

ORDINANCE NO. 1492

LEXINGTON, NEBRASKA.

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF COMBINED REVENUE BONDS, 1977 SERIES, OF THE CITY OF LEXINGTON, NEBRASKA, OF THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$750,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANT AND SYSTEM, THE WATERWORKS PLANT AND SYSTEM AND THE ELECTRICAL LIGHT AND POWER PLANT AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE CITY AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF TAKING UP AND PAYING OFF OUTSTANDING COMBINED UTILITY BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, 1976 SERIES, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000) AND COMBINED UTILITY BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, 1975 SERIES, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$450,000); PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF SAID BONDS; PLEDGING AND HYPOTHECATING THE REVENUES AND EARNINGS OF THE SEWER, WATER AND ELECTRIC SYSTEMS OWNED BY THE CITY FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY WITH THE HOLDERS OF SAID BONDS; SELLING THE BONDS AND AUTHORIZING THE DELIVERY OF THE BONDS TO THE PURCHASER; PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE BOND PROCEEDS AND ORDERING THE ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEXINGTON, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. The Mayor and Council of the City of Lexington, Nebraska, hereby find and determine: a) That the City presently owns and operates a sewage disposal plant and system, waterworks plant and system and electrical light and power plant and distribution system, all of which are hereby determined to be revenue producing facilities under the provisions of Sections 18-1803 to 18-1805 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, as amended; b) that the City has heretofore issued its Combined Utility Bond Anticipation Notes, 1976 Series, in the principal amount of \$200,000, and Combined Utility Bond Anticipation Notes, 1975 Series, in the principal amount of \$450,000, all of which Notes are presently outstanding and unpaid and are secured by a pledge of the revenue and earnings of the sewage disposal plant and system, waterworks plant and system and electrical light and power plant and distribution system, in that the City has agreed to establish and collect rates and charges sufficient to enable the City to issue and sell bonds in an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said Notes, and that that it will issue such bonds in an amount sufficient to pay the Notes

both principal and interest; that all of the above notes are presently subject to redemption in accordance with their terms; c) that the City has heretofore and does hereby determine it necessary to construct additional improvements and extensions to the combined utilities, the total cost of which, together with accrued interest on the outstanding Notes to be refunded by this Ordinance, is estimated to be in excess of \$100,000; d) that the Mayor and Council do hereby determine that it is necessary that Combined Revenue Bonds of the City in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) be issued to pay for the refunding of said outstanding Notes as described above and the construction of the sewer, water and electric improvements and extensions mentioned above; that all conditions, acts and things required by law to exist or to be done precedent to the issuance of the Combined Revenue Bonds contemplated herein do exist and have been done and performed in regular and due form as provided in Sections 18-1803 to 18-1805, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, as amended.

Section 2. Unless the context shall clearly indicate otherwise, the following terms shall have the following meanings when used in this ordinance: (a) "the combined utilities" shall mean the sewage disposal plant and system, the waterworks plant and system and the electrical light and power plant and distribution system of the City of Lexington, Nebraska, as now existing and all additions, extensions and improvements hereafter made; (b) "revenues" shall mean all the rates, rentals, fees, charges, earnings and other moneys from any source whatever derived by the City of Lexington through its ownership and operation of its combined utilities; (c) "1977 Bonds" shall mean the \$750,000 principal amount "Combined Revenue Bonds, 1977 Series" authorized to be issued pursuant to Section 3 of this ordinance at any time outstanding; (d) "Additional

Bonds" shall mean any bond, including refunding bond authorized and issued pursuant to the provisions of Section 14 of this ordinance at any time outstanding, which are payable on a parity with the 1977 Bonds and equally and ratably secured therewith.

Section 3. For the purpose of improving and extending the combined utilities of the City and for the purpose of taking up and paying off outstanding Combined Utility Bond Anticipation Notes, 1976 Series, in the principal amount of \$200,000 and Combined Utility Bond Anticipation Notes, 1975 Series, in the principal amount of \$450,000, together with the interest thereon, which Notes were issued to pay a portion of the cost of the improvements to the combined utilities, there shall be and there are hereby ordered issued negotiable bonds of the City of Lexington, Nebraska, to be designated as "Combined Revenue Bonds, 1977 Series" (herein called the "1977 Bonds"), consisting of one hundred fifty bonds, numbered 1 to 150 inclusive, of the denomination of \$5,000 each, dated April 1, 1977. The 1977 Bonds shall bear interest as follows:

Bonds Nos. 1 to 37 inclusive at the rate of four and fifteen hundredths per centum (4.15%) per annum

Bonds Nos. 38 to 46 inclusive at the rate of four and thirty hundredths per centum (4.30%) per annum

Bonds Nos. 47 to 56 inclusive at the rate of four and forty hundredths per centum (4.40%) per annum

Bonds Nos. 57 to 66 inclusive at the rate of four and fifty hundredths per centum (4.50%) per annum

Bonds Nos. 67 to 76 inclusive at the rate of four and sixty hundredths per centum (4.60%) per annum

Bonds Nos. 77 to 87 inclusive at the rate of four and seventy hundredths per centum (4.70%) per annum

Bonds Nos. 88 to 98 inclusive at the rate of four and eighty-five hundredths per centum (4.85%) per annum

Bonds Nos. 99 to 110 inclusive at the rate of five per centum (5.00%) per annum

Bonds Nos. 111 to 123 inclusive at the rate of five and ten hundredths per centum (5.10%) per annum

Bonds Nos. 124 to 136 inclusive at the rate of five and twenty hundredths per centum (5.20%) per annum

Bonds Nos. 137 to 150 inclusive at the rate of five and twenty-five hundredths per centum (5.25%) per annum

interest from the date of issuance until April 1, 1978, at the rate of one and ten hundredths per centum (1.10%) per annum, payable at the time the above interest is payable, which shall be represented by supplemental coupons which shall have the letter "A" affixed to their numbers and may be detached and sold separately. The principal of said bonds shall become due and payable as follows:

Bonds Nos.	1 - 6	\$30,000	due April 1, 1978
	7 - 12	30,000	due April 1, 1979
	13 - 20	40,000	due April 1, 1980
	21 - 28	40,000	due April 1, 1981
	29 - 37	45,000	due April 1, 1982
	38 - 46	45,000	due April 1, 1983
	47 - 56	50,000	due April 1, 1984
	57 - 66	50,000	due April 1, 1985
	67 - 76	50,000	due April 1, 1986
	77 - 87	55,000	due April 1, 1987
	88 - 98	55,000	due April 1, 1988
	99 - 110	60,000	due April 1, 1989
	111 - 123	65,000	due April 1, 1990
	124 - 136	65,000	due April 1, 1991
	137 - 150	70,000	due April 1, 1992

The City reserves the option of redeeming bonds of this issue numbered 38 to 150 inclusive on April 1 , 1982, or at any time thereafter. Said bonds shall be called in the inverse order of their serial numbers, bond or bonds bearing a higher serial number being redeemed before the redemption of any bond or bonds bearing a lower serial number. Attached to each bond shall be negotiable coupons for the interest to become due thereon. Said bonds shall not be general obligations of the City and shall not be payable out of any fund raised by taxation but shall be paid only out of the revenues and earnings derived and to be derived from the operation of the combined utilities owned or to be owned by the City including all extensions, enlargements and improvements thereof as provided in this ordinance.

Section 4. The 1977 Bonds shall be executed on behalf of the City by being signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk and shall have the City seal impressed on each bond. The interest coupons shall be executed on behalf of the City by being signed by the Mayor and City Clerk, either by affixing their own proper signatures to each coupon or by causing their facsimile signatures to be affixed thereto and the Mayor and Clerk shall, by the execution of each bond, be deemed to have adopted as and for their own proper signatures their facsimile signatures, if any, affixed to the coupons. The City Clerk shall make and certify in duplicate a complete transcript of proceedings had and done precedent to the issuance of said bonds, one of which transcripts shall be filed in the office of the Auditor of Public Accounts of the State of Nebraska and the other shall be delivered to the purchaser of said bonds. After being executed by the Mayor and Clerk, said bonds shall be delivered to the City Treasurer who shall be responsible therefor under his official bond and the Treasurer shall cause said bonds to be registered in his own office as finance officer of

the City and in the office of the Clerk of Dawson County and to be transmitted with a certified transcript aforesaid to the Auditor of Public Accounts of the State of Nebraska to be registered in said Auditor's office

Section 5. Said bonds and coupons shall be in substantially the following form:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF NEBRASKA
COUNTY OF DAWSON
CITY OF LEXINGTON

No. _____

COMBINED REVENUE BOND
1977 SERIES

\$5,000

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the City of Lexington in the County of Dawson in the State of Nebraska hereby acknowledges itself to owe and for value received promises to pay to bearer out of the special fund hereinbelow designated the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) in lawful money of the United States of America on the first day of April, 19____, with interest thereon from the date hereof to maturity at the rate of _____ per centum (____%) per annum, represented by one set of interest coupons and, in addition thereto, interest from the date of issuance until April 1, 1978, at the rate of one and ten hundredths per centum (1.10%) per annum, represented by supplemental coupons which shall have the letter "A" affixed to their numbers and which may be detached and sold separately. Such interest shall be payable semiannually on the first days of October and April in each year on presentation and surrender of the interest coupons hereto attached as they severally become due. Both the principal hereof and the interest hereon are payable at the office of the Treasurer of Dawson County in Lexington, Nebraska, in money which is legal tender under the laws of the United States of America.

The City reserves the right and option of redeeming bonds of this issue numbered from 38 to 150 inclusive on April 1, 1982, or at any time thereafter. Said bonds shall be called in the inverse order of their serial numbers, bond or bonds bearing a higher serial number being redeemed before the redemption of any bond or bonds bearing a lower serial number.

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This bond is one of an issue of one hundred fifty bonds numbered 1 to 150 inclusive, for \$5,000 each, of the total principal amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) of even date and like tenor herewith except as to date of maturity and rate of interest issued by said City to pay the cost of constructing improvements and extensions to the existing sewage disposal plant and system, waterworks plant and system and electrical light and power plant and distribution system of the City and to take up and pay off outstanding Combined Utility Bond Anticipation Notes, 1976 Series, in the principal amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) and Combined Utility Bond Anticipation Notes, 1975 Series, in the principal amount of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000). The issuance and sale of said bonds have been lawfully authorized by proceedings duly had and by an ordinance lawfully enacted by the Mayor and City Council of said City in strict compliance with Sections 18-1803 to 18-1805, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, as amended.

The revenue and earnings derived and to be derived from the operation of the entire sewage disposal plant and system and all extensions and additions thereto and all improvements thereof hereafter made, owned and operated by the City, the revenue and earnings derived and to be derived from the waterworks plant and system and all extensions and additions thereto and all improvements thereof hereafter made, owned and operated by the City, and the revenue and earnings derived and to be derived from the operation of the entire electrical light and power plant and distribution system and all extensions and additions thereto and all improvements thereof hereafter made, owned and operated by the City, are pledged and hypothecated for the payment of all of the bonds issued under this ordinance of the principal amount of \$750,000, and said bonds are not general obligations of the City. The City agrees to maintain and collect rates and charges

for sewer, water and electric service which shall be reasonable and adequate to produce revenues and earnings sufficient at all times to pay the interest and principal of all of said bonds as such interest and principal become due and to maintain and operate said combined utilities efficiently. The ordinance which authorizes the issuance of the bonds of this series constitutes a contract between the City and the holders of said bonds and reserves the right to the City to issue bonds equal in lien to the bonds of this series of bonds under certain conditions and to issue junior lien bonds or notes when necessary.

The City agrees that it will establish and maintain a special fund known as the Combined Utility Fund into which it will pay all of the gross revenues collected and received from the operation of its said combined utilities and will use the moneys in said fund only for the operation and maintenance of said combined utilities and for the payment of the interest and principal of the bonds of this series and of additional bonds authorized in accordance with the terms of said ordinance and for such other purposes as are permitted by said ordinance and will apply the moneys in said fund to the payment of said bonds as the principal and interest become due.

This bond is a negotiable instrument and the holder hereof has all the rights of a holder in due course of a negotiable instrument.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED AND WARRANTED that all conditions, acts and things required by law to exist or to be done precedent to and in the issuance of this bond, did exist, did happen and were done and performed in regular and due form and time as required by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Mayor and City Council have caused this bond to be executed on behalf of the City by being signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk and by causing the official seal of the City to be hereto affixed and have caused the interest coupons hereto attached to be executed on behalf of the City by having affixed

thereto the facsimile signatures of said officers. Said officers do, by the execution of this bond, adopt as and for their own proper signatures their respective facsimile signatures on said coupons.

Dated this first day of April, 1977.

CITY OF LEXINGTON, NEBRASKA

(Do not sign)

Mayor

ATTEST:

(Do not sign)

City Clerk

(FORM OF COUPON)

No. _____ \$ _____

On the first day of October (April), 19____, (On Bonds Nos. 38 to 150 inclusive insert the following clause: "Unless the bond to which this coupon is attached has theretofore been called for payment and payment made or provided for") the City of Lexington, Nebraska, will pay to bearer solely out of the Combined Utilities Fund of said City _____ Dollars (\$_____) at the office of the Treasurer of Dawson County in Lexington, Nebraska, for interest due on that date on its Combined Revenue Bond, 1977 Series, dated April 1, 1977. Bond No. _____.

(Facsimile Signature)

City Clerk

(Facsimile Signature)

Mayor

Section 6. For the payment of the 1977 Bonds, both principal and interest, together with any Additional Bonds, both principal and interest, the City hereby pledges and hypothecates the entire revenue and earnings of the combined utilities subject only to the payment of reasonable operating expenses of said combined utilities.

Section 7. The City will maintain and collect rates and charges for all sewer, water and electric service furnished from its said plants and systems adequate to produce revenue and earnings sufficient at all times

- (a) to provide for the payment of interest on and principal of the bonds issued hereunder as such interest and principal become due;
- (b) to pay all reasonable costs of operation and maintenance of the combined utilities, including adequate insurance as provided by this ordinance and to pay for the necessary and reasonable repairs, replacements and extensions of said combined utilities;
- (c) to establish and maintain a Bond Reserve Account and Improvement and Extension Account as hereinafter set forth.

Section 8. The entire revenue and earnings derived from the operation of the combined utilities of said City shall be set aside as collected and deposited in a separate fund which is hereby created and shall be designated as "Combined Utilities Fund". The moneys in the Combined Utilities Fund shall be deposited in a separate bank account properly earmarked and deposit shall be made in a bank or banks designated by the Council and be secured as provided by law for public deposits. The City shall set up and maintain as long as any bonds are outstanding the following accounts for the administration of said fund:

I. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT: The City shall set aside in this account each month an amount sufficient for the operation and maintenance of its combined utilities and the expenses of maintenance and operation of said utilities shall be paid out of this account.

II. COMBINED UTILITIES REVENUE BOND ACCOUNT: Out of said fund the City shall transfer into the Combined Utilities Revenue Bond Account on or before the first day of each calendar month, beginning April 1, 1977, an amount equal to one-sixth of the interest which will become due during the next six months' period on all of the bonds issued pursuant to this ordinance and then outstanding plus one-twelfth of the principal amount which will become due during the next twelve months' period on all of the bonds authorized by this ordinance and then outstanding; such transfers to the Combined Utilities Revenue Bond Account shall be made in such amounts and at such times that there will be sufficient sums in such account to meet the payments required to be made to the County Treasurer by Section 9 of this ordinance.

III. COMBINED UTILITIES BOND RESERVE ACCOUNT: After provisions have been made for each of the foregoing accounts, the City will each month transfer to the Combined Utilities Bond Reserve Account the sum of \$2,000 until there is accumulated in this fund a total of \$75,000. The reserve shall be maintained in this amount as long as any of the bonds of this issue are outstanding. In case any deficiency in the payment into this account occurs, such deficiency shall be made up immediately as soon as any money is available after providing for the foregoing accounts. If at any time or times the amount on hand in the Combined Utilities Revenue Bond Account created by Section 8, II of this ordinance shall be insufficient to pay either the interest on or principal of said Revenue Bonds as and when the same become due, the City shall and hereby agrees to use the funds in the Combined Utilities Bond Reserve Account to pay said interest or principal and

to prevent any default in the payment of said interest on or principal of said Revenue Bonds. If the City shall use any of the funds in the Combined Utilities Bond Reserve Account for the purpose mentioned herein and such use shall reduce the principal amount below \$75,000, then the City shall make no transfers to any other fund except to the Operation and Maintenance Account, Combined Utilities Revenue Bond Account, and Combined Utilities Bond Reserve Account until the amount in this Account is \$75,000.

IV. IMPROVEMENT AND EXTENSION ACCOUNT: After providing for the Operation and Maintenance Account and making the payments hereinabove required to be made into the Combined Utilities Revenue Bond Account and Combined Utilities Bond Reserve Account, the City shall transfer monthly into this account the sum of \$1,500 until there is accumulated a total of \$75,000. Moneys in this account may be used for the maintenance improvement, enlargement or extension of the combined utilities, including payments of principal and interest on general obligation bonds of the City issued to improve, extend or enlarge any part of any of the Combined Utility systems, and at any time moneys are spent from this account so as to reduce the fund to an amount less than \$75,000 monthly payments of \$1,500 will commence again and continue until the required fund balance is attained.

V. SURPLUS ACCOUNT: After providing for the Operation and Maintenance Account and after making the payments hereinabove required to be made into the Combined Utilities Revenue Bond Account, Combined Utilities Bond Reserve Account and Improvement and Extension Account, all remaining funds shall be transferred into a Surplus Account to be used as follows:

- 1) To fill any deficiency in the foregoing accounts.

- 2) In lieu of tax payments. So long as no deficiency exists in required monthly payments in the accounts established by Section 8 of this ordinance payment may be made to the City annually, semiannually or quarterly as an in lieu of tax payment which can be used by the City for any purpose authorized by law, a sum which shall not be in excess of one-half of the amount credited to this Surplus Account during the period since the last in lieu of tax payment to the City after deducting from the credits of this account any amount used to fill deficiencies into any of the accounts established by Section 8 of this ordinance.
- 3) Accelerating the payments of the required fund balance of the Combined Utilities Revenue Bond Account, the Combined Utilities Bond Reserve Account or the Improvement and Extension Account.
- 4) Any lawful purpose connected with the combined utilities including paying principal and interest on general obligation bonds of the City authorized to pay the cost of constructing improvements to any one of the utilities systems covered by the combined revenue bonds.
- 5) Retiring the 1977 Bonds and Additional Bonds prior to their maturity under their option provisions or by purchase on the open market, pro rata in the proportion that each such issue of bonds bears to the total principal amount of said 1977 Bonds and Additional Bonds then outstanding.

Moneys on deposit in the Combined Utilities Fund, which have not as yet been credited or transferred to an Account therein in accordance with this section, and moneys credited to the Operation and Maintenance Account and the Combined Utilities Revenue Bond Account may to the extent practicable and reasonable be invested in direct general obligations

of or obligations the principal and interest of which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America, maturing in the cases of money invested from the Combined Utilities Fund by not later than the first business day of the month next following such investment and maturing in the case of moneys invested from the Operation and Maintenance Account and the Combined Utilities Revenue Bond Account at such times and in such amounts as shall be required to provide moneys to make the payments to be made from said Accounts. Moneys credited to the Combined Utilities Bond Reserve Account shall be invested in direct obligations of or obligations the principal and interest of which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America maturing or redeemable at stated fixed prices at the option of the holder by not more than eight years from the date of such investment. Moneys credited to the Improvement and Extension Account and the Surplus Account shall be invested in such obligations as are permitted by law for cities of the class of which Lexington is one, maturing at such times not later than ten years from the date of such investment and in such amounts as shall be determined by the City in accordance with its estimation of the payments to be made from said Accounts, and if permitted by law, in 1977 Bonds or Additional Bonds, which 1977 Bonds or Additional Bonds so purchased shall be held for the credit of said Accounts and not cancelled, and in Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes and in Paving, Sewer and Water Warrants which are to be funded by the issuance of bonds of the City. All interest and income derived from moneys to the credit of the Combined Utilities Fund, the Operation and Maintenance Account, the Combined Utilities Revenue Bond Account and the Surplus Account shall, when realized and collected, be credited to the said Fund or to the respective Account from which such investments were made. All moneys and income from investments made from moneys credited to the Combined Utilities Bond Reserve Account and the Improvement

and Extension Account shall, when realized and collected, be credited to the respective Account from which such investments were made, unless there shall then be credited thereto the respective full amounts required by paragraphs III and IV of this section, in which event such interest and income may be credited to the Surplus Account. All investments held for the credit of any Fund or Account may be sold when required to make the payments to be made from such Fund or Account. Any moneys credited to the Combined Utilities Fund or any Account therein which are not invested shall be secured in the manner provided by law for the security of funds of cities of the class of which Lexington is one.

It is understood that the revenues of the combined utilities are to be credited to the various accounts hereinabove established in the order in which said accounts have been listed, and if within any period the revenues are insufficient to credit the required amounts in any of the said accounts, the deficiencies shall be made up the following period or periods after payment into all accounts enjoying a prior claim on the revenues have been made in full.

Section 9. At least fifteen (15) days before each payment of interest or principal becomes due on said bonds, the City will deposit with the County Treasurer of Dawson County an amount of money sufficient to pay the interest and principal of the bonds which become due on such payment date, such payments to be made out of the Combined Utilities Revenue Bond Account.

Section 10. The City of Lexington shall keep proper books of record and account, separate and apart from all other records and accounts, showing complete and correct entries of all transactions relating to the combined utilities and the holders of any of the 1977

Bonds or of any Additional Bonds or any duly authorized agent or agents of such holders shall have the right at all reasonable times to inspect all records, accounts and data relating thereto and to inspect said systems and all properties comprising the same. Within sixty days following the close of each fiscal year the City shall cause an audit of such books and accounts to be made by an independent firm of certified public accountants, showing the receipts and disbursements for account of the system, and such audit will be available for inspection by the holders of any of the aforesaid bonds. Each such audit, in addition to whatever matters may be thought proper by the accountant to be included therein, shall include the following:

1. A statement in detail of the income and expenditures of each component of the combined utilities for such fiscal year.
2. A balance sheet as of the end of such fiscal year.
3. The accountant's comment regarding the manner in which the City has carried out the requirements of this ordinance, and the accountant's recommendation for any changes or improvements in the operation of said system or the components thereof.
4. A list of the insurance policies in force at the end of the fiscal year, setting out as to each policy the amount of the policy and risks covered, the name of the insurer and the expiration date of the policy.
5. The number of properties connected with the systems at the end of the year and the number of metered sewer, water and electric customers at the end of the year.

All expenses incurred in the making of the audits required by this section shall be regarded and paid as a maintenance and operation expense. The City of Lexington shall furnish a copy of each such audit to the original purchaser of the 1977 Bonds and of any series of Additional Bonds, and to the holder of at least twenty-five per cent (25%) of any issues of bonds outstanding, upon request, after the close of each fiscal year, and said purchaser or purchasers or any such holder shall have the right to discuss with the accountant making the audit the contents of the audit and to ask for such additional information as each may require.

Section 11. The City Treasurer and the City Clerk shall be bonded, in addition to their official bond, by an insurance company licensed to do business in Nebraska, in amounts sufficient to cover at all times all the revenues and earnings of the combined utilities placed in their hands. Any other person employed by the City in the collection or handling of moneys derived from the operation of said properties shall also be bonded in an amount sufficient to cover all moneys which may at any time be placed in his hands. The amount of such bonds shall be fixed by the Council, and the cost thereof shall be paid from the earnings of said combined utilities and they shall secure the faithful accounting of all moneys.

Section 12. The City will carry adequate insurance on the combined utilities in such amounts as are normally carried by private companies engaged in similar operations, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, fire and windstorm insurance, public liability insurance and any insurance covering such risks as shall be

recommended by a consulting engineer. The cost of all such insurance shall be regarded and paid as an operation and maintenance expense.

All such insurance policies shall be in such form and amount as shall be approved or recommended by a consulting engineer. All insurance moneys, except public liability shall be deposited in the Improvement and Extension Account and shall be used in making good the loss or damage in respect of which they were paid either by repairing the property damaged or replacing the property destroyed, and expenditures from said moneys shall be made only upon a certificate issued by a consulting engineer and filed with the City Clerk stating that the proceeds, together with any other moneys available for such purposes, are sufficient for the repair or replacement of any such properties; and when the City shall have been furnished with a certificate of a consulting engineer stating that the property damaged or destroyed has been fully repaired or replaced and such repairs or replacements have been fully paid for, the residue, if any, of such insurance moneys shall be transferred from the Improvement and Extension Account to the Combined Utilities Revenue Bond Account to make up any deficiency in said Account, if any such deficiency exists, and if no such deficiency exists said residue shall be transferred to the Combined Utilities Fund and credited to the Accounts provided for in Section 8 in the same manner as other revenues of the combined utilities.

If the proceeds of any insurance shall be insufficient to repair or replace the property damaged or destroyed, the City may use and shall pay out for such purpose, to the extent of such deficiency, any money remaining in the Improvement and Extension Account and the Surplus Account. If in the opinion of a consulting engineer the proceeds of any insurance, together with any amount then available for

that purpose in the Improvement and Extension Account and Surplus Account shall be insufficient to fully complete and pay for such repairs or replacements and if the City shall fail to supply such deficiency from other sources within a period of six months after receipt by the City of such insurance moneys, or if in the opinion of a consulting engineer it is to the best interest of the City not to repair or replace all or any part of the damaged properties and that failure to repair or replace the damaged properties shall not affect the sufficiency of the income and revenue from the remaining properties to properly maintain and operate the same, provide funds for the Combined Utilities Revenue Bond Account, Combined Utilities Bond Reserve Account and Improvement and Extension Account, as herein provided for, then such insurance moneys to the extent not applied to repair or replace the damaged properties shall be deposited in the Combined Utilities Bond Reserve Account as created by Section 8 of this ordinance and used for the purposes for which said account has been created, so as to fill said account to its required balance, or if said account is filled to its required balance, then to the Improvement and Extension Account to fill that account to its required balance and any amount which may be in excess of the amount required in the Improvement and Extension Account shall be credited to the Surplus Account.

If the holders of sixty per cent (60%) or more in principal amount of the bonds at the time outstanding hereunder shall at any time direct the City in writing to do so, then any insurance moneys theretofore credited to the Improvement and Extension Account and then in the hands of the City may be used for extensions and betterments of said combined utilities properties or applied to the pro rata payment of the principal of and accrued interest on all bonds then outstanding hereunder.

The proceeds of any and all policies for public liability shall be paid to and be held by the City Treasurer and used in paying the claims on account of which they were received.

Section 13. The City will maintain the combined utilities in good condition and operate the same in an efficient manner and at a reasonable cost. The City agrees with the holders from time to time of the bonds of this issue that the City will continue to own, free from all liens and encumbrances, and will adequately maintain and efficiently operate said combined utilities; provided, however, the City may sell for cash property which is recommended to be sold by the manager or superintendent of the utilities, or an independent Consulting Engineer and which is determined as a matter of record by the Council to have become obsolete, non-productive or otherwise unusable to the advantage of the City.

Section 14. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed in such a manner as to prevent the issuance by the City of Lexington of Additional Bonds payable from the revenues of the combined utilities, which Additional Bonds are on a parity with the lien of the bonds herein authorized and equally and ratably secured therewith and entitled to the security and benefits of this ordinance; provided, however, that before any such Additional bonds are actually issued, the revenues of the combined utilities, for the fiscal year next preceding the date of the authorization of such Additional Bonds, after deducting therefrom all costs of operation and maintenance of said system, or systems, for such fiscal year and before deduction of depreciation or interest as based on a certified public accountant's report shall have been equal to 1.25 times the average annual bond requirements of the bonds herein authorized, any Additional Bonds of equal lien to the bonds of this issue then outstanding and any Additional Bonds to be issued, which average bond requirement shall be determined

by adding all of the principal and interest which will become due when computed to the absolute maturity of the bonds of this issue, and Additional Bonds, if any, then outstanding and all of the principal and interest of the Additional Bonds to be issued, and dividing such total by the number of years remaining that the longest bond of any issue of bonds (including the Additional Bonds to be issued) has to run to maturity. In the event of the issuance of any Additional Bonds payable from the Revenue Bond Account, as authorized above, sufficient additional net revenues shall be deposited to the balance in the Combined Utilities Bond Reserve Account and in the Improvement and Extension Account in such a manner that within a period of not exceeding five years after such issuance the amount on deposit in each of said accounts is equal to the average annual amount of principal and interest which will become due during the remaining term of the then outstanding bonds on such bonds and on the Additional Bonds so issued. The City may, at its option, deposit in said reserve fund available funds from other sources

In the event any change in the rates, rentals and charges for the use and service of the combined utilities has been made during the preceding fiscal year or during the interval between the end of such fiscal year and the issuance of such Additional Bonds, or in the event the City shall covenant in the ordinance or resolution authorizing the issuance of such Additional Bonds to impose, effective upon the issuance of such Additional Bonds, higher rates, rentals and charges for such use and service, compliance with the provisions of this Section 14 of this ordinance may be evidenced by a certificate of an independent Consulting Engineer or firm of engineers or Certified Public Accountant or independent Certified Public Accountants to be filed with the City Clerk prior to the issuance of any such Additional

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Bonds. Such certificate shall state fully the facts upon which such certificate is based, and if it is a certificate of the Consulting Engineer or firm of Consulting Engineers shall have attached thereto the certified financial statement for the fiscal year next preceding the date of authorization of such Additional Bonds used by the Engineer or firm of Engineers in arriving at the conclusion stated in said certificate. The Consulting Engineer or independent Certified Public Accountant of the City shall, in determining the earnings for such fiscal year adjust the collections to reflect the result as if such changed rates, rentals and charges, or such higher rates, rentals and charges had been in existence for such entire preceding fiscal year period, and the amount of such net collections and adjusted earnings as aforesaid shall be conclusive evidence and the only evidence required to show compliance with the provisions and requirements of this Section 14 of this ordinance. A certificate of an independent Consulting Engineer or firm of engineers or Certified Public Accountant or independent Certified Public Accountants contemplated herein shall not be required to evidence compliance with the provisions of Section 14 of this ordinance if the City Council shall determine the revenues of the combined utilities for the fiscal year next preceding the date of the authorization of such Additional Bonds, based upon a certified public accountant's report, comply with Section 14 of this ordinance.

In the event that the Mayor and Council shall determine it necessary for the City, by itself or jointly with others, to construct or otherwise acquire additional facilities for generation of electric power, Additional Bonds may be issued for such purpose without compliance with the foregoing requirement that the revenues of the combined utilities for the preceding fiscal year shall have been equal to 1.25 times average

annual bond requirements, provided that prior to issuing such Additional Bonds, the City shall have received a projection made by a Consulting Engineer or a firm of Consulting Engineers, recognized as having experience and expertise in electric systems, projecting that the revenues of the combined utilities, after deducting therefrom all costs of operation and maintenance and before deduction of depreciation or interest, in each of the five full fiscal years after the issuance of such Additional Bonds, will be at least equal to 1.25 times the average annual bond requirements, calculated as hereinabove described, on all bonds then outstanding and payable from the revenues of the combined utilities, and such Additional Bonds proposed to be issued. In making such projection the consulting engineer shall use as a basis the revenues of the combined utilities during the last year for which an independent audit has been prepared and shall adjust such revenues as follows:

- 1) to reflect changes in rates which have gone into effect since the beginning of the year for which the audit was made;
- 2) to reflect his estimate of the net increase over or net decrease from the revenues of the combined utilities for the year for which the audit was made by reason of:
 - a) changes in the amounts payable under existing utility service contracts,
 - b) additional general operating income from sales to customers under existing rate schedules for the various classes of customers, or as such schedules may be revised under a program of change which has been adopted by the Mayor and Council of the City,

- c) projected revisions in labor, wages, salary, fuel, machinery, equipment and supply costs,
- d) revisions in production, transmission and distribution and in administration costs associated with increases in sales of power and utility services due to the acquisition of the additional facilities or due to other causes,
- e) changes in costs of purchased power and other utility services, and
- f) such other projections of revenues and expenses as the consulting engineer deems reasonable and proper.

Average annual bond requirements shall be determined as described above provided that requirements relating to the proposed Additional Bonds to be issued may be estimated by the Consulting Engineer, but no such Additional Bonds shall be issued if the actual requirements for the proposed Additional Bonds are in excess of the amount so estimated by the Consulting Engineer.

If, prior to the payment of the bonds herein authorized, it shall be found desirable to refund 1977 Bonds or any Additional Bonds then outstanding under the provisions of any law then available, said bonds or any part thereof may be refunded with the consent of the holders thereof (except that as to matured bonds or bonds which are subject to call for redemption and have been properly called for redemption, such consent shall not be necessary) and the refunding obligations so issued shall enjoy complete equality of lien with the portion of the bonds which is not refunded, if any there be, and the refunding obligations shall continue to enjoy whatever priority of lien over subsequent issues may have been enjoyed by the bonds refunded, provided, however, that unless all of

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the outstanding bonds are being refunded, the total of the interest and principal payment obligation in any succeeding year shall not be greater, after such refunding, than it would have been in each such succeeding year without such refunding without the consent of the holders of the unrefunded portion of said bonds.

Section 15. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the City from issuing bonds, revenue notes, or other forms of indebtedness, the payment of the principal and interest of which is a charge upon all or a portion of the revenues of the combined utilities, junior or inferior to the bonds herein authorized and to the payments to be made into the Operation and Maintenance Account, Combined Utilities Revenue Bond Account, and the Combined Utilities Bond Reserve Account created in Section 8 hereof, and the City shall have the right to pay interest thereon and the principal thereof, as long as no deficiency exists in the payments into such accounts, from funds available for improvements and enlargements to the combined utilities of the City or from other funds which are available for such debt service.

Section 16. The City will not hereafter grant any franchise or right to any person, firm or corporation to own or operate a sewer, water or electrical plant or system in competition with that owned by the City.

Section 17. The bonds issued hereunder are and shall be deemed to be negotiable instruments and the holder or holders thereof shall be deemed to have acquired and to hold the same in due course.

Section 18. While any of the bonds hereby authorized are outstanding, the City will render bills to all customers for sewer, water and electrical services. If bills are not paid within sixty days after due, such utility service will be discontinued. The City agrees that it will order water service shut off on all properties served by water or sewer where there are delinquent water or sewer use charges

and will order electric service shut off on all property served by electricity where there are delinquent electric charges, and will make appropriate charge for use of all properties of the City connected to the sewer, water and electrical systems.

Section 19. Except for amendments which are required for the correction of language to cure any ambiguity or defective or inconsistent provisions, omission or mistake or manifest error contained herein, no changes, additions or alterations of any kind shall be made by the City in the provisions of this ordinance in any manner; provided, however, that from time to time the holders of sixty per cent (60%) in principal amount of the 1977 Bonds and of Additional Bonds outstanding authorized hereunder (not including any of said Bonds credited to any of the Accounts created in Section 8 of this ordinance or any other of said Bonds owned or controlled directly or indirectly by the City) by an instrument or instruments in writing signed by such holders and filed with the City Clerk shall have power to assent to and authorize any modification of the rights and obligations of the City and of the holders of the 1977 Bonds and of Additional Bonds and interest coupons pertaining thereto and the provisions of this ordinance that shall be proposed by the City, and any action authorized to be taken with the assent and authority given as aforesaid of the holders of sixty per cent (60%) in principal amount of said Bonds shall be binding upon all holders of said 1977 Bonds and Additional Bonds at the time outstanding hereunder and upon the City as fully as though action were specifically and expressly authorized by the terms of this ordinance; provided, always, that no such modification shall be made which will (a) extend the time of payment of the principal or interest on any of said Bonds or reduce the principal amount thereof or the rate of interest thereon; or (b) give to any of said Bonds secured by this ordinance any preference over any other of said Bond or Bonds; or (c) authorize the

creation of any lien prior to the pledge of the revenues afforded by this ordinance for the 1977 Bonds and any Additional Bonds or (d) reduce the percentage in principal amount of said outstanding Bonds required to assent to or authorize any such modification. Any modification of the provisions of this ordinance made as aforesaid shall be set forth in a supplemental ordinance to be adopted by the Mayor and Council of said City.

Section 20. So long as any of the 1977 Bonds or any Additional Bonds of equal lien are outstanding, each of the obligations, duties, limitations and restraints imposed upon the City by this ordinance shall be deemed to be a covenant between the City and every holder of said Bonds, and this ordinance and every provision and covenant hereof shall constitute a contract of the City with every holder from time to time of said Bonds and the coupons pertaining thereto. Any holder of a 1977 Bond or of an Additional Bond or Bonds or of any of the coupons of any of said Bonds may by mandamus or other appropriate action or proceeding at law or in equity in any court of competent jurisdiction enforce and compel performance of this ordinance and every provision and covenant thereof, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the enforcement of the performance of all duties required by the City by this ordinance and the applicable laws of the State of Nebraska, including in such duties the making and collecting of sufficient rates, rentals, fees, or charges for the use and service of the combined utilities, the segregation of the revenues of said systems, and the application thereof to the respective Fund and Accounts referred to and described in Section 8 of this ordinance.

Section 21. The City's obligations under this ordinance and the liens, pledges, dedications, covenants and agreements of the City herein made or provided for, shall be fully discharged and satisfied as to any 1977 Bonds or Additional Bonds issued hereunder, and said Bonds

shall no longer be deemed outstanding hereunder, if such Bonds shall have been purchased and cancelled by the City, or as to any of said Bonds not theretofore purchased and cancelled by the City, when payment of the principal of and any applicable redemption premium, if any, on such Bonds plus interest thereon, to the respective dates of maturities or redemption (a) shall have been made or caused to be made in accordance with the terms thereof; or (b) shall have been provided by depositing with the Treasurer of the County of Dawson, Nebraska, in trust solely from such payment (i) sufficient moneys to make such payment or (ii) direct general obligations of or obligations the principal and interest of which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America (herein referred to as "Government Obligations") in such amount and maturing or redeemable at stated fixed prices at the option of the holder as to principal at such times as will insure the availability of sufficient moneys to make such payment, and such Bonds shall cease to draw interest from the date of their redemption or maturity and, except for the purposes of such payment, shall no longer be entitled to the benefits of this ordinance; provided that, with respect to Bonds called or to be called for redemption, the City shall have duly given notice of redemption, or made irrevocable provision for such notice and provided further, that any deposit under (b) above shall not have been made more than one year prior to the maturity date or the redemption date of said Bonds. Any such moneys so deposited with the aforesaid Treasurer as provided in this section may be invested and reinvested in Government Obligations at the direction of the City, and all interest and income from all such Government Obligations in the hands of the aforesaid Treasurer which does not represent a return of principal or capital invested shall be paid to the City as and when realized and collected.

Section 22. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of

this ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this ordinance.

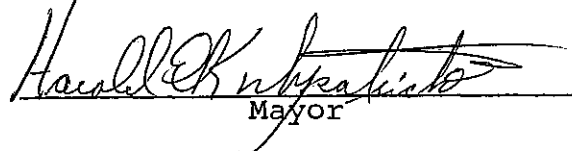
Section 23. All ordinances, resolutions or orders or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

Section 24. Said bonds having been sold, the City Treasurer is authorized to deliver the bonds to said purchaser upon receipt of the purchase price plus accrued interest to date of payment. The City Treasurer shall apply the money received from the sale of the bonds to the payment and redemption of outstanding Bond Anticipation Notes issued in connection with the construction of said improvements and for the payment for additional improvements in such manner as the Mayor and Council shall direct.

Section 25. The City of Lexington, Nebraska, hereby covenants to the purchasers and holders of the bonds hereby authorized that it will make no use of the proceeds of said bond issue which, if such use had been reasonably expected on the date of issue of said bonds, would have caused said bonds to be arbitrage bonds within the meaning of Section 103(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, and further covenants to comply with said Section 103(d) and all applicable regulations thereunder throughout the term of said bond issue.

Section 26. This ordinance shall be published in pamphlet form and take effect as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of March, 1977.



Mayor

ATTEST



City Clerk

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