

**ORDINANCE NO. 2010-07**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITE OAK, TEXAS, ADOPTING FEES FOR TAMPERING WITH A WATER METER; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of White Oak, Texas has experienced a loss of revenues as a result of persons tampering with their water meters; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of White Oak has determined that a fee should be charged where tampering occurs;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITE OAK, TEXAS, THAT:**

**ARTICLE I.**

**Section 1:** Tampering with a water meter is defined as the unauthorized act of altering or adjusting the reading on a water meter, turning a water meter on after it has been turned off by an authorized city representative, installing piping or hose to bypass the water meter or to allow water service after the water meter was removed by an authorized person, or any other act to provide for or allow water service when such service has been otherwise discontinued.

**Section 2:** Tampering with a water meter will result in the meter being locked and/or removed and a \$200.00 charge to the account before service will be restored at that location. Once a meter has been locked and/or removed for tampering, a \$25.00 reinstallation charge must be paid before a meter will be installed at that location.

**ARTICLE II**

This Ordinance shall take effect and be enforced from and after its passage.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of White Oak, Texas, on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY SECRETARY