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CITY OF MAYSVILLE

Ordinance Requiring Separate Water Meters, Setting Water Service Equipment Repair Charges And Setting Meter Inspection and Testing Charges

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WHEREAS, the City determines it to be in the public interest to require separate metering with certain exceptions;

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WHEREAS, the Water Service Equipment is generally located at or near the boundary line of each customer's property serving only that customer;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Maysville, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same as follows:

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2. Each City water customer shall be charged with the duty to safeguard the Water Service Equipment serving that customer from damage or destruction from any external cause other than natural disasters, including, without limitation, damage from vandalism, automobiles, lawn or construction equipment or other causes.
3. In the event of the occurrence of any damage or destruction described in Section 2 above to Water Service Equipment serving a customer necessitating repair or replacement of any such Water Service Equipment, the customer shall be charged for such repair or replacement as follows:

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In addition to the above charges, a service charge of \$25 shall be charged in each instance. All such charges shall be billed and collected and shall be subject to the same remedies for non-payment as bills for regular water service. Unless the repair is considered to be an emergency repair by the City, the City shall attempt to notify the customer prior to making the repair by either first class mail or posting a notice on the premises.

- 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3 hereof, no charge shall be imposed in the event any repair or replacement of Water Service Equipment is necessitated because of damage or destruction arising from any natural disaster or because of any internal defect or failure of the Water Service Equipment. In addition, no charge shall be imposed if the customer is able to show without a reasonable doubt that the damage or destruction was beyond the control of the customer or his agents, family members, workers, contractors, guests or other invitees.
- 5. If any customer requests an inspection and test of the customer's water meter on the basis of the meter allegedly yielding incorrect readings, and after inspection and testing, the City finds that the meter works properly, then if the customer makes a second request within a twelve month period after the date of the above-referenced test, and the meter, after inspection and testing, is determined by the City to be working properly, the customer shall be charged a service fee for the second inspection and testing of twelve (\$12.00) dollars.

This ordinance is adopted this 2nd day of November, 1998, and shall be effective upon adoption.

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- Service Call _____ 40.00

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