

AN ORDINANCE MAKING MANDATORY FOR ALL SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING, MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLINGS, COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS, INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS OR PLANTS AND ANY OTHER USER OF WATER TO CONNECT INTO THE MUNICIPAL WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM, PROVIDING FOR CONNECTION FEES, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

- Whereas,** it is in the interest of the citizens and property owners of the Village of Vinton that safe water and sanitary sewer be made available for the Village residents and businesses; and
- Whereas,** Municipal-wide water system improvements and sanitary sewer is needed to provide protection from fire hazards, and for the promotion of the public health, safety and welfare of the Village residents and businesses; and
- Whereas,** the District has obtained federally funded loans for water and sewer system improvements; and
- Whereas,** the USDA Rural Utilities Service requires a mandatory connection ordinance; and
- Whereas,** it is necessary to establish rules, regulations and penalties for residents and business establishments that are required to connect to the water and sewer system; and
- Whereas,** it is necessary to establish rates, fees and mandatory connections in order to finance the re-payment of the loan obtained; and
- Whereas,** it is hereby found and determined that the residents, businesses and property owners in the Municipal limits, in order to obtain water and sewer service, should be required to contribute to the cost of the water and sewer system in order to prevent an increase in water and sewer rate and connection charges for customers; and
- Whereas,** the governing body of the Municipality is authorized to regulate for the benefit of the health, welfare and general well-being of its inhabitants,

Now, therefore, **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF VINTON,** as follows:

- 1.) It shall be mandatory for all existing and newly constructed single-family dwellings, multiple-family dwellings, commercial establishments, industrial business and plants, and other users of water and sewer to connect into the Municipality's water and sewer lines as the same are constructed.
- 2.) A Connection Fee Schedule will be adopted by a separate action of Council.
- 3.) A Water and Sewer User Fee Schedule will be adopted by a separate action of Council.

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- 4.) That one connection for water and sewer is required for each lot, and/or single-family dwelling, multiple-family dwelling, commercial establishment, industrial business and plant.
- 5.) That any water user, resident, or occupier of a dwelling, or commercial establishment who fails to connect to the municipal water or sewer system or fails to pay the scheduled connection fees, as made mandatory by this ordinance, shall be assessed a fine not to exceed the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). In the event that a user, resident or occupier of a dwelling, or commercial establishment is fined and fails to connect or fails to pay the connection fee within thirty (30) days after the fine is levied, then the Municipality may impose an additional fine not exceeding two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per day until the connection is made or the connection fee is paid.
- 6.) The Municipality may from time to time amend, supplement or change the Connection Fee and User Fee Schedules by resolution.

This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and it hereby repeals any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 18 day of April, 2017.

VILLAGE OF VINTON, TEXAS


BY


MAYOR

ATTEST:


Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney