

**ORDINANCE NO. 154**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO MOTANA-DAKOTA UTILITES CO., A DIVISION OF MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC. A CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS, AND ASSIGNS, THE FRANCHISE AND RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE, WITHIN AND UPON, IN AND UNDER THE STREETS, ALLEYS, AND PUBLIC GROUNDS OF THE CITY OF WASHBURN.**

**A GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR TRANSMITTING AND DISTRIBUTING NATURAL OR MANUFACTURED GAS, OR A MIXTURE OF BOTH, FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE USE.**

**BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE CITY OF WASHBURN, NORTH DAKOTA THAT THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS BE RECREATED AND AMENDED:**

**SECTION I.** For convenience, herein, said municipal corporation is designated and referred to as “Municipality” and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. is designated and referred to as “Grantee.” Any reference together includes their respective successors and assigns.

**SECTION II.** There is hereby granted to Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., a corporation, Grantee, its successors and assigns, subject to the limitations herein stated, the right and franchise to occupy now and use the streets, alleys and public grounds or the Municipality as now, or hereafter constituted, for the purpose or constructing, maintaining, and operating, within, upon, in and under the same, a gas distribution system for transmitting and distributing natural or manufactured gas, or a mixture of both, for public and private use.

**SECTION III.** Grantee shall maintain an efficient distribution system for furnishing natural or manufactured gas, or mixture of both for public and private use at such reasonable rates as may be approved by the Public Service Commission of the State of North Dakota and under such orders, rules or regulations as may be issued by a federal or state agency having jurisdiction thereof.

**SECTION IV.** This franchise shall not be exclusive and shall not be construed to prevent the Municipality from granting to any other party the right to use the streets, alleys, and public grounds of the Municipality for like purposes.

**SECTION V.** The Municipality reserves any right it may have, under its police power, or otherwise, to control or regulate the use of said streets, alleys, and public grounds by Grantee.

**SECTION VI.** Grantee shall indemnify and save and hold the Municipality harmless from and loss or damage due to the construction, installation, and maintenance of its distribution system, and its use of the streets, alleys, and public grounds of the Municipality.

**SECTION VII.** Grantee shall have the right to assign this franchise to any party, or corporation, but all obligations of Grantee hereunder shall be binding upon its successors and assigns.

**SECTION VIII.** Within thirty (30) days after Grantee is notified of passage and final approval of the Ordinance, Grantee shall file with the clerk or auditor of the Municipality its written acceptance of this franchise.

**SECTION IX.** This franchise shall continue and remain in full force and effect for a period of twenty (20) years from the date upon which this ordinance shall become effective as provided by law.

Passed the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Auditor Mayor-Chairman

(Seal of the Municipality)

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