BILL NO. 02-13-2023

ORDINANCE NO. 704

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A WATER METER/EQUIPMENT TAMPERING FEE IN THE CITY OF LINCOLN, BENTON COUNTY, MISSOURI FOR UNAUTHORIZED CUSTOMER MANIPULATION OF WATER METERS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the costs of administering, operating and maintaining a water system has increased over the years, the City of Lincoln provides well trained, professional technicians to oversee all equipment. Replacement costs of equipment is oftentimes an unforeseen, and unbudgeted expense.

THEREFORE, any unauthorized turn-on/off of water service, or other actions constituted as tampering, shall be assessed a tampering charge of one-hundred dollars (\$100.00) to the current water accountholder or representative, and the meter may be locked out or pulled. In the event the meter or other meaningful/essential equipment is damaged in this process, customer and/or landlord/property occupant/owner is liable for all costs incurred with replacement of such equipment.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its final passage by the Board of Aldermen and approval of the Mayor.

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