

ORDINANCE NO. 1545

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LLANO, TEXAS AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 102, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 102-47, REGARDING WATER AND SEWER REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code § 51.001, the City Council of the City of Llano, Texas (“City Council”) has the authority to adopt, publish, amend or repeal an ordinance that is for the good government, peace or order of the City of Llano (“City”); and

WHEREAS, the City of Llano Code of Ordinances (“Code”) currently contains regulations for connection to the City’s water and sewer systems and the maintenance of said connection; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 552 the City may regulate the City’s water and sewer systems in a manner that protects the interests of the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 552 the City may contract with persons outside its boundaries to permit them to connect to its water and sewer systems on terms the City considers to be in its best interest; and

WHEREAS, water resources continue to decline and the cost of acquiring additional water continues to increase; and

WHEREAS, the City’s costs to construct water and sewer infrastructure and provide water and sewer service continues to increase; and

WHEREAS, due to increased water scarcity and increased costs associated with constructing and providing water and sewer service the City must require annexation of property into the city limits if water and sewer service are requested in order to protect the interests of the City and its water and sewer systems; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to revise the water and sewer system regulations in the Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is necessary and proper for the good government, peace, and order of the City of Llano and in the City’s best interest to amend the Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LLANO, TEXAS, THAT:

I.

Chapter 102, Utilities, Article II, Utilities Services and Accounts, Section 102-47 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Llano, Texas is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 102-47. Water, sewer and electric tap charges and service extensions.

- (a) The collection of the following standard water tap fees is hereby authorized and said fees shall be set in accordance with Sec. 1-14 of this Code:

3/4"	Water meter & service tap
1"	Water meter and service tap
1 1/2"	Water meter and service tap
2"	Water meter and service tap

Standard water taps are defined as a tap request with an existing 6" or larger water main running parallel to the property to be served.

All water meter and tap requests larger than one inch require an engineering study.

All water meters and taps larger than two inches will be billed at cost including all materials and labor.

- (b) The collection of the following non-standard water tap fees is hereby authorized and said fees shall be set in accordance with Sec. 1-14 of this Code:

Water Utility Evaluation
Flush Hydrant
Developer/Commercial Line Extension

Non-standard water taps are defined as a tap request without an existing 6" or larger water main running parallel to the property to be served.

- (c) The collection of the following standard sewer tap fees is hereby authorized and said fees shall be set in accordance with Sec. 1-14 of this Code:

4"	Gravity sewer tap
2"	Pressure sewer tap fee

Standard sewer taps are defined as a tap request with an existing 6" or larger gravity sewer main or 3" low pressure sewer force main running parallel to the property to be served.

All sewer taps and connections larger than four inches gravity sewer tap or a two-inch pressure sewer tap will be billed at cost including all materials and labor.

- (d) The collection of the following non-standard sewer tap fees is hereby authorized and said fees shall be set in accordance with Sec. 1-14 of the Code:

Sewer Utility Evaluation
End of Line Clean Out
Developer/Commercial Line Extension

- (e) The collection of the following electric tap fees is hereby authorized and said fees shall be set in accordance with Sec. 1-14 of this Code:

Residential electric tap and service fee						
Commercial electric tap and service fee						
Residential Up to 200 amps	Single			Phase		Service
Residential Up to 200 amps	Three			Phase		Service
Small Up to 200 amps	Commercial	Single	or	Three	Phase	Service
Large Over to 200 amps	Commercial	Single	or	Three	Phase	Service

- (f) The collection of the following water, sewer and electric line extension fees are hereby authorized:

(1) *Standard Tap Water and Sewer Service Line Extension.*

- a. *New water services*: In addition to the meter and service tap fee:
1. For customers inside the city limits requesting two-inch or less water service:
 - i. First 50 feet from the meter to the main, included in tap fee.
 - ii. Remaining footage billed at rate set in accordance with Sec. 1-14 of this Code.
 2. For customers inside the city limits requesting water lines larger than two-inch:
 - i. Billed at cost of labor, materials, and equipment.
 3. For customers outside the city limits requesting any size water:

Annexation will be required before water service will be provided.

All water taps must have a customer shut-off valve located within two feet of the meter. It is the customer's responsibility to have a pressure regulator installed on water service lines if needed. Water taps will be terminated in city right-of-way adjacent to the property it will be serving and it is the customer's responsibility to connect to it. Water meters will be marked with a blue reflector at the street (location with curbing - on the vertical surface of the curb; location without curbing - near the pavements edge). Once taps have been installed, all maintenance of service lines starting at customer's side of meter will be the customer's responsibility. All costs must be paid prior to beginning any work.

- b. *New sewer services*: In addition to the service tap fee:
1. For customers inside the city limits requesting four-inch gravity sewer service:
 - i. First 50 feet from clean-out to the main, included in tap fee.
 - ii. Remaining footage billed at rate set in accordance with Sec. 1-14 of this Code.
 2. For customers inside the city limits requiring a two-inch pressure sewer service:
 - i. First 50 feet from cut-off valve to the main, included in tap fee.
 - ii. Remaining footage billed at rate set in accordance with Sec. 1-14 of this Code
 - iii. Customer will be responsible for sizing, installing, and maintaining a private lift station,
 3. For customers inside the city limits requesting pressure sewer larger than two-inch or gravity sewer lines larger than four-inch:
 - i. Billed at cost of labor, materials, and equipment.
 4. For customers outside the city limits requesting any size sewer service:

Annexation will be required before sewer service will be provided.

All gravity sewer taps will have a four-inch clean-out installed at the customer's property line. All pressure sewer taps will have a two inch cut off valve installed at the customer's property line. Gravity sewer cleanouts

will be installed just below finished grade inside a Sigma VB-287S (or equivalent) cast iron sewer clean out box installed to finished grade. Pressure sewer cut off valves will be installed inside a Sigma VB-287S (or equivalent) cast iron sewer clean out box installed to finished grade. Gravity sewer cleanouts and pressure sewer cut of valves will be marked with a green reflector at the street (location with curbing - on the vertical surface of the curb; location without curbing – near the pavements edge), and “SC-X” will be etched in the top of the curb if possible. Sewer taps will be terminated in city right-of-way adjacent to the property it will be serving and it is the customer's responsibility to connect to it. Once taps have been installed, all maintenance of service lines starting at the customer's side of the clean-out for gravity sewer, or shut-off valve for pressure sewer, will be customer's responsibility. All costs must be paid prior to beginning any work.

(2) Non-Standard Tap Water and Sewer Line Extension

- a. Homeowner (having tap installed for owners' residents)
 - i. Utility evaluation will be billed at the rate in accordance with Sec. 1-14 of this Code.
 - ii. Utility installations will be billed at the rate set in accordance with 1-14 of this code for “Additional Feet” for the size of line required to serve the property, plus the cost of installation and material for clean outs and/or flush hydrants at dead end lines as required for compliance, plus appropriate tap fees.
 - iii. Utility installation will be billed from the existing line with sufficient capacity, to completely across (property line to property line) the property to be served.
- b. Developer (having one or more taps of the same type installed for the purpose of sale or profit):
 - i. Utility evaluation will be billed at the rate in accordance with Sec. 1-14 of this Code.
 - ii. Utility evaluation for multiple taps of the same type will be billed at the engineering estimate of the actual cost of the evaluation.
 - iii. Utility installation will be from the existing line with sufficient capacity, to completely across (property line to property line) the property to be served.
 - iv. Utility installation will be billed at the actual cost (including engineering) for the upgrades based on the final utilities evaluation, and appropriate tap fees.
- c. Commercial (having final intent to be commercial)
 - i. Utility evaluation for 2” or smaller water and 4” or smaller sewer will be billed at the rate in accordance with Sec. 1-14 of this Code.

- ii. Will require utility evaluation for any tap larger than 2” water and/or 4” sewer and billed at actual cost.
- iii. Utility installation will be from the existing line with sufficient capacity to completely across (property line to property line) the property to be served.
- iv. Utility installation will be billed at the actual cost (including engineering) for the upgrades based on the final utilities evaluation, and appropriate tap fees

(3) *Electric service extensions.* Extensions for residential and commercial single-phase electric service - First 660 feet, inside or outside the city limits, will be at the City of Llano expense. All three phase extensions for residential and commercial electric service lines will be calculated at all expenses above a single phase extension. All single- and three-phase extensions over 660 feet will be calculated at cost plus the rate set in accordance with Sec. 1-14 of this Code for materials and cost plus the rate set in accordance with Sec. 1-14 of this Code for labor. All cost will be paid in advance prior to the beginning of any work. The city may negotiate a developer agreement with the developer to have electric service provided to each lot for the required tap fee for each customer. The right-of-way will be provided by the developer.

II.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be cumulative of all other ordinances or parts of ordinances governing or regulating the same subject matter as that covered herein; provided, however, that all prior ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby expressly repealed to the extent that such inconsistency is apparent.

III.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance. The City Council of the City of Llano hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

IV.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication as may be required by governing law.

V.

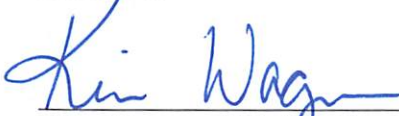
It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 18th day of November 2024.

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Marion Bishop, Mayor
City of Llano, Texas

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kim Wagner', written over a horizontal line.

Kim Wagner, TRMO, City Secretary