ORDINANCE # 384

An ordinance of the City of Gothenburg, Nebraska, providing for the creation of The Advisory Commission On Rates; providing for the duties and powers thereof; providing for the terms of office thereof; providing for the repeal of all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing for an effective date.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOTHENBURG, DAWSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

SECTION I. There is hereby established, within the City of Gothenburg, hereinafter the City, The Advisory Commission On Rates, hereinafter the Commission, which Commission shall consist of five (5) members, each appointed by the Mayor, with the consent of the City Council, all of whom shall be residents of the City of Gothenburg, Nebraska.

SECTION II. The original members of the Board shall be appointed within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this ordinance, one (1) member for a term of two (2) years, two (2) members for a term of three (3) years, two (2) members for a term of four (4) years, as determined by the Mayor at the time of the original appointments, and all appointments thereafter shall be for a term of four (4) years. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Commission shall be filled by the Mayor, with the consent of the City Council, for the unexpired term.

SECTION III. Each of the members of the Commission shall take an oath to discharge faithfully the duties of his office before entering upon the discharge thereof.

SECTION IV. No members of the Commission shall ever be financially interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract entered into by the City of Gothenburg.

SECTION V. Existing rules, regulations, forms and policies not in conflict with this ordinance shall continue until lawfully modified or repealed.

SECTION VI. The Commission shall advise the Mayor, members of the City Council and other City officials, as the case may be, of the fairness, economic impact, income producing capability, and any other qualitative and quantative statistical data covering rates, as they presently exist or are proposed, from time to time, to be changed. The giving of this advice by the Commission shall come at the direction of the Mayor, the City Council, or both such Mayor and Council.

SECTION VII. The Vice-Chairman shall act as the executive secretary of the Commission and shall be responsible for all books, records and transcripts of proceedings of the Commission.

SECTION VIII. The members of the Commission shall organize as soon as practicable after their appointment, by electing a chairman and vice-chairman who shall serve for one (1) year. Thereafter, said Commission shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman at the first annual meeting. The Commission shall establish regular times for meeting and may adopt rules and regulations necessary or desirable for the conduct of their business. The Commission shall keep a record of all of their proceedings and further comply with Article 14, of Chapter 84, R. R. S. Nebraska, 1943, as amended, popularly known as the "Sunshine Law".

SECTION IX. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION X. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed and approved this 15th day of January, 1980.

CITY OF GOTHENBURG, DAWSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

BY: _____
Mayor.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney.