

LANDLORD AGREEMENT

This Landlord Agreement is available to all persons offering residential space for rent in Vermillion.

With the high occupancy turnover in Vermillion, it frequently happens that tenants whose utility accounts are in their names advise the City Finance Office that they are vacating and instruct us to read the meter and terminate service. We have no choice but to follow their instructions.

Realizing that this creates a risk for you (especially in cold weather), we offer you the privilege of directing us to automatically transfer the account to your name with the understanding that the City does not assume the responsibility of liability for consequences following the City's failure, if that should happen, to leave service on at the property. Each time service is transferred to your name, you will be charged the normal service connection fee of \$10.00 plus tax for electric service and/or \$10.00 for water service. Connection fees not paid at the time of transfer will be added to the monthly account billing. Service fees that are not paid in a timely manner will result in termination of this agreement.

If the service is transferred to your name, you will be responsible for payment of the utility service until you notify us that you would like the service discontinued or a new tenant assumes responsibility for the service.

For the new tenant to assume responsibility for the service it is necessary for the tenant to come to the City Finance Office to complete a Utility Service Application and pay the utility deposit and service fees. A telephone call from you or the new tenant will not transfer the responsibility to the new tenant. For your protection, you should contact us to see if the new tenant has transferred and assumed the responsibility for the service.

If you want service transferred to your name, in case of a vacancy under these circumstances, please complete this Landlord Agreement and return it to the City Finance Office, 25 Center St, Vermillion SD 57069.

Please list the units at which you desire this service. If you desire all apartments in a particular apartment building included, please indicate this clearly. Otherwise, all units will be considered separately and the service will be performed at only those units specifically designated. Also please indicate if you wish the agreement in effect throughout the whole year or a "winter only" which covers from November 1st to April 1st. It will be necessary for you to advise the Finance Office in writing of changes you may desire in the future, and the City will continue to follow your instructions until you notify the Finance Office to the contrary.

