

ORDINANCE NO. 1241

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES 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 MILES CITY, MONTANA A NATURAL 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 COUNCIL OF MILES CITY, MONTANA as follows:

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 to either 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 of the Municipality as now, or hereafter constituted, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and operating, within, upon, in and under the same, a natural 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 a 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 Montana 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. Unless otherwise provided in any permit or regulation of the Municipality under separate ordinance, Grantee may trim trees and shrubs in and over the streets, alleys and public grounds to the extent Grantee determines is necessary to avoid interference with the construction, operation, maintenance and repair of the natural gas distribution facilities, provided Grantee shall hold the Municipality harmless from any liability arising therefrom.

SECTION VII. Grantee shall indemnify and save and hold the Municipality harmless from any 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.

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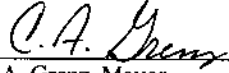
SECTION VIII. Grantee shall have the right to assign this franchise to any party, or corporation, but all obligations of Grantee hereunder shall be binding upon its successors and assigns.

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

SECTION X. This franchise shall continue and remain in full force and effect for a period of ten (10) years from the date upon which this ordinance shall become effective as provided by law.

SECTION XI. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after its final passage and approval.

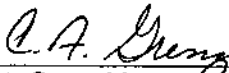
**SAID ORDINANCE READ AND PUT UPON ITS PASSAGE THIS
22ND DAY OF MAY, 2012.**


C.A. Grenz, Mayor

ATTEST:


Rebecca Stanton, City Clerk

**SAID ORDINANCE FINALLY PASSED AND APPROVED BY A
DULY CONSTITUTED QUORUM OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF MILES CITY, MONTANA, THIS 12TH DAY OF JUNE, 2012.**


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