

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-34

AN ORDINANCE CE AMENDING CHAPTER 114 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS ENTITLED “UTILITIES” BY AMENDING ARTICLE IV THEREIN ENTITLED “RATES AND CHARGES”; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, PUBLICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS, as follows:

Section 1. That Division 1, entitled “Generally” and Division 2, entitled “Water and Wastewater Connection Fees”, shall be amended as set forth in Exhibit A, which is attached and incorporated herein.

Section 2. Savings. All rights and remedies which have accrued in favor of the City under this Ordinance and amendments thereto shall be and are preserved for the benefit of the City.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 4. Repealer. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed but only to the extent of such conflict.


Section 5. Codification. It is the intent of the City Council of the City of League City, Texas, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be codified in the City’s official Code of Ordinances as provided hereinabove.

Section 6. Publication and Effective Date. The City Secretary shall cause this Ordinance, or its caption, to be published in the official newspaper of the City of League City, upon passage of such Ordinance. This Ordinance shall become effective on passage.

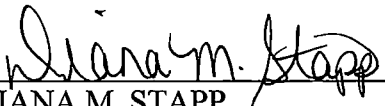
PASSED first reading the 24th day of August, 2021.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED the 14th day of September, 2021.


PAT HALLISEY
Mayor

ATTEST:


DIANA M. STAPP
City Secretary

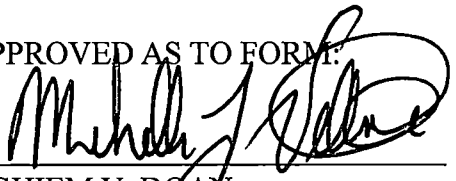
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NGHIEM V. DOAN
City Attorney

Exhibit A

DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY

Sec. 114-111.1- Utility Service- Application Required

Application shall be made for water, wastewater, solid waste and/or any other utility service that may be furnished by the city to the city upon forms furnished therefor. Applicants shall submit application to the city via online application, email, or in person. Such application shall state the applicant's name, address, government issued photo ID number, the type of utility service desired, and the purposes for which the application is made. The applicant must provide a valid government-issued photo identification card. Applicants shall provide evidence of their right to occupy a specific service address. Acceptable forms of evidence of the right to occupy may include but are not limited to copies of executed closing papers for purchasers of houses, or copies of lease/rental agreements for renters. Applicants for non-residential service shall be required to show proof of authority to contract for the entity requesting service.

Sec. 114-111.2- Utility Service- Denial of Service

The city may decline to initiate utility service to any applicant if:

- a. The applicant is indebted to the city for any reason, except ad valorem taxes and special assessments.
- b. The applicant's property or condition of existing equipment is potentially hazardous or in a condition that prevents the city from providing satisfactory service.
- c. The applicant fails to meet all application requirements, or the information provided on the application is false.

Sec. 114-112. - Meter required.

Meters shall be required to measure the consumption of each utility service furnished by the city, except wastewater and solid waste service.

Sec. 114-113. - Installation and maintenance of meters.

All meters required by this chapter and used to measure the consumption of utility services furnished by the city shall be installed and maintained by the city. All fees regarding the installation of a meter must be paid before utility service will be furnished.

Sec. 114-114. - Ownership of meters.

All meters used for the measurement of the consumption of any utility service furnished by the city shall be the property of the city. The city will not recognize any non-city owned meter measurement.

Sec. 114-115. - Schedule of fees, charges, and deposits.

The city council shall establish, by resolution, a schedule of fees, charges, and deposits for water and wastewater (and any other city-owned utility service). The schedule shall be on file in the office of the city secretary.

Sec. 114-116.1. - Deposit.

(a) Application for service.

- (1) Any person, firm, or corporation desiring water and/or wastewater service shall complete a customer application and shall fulfill all deposit requirements set forth in this

section. Applications will be accepted in person at city hall, by online application, or by email. All commercial, multi-family residential, and single-family residential accounts, including developers, builders, contractors, and real estate companies, must acquire service in the name of the corporation, company and/or individual who will be responsible for all charges incurred on the account(s), and provide all required information to the city. A list of all authorized representatives eligible to connect/disconnect service must be provided to the utility billing department.

(2) All information requested must be provided to obtain service for the initial deposit amount as stated in this section.

(b) Residential customers.

(1) Deposits shall be required for single-family residential customers to be serviced. Deposits can be made in person at city hall, or by U.S. mail, within four business days of connection date. Should the deposit not be received within that time frame, the deposit will be charged to the customer's account.

(2) The director of finance, or his/her designee, will have authority to increase a deposit on an existing account, which has maintained poor credit history with the city.

(3) All residential paid deposits will be applied to the final bill. Refunds of deposits made for utility service shall be made within 30 days of termination of such utility service only after payment of all indebtedness to the city for such utility service. All unpaid balances may be forwarded to a collection agency for pursuit of payment.

(c) Commercial and multiunit customers.

(1) Deposits for commercial industrial and multiple unit users shall be equal to three months' service charge for a like or similar commercial customer. When there is no like or similar commercial customer to use as a basis for determining the commercial deposit, such deposit shall be determined by the director of finance, or his/her designee, based on an estimate of the average expected three-month charge to the applicant.

(2) Deposits may be made in the form of a surety bond guaranteeing payment by commercial and multiple unit users in lieu of a cash deposit. Such bond must be made by a financial institution or insurance carrier approved by the director of finance and be no less than \$10,000.00. Deposits made by bond shall be made within 30 days after service start-up. If bond has not been furnished to the utility billing department by the end of 30 days, a cash deposit equaling three months, estimated usage will be required to maintain service.

(3) Temporary service for a major construction job will require a deposit as set forth in the city's fee schedule. A Customer's inability to obtain monthly readings for a period of three consecutive months or longer may result in forfeiture of the deposit on file at the discretion of the utility billing manager.

(4) The director of finance, or his/her designee, will have authority to charge a deposit on an existing account which has maintained poor credit history with the city in order to protect the city's interests.

(5) Customers maintaining an active commercial account, who require service at another commercial location may, with a history of timely payments for a minimum of one year at the original account address, obtain the additional service with no deposit required.

(6) All commercial paid deposits will be applied to the final bill and any excess will be refunded within 30 days of account termination. All unpaid balances may be forwarded to a collection agency for pursuit of payment.

Sec. 114-116.2. - Waiver of Residential Deposit.

(a) Residential customers may qualify for a waiver of the initial deposit at the time of new service at the discretion of the utility billing manager or his/her designee if:

(1) A resident has sufficient credit history on a previous utility account with the City of League City. Sufficient credit history is defined as the previous account history showing no more than one (1) late fee in the last calendar year on of the account.

(2) A resident provides a letter of credit from their most recent utility company showing sufficient credit history. The previous account holder's name must match the applicants name to qualify. Sufficient credit history is defined as the previous account history displaying no more than one (1) late fee in the last calendar year on of the account.

Sec. 114-117. - Water tap charges.

The charges which shall be made by the city for every water tap connection made to the city's water mains shall be as determined by the city council from time to time and included in a resolution on file in the city secretary's office.

Sec. 114-117.1. - New service fee.

A new service fee shall be charged for each new service account requested. The fee may be paid at the time of the request or may be billed to the customer on the initial water bill.

Sec. 114-117.2 - Transfer service fee.

A transfer service fee shall be charged for each service being transferred from one property to another within the jurisdiction of the city utility system. The fee may be paid at the time of the request or may be billed to the customer on the initial water bill.

Sec. 114-117.3 - Nonsufficient funds fee.

(a) A fee shall be assessed to a customer whose utility bill payment is returned from the financial institution for any reason including, but not limited to, insufficient funds, invalid account information, and/or closed account .

(b) Assessment of the fee herein shall not deprive the city of any remedy under the law, including prosecution for violation of the Texas Penal Code.

(c) A customer who claims that his/her payment was returned due to an error of the financial institution may submit documentation of such error to the utility billing manager, who shall be authorized to waive the fee if such error is found.

(d) Any customer assessed the fee herein two or more times within a 12-month period may be required to make all payments for the following 12-month period by cash, money order, cashier's check, and/or credit card.

Sec. 114-118. - Monthly wastewater rates and charges.

(a) All wastewater rates are based upon water meter readings, except in those cases in which a city water meter does not exist.

(b) Wastewater rates for residential and commercial customers shall be as shown in the city's fee schedule referenced in Section 114-115.

(c) Industrial accounts shall contract with the city for rates varying from the foregoing wastewater rates depending upon the volume and strength of wastewater discharge.

(d) A flat rate per month shall be charged to residential customers where water usage is

not metered.

(e) Upon the request of the city, a commercial or industrial wastewater user not serviced through a water meter must have a wastewater meter installed for the purpose of billing.

Sec. 114-119. - Monthly water rates.

All water rates for residential and commercial customers shall be as shown in the city's fee schedule referenced in Section 114-115.

Sec. 114-119.1. - Services provided by outside entities.

City residents who receive water and wastewater service from an outside entity and whose service is being billed and maintained by the city shall pay the greater of:

- (1) The rates for water and wastewater service as shown in the city's fee schedule referenced in Section 114- 115; or
- (2) A comparable rate to offset (pass thru) the charge by the outside entity plus five percent.

Sec. 114-119.2. - Additional service charges.

(a) Once during any 12-month period, a customer shall be entitled to request that a manual re-read and/or field testing of a water meter that is two inches or less, at no charge to said customer. A customer must pay a fee for any additional manual re-reads and/or field testing of a water meter that is two inches or smaller requested by the customer. Customer-requested manual re-read and/or field testing of meter that is larger than two inches shall be performed a city-hired contractor and charged to the customer.

(b) Where a meter set is requested by a builder, contractor, or individual in a box that has been inspected and approved but later found non-compliant, or the lid has been removed, notification will be made by the utility billing department to raise or lower the box or replace the lid before the meter will be set. If, after a second request from builder or sub-contractor to set the meter, the box is out of compliance, a service charge shall be billed to the account per incident at that location. After corrections are made the meter will be set.

(c) Where a first time only "meter set" is requested by a builder or developer or a homeowner, the cost of the meter shall be paid at the same time service connection fees are paid, prior to the meter being set.

Sec. 114-120 - Due date for payment of charges.

All water, wastewater, and solid waste charges, as established by this chapter shall be billed on a monthly basis and shall be due 15 business days of the billing date. Water, wastewater, and solid waste charges shall appear on one statement or bill, separately itemized, but shall be considered as one billing. Payment for one service shall be credited as a partial payment for all services where other services are received. Any bill not paid in full by the close of business on the due date will have a ten (10) percent penalty charge added to the bill. This will be the policy unless other arrangements have been made with the utility billing manager or his/her designee.

Sec. 114-120.1. - Bill adjustments.

(a) Subject to subsection (b), the city shall adjust a customer's account and issue a corrected bill if the city determines that the customer was overbilled or underbilled for utility service because of:

- (1) A meter's failure to meet the accuracy standards of the American National Standards Institute or the American Water Works Association, as applicable.
 - (2) The application of an incorrect rate to the customer's account.
 - (3) An erroneous meter reading or the reading of a meter other than that through which the customer received service; or
 - (4) The failure of the city to include any utility or other service in the customer's account.
- (b) No billing adjustment shall be made, and no back bill or refund shall be issued, with respect to utility service provided:
- (1) More than 12 months before the date the error or inaccuracy is discovered by or reported to the city.
 - (2) To any customer other than the customer currently receiving service at the service address for the account the adjustment would be made; or
 - (3) Under an account that has become inactive and for which a final bill was issued more than 90 days before the error or inaccuracy was discovered by or reported to the city.
- (c) For an adjustment due to an inaccurate meter, the city may estimate the customer's utility consumption using prior consumption history, comparisons to similarly situated customers under similar weather conditions, readings from a replacement meter, or such other methods and information that it reasonably deems appropriate. In the case of the application of an incorrect rate, the city shall base the adjustment on the correct rate.
- (d) In event of an adjustment for water utility service, wastewater charges will be adjusted for the same period, if applicable.
- (e) If a customer is liable for a balance under an inactive account, the city may transfer that balance to any of the customer's active accounts . The time limitations in subsection (b) shall not apply to a transfer made under this subsection .

Sec. 114-120.2- Adjustment of residential excess water bill if leaks are repaired.

- (a) A single-family residential customer who receives a water bill showing metered consumption that exceeds the customer's average usage at that service address for up to two consecutive billing periods may qualify for a bill adjustment under this section if:
- (1) The volume exceeds two times the customer's average usage due to water leaks at the service address that were not caused by the customer.
 - (2) The customer exercised due diligence in repairing all such leaks and submits documentation of said repairs in a form acceptable to the utility billing department within 90 days of completion of such repairs; and
 - (3) The customer has not received any billing adjustment under this section within the preceding 12 months.
- (b) For the purposes of this section, the utility billing department will determine a customer's average usage for a given billing period by using one of the following methods:
- (1) Current annual average metered water consumption.
 - (2) Current city average if customer has resided in the home less than a year prior to leak.
- (c) If the customer qualifies for a bill adjustment pursuant to this section, the bills that reflect the high consumption due to the verified leak for up to two consecutive billing periods will be adjusted to the customer's average usage.
- (d) If by using the adjusted total usage for a bill adjustment under this section the customer's corresponding wastewater usage would be lower than the usage originally billed to the customer, the utility billing department may adjust the corresponding wastewater charges.

- (e) A customer who receives a bill adjustment under this section may not apply for an adjustment under Section 114-120.3 for the same billing period.
- (f) A customer seeking a bill adjustment pursuant to this section who fails to meet any filing request, or other requirement outlined in this section waives the customer's right to any further review.
- (g) A customer may appeal all bill adjustment decisions of the utility billing manager to the director of finance. The decision of the director of finance will be final.

Sec. 114-120.3. - Adjustment of high-volume water bill.

(a) A single-family residential customer whose bill shows consumption at the service address for up to two consecutive billing cycles that is at least three times the average usage, and greater than 20,000 gallons in a monthly billing period, may apply to the utility billing manager for an adjustment to the bill under this section if:

- (1) The customer files the request for an adjustment no later than 90 days after the customer's bill date; and
- (2) The customer has not received an adjustment under this section within the preceding 36 months. The customer must have at least 12 months of uninterrupted water billing history, in addition to the disputed period, at the service address for which the application is filed.

(b) For the purposes of this section, the utility billing department will determine a customer's average usage for a given billing period by using one of the following methods:

- (1) Current annual average metered water consumption.
- (2) Current city average if customer has resided in the home less than a year prior to leak.
- (c) To apply for a bill adjustment under this section, the customer must use a form approved by the director of finance that includes a statement that the application is a governmental record subject to criminal prosecution for false statements under Chapter 37 of the Texas Penal Code.

(d) Upon receiving an application, the utility billing manager will investigate the cause for excessive volume of consumption, which investigation may include, but is not limited to:

- (1) Inspection of the customer's water meter for indication of leaks, and accuracy testing.
- (2) Review of the customer's billing record including historical usage of the service address.
- (3) Review of meter readings to determine if any estimated readings affected the customer's bill.
- (4) Review of any new construction conducted at the service address.

(e) If the initial investigation reveals a billing or meter error, the utility billing manager shall proceed in accordance with Section 114-120.1.

(f) If the utility billing manager determines that the customer qualifies for a bill adjustment under this section, the utility billing manager or his/her designee will recalculate the bills for up to two consecutive billing periods and charge the customer an average bill.

(g) If by using the adjusted total usage for a bill adjustment under this section the customer's corresponding wastewater volume would be lower than the volume originally billed to the customer, the utility billing manager may adjust the corresponding wastewater charges.

(h) A customer who receives a bill adjustment under this section may not apply for an adjustment under Section 114-120.2 for the same billing period.

(i) A customer seeking a bill adjustment pursuant to this section who fails to meet any

filing request, or other requirement outlined in this section, waives the right to any further review.

(k) A customer may appeal all bill adjustment decisions of the utility billing manager to the director of finance. The decision of the director of finance is final.

Sec. 114-120.4. - Adjustment of commercial/multiunit excess water bill if leaks are repaired
(a) A commercial, school, multiunit customer who receives a water bill showing metered consumption that exceeds the customer's historical water consumption usage at that service address for up to two consecutive billing periods may qualify for a one-time courtesy bill adjustment under this section if:

(1) The volume exceeds three times the customer's annual average usage due to water leaks at the service address that were not caused by the customer.

(2) The leak was not present in an irrigation system or a meter that services irrigation.

(3) The customer exercised due diligence in repairing all such leaks and submits documentation of said repairs in a form acceptable to the utility billing department within 90 days of completion of such repairs; and

(4) The customer has not received any billing adjustment under this section for last three (3) consecutive years.

(b) For the purposes of this section, the utility billing manager will determine a customer's average usage for a given billing period by using one of the following methods:

(1) Current annual average metered water consumption

(2) Current city average of similar commercial customer for an account that has been active for less than a year.

(c) If the customer qualifies for a bill adjustment pursuant to this section, the bills that reflect the high consumption due to the verified leak for up to two consecutive billing periods will be reduced by 30%.

(d) If the customer has had any other leak adjustments in the last three years, the customer will not qualify for an adjustment.

(e) A customer seeking a bill adjustment pursuant to this section who fails to meet any filing request, or other requirement outlined in this section waives the customer's right to any further review.

(f) A customer may appeal all bill adjustment decisions of the utility billing manager to the director of finance. The decision of the director of finance will be final.

Sec. 114-121.1- When Payment is Due

a. All bills for utility services furnished by the city shall be due twenty (20) business days following the bill date.

b. A payment plan or extension may be furnished upon the approval of the utility billing manager or their designee. In the event that the terms of the payment plan are violated, the plan shall become null and void, and the full amount in arrears shall become payable on the due date. If the entire payment is not made, a late fee shall be assessed along with the applicable non-payment disconnection.

Sec. 114-121.2- Late Fee

Customers receiving city utility services that fail to make payment by the due date shall be required to pay the gross amount of the bill, plus an additional (10) percent of the amount due. A delinquent notice shall be processed and mailed to the customer showing the amount

due in the arrears, the late fee, and the deadline time for payment to avoid service interruption.

Sec. 114-121.3 - Disconnection of service for nonpayment.

If any water, wastewater, or solid waste charge is not paid within ten business days after the due date or payment plan arrangements have not formally been made with the utility billing department, such service may be discontinued.

Sec. 114-122. - Resumption of service after disconnection for nonpayment.

When any service is processed and/or discontinued for reason of nonpayment of charges , a processing fee shall be paid as well as the past due amount before service can be resumed . A customer, or an eligible representative, must be present at the property when service is restored. Should the customer tamper with the meter or valves to restore service before charges have been paid, the meter will be removed, and a tamper fee shall be collected before service is resumed.

Sec. 114-123. - Rates and charges of franchised public utilities to be fixed by city council.

The city council shall fix and approve the rates charged by any private public utility company franchised by the city and doing business within the city. It shall be unlawful for any such public utility company or any officer or employee thereof to assess or charge for services rendered any rate other than the rate so fixed or approved.

Sec. 114-124. - Voluntary discontinuance of service .

Any customer wishing to discontinue service shall give written notice to the utility billing department at least four (4) days prior to the desired disconnection date; otherwise, the charges for the service as herein established shall continue to apply until such notice is given. If a request for discontinuance of services is made, the customer shall be refunded any deposits less any amount due to the city. Requests for discontinuance of service may be made either in person, by online application, in writing, or by email. The authorized customer, spouse, or someone who has documented proof of acting on behalf of the customer due to illness, death, or other justifiable reason may submit the request. No service shall be disconnected Friday through Sunday or on scheduled holidays unless it is an emergency shut-off due to a water line break or leak. All requests for Fridays through Sundays or on holidays will be forwarded to the next working business day.

Sec. 114-125. - Bankruptcy notice.

The utility billing department shall, upon receipt of bankruptcy notice listing the city water department as part of its legal debt, immediately close the existing service account and create a new account, with the active date of the new account being the date of receipt of such notice unless otherwise directed in writing, by the person(s) filing the bankruptcy action. Deposits on record will be applied to the finalized account. A new deposit will be required for the new account. Balances due to closed accounts will remain in terminated account file until such time as balance is paid by debtor through reorganization or the city is notified that amounts will not be paid by debtor, per court order. Those balances will then be written off in the usual manner with approval of the mayor and city council and will be noted as bankruptcy on department record.

Sec. 114-126. - Write-offs.

Terminated accounts with balances over 90 days past due may be submitted to a collection agency for pursuit of payment. Terminated accounts with balances from prior fiscal years may be submitted to the city council for approval to write off. All write-off balances must be paid in full and a higher deposit must be received before utility service may be restarted.

Sec. 114-127. - Transferring service.

Current customers transferring service from one location to another within the city may do so in person, by online application, or by email. If the customer currently has a deposit and no final balance, that deposit will transfer to the new account. Any balance due after the application of the deposit will be transferred to the new account and subject to delinquency efforts.

Sec. 114-128. - After hour and same day service fees.

If city personnel are called out within 60 minutes of the close of utility billing's normal business hours to re-set a water meter or resume water service, an after-hour fee will be charged to the customer's account.

All same day service requests are subject to additional same day service fees.

Sec. 114-129. - Tamper Fee

If it is determined that a meter has been tampered with, other than by city personnel, a tamper fee may be charged to the customer's account.

Sec. 114-129.2. - Tampering with or damaging waterworks or wastewater systems; unlawful use of water.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to tamper with, connect to, or alter any component of the city waterworks and wastewater system including valves, meters, meter boxes, lids, hydrants, lines, pump stations, ground storage tanks, and elevated storage tanks. This shall include efforts to initiate or restore water service without the approval of the city.

(b) A person commits an offense if, without the written consent of the city manager or designee, the person knowingly causes, suffers or permits the initiation or restoration of water service to premises after city termination of service. For purposes of this section it shall be presumed that the owner, occupant or person in control of the premises caused, suffered, or permitted the unlawful initiation or restoration of service.

(c) It shall be unlawful to cover, conceal, or allow any obstruction that hinders access to any water valve box, service, or meter box.

Sec. 114-130. - Fire hydrant meter rental fees.

Temporary service for major construction shall require a deposit for meter and fittings prior to installation of the meter. The city will install and lock the meter in place. If the meter is damaged or moved by anyone other than an authorized city employee, the deposit could be forfeited, and fees may be charged. A monthly rental fee shall be applicable to each account, and water usage shall be charged to the account. Upon return of the meter, any damage or missing parts will be assessed to the account.

Sec. 114-131. - Meter parts charges.

A customer shall be responsible for all repair costs for existing water meter (and/or the electronics associated with the meter) that is damaged by a builder, contractor, or customer. City personnel will replace/repair the meter and the repair/replacement costs will be added to the customer's next bill. A customer must pay the repair costs in order to continue his/her water service.

Secs. 114-132-114-140. - Reserved.

DIVISION 2. -WATER AND WASTEWATER CONNECTION FEES

Sec. 114-141. - Water connections .

(a) Connection standards and connection fee schedules. The following service connection standards apply for connections to the city's water system. For the purpose of this section, the terms "tap" and "connection" shall be considered to mean the same thing. All fees are located on the city's fee schedule and must be paid prior to receiving water service.

(1) For single-family residential services. League City's minimum standard meter size and service connection for a single-family residence is three-fourths inches . The fee is based on service connection size.

(2) For multiple unit dwellings services. This includes, but is not limited to, condominiums, apartments, townhomes, mobile home parks, etc. The fee, which is assessed per connection, shall be based on the meter size, type of dwelling and the maximum number of dwelling units allowed to be served through the respective meter size and type.

(3) For commercial/industrial use. The category applies, but is not limited, to restaurants, carwashes, laundries, schools, churches and other similar institutions. The fees are based on service connection size.

(4) Single services with more than 220 equivalent units will be calculated case by case.

(5) In addition to the connection fees required in subsections (a)(2), (a)(3), and (a)(4) of this section, payment is also required for the cost of all meters and fittings.

(6) It is the responsibility of the customer/builder to provide a meter vault with a top inspected by the water department.

(b) General requirements.

(1) The customer/builder must furnish an approved meter box and cover located in an approved location.

(2) All meters greater than two inches in size, along with the appropriate vault or box and cover, shall be set by a licensed plumber, at the expense of the customer/builder .

(3) Where a water service is to be connected to a property having a private water well, physical separation from the well must be verified.

(4) It is unlawful to allow any other source of water to be interconnected to a city service .

(5) Connection to the city's water system shall be at the customer's/builder's expense by a contractor approved by the city.

(6) All connections to the city's water system shall be inspected by the city.

(7) Customers/builders shall be responsible for any reinspection fee for water taps that fail inspections by the city's staff.

(8) Failure to inform the city's water utilities department of a tap being made on a city water line prior to the work being performed will constitute a violation punishable by a fine of an amount up to the maximum allowed by law.

Sec. 114-142. - Wastewater connections .

- (a) Any structure previously served by a private septic tank disposal system shall have its service line routed in such a manner as to bypass the old system .
- (b) The customer is required to have the wastewater main tapped at his own expense by a contractor approved by the city in an approved manner, with inspection by the city and pay all appropriate connection fees.
- (c) Customers/builders shall be responsible for any reinspection fee for wastewater taps that fail inspections by the city's staff.
- (d) Failure to make the city water utilities department aware of a tap being made prior to work being performed will constitute a violation punishable by a fine of an amount up to the maximum allowed by law.

Secs. 114-143-114-160. - Reserved.