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TAMPERING OR DIVERTING ELECTRIC SERVICE IS AGAINST THE LAW

If tampering is found by Burbank Water and Power (BWP), the account holder may be charged a \$500 energy diversion fine per the City of Burbank's Fee Schedule. If BWP also determines the tampered service is unsafe or was connected illegally as described in BWP's Rules and Regulations, it may be disconnected by BWP personnel and the account holder charged an additional \$100 fine. The account holder may be subject to back billing as well as the costs of replacing/repairing any BWP property damaged, destroyed, or missing. Please note that multiple acts of tampering may result in higher penalties and could lead to legal action. Penalties will be included on the next municipal services bill; however, they must be paid prior to being reconnected.

Meter locking rings must be removed and installed exclusively by the BWP Electric Services Division. Requests must be made with at least 24-hour advance notice by calling **(818) 238-3575**.

BURBANK MUNICIPAL CODE

Electric

8-2-213 (D) Diversion: No owner, lessee, tenant, or other person in possession of or having charge and control of any premises connected to the City electrical system shall connect or maintain any electric consuming device to the line side of an electric meter installed on such premises; nor shall such person connect or maintain any connections or devices of any kind which would prevent the meter from registering the total amount of electricity consumed on the premises and supplied from the City's electrical system. The existence of electric energy-consuming devices installed ahead of the meter or any tampering or interfering with wires, devices, or equipment connected to the City's electrical system or the damage to, alteration, or obstruction of any meter, including the breaking of meter seals, which will permit or make possible the use of electric energy without its proper registration on an electric meter shall constitute prima facie evidence of diversion of electric energy in violation of the provisions of this subsection by the customer in whose name service is being rendered or by the person benefitting from the use of such diverted energy. Prima facie evidence of diversion of electric energy in violation of the provisions of this subsection shall also exist whenever a check meter registers more electric energy at the same interval of time than the meter installed at the customer's premises.

RULES & REGULATIONS

1.10 (d) Any unauthorized person found taking utility service from or through any of BWP's facilities will be assessed charges and/or prosecuted under the full extent of the law. Any unauthorized equipment or apparatus found connected to BWP's facilities will be removed by BWP personnel and stored at BWP. The equipment or apparatus may be redeemed upon full payment of all penalties, fees, or charges due. After 30 days, unclaimed equipment or apparatus will be disposed of at BWP's discretion.

1.50 (b)(4) BWP may disconnect a service without notice if unsafe, nuisance, or hazardous conditions are found to exist on the customer's premises. BWP will immediately notify the customer of the reasons and the necessary corrections required before reconnection. Such unsafe, nuisance, or hazardous conditions may exist due to defective appliances or equipment that may be detrimental to either the customer, BWP, or to BWP's other customers.

1.50 (b)(5) A Customer's utility service may be discontinued for fraudulent use of service. When BWP determines that a Customer has obtained service by fraudulent means or has diverted utility service from another Customer



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without authorization from BWP, the service may be discontinued without notice. BWP will not restore service to such Customer until that Customer has complied with all Rules and Regulations and BWP has been reimbursed for the full amount of the service rendered and the actual cost to 1-17 BWP, including administrative and overhead, incurred by reason of the fraudulent use.

CITY OF BURBANK FEE SCHEDULE

Article X. Section 10.A. Electric Miscellaneous Charges - Penalties

(3) Disconnect after illegal connection	\$100.00	Violation
(6) Repairs and replacements due to illegal connections	At Cost	Each
(7) Energy diversion	\$500.00	Violation