

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 02**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 53.07 TO CHAPTER 53 OF  
THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CLAREMORE, OKLAHOMA, REGARDING  
WATER TAPS AND CHARGES FOR THE SAME; REPEALING CONFLICTING  
ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; ~~AND ENACTING AN  
EMERGENCY CLAUSE~~**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Claremore, pursuant to the powers delegated to it by the Oklahoma Constitution, Oklahoma Statutes and as a charter city, has the authority to amend Section 53.07 to Chapter 53 of the City Ordinances regarding water taps and charges; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 53.07 to Chapter 53 of the City Ordinances places a heavy burden on the City to install water taps for new and existing buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 52.012 of Chapter 52 of the City Ordinance requires property owners to facilitate tapping into the City's sewer system, under the scrutiny of the Sewer Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council wishes to create consistency and enforceability in procedures creating access to the City's public works services.

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Claremore, Oklahoma, that:

**Section No. 1:**      **Amendment.** **Section 53.07, Chapter 53 of the City of Claremore Code is hereby amended as follows** *(all deletions are struck through and all insertions underlined)*:

**§ 53.07 WATER TAPS AND CHARGES**

(A) (1) The city, through the Water Department, shall charge fees for any water taps as set out on the water tap schedule adopted by the City Council ~~for all water taps under two inches.~~

~~(2) All water taps two inches and greater will be charged based on the cost of material plus labor and equipment costs and any other costs necessary and incidental thereto.~~

~~(32)~~ Such fees shall be paid at least two days in advance prior to the tap being made.

(B) (1) The city, through the Water Department, shall charge fees for any water meter relocation, if and when requested by the property owner as set out on the water meter relocation schedule adopted by the City Council.

(2) Such fees shall be paid at least two days in advance prior to the meter relocation being made.

(C) (1) ~~Upon a customer request therefor, the~~ The city, through the Water Department, shall charge fees for any water connections to water taps, which connections shall be for outdoor watering purposes and shall not be tied into the sanitary sewer system; as set out on the water tap schedule adopted by the City Council.

~~(2) All water connections two inches and greater will be charged based on the cost of material plus labor and equipment costs and any other costs necessary and incidental thereto.~~

(32) Such fees shall be paid at least two days in advance prior to the water connection being made.

(D) (1) Any person desiring to make a connection to the City's water system for any purpose shall, at their own expense, make a tap connection in compliance with this Section.

(2) Any person requesting new water tap service or the replacement of existing water tap service shall first obtain prior approval therefor from the City. At the time of approval, the City Water Department shall provide engineering drawings dictating the required materials and installation instructions. The water tap connection shall be made in compliance with such drawings and instructions.

(3) The person requesting new water tap service shall arrange for such water tap work to be performed under the scrutiny and inspection of the City Water Department at a time acceptable to the City.

(4) Unless the trench around the City's main and for the service line on the City's easement is located under a City street or alleyway, the trench shall be backfilled under, around and over the pipe to 12 inches above the top of the pipe with sand. If the trench is to be located on or under a City street or alleyway, the excavator must obtain a street cut permit and all rules of that permit shall govern the excavation and backfill requirements. In all cases, backfill materials shall be present at the time of inspection by City personnel, but the tap shall not be covered until it has been approved by the City Inspector.

(E) Any person found to be violating the provisions of this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

**Section No. 2:**        **Publication.**    The City Clerk is hereby ordered and directed to cause this Ordinance to be published as required by law.

**Section No. 3:**        **Severability Clause.**    If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance or any part thereof is for any reason found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance, or any part thereof.

**Section No. 4:**        **Repealer.**        All prior ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith or apparently in conflict shall be and the same are hereby specifically repealed.

~~Section No. 5: Emergency Clause.~~ An emergency is hereby declared to exist whereby it is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Claremore, Oklahoma, that this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its passage, approval and adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Claremore, Oklahoma, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025, by vote on Section Nos. 1, 2, and 3 ~~and then by separate vote on Section No. 4 (the Emergency Clause).~~



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MAYOR SIGNATURE

Sarah Sharp  
CITY CLERK SIGNATURE