

ORDINANCE NO. 09-10

AN ORDINANCE TO THE CITY OF SOMERSET CREATING A FRANCHISE FOR THE ERECTION, LAYING, AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRIC FACILITIES, AND APPURTENANT FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT IN, ALONG, AND ACROSS THE PUBLIC WAYS, ROADS, STREETS, ALLEYS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF SOMERSET, KENTUCKY: FOR FURNISHING AND SELLING ELECTRICITY BY MEANS OF SAID FACILITIES; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF SAID FRANCHISE.

WHEREAS, the City of Somerset (“City”) wishes to ensure that electric service continues to be furnished to its citizens in a reliable and efficient manner;

WHEREAS, the City is aware that the provision of such service requires the continued use of public streets, ways, alleys and other public places;

WHEREAS, the franchise granted to and acquired by Kentucky Utilities on _____, under which that utility provided such service, has expired by its terms;

WHEREAS, the City wishes to provide for the sale of a new franchise for the benefit of its citizenry, giving effect to Section 96.010 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED as follows:

Section 1. An exclusive franchise (“Franchise”) to use the City’s public rights-of-way, as described in the Franchise Agreement attached to this Ordinance, is hereby created.

Section 2. The Franchise created by this Ordinance shall be bid in accordance with the applicable requirements of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and Chapter 424 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, as well as any applicable City ordinances.

Section 3. The Franchise created by this Ordinance shall be awarded to the highest and best bidder as shall be determined by the City in its sole discretion. In awarding the Franchise, the City shall consider the technical, managerial, and financial qualifications of the bidder to perform its obligations under the Franchise.

Section 4. The winning bidder and the City shall negotiate, execute and be bound by a Franchise Agreement with terms identical to, or substantially identical to, the Franchise Agreement referenced in Section 1 above and attached hereto, such Agreement to contain terms “that are fair and reasonable to the [C]ity, to the purchaser of the [F]ranchise and to the patrons of the utility” (KRS Section 96.010). Such Franchise Agreement shall take effect no earlier than 90 days after its execution, to allow the City and the winner bidder to develop appropriate procedures for identifying and reviewing the electric-consuming entities within the City’s corporate limits.

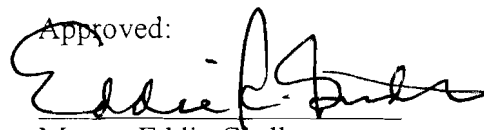
Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

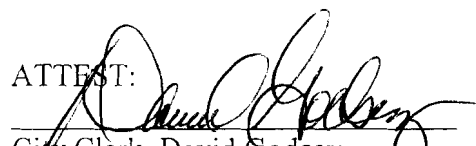
Section 6. Should any section, clause, line, paragraph, or part of this Ordinance or the attached Agreement be held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the same not affect the remainder of this Ordinance or the attached Agreement, as applicable.

Section 7. Time is of the essence in carrying out the terms and the provisions of this Ordinance and the Franchise created herein.

Section 8. This Ordinance shall become effective from and after its passage and publication.

FIRST READING June 8, 2009
SECOND READING June 22, 2009

Approved:

Mayor, Eddie Girdler

ATTEST:

City Clerk, David Godsey