

## Chapter 615

### FRANCHISE TAXES

#### ARTICLE I

##### Electric Companies

**Section 615.010. Electric Franchise.** [R.O. 2011 §610.010; CC 1979 §83.010]

- A. Every person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of manufacturing, transmitting, distributing and selling electricity for lighting, heating and power and for any and all other purposes shall pay to the City of Puxico as a license or occupation tax five percent (5%) of the gross revenue derived from the sale and distribution of such electrical energy to residential and commercial users and customers within the City limits, which sum shall be paid by such concerns unto the City monthly, quarterly, or semi-annually.
- B. The tax required to be paid by this Section shall be in lieu of any other occupation or franchise tax required of any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business described above and nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to exempt any such person, firm or corporation from the payment to the City of the tax which the City may levy upon the real or personal property belonging to such person, firm or corporation, nor the tax required of merchants or manufacturers for the sale of anything other than electric service, nor shall the tax herein required exempt any such person, firm or corporation from the payment of any other tax which may be lawfully required other than an occupational or franchise tax on the business described in Subsection (A) of this Section.

#### ARTICLE II

##### Gas Companies

**Section 615.020. Natural Gas.** [R.O. 2011 §610.020; CC 1979 §83.020]

- A. From and after the effective date of this Article there shall be a charge of five percent (5%) on the amount of all sales to customers of gas purchased from the current natural gas supplier of this City.
  1. Said tax shall be billed on statements to each customer and included on billings when made to such customers.
  2. The amount so received from the imposition of this utility tax, as aforesaid, shall be transferred to and accounted for in the General Fund of said City.

#### ARTICLE III

##### Cable Television

**Section 615.030. Cable Television.** [R.O. 2011 §610.030; CC 1979 §83.030]

Every person, firm, or corporation engaged in a cable television distribution operation shall pay to the City annually an amount equal to three percent (3%) of the annual gross service charge paid by the users within the City during the year for the use of the streets and other facilities of the City in the operation of the CATV system and for the municipal supervision thereof. If during the period of this franchise the Federal Communications Commission authorized the payment of compensation to the City in excess of three percent (3%) of the annual gross service charge, the grantee shall increase the percentage as authorized, but not to exceed the overall payment of five percent (5%) of the annual gross service charge paid by users. This annual payment shall be made to the City within sixty (60) days subsequent to the system's annual accounting period. This payment shall be in addition to any other tax or payment owed to the City by the grantee, including any payment for ad valorem taxes, if any.

ARTICLE IV  
**Telephone Companies**

**Section 615.040. Telephone.** [R.O. 2011 §610.040; CC 1979 §83.040; Ord. No. 610.040, 12-15-2005]

- A. Every person, firm, company or corporation now or hereafter engaged in the business of supplying telephone service under a franchise from the City of Puxico, Missouri, shall pay the said City annually five percent (5%) of the gross receipts derived from the furnishing of such service within said City monthly, quarterly or semi-annually.
- B. The payments required by the provisions of this Section shall be in lieu of any other occupation or franchise tax heretofore imposed upon any person, firm, company or corporation engaged in the business described in Subsection (A) hereof; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to exempt such person, firm, company or corporation from any general or special ad valorem tax imposed upon the public generally by said City.

ARTICLE V  
**In General**

**Section 615.050. Ordinances Saved From Repeal.** [R.O. 2011 §610.050; CC 1979 §83.050]

No franchise ordinance of the City of Puxico shall be affected or repealed by reason of this codification of City ordinances of a general and permanent nature.