

LATOYA CANTRELL, MAYOR
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER

LC 18-04

WHEREAS, electric, gas, cable, and telecommunications utility entities in New Orleans operate under utility franchise agreements;

WHEREAS, the City has the authority to regulate and generate revenue from utility franchise agreements;

WHEREAS, enforcing utility franchise agreements could generate significant revenue for the City;

WHEREAS, no single city department presently enforces utility franchise agreements;

WHEREAS, the regulation and enforcement of utilities once fell on the Department of Utilities, which is now dissolved; and

WHEREAS, the existing Council Utilities Regulatory Office does not enforce utility franchise agreements;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LATOYA CANTRELL, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of New Orleans, the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, and the Home Rule Charter and laws of the City of New Orleans, **HEREBY ORDER AS FOLLOWS**:

1. Effective Date
This Executive Order is effective upon the date of its issuance.
2. Purpose
The purpose of this Executive Order is to establish a Mayor's Office of Utilities for the City of New Orleans.
3. The Mayor's Office of Utilities, headed by a Director of Utilities who will serve in an unclassified Civil Service position, shall:
 - (a) Assist the Department of Finance in recommending terms to be incorporated in any franchise, permit, or privilege to be granted by the City.

- (b) Assist the Department of Finance in recommending rates, and revisions thereof, to be charged by any public utility subject to regulation by the City.
- (c) Assist the Department of Finance in supervising and investigating, within lawful limits, the public utilities operating in the City for compliance with franchise or other privileges, rate orders, and any matter concerning the interests of the City or its residents with respect to the operations of public utilities.
- (d) Assist the Department of Finance in recommending to the Mayor that legal proceedings be instituted to secure compliance with any franchise granted by the Council and with the provisions of law relating thereto.
- (e) Assist the Department of Finance in making public reports, and recommendations to the Mayor, on any matter concerning the interests of the City with respect to the operations of public utilities.
- (f) Assist the Department of Finance in performing such other duties as are required by this Charter or assigned in writing by the Mayor.
- (g) Assist the Department of Public Works in recommending terms to be incorporated in contracts for supplying utility services for City buildings or facilities and for supplying street lighting services to the City and shall supervise performance under such contracts.

4. Duration

This Executive Order will remain in effect until amended or suspended by a subsequent order approved in accordance with Section 4-206(3)(c) of the Charter.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS 25TH DAY OF May, 2018, AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

LaToya Cantrell, Mayor
City of New Orleans