

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE WATER
METER TAMPERING AND PRESCRIBE
PENALTIES THEREFORE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CLINTON, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Definition of Tampering. Tampering shall mean and include all actions or attempts to readjust, damage, rearrange, reconnect, or open a water meter with the purpose of altering the water usage reading on said meter installed by the City of Clinton. Any other act or attempt to cause a deceptive and incorrect water meter reading shall also be considered as tampering.

SECTION 2: Except for an employee or authorized representative of the Water Department of the City of Clinton, it shall be unlawful for any person to tamper in any manner with a water meter after it has been installed by the City of Clinton at a customer's dwelling or place of business.

SECTION 3: PENALTIES: Tampering with a City of Clinton water meter shall be considered a Misdemeanor, and any person found guilty or convicted of such shall be subject to the following described penalties:

- (a) For a first offense, the offender shall have water service disconnected from their home or place of business until a fine of \$100.00 is paid.
- (b) For a second offense, the offender shall have water service disconnected from their home or place of business until a fine of \$200.00 is paid.
- (c) For a third offense, the offender shall have water service permanently disconnected from their home or place of business.

SECTION 4: It is hereby declared that an emergency exists and this Ordinance is necessary to preserve the peace, health, and safety of the general public of the City of Clinton, and therefore this Ordinance shall be in force from and after the date of its passage.

PASSED this 14th day of May, 1987.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTESTED TO:

CITY RECORDER

(SEAL)