

ORDINANCE NO. 3747

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE REQUIRED HOOKUPS TO THE CITY WATER SYSTEM FOR THE CITY OF FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FORT SCOTT, KANSAS:**

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission establishes the following requirements:

1. Tapping by City. The City's water mains and pipes of the City of Fort Scott shall be tapped only by its officers or employees. The City, by its officers or employees, shall install all service pipes from the mains to the property line, meters and curb cocks, and shall make all excavations in the public streets which shall be necessary in the premises. The cost of making such connections, as established by this City ordinance, shall be paid by the applicant.

2. Property Owners. The owner of all houses, buildings, or properties used for human occupancy, employment, recreation, or other purposes, situated within the City abutting on any street, alley, or right-of-way in which there is now located or may in the future be located near public water mains, is hereby required at his or her own expense to make connection to such public water main. Prior to making connection, an application must be made to the City Clerk upon the form established by and available from the City. The fee designated for such services by the City shall accompany the application. The City Clerk shall file applications with the City Treasurer on the first day of each month and pay to the City Treasurer all money collected for such application at that time.

- A) All users of water shall install attachments and appurtenances necessary to carry the water from the property line at their own expense. All such attachments and appurtenances shall be kept in good repair, be open to inspection by the City and be of sufficient strength to withstand a hydrostatic pressure of 200 pounds per square inch.
- B) Water shall not be turned on to any house, building or private service line except by authorized employees of said City. Plumbers are prohibited from turning water on for service pipes except in accordance with this ordinance.
- C) Any inspector or authorized agent of the City shall have access at all reasonable hours to the premises supplied with water for the purposes of making any desired examination of the plumbing or water fixtures installed or anything that is in connection with the use of water.
- D) The City reserves the right at all times to shut off water mains for the purpose of making repairs, extensions, and any other purposes it deems necessary.
- E) The City will not be liable for any damage by reason of collapse or explosion of any plumbing, fixtures or other water appliance caused by the shutting off of the water supply.
- F) Water users shall prevent unnecessary waste of water and shall keep sprinklers, hydrants, faucets and all apparatus, including the service line leading from the property to the meter, in good condition at their own expense. No allowances

shall be made for water used or lost through leaks, carelessness, neglect or otherwise after the same has passed through the meter. Every customer shall, however, have the right to appeal to the City from water bills or meter readings considered excessive.

3. Misdemeanor Specifically Prohibited Actions. Anyone convicted of violating this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable under the Fort Scott Municipal Code.

4. Prohibited Actions. The following actions are specifically prohibited by this ordinance:

- A) It shall be unlawful for any person to use or take, or to authorize the use or taking of, water from any part of the City's water works system without a license or permit authorized by the City.
- B) It shall be unlawful for a person or owner to take water from the City water system to use for another property or residence outside the City limits of Fort Scott.
- C) It shall be unlawful for a person or owner to supply water to other persons, families other entities except under emergencies circumstances for a very limited time.
- D) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, other than the authorized employees or officers of the City, to tap any of the water mains of the City of Fort Scott.
- E) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, unless authorized by the City in writing, to install, alter or change the installation of any water connections, meters, service pipes, curb cocks between the mains and the property line users of the City water unless such person, firm or corporation is employed by the City.
- F) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, unless authorized by the City in writing, to perform any work upon the pipes or appurtenances of the City's waterworks system beyond a private property line unless such person, firm or corporation is employed by the City.
- G) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, unless authorized by the City in writing, to open or hitch to, dig out, cover up, or remove any fire plug, or hydrant stop-cock, valve, valve box or other fixture appertaining to the water works system unless such person, firm or corporation is employed by the City.
- H) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, other than duly authorized City officials or employees, to turn water on or off at the water meter or curb cock shut off, with a key or in any other manner.
- I) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, other than duly authorized City officials or employees, to remove, handle or otherwise molest or disturb any meter, meter lid, cutoff, or any other appurtenances to the water system of the City.
- J) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to break the seal of any meter, to alter the register or mechanism of any meter, or take any outlet or connection in any manner so that water supplied by the City may be used or

wasted without being metered.

K) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to establish or permit to be established or maintain or permit to be maintained, any cross connection whereby a private, auxiliary, or emergency water supply, other than the regular water supply of the City, may enter the supply and distributing system of the City without written approval of the City and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FORT SCOTT, KANSAS THIS 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2023.**

**THE CITY OF FORT SCOTT**

BY: Matthew Wells

**MATTHEW WELLS, MAYOR**



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**LISA LEWIS, CITY CLERK**