

City of Bessemer City
Natural Gas Service, Extension and Maintenance Policy

As long as the City has sufficient gas available to permit the addition of new customers, the City will provide for additional gas service taps and gas main extensions in the following manner:

Gas Service Taps:

1. The standard gas tap fee for all new residential and small commercial customers is set with the Annual Budget and Schedule of Fees approved by City Council. **A Rebate Program or Waiver of Tap Fees may be available.**

The tap fee must be paid in advance and the gas department will schedule the installation of gas service upon receipt of the paid receipt from the City's Finance Department.

2. The City will install the service line up to 150 feet or less from the main to the structure as part of the standard tap fee. For a service line longer than 150 feet, a charge consisting of the actual cost of pipe plus \$0.30 per foot over the 150 feet will be assessed to the customer in addition to the tap fee.
3. In the event a customer requests relocation of a tap and meter, the customer shall complete a new application and pay a new tap fee equal to the amount contained in the most recent fee schedule approved by City Council. The City retains the right to refuse relocation of a tap and meter if relocation exceeds the cost of the applicable tap fee. The City also retains the right to refuse relocation of a tap and meter if the relocation area is unsuitable to the City or if the relocation area is in violation of any code requirements pursuant to Federal, State and/or Local regulations.
4. In the event a customer requests an upgrade in meter size above AL-425 due to an increase in BTU requirements, the customer shall pay the actual costs borne by the City for the meter and required regulator as well as the piping and fittings used to complete the upgrade.

Gas Main Extensions:

1. If, in order to provide service, an extension to an existing gas main is required, the City will extend the main a distance of up to 200 feet as a part of the nominal tap fee. In addition, the City will provide for an additional 100 foot credit towards the extension footage for each residence or commercial structure existing and directly able to be served by such an extension. For footages above the credits, there shall be a charge consisting of the actual cost of the pipe plus \$0.30 per foot.
2. The City retains the right to refuse new main extension or service in any case where the cost of such extension or service appears to be uneconomical to the City.

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