

**ORDINANCE NO 417**

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 25-145 OF CHAPTER 25 OF THE YALE CITY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR EXEMPTION FROM UTILITY DEPOSITS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF YALE, OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. That Section 25-145 of Chapter 25 of the Yale City Code be amended to read as follows, to-wit:

“Sec. 25-145. Exemption From Utility Deposits

(a) Federal, State and local governmental agencies shall be exempt from depositing a utility deposit with the City of Yale. Public schools and churches shall also not be required to post a utility deposit.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 25 of the Yale City Code relating to utility deposits the City of Yale shall waive any initial credit and deposit requirements for a customer or applicant that has been determined to be a victim of domestic violence, stalking, or harassment, as defined by Title 43, Section 109 of the Oklahoma Statutes or by the provisions of Title 21, Section 644 of the Oklahoma Statute. Any such applicant shall be required to provide proof of any of the following:

- (1) An existing protective order.
- (2) Law enforcement personnel statement.

(3) A statement of a designated representative of a certified domestic violence shelter or certified domestic violence program pursuant to the provisions of Title 74 Section 18p-6 of the Oklahoma Statutes. A determination shall be evidenced by submission of a certification letter to the City of Yale. The City of Yale may accept the certification letter provided for herein or a certification letter on a form created by the City or Yale. Any certification letter shall expire after ninety (90) days. The certification letter and the contents thereof shall be confidential and exempt from disclosure pursuant to the provisions of Subsection D of Title 51, Section 24A.10 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 2: EMERGENCY CLAUSE.

It being necessary for the preservation of the public health, peace and safety that an emergency be declared by reason whereof an emergency is declared and this ordinance shall become effective from and after its publication.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

JASON BROWN, MAYOR  
CITY OF YALE, OKLAHOMA

ATTEST:

Deanna Couch, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT AND CORRECTLY ENROLLED THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

Roger L. McMillian  
City Attorney