



# Electric Utility Fees

City Council Public Hearing

December 19, 2025



## BACKGROUND

- December 2011 – City Council adopted Ordinance 1855
  - Established guidelines for processing and recovery of revenue associated with utility theft
- January 2012 – City Council adopted Resolution 2012-04
  - Established specific fee **amounts** for fee types established by Ordinance 1855

# CURRENT SITUATION

- Established fees are very specific and don't address after hours costs incurred by utility
  - Based on assumption of time spent and staff required to complete work
  - On average, assumes one hour of applicable staff time (no overtime)
- Both labor and material costs have increased
  - Cost of living adjustments included in MOUs
  - Salary market adjustments recently implemented for LEU
  - Meter types have changed over the years
- Utility industry has evolved and customer demands have changed
  - Solar and Other Distributed Generation
  - Electrification (EVs, Appliances)
  - Accessory Dwelling Units
  - Electrical Panel Upgrades

# PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHANGES

- Theft Inspection Fee
  - Definition modified to include tampering/theft of meter **and/or** electrical infrastructure
- Field Services Field Trip Fee (**Revised: Field Services Dispatch Fee**)
  - Definition modified beyond disconnection of service for non-payment to also include disconnection at property without signed and approved application for service
- Service Cut At Pole Fee (**Revised: Troubleshooter Dispatch Fee**)
  - Definition modified to allow for assessment of fee **anytime** a Troubleshooter is dispatched to disconnect service (non-permitted, non-payment, public safety)
- Disconnect/Reconnect Fee (**NEW**)
  - Charged to customer (or customer's contractor on behalf of customer) by Building Department with issuance of permit for panel upgrade



# PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHANGES (CONTINUED)

- Meter Set Fee (**Revised: Meter Set/Dispatch Fee**)
  - Definition broadened to include instances when Metering Technicians are required to assist other LEU staff with more complicated meter disconnects and/or reconnects
- Nighthawk Collar/Nighthawk Meter Replacement Fee (**Revised: Remote Connect/Disconnect Meter Replacement Fee**)
  - Definition revised to remove name brand specific remote meter no longer used by LEU; will ensure any brand of similar meter applies in the future
  - Charged when meter must be replaced due to tampering/bypass
- Language added to include recovery of cost of unauthorized energy use (**NEW**)
  - Currently authorized under LEU Rules & Regulations No. 18, Section D(1)
- Automatic update of fees every July 1 based on actual labor rates and material costs (**NEW**)
- Other minor grammatical edits

# PREVIEW OF FEE AMOUNTS – SERVICE FEES

## FUTURE SEPARATE COUNCIL ACTION

### ■ REMINDER

- Subject of tonight's Public Hearing and Ordinance **ONLY** addresses fee type and description (not proposed amount)
- Future Council action will consider Resolution to adopt revised fees after Ordinance change becomes effective (February 2026)

Fee Type*	Original	Revised Business Hours / After Hours
Theft Inspection Fee	\$ 75.00	\$ 73.00 / \$ 92.00
Field Services Dispatch Fee	\$ 75.00	\$ 73.00 / \$ 92.00
Troubleshooter Dispatch Fee	\$120.00	\$158.00 / \$257.00
Meter Set/Dispatch Fee	\$115.00	\$131.00 / \$212.00
Damaged Meter Test Fee	\$ 57.50	\$ 70.00 / \$106.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Fee	NEW	\$158.00 / \$257.00

\*Based on fully burdened labor rate effective July 1 of each year      Slide 6 of 9

# PREVIEW OF FEE AMOUNTS – MATERIAL FEES

## FUTURE SEPARATE COUNCIL ACTION

Fee Type*	Original	Revised
Meter Ring Fee	\$ 17.00	\$ 43.00
Padlock Fee	\$ 7.00	\$ 10.00
Meter Cover Fee	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
Damaged Meter Replacement Fee: Single-Phase/Poly-Phase/Solar	\$ 60.00 / \$450.00 / N/A	\$ 90.00 / \$540.00 / \$435.00
Remote Connect/Disconnect Meter Replacement Fee	\$ 300.00 / \$430.00**	\$224.00

\*Based on current average cost of inventory as provided by Tyler/Munis

\*\*Previously included two components

## TIMELINE

- December 2025 – Public Hearing / Introduction of Ordinance
- January 2026 – Ordinance Adoption
- February 2026 – Effective Date of Ordinance and Adoption of Fee Amounts
- Fees Updated Annually Based on Actual Cost



## NEXT STEPS AND RECOMMENDATION

- QUESTIONS
- OPEN PUBLIC HEARING AND RECEIVE COMMENT
- INTRODUCE ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REENACTING LODI MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 13.20.020 – ENERGY THEFT DIVERSION/FIELD SERVICES FEE RECOVERY