

# City of Corinth Gas and Water Department

## SERVICE USERS AGREEMENT

The undersigned, being the owner or occupier of land located within the above Department's designated service area, hereby makes application for water and/or gas service(s). If service is made available, the undersigned agrees to the following conditions:

1. The undersigned agrees to provide a deposit to the Department. The amount of this deposit is determined by the Department and retained until service is discontinued at which time the deposit will be applied to the customer's last bill. Any unused portion of this deposit will be refunded to the customer.
2. The undersigned agrees to pay a base monthly charge for each water and/or gas service from the time service is provided by the Department and to pay for any gas or water used at the rate set out in the rate schedule adopted by the Department's Board of Commissioners. Any changes made in the minimum monthly or set rate schedules by the Department's Board of Commissioners shall become a part of this agreement as though fully set out herein.
3. The Department will read the meters and a gas and/or water bill shall be rendered. The undersigned agrees to pay said bill on or before the due date or be subject to a 10% late fee. The due date shall be 15 days after the bill is rendered. Failure of the Department to submit a service bill shall not excuse the undersigned from the obligation to pay for services used when a bill is submitted. Failure to pay a bill within 5 business days after the due date shall result in the discontinuance of service. After discontinuance of service, a reconnection fee must be paid to reestablish service. If unable to pay bill by the due date, undersigned may contact the Department to see if assistance is available.
4. The services supplied by the Department shall be for the sole use of the undersigned. The undersigned agrees that he/she will not extend or permit the extension of pipes for the purpose of transferring water or gas from one property to another, nor will he share, resell, or sub-meter water to another customer. Each meter service shall supply water or gas to only one residence or business establishment.
5. All meters shall be made accessible to the Department's personnel at any time. Meters must be outside fences, clear of shrubs, brush, trees, and any debris. Gas meters can not be located at the rear of residences. Water meters will be located on owner's property adjacent to the city/county right of way.
6. **The undersigned being the owner of the property agrees to give said Department a permanent easement for right of way access to property for the installation and/or repair of the Department's water and natural gas main and service lines.** \_\_\_\_\_
7. Usage shall be monitored on a monthly basis. Should demand exceed maximum limits applicant may be required to purchase a larger meter.
8. If discontinued or disconnected for any purpose, reconnection shall be upon the conditions set out in the Rules and Regulations of the Department.
9. The undersigned agrees that he/she will make no physical connection between any private system and the utilities provided by the Department. Representatives for the department may, at any reasonable time, come on the premises where water/gas is being used for the purpose of inspection to enforce this provision. Violation of this provision shall be grounds for disconnection of services.
10. The undersigned agrees not to tamper or bypass services. Mississippi code of 1972 sec. 97-25-3 makes it a criminal offence to intentionally tamper with meters to bypass or prevent water or gas from passing through the meter(s). Violation of this code can lead to termination of services, imprisonment and fines.
11. The Department highly recommends a main line cut-off valve located on the customer's side of the water meter. This is for your safety and protection of property from damages due to leaks.
12. The applicant agrees that they have followed the guidelines set forth by the State Department of Health regarding onsite wastewater disposal.
13. Customers are to be advised that any and all gas pipe downstream of the gas meter belongs to them, the gas consumer, and the gas consumer is responsible for maintenance and operation of this portion of the fuel line system.

Address to which this service(s) is assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

ACCOUNT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

BILLING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ home \_\_\_\_\_ work \_\_\_\_\_