

**College Mound Special Utility District Ordinance
Pertaining to Illegal Water Connections and Theft of Water**

Ordinance No. 2024-02

AN ORDER PERTAINING TO ILLEGAL WATER CONNECTIONS AND/OR THE THEFT OF WATER RELATED TO THE WATER SUPPLY FOR THE COLLEGE MOUND SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the College Mound Special Utility District (the "District"), recognizes that the amount of water available to its water customers is limited; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 65 of the Water Code, the District is authorized to adopt such policies necessary to preserve and conserve available water supplies; and

WHEREAS, the District seeks to adopt an ordinance pertaining to illegal water connections and theft of water.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COLLEGE MOUND SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby approves and adopts this Ordinance as described herein.

Section 2. A person commits an offense of theft of water by any of the following actions:

(a) A person may not knowingly tamper, connect to, or alter any component of the District's water system including valves, meters, meter boxes, lids, hydrants, lines, pump stations, ground storage tanks, and elevated storage tanks. This shall include direct or indirect efforts to initiate or restore water service without the approval of the District.

(b) If, without the written consent of the District, the person knowingly causes, suffers or allows the initiation or restoration of water service to the property after termination of service(s). For purposes of this section, it shall be assumed that the owner, occupant, or person in control of the property caused, suffered, or allowed the unlawful initiation or restoration of service(s).

(c) A person may not knowingly make or cause a false report to be made to the District of a reading of a water meter installed for metered billing.

(d) A person commits a separate offense each day that the person performs an act prohibited by this section or fails to perform an act required by this section.

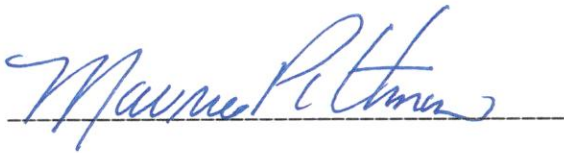
Section 3. An offense under this Order is punishable in accordance with the District's rules and policies regarding rates and may result in disconnection of service, located in Section E of the District Rate Order.

Section 4. The Board of Directors does hereby find and declare that sufficient written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting considering this Ordinance was posted at a designated place convenient to the public for the time required by law preceding this meeting, that such place of posting was readily accessible at all times to the general public, and that all of the foregoing was done as required by law at all times during which this Ordinance, and the subject matter thereof has been discussed, considered and formally acted upon. The Board of Directors further ratifies, approves, and confirms such written notice and the posting thereof.

Section 5. Should any paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected.

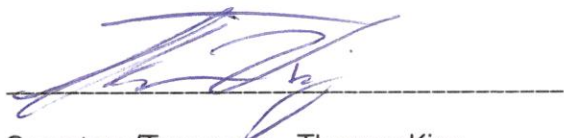
Section 6. Ordinance No. 2014-03, adopted on April 22, 2014 is hereby repealed.

Approved and adopted by the Board of Directors on this 23rd day of April, 2024.



President, Board of Directors – Maurice Pittman

Attest:



Secretary/Treasurer – Thomas King

