will annually notify eligible parties of the rebate program. Please contact the city at 763-427-1410 or [www.cityoframsey.com](http://www.cityoframsey.com) with any questions concerning the franchise fee. The city will work with customers to resolve any billing issues or incorrect charges.