

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-014

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF JONESBORO AMENDING CHAPTER 32 OF THE TOWN OF JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD SECTION 32-105 RTO ESTABLISH FEES FOR TAMPERING WITH WATER METERS

WHEREAS, the Town of Jonesboro owns and operates a water system including multiple water towers, treatment facilities, and disbursement pipes within the Town of Jonesboro;

WHEREAS, the Town of Jonesboro incurs extensive costs in operating the water system, has bond obligations regarding the collection of fees for water services, and must ensure that water meters are not tampered with or altered by unauthorized person;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board Aldermen of the Town of Jonesboro, Louisiana that the following ordinance is hereby adopted to add the following section to Chapter 32 of the Jonesboro Code of Ordinances.

Sec. 32-105 Additional Fees for Tampering With a Water Meter

- (a) Tampering with a water meter is defined as turning on water services at a meter by anyone other than employees or individuals authorized by the Town of Jonesboro to connect water services.
- (b) If water is connected or reconnected by any person other than an authorized employee or agent of the Town of Jonesboro, there will be additional fees charged to the customer for said tampering.
 - 1. First Assessment. The first time water is connected or reconnected by anyone other than an authorized employee or agent of the Town of Jonesboro, there shall be a one-hundred-dollar (\$100) tampering fee charged to the customer.
 - 2. Second Assessment. The second time water is connected or reconnected by anyone other than an authorized employee or agent of the Town of Jonesboro, there shall be a two-hundred-dollar (\$200) tampering fee charged to the customer.
 - 3. Third Assessment. The third (or more) time water is connected or reconnected by anyone other than an authorized employee or agent of the Town of Jonesboro, there shall be a two-hundred-fifty-dollar (\$250) tampering fee plus the costs incurred by the Town to install a separate lock box designed to prevent tampering with a meter charged to the customer.
- (c) All tampering fees and costs established by this section are in addition to any and all late fees, disconnect fees, and/or reconnection fees.

(d) All tampering fees and costs established by this section must be paid prior to water services being turned on by the Town.

This Ordinance was duly introduced, the title of this ordinance was duly published in accordance with law, and then duly read and adopted on the ____ day of _____, 2025 by the following votes:

____ YEAS ____ NAYS ____ ABSENT ____ ABSTAIN.

This Ordinance was adopted on the ____ day of _____, 2025 and presented to the Mayor for her signature on the ____ day of _____, 2025 (which is less than 3 days from the date the ordinance was adopted).

TOWN CLERK

Approved by the Mayor on this ____ day of _____, 2025.

MAYOR