

**ORDINANCE NO. 16 - 2025**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BERE, KENTUCKY, ADDING SECTION 31.023 TO THE BERE CITY CODE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE AS A CONDITION OF UTILITY SERVICE PROVIDED BY BERE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES**

**WHEREAS**, Berea Municipal Utilities ("BMU") is a municipally owned utility operating under the authority granted by KRS Chapter 96 to provide electric, water, and wastewater services within the City of Berea and surrounding service areas; and

**WHEREAS**, BMU will be implementing Advanced Metering Infrastructure ("AMI") technology to improve service reliability, enhance meter accuracy, increase operational efficiency, and provide customers with real-time usage information; and

**WHEREAS**, the installation and use of AMI meters are necessary for BMU to maintain system integrity, perform accurate billing, and ensure equitable service among all customers;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERE, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION I**

That the Berea City Code is hereby amended to enact Section 31.023 so that such Section shall read as follows:

**§ 31.023 ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE**

**A. Definitions**

For purposes of this Section:

1. Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Meter means a metering device that records utility consumption data electronically and communicates such data to Berea Municipal Utilities through a secure network for purposes of billing, monitoring, and system management.
2. Customer means any person, business, or entity that receives electric, water, wastewater, or other utility service from Berea Municipal Utilities.

3. Utility Service means any service provided by BMU, including but not limited to electric, water, and wastewater service.

#### **B. Terms of Service Requirement**

1. The installation, operation, and maintenance of an AMI meter at each service location shall be a condition of receiving and continuing utility service from Berea Municipal Utilities.
2. All new service connections shall be equipped with AMI meters prior to the initiation of service.
3. Existing customers shall permit the installation, replacement, and maintenance of AMI meters by BMU personnel or authorized contractors as part of standard utility operations.
4. Refusal by a customer to allow the installation or operation of an AMI meter shall constitute a violation of BMU's Terms of Service and may result in denial, disconnection, or discontinuation of service in accordance with BMU policies and applicable law.

#### **C. Ownership and Access**

1. All AMI meters and related communication equipment are and shall remain the sole property of Berea Municipal Utilities.
2. BMU and its authorized agents shall have reasonable access to all metering equipment for purposes of installation, inspection, maintenance, and reading.
3. Customers shall not tamper with, alter, or obstruct access to any AMI meter or associated equipment.

#### **D. Privacy and Data Security**

1. BMU shall maintain customer usage data collected through AMI meters in accordance with applicable privacy, cybersecurity, and open records laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
2. Data obtained through AMI meters shall be used solely for legitimate utility business purposes, including billing, operations, system planning, and regulatory reporting.
3. BMU shall not disclose individual customer data except as required by law or to contractors or agents performing work on behalf of BMU under confidentiality obligations.

#### **E. Customer Information**

BMU shall make information available to customers regarding:

- The purpose and function of AMI meters;

- Customer access to usage data; and
- Procedures for addressing meter-related concerns or disputes.

**F. Enforcement**

Failure to comply with this Ordinance or any implementing policy adopted by BMU shall constitute a violation of the BMU Terms of Service. BMU may take enforcement actions, including suspension or termination of service, consistent with established rules and due process requirements.

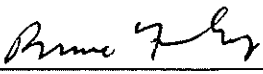
**SECTION II**

That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed. This Ordinance shall be published according to law.

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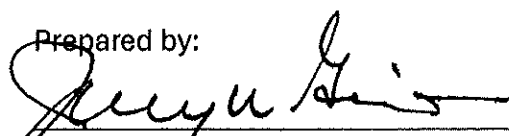
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City Clerk

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