ORDINANCE NO. 269

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING UTILITY COMPANIES TO MAINTAIN AND OPERATE AN OFFICE IN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF ATKINS, ARKANSAS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is to the best interest of the citizens of the City of Atkins, Arkansas, and conducive to the fair, reasonable and equal enjoyment of the services provided by the various public utility companies operating within said City of Atkins, Arkansas, that said utility companies maintain offices within the corporate limits of said City for the purpose of receiving payment of accounts receivable and for the purpose of taking applications for service and for the purpose of maintaining the existing plants of said public utilities,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATKINS, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. That from and after the enactment of this Ordinance all public utilities operating or franchised to operate in the City of Atkins, Arkansas, shall maintain within the corporate limits of the City of Atkins, an office staffed by a sufficient personnel to collect accounts receivable, accept applications for service and maintain the existing plant of said public utility within the City of Atkins; said office to be open at all reasonable times for these purposes.

Section 2. That all public utilities operating or franchised to operate within the City of Atkins, Arkansas, shall provide the same services and facilities as are provided in other cities and towns in which they are franchised to operate.

Section 3. Any Section or part of this Ordinance declared to be unconstitutional or void shall not effect the remaining Sections of this Ordinance, to this end the Sections hereof are declared to be severable.

Section 4. Any person, organization or corporation operating as a public utility within the City of Atkins who shall violate or cause to be violated any provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined for the first offense the sum of Ten and no/100 Dollars ($10.00) and for each separate and subsequent offense a fine of not less than Twenty-five and no/100 Dollars ($25.00) nor more than

Fifty Dollars ($50.00); and each day during which a violation or violations of this Ordinance shall continue shall constitute a separate and subsequent offense.

Section 5. It has been found and determined by the City Council of the City of Atkins, Arkansas, that an enactment of this Ordinance is necessary to preserve the services that have been and are presently being offered by the various public utilities operating within said City and that therefore an emergency is declared to exist, and this Ordinance being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, shall take effect and be in force from the date of its approval, passage and publication.

Passed and approved in Special Session properly called for this purpose on the 11th day of January, 1966.

s/Frank Cleveland
MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/Aurel Haney
CITY RECORDER

CERTIFICATE

I, Aurel Haney, Recorder of the City of Atkins, Arkansas, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance styled Ordinance No. 269 is a true and correct copy of said Ordinance as passed at the meeting of the City Council of the City of Atkins, in the County of Pope, State of Arkansas, at a Special Meeting called for said purpose held in the City Hall in said City at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on the 11th day of January, 1966.

Given under my hand and seal this 11th day of January, 1966.

s/Aurel Haney
City Recorder

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