

Please complete and submit the following information to establish your City of Gastonia Utility Account at least two (2) business days before your new utility service is needed:

Requirements for new service:

- City of Gastonia/Two Rivers Utilities Application
 - Primary Applicant – Complete both pages, with information about the location where service is being requested and personal information to verify identity.
 - Co-Applicant(s) – Only need to complete page 2 (Customer Information Form) for purposes of verifying identity. This form contains personal identifying information protected under the Identity Theft Protection Act.
 - Identification - Clear photo or image of a valid U.S. issued photo identification or completed Identity Verification Form, found on the City's website under the Utility Customer Service tab.
 - Proof of Legal Occupancy - Copy of lease agreement or proof of ownership where utility service is being requested.
 - Contact Phone Number - Please provide a valid daytime phone number where you may be reached in case there are questions or issues that need to be addressed prior to establishing your service.
 - Deposit – Customer may also be required to provide a deposit for utility services unless one (1) of the following can be provided:
 1. Two (2) current written credit references from any creditors or one (1) credit reference from a utility company with at least twelve (12) months of current credit history. Credit references must be in the same name as the applicant and contain less than three (3) delinquent payments.
 2. If a commercial customer requests that a deposit requirement be waived on the basis of personal credit worthiness, either through a credit verification company, or the credit rating on an existing active City of Gastonia utility account, the account will be set up accordingly showing the individual as the responsible party.
- Deposit amounts vary, with the utility services available, but are based on two times the average bill amount for the service location and must be paid in full before services are connected. If the deposit requirement amount exceeds \$2,000.00 for a new non-residential customer, a surety bond payable to the City of Gastonia, valid for a period of two (2) years, may be accepted
- City Accounts – please note that all City of Gastonia accounts for the applicant and any co-applicants must be current before new service can be established.

Submitting your application:

Your completed application, along with attachments, can be submitted as follows:

- For convenience and security, the preferred method is to submit your application and attachments electronically through our secure encrypted application.
- Printed copies may be mailed to City of Gastonia Customer Service, PO Box 1748, Gastonia, NC 28053 or;
- Delivered in person to the Customer Service Division located on the first floor of the Garland Business Center, 150 S. York Street, Gastonia NC 28052.

Please note that we do not recommend returning the information to us via email or facsimile (FAX) due to the sensitivity of identifying personal information included.

If you have questions or need additional information, please call our office during normal office hours at 704-866-6714 or contact us via e-mail at billing@cityofgastonia.com.



Non-Residential Utility Service Application

Commercial/Industrial/Non-Residential



Date of Application		Date Service is Requested <small>(please allow 2 business days)</small>	
Select One:	Property Owner <input type="checkbox"/>	Tenant/Renter <input type="checkbox"/>	Property Manager <input type="checkbox"/>

Applicant Information

Business Name		Service Location Address			
Type of Organization <small>(select one)</small>	*Sole Proprietorship <small>(PLEASE COMPLETE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BELOW)</small>	Partnership	LLC	Corporation	Other
*Business Owner's Name		Daytime Phone		Email Address	
Business Mailing Address			City	State	Zip
Phone	Alternate Phone	Email Address		Company Website	
Name of Person Making Application			Title		

Have you had utility service with the City before?	Yes	No	If so, when?	
				What address?
				In what name?

**Temporary/Contract Service				
<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%; padding: 5px;">Please indicate which service(s), if any, are temporary in nature or part of a construction/remodel or similar project</td> <td style="width: 20%; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Electric</td> <td style="width: 10%; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Water</td> <td style="width: 10%; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">None</td> </tr> </table>	Please indicate which service(s), if any, are temporary in nature or part of a construction/remodel or similar project	Electric	Water	None
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Notice

Online Utility Exchange provides City of Gastonia credit and past utility information to determine the amount of the deposit required. Deposit amount depends on information furnished by Online Utility Exchange and can be waived if Online Utility Exchange qualifies the rating. If a deposit is required, this amount must be paid in full before utility service is supplied to the location. This deposit is non-transferable, non-interest bearing, and will not be considered as part payment of any bill where service is continued. Proof of ownership or a copy of your lease must also be provided at the time of application.

The City of Gastonia asks that individuals provide your Social Security number and business entities provide your federal tax identification number as a part of your application for utility service. The request for an individual customer's Social Security number or an entity's Federal Taxpayer Identification Number is authorized by Section 105A-3(c) of the North Carolina General Statutes. Individual Social Security numbers and business federal tax identification numbers collected by the City's Billing and Customer Service offices may be used to check credit worthiness for purposes of establishing the amount of required deposit, to confirm identity of the customer, by means of matching the number with information found in the City's databases, or to determine whether the customer qualifies for additional services such as payment arrangements or online account access. They may be released to the State of North Carolina for use in the Debt Setoff program or other governmental agencies or their agents. It may also be released to private debt collection agencies for the purpose of collecting debts owed to the City. Access to personal information such as identification, Social Security number and bank account information are only accessible by authorized City personnel for purposes outlined above and general account maintenance.

If any individual decides not to provide their Social Security number as part of your application, you will still be provided utility services. However, you will be required to apply in person, pay a deposit for utility services and certain services offered as a courtesy by the City of Gastonia, such as payment arrangements and online services, may not be available to you.

I hereby make application for utility services with the City of Gastonia/Two Rivers Utilities at the service location indicated above and certify that the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. In requesting utility service, I accept full responsibility for any charges, fees, penalties or other obligations incurred by this account, regardless of service location. I also agree to abide by all present and future rules and regulations of the City of Gastonia that may apply to my utility service.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____



Commercial/Industrial/Non-Residential Customer Information Form



As per the Identity Theft Protection Act, it is unlawful to place certain identifiable information on documentation that may be placed on public record.

Below is a list of required information that is pertinent to establishing a utility account with the City of Gastonia. This information is considered by the City of Gastonia to be Confidential. If your account is delinquent, page 1 of this application may be placed on public record for the purposes of collecting a debt.

Service Location Address: _____, _____ NC _____

Please complete information below as applicable to the type of business entity.

Applicant Information (Sole Proprietorship, Partnership)

Name: _____ Social Security Number: _____ Birthdate: _____

Driver's License/ID Number: _____ State: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant Information (Corporation, LLC, Non-Profit)

Name: _____ Title _____

Driver's License/ID Number: _____ State: _____

Federal Taxpayer ID Number: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION ACT

NCGS §132-1.10(d)

No person preparing or filing a document to be recorded or filed in the official records of the register of deeds, the Department of the Secretary of State, or of the courts that may include any person's social security, employer taxpayer identification, driver's license, state identification, passport, checking account, savings account, credit card, or debit card number, or personal identification (PIN) code or passwords in that document, unless otherwise expressly required by law or court order, adopted by the State Registrar on records of vital event, or redacted...

Any person who violates this subsection shall be guilty of an infraction, punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each violation.

The entire Identity Theft Protection Act can be found at <http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/gascrpts/statutes.asp>