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of the Village of Glyndon, Clay County, Minn.

~~AN ORDINANCE~~ . No. 17.

PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMISSION  
IN THE VILLAGE OF GLENDON, CLAY COUNTY, MINNESOTA, AND DESCRIBING  
ITS POWERS AND DUTIES.

The Village Council of Glyndon, do ordain as follows:

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The control, management and operation of the Electric Light  
and Power System, in the Village of Glyndon, shall be committed to  
a Board, to be known as the "Electric Light Commission".

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Said Board shall consist of three members, all of whom shall  
be residents and citizens of the Village, and at least two of whom  
shall be free holders and residents of the Village for five years,  
prior to the time of their appointment. They shall be appointed by  
the Chairman of the Village Council, within ten days after the pass-  
age of this ordinance, as follows: "One member for one year; one for  
two years; and one for three years", said terms being considered herein  
as beginning March, 1st, 1920, Annually thereafter, one member  
shall be appointed by the Council at the time and in the manner that  
other officers are appointed, provided, however, that no such appoint-  
ment shall be made by the Council except by a vote of two-thirds of all  
of the members thereof, and said commissioners before entering upon the  
duties of their office, shall qualify and give bond in the sum of at  
least Five Hundred Dollars, (\$500.00).

The members of said Board shall be paid a salary not to exceed  
Twenty-Five Dollars, (\$25.00) each a year, the same to be paid out of  
the Electric Light Fund and form a part of the operating expenses of the  
plant or system.

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Said Board shall organize by electing one of its members,  
President, and another Secretary, and such secretary shall be the clerk

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and book-keeper of the Electric Light and Power department and shall receive for such additional services such compensation as the Board and the Council may direct. Said Board may employ a superintendent and a collector, "who may be one of its number", and such other necessary help as will enable it to properly perform its duties under this ordinance, and may discharge said employees at will. Said Board shall prescribe the duties of all such employees and shall fix their compensation. Said Board and its employees may enter upon any premises for the purpose of examining the same and making surveys, and it may prosecute any action in the name of the Village against any person for the use of Electric Light and Power, and for injury to any of the property or works entrusted to its care.

Said Board may require from the persons employed by it, bond for the faithful performance of their duty the amount of such bond shall be fixed by the Board, providing that the collector shall have a bond in at least the sum of One Thousand Dollars, (\$1000.00).

Said Board is hereby vested with full power to make and enforce such by-laws, rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry into effect the object of this ordinance and to cause all such by-laws, rules and regulations to be entered in a book kept for that purpose and signed by the president and secretary, which, when so entered and signed, shall be open at all times for inspection and shall be evidence in any Court of Justice. Said Board shall fix and maintain the rents and rates for light and power furnished by it, so that the electric light fund of the Village shall in each fiscal year be at least sufficient to defray the cost of the operation, maintenance and extension of the light and power system of the Village and to pay the interest on all bonds of the Village, designated under this ordinance which have been issued on account of the construction of the electric light and power system and to maintain a sinking fund of five per cent of the amount of the bonds so designated for replacement; and it is hereby made the duty of the Council to establish such sinking fund within 30 days after the passage of this ordinance.



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All supplies for the distribution system, shall be purchased as follows: An itemized list of such supplies shall be made by said Board and delivered to the Clerk, who shall register the same and submit it with his report thereon to the Council, and if approved by the Council said bill of supplies shall be purchased by the Clerk under the direction of the Council. Provided, that the Council, may authorize the purchase of supplies for amounts up to the sum of Two Hundred Dollars, in open market, without inviting proposals therefor, Provided, further, that the Council, by a two-thirds vote, may then authorize the light commissioners to contract for services or supplies not to exceed Fifty Dollars in any one month, which may be absolutely necessary for the operation of the distribution plant, but in the event of any extraordinary or sudden injury to said plant, whereby great damage might ensue by reason of delay, the Board shall make its requisition for supplies to the Clerk, who by and with the consent of the Chairman of the Village shall purchase supplies on account of the Village without an order from the Council therefor, and said Board shall cause the damage or break to be repaired in such manner as it may deem best for the interests of the Village. Provided, further, that if any requisition of said Board for any such supplies shall be refused by the Council for any reason, said Board may at once make application to the District Court of Clay County, for an appropriate writ to compel the Council to furnish said supplies and the Court shall, forthwith, hear and determine said matter upon eight day's notice to the Village by service upon the mayor or clerk. And, during the pendency of such proceeding said Court may order said Board to contract for and purchase such supplies as the Court may deem necessary and proper and all such supplies, so purchased by the Board under order of Court shall be paid for by the Village, by order of the Council as other supplies are paid for.

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It shall be the duty of the collector under the direction of the

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Said Board shall regulate the distribution and use of power and lights in all places and for all purposes where the same shall be required for either public or private use, and shall fix the prices and rates therefor, provided, that in case of lights for the streets, public buildings and other public places, the Board shall fix and locate the same as the Council may direct. Provided that said Board shall not charge the Village for such light or power a higher rate than is charged to private parties. The Village shall pay out of the general fund to the account of the Board, or to the power and light fund, at the price and rate so fixed by the Board, for all power and light supplied to the Village for public purposes.

Said Board is hereby authorized and required to restrain and prevent any and all waste of power and light and may, when in its judgment necessary, shut off the power and light or take such other action as in its judgment may be proper.

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The Board shall have full power and authority to require payment in advance for the use of electric current furnished by it in or upon any building, place or premises, and, in case prompt payment for the same shall not be made, then it shall shut off such current, and, in case prompt payment of light bills shall not be made, as required by the Board, then such light shall be shut off and said Board shall not again supply said building, place or premises, with light until all arrears with interest thereon together with the cost and expenses of turning said power of light off and on, shall have been fully paid.



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Board, to collect and pay forthwith into the treasury, all moneys due on account of the operation of the distribution plant and all the money which may come into his hands belonging to the Village. In case any power or light rate of any tenant of premises shall not be paid for ten days after the same fall due, said collector shall give to the owner of such premises notice in writing of such default, and that the Village will hold him liable for such bill contracted by such tenant. Such notice shall be served as follows: If the owner is a resident of the Village then in the manner provided by law for the service of a summons in District Court, if a non-resident, having an agent in the Village, then upon the agent; if a non-resident without a resident agent, then by publishing said notice in the issue of the official paper next following the expiration of said ten days. The secretary shall keep a set of books in his office which shall contain a full and complete statement of the condition and operation of the plant, all moneys received by the Board and paid over to the treasurer, and all payments made for account of the light plant, and all moneys due and owing to the Board for any cause whatever together with an accurate account of all the expenses of the Board. At the beginning of every month the secretary shall present to the Council, upon carefully prepared vouchers, all the bills for labor and material previously obtained or purchased by the Board as herein provided, which, after being examined and certified to by the Board and by the Clerk, shall be presented to the Council at its next meeting for allowance and payment.

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Extensions of the electric light lines shall not be made except when ordered by said Board and approved by the Council.

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Any person who shall wilfully and without authority from said Board break, remove or in any manner damage any of the electric fixtures, poles or metal, wires or transformers, or other property of any description belonging to or in any manner connected with said distribution plant, shall on conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment in the County Jail for a term not exceeding ninety days, or by a fine not exceeding One Hundred Dollars

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This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval and publication.

W. S. North.  
Village President.

Attest:

Walter Shave.  
Village Clerk.

Passed and Approved, March, 1st, 1920.