

ORDINANCE # 010914-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 62-252(k)(5) OF CHAPTER 62 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SELMA, TEXAS, IN REGARD TO SUBMETERING OF WATER IN APARTMENT COMPLEXES.

WHEREAS, Chapter 62 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Selma, Texas, contains the ordinances pertaining to the utilities of the city; and

WHEREAS, each multi-family residential development within the City of Selma is served by a single water account with water use registered by a single meter, or in the case of large apartment complexes, a primary meter and a secondary meter; and

WHEREAS, Section 62-252(k)(5) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Selma, Texas, adopted in 1995, prohibits submetering of water to individual units in apartment complexes and duplexes; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Water Code Section 13.502 has since been written to require submetering of water to individual units in apartment complexes and duplexes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELMA, TEXAS:

Chapter 62, Article III, Division 4, Section 62-252(k)(5) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Selma Texas, be and said Section is hereby amended to read:

(5) *Multi-family residential customers.* Multi-family residential customers shall have accounts classified as a single consumer having a single owner of the water account and shall be served by one meter or one primary meter and one secondary meter. The owner of the water account may be the property owner, a management entity, or an entity responsible for building maintenance. For any multi-family residential development constructed after January 1, 2003, submetering of water by the owner of the water account is required. The owner of the water account shall be billed by the City for all service and is responsible for the piping to and the metering of each unit.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of January, 2014.

Tom Daly, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ken Roberts, City Secretary

