

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-04

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10.33
OF THE FERDINAND MUNICIPAL CODE
REGARDING ELECTRIC RATES AND CHARGES**

WHEREAS, the Town Council has received and reviewed information that from time to time the electric equipment necessary to provide adequate electric service is tampered with by the property owner or their contractors without notice to or the consent of the Electric Department;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by The Ferdinand Town Council;

1. Section 10.33.070 of the Ferdinand Municipal Code is added and will read as follows:

10.33.070

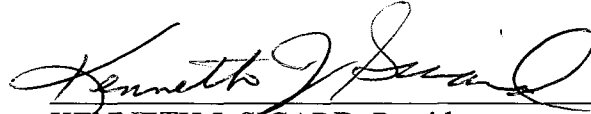
Penalties for Tampering. No person requesting or using a service, whether it be residential, commercial, or industrial, shall remove, damage, or tamper with any above ground or underground conduit, meter box, wiring to and including the weather head or the mounting bracket or pole or lines of the service line.

In addition to or as an alternative to disconnection of service, the Town of Ferdinand is authorized to notify, in writing, any person found to be in violation of this provision of the Ordinance and state the nature of the violation and give a satisfactory time period for correcting the violation. Any person who continues the violation beyond that time period shall be subject to a fine of \$100.00 per day for each day the violation continues and the violator will, additionally, be required to pay the Town's court costs and reasonable attorney fees. The Town may, at its option, additionally seek injunctive relief and attorney fees.

2. All other provisions of the Ferdinand Code Chapter 10.33 entitled Electric Rates and Charges shall remain unchanged.

3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Adopted, this 21 day of MARCH, 2023.



KENNETH J. SICARD, President

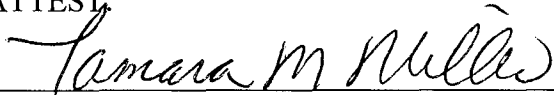


RON WEYER, Member



DEBRA JOHNSON, Member

ATTEST:



TAMARA M. MILLER, Clerk-Treasurer