

TOWN OF BENTONIA, MISSISSIPPI

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES 2022

ARTICLE 7: WATER/WASTEWATER SERVICE

7.1 Water/Wastewater Service

The owner of any house, building or property that is used for human occupancy, employment, recreation, or other purposes in which a public water main is available, SHALL at the owner's expense, open and maintain a water/sewer account within must be completed within 5 days of becoming occupied and/or 5 days after the date of official notice to do so by the Town.

7.2 - Turning on Water/Sewer Service.

No person, other than an authorized employee of the public services area, shall turn on or off any water service, except that a licensed plumber or individual directed by the Town of Bentonia representative, may turn water services on or off.

7.3 - Access to Connections.

Any qualified employee of the Town of Bentonia shall at all reasonable hours, have the right to enter the premises that are served by the town water supply system without owner or occupant approval for the purpose of installing, reading, testing, maintaining, removing, replacing or inspecting water/wastewater connections. No person shall hinder, obstruct, or interfere with such employee in the lawful discharge of his or her duties in relation to the inspection, care and maintenance of such water/wastewater connections.

7.5 - Reimbursement for Damage.

Any damage that a connection may sustain resulting from carelessness of the owner, agent, or tenant or from neglect of any of them, to properly secure and protect the connection as well as any damage which may be wrought upon it, shall be paid by the owner of the property to the town on presentation of a bill therefore. Nonpayment of the bill may result in discontinuance of water/wastewater service until all charges have been paid to the Town.

7.6 - Penalties.

Violation of any provision of this article is a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, a violator shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1000.00 and the costs of prosecution or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both. Each act or violation and each day, or portion thereof, a violation occurs is a separate violation.