

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-002

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AMES, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING AN APPLICATION AND FEE FOR SEWER TAPS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERANCE CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Texas Local Government Code empowers the City of Ames to enact codes and regulations and provide for their administration, enforcement, and amendment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Ames, Texas (“City”), desires to establish an application and fee for sewer taps; and

WHEREAS, the City finds it necessary to establish a fee for sewer taps in order to produce sufficient revenue to pay expenses of maintenance and operations and provide funds for necessary services and improvements to the sewage system.

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

SECTION 1. Application.

- (a) Any person or entity desiring to connect to the city's sewer system must submit a completed Sewer Tap Application to the City Office.
- (b) The application shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:
 - 1) Property owner's name and contact information,
 - 2) Property address,
 - 3) Description of the proposed sewer tap location, and
 - 4) Any additional information deemed necessary by the City.
- (c) Applications shall be reviewed by the City Office, and approval shall be granted in accordance with city ordinances and regulations.

SECTION 2. Sewer Tap Fee.

- (a) A sewer tap fee of \$450.00 shall be imposed for the connection to the city's sewer system. The amount of the fee is established by the City Council and may be revised from time to time.
- (b) The sewer tap fee shall be paid at the time the application is submitted.


SECTION 3. Enforcement. Violations of this ordinance may result in penalties and enforcement actions as specified in the City Code

SECTION 4. Severability. That if any section, provision, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word in this Ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, and the City Council of the City of Ames, Texas, hereby declares it would have enacted such remaining portions, despite invalidity.

SECTION 5. Repeal. All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediate and enforceable when published as required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED, & ADOPTED this, the 9TH day of January 2024.



Barbara Domain, Mayor

ATTEST:



Wellona Godfrey, City Secretary