

# The City of Bremond Utility Service Policy

## I. Water Utility Services

### A. Installation:

The city will install all water taps and services, provided that the customer pays in advance all appropriate fees set by the city.

### B. Location:

The city will connect customer water services to the nearest city owned main and install a meter on the customer's property line. If the nearest water main is across the street from the customer's property, the city will cut the street and install the water service across the street provided that the customer pays for a street cut service charge. If the nearest water main is not adjacent to the customer's property, the customer is responsible for installing and providing materials for this line extension. This installation must be done according to city specifications and must first be approved by the City Council before any construction can begin. The said water line must also be inspected and approved by a city water official before it can be buried.

### C. Ownership:

The city owns and maintains all water mains and services up to the water meter. Water lines beyond the water meter belong to the customer. The meter curb-stop (water cut-off), which is located in the meter box before the water meter installation belongs to the city and should not be used by the customer. Each water customer is required by the city to install and maintain their own water cut-off past the water meter installation. If the customer does not follow this policy and abuses the city curb-stop and it becomes necessary for the city to have to replace it, then the customer must pay for the new curb stop and the labor costs involved in replacing the new curb-stop. If it becomes necessary for the customer to have his water cut-off replaced, he may use the city curb-stop provided that he notifies the city of his intentions in advance. A line extension that has been approved for construction by the city council and an approved inspection of such line extension has been completed by a city water department official before it has been buried, then becomes the property of the city and will then be maintained by the city. Again, the city will maintain water lines only up to the customer's water meter. Everything past the meter belongs to the customer and becomes the customer's responsibility to maintain.

## D. Service Agreement

### 1. Purpose

The City of Bremond is responsible for protecting the drinking water supply from contamination or pollution which could result from improper private water distribution system construction or configuration. The purpose of the agreement is to notify each customer of the restrictions which are in place to provide this protection. The utility enforces these restrictions to ensure the public health and welfare. Each customer must sign this agreement before the city begins service. In addition, when service to an existing connection has been suspended or terminated, the water system will not re-establish service unless it has a signed copy of this agreement.

### 2. Enforcement

If the customer fails to comply with the terms of the service agreement, the city shall, at its option, terminate service or properly install, test, and maintain an appropriate backflow prevention device at the service connection. Any expenses associated with the enforcement of this agreement shall be billed to the customer.

### 3. Cross Connection Control – Backflow Prevention Program

See ordinance #96-3 concerning protection of drinking water; providing regulations and procedures of the cross-connection control program including the installation, testing, and maintenance of backflow prevention devices, adding requirements for certified backflow prevention technicians; providing criminal and civil violations and penalties; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

### 4. Customer Service Inspections

A customer service inspection shall be completed prior to providing continuous city service to new construction or any existing service when the City has reason to believe that cross-connections or other potential contaminant hazards exist, or after any material improvements, corrections, or addition to the customers plumbing. An inspection fee of \$50.00 will be charged to the customer.

#### E. Water Service Activation – Site customer Water Cut-Off Approval

Before a water service can be turned on, the customer must present an installed operational cut-off. This cut-off must be located on the customer's side of the water meter where the customer can have easy access to it, especially in an emergency when water is needed to be turned off quickly to customer's property. This cut-off will be tested by city personnel to see that it is properly installed and functional. Only after this has been done will the water service be left on. If no cut-off is presented or if it is found to be improperly installed or inoperable, the water service will be left off and not turned on until such corrections are made.

#### F. Water line specification:

1. Water services beyond water meter:
  - Size – ¾" or larger – class 200 PSI or better.
  - Depth of line installation – 12" or deeper.
2. Water service lines that extend from water main to water meter – TO BE INSTALLED BY THE CITY.
3. Water line extensions:
  - Size – 2" or larger – class 200 PSI or better, gasketed PVC pipe (Glue joints are not acceptable)
  - Depth - 24" to 36" (In extreme conditions - may be deeper if approved by the city).
  - Tracer wire – Must be of a copper coated vinyl type 14 gauge or larger. Wire must be laid next to the water line being installed.
  - Location of line installation – to be determined by the city or in the case of line installation on a TXDOT easement – determined by TXDOT per permit required by TXDOT. Customers must obtain this TXDOT permit.

#### G. Water Rates –

1. In City Limits:
  - a. Water taps
    - ¾" - \$1,100.00
    - 2" - \$1,100.00 w/ ¾" meter only
    - Larger taps are subject to City Council discretion.



b. Water Rates –

- 0-2000 gallons \$16.00
- 2001-10,000 gallons 4.25 per thousand
- 10,001-20,000gallons 4.50 per thousand
- 20,001-30,000gallons 4.75 per thousand
- 30,001-40,000gallons 5.00 per thousand
- 40,001-50,000gallons 5.25 per thousand
- 50,001 or more gallons 6.00 per thousand

RV/TT Parks and single dwelling RV's and Travel Trailers are prohibited within the city limits of Bremond, therefore water taps for these types of dwelling are not granted.

- Recreational Vehicle (RV) Parks
- Travel Trailer (TT) Parks
- Single Dwelling RV's & TT's

a. Outside City Limits:

1. Water taps

- ¾" - \$1500.00
- 2" - \$1300.00 w/ ¾" meter only (for line extensions only)
- Larger taps are subject to City Council discretion.

2. Water rates –

- 0-2000 gallons \$31.00
- 2001-10,000 gallons 4.25 per thousand
- 10,001-20,000gallons 4.50 per thousand
- 20,001-30,000gallons 4.75 per thousand
- 30,001-40,000gallons 5.00 per thousand
- 40,001-50,000gallons 5.25 per thousand
- 50,001 or more gallons 6.00 per thousand

RV/TT Parks and single dwelling RV's and Travel Trailers are prohibited within the city limits of Bremond; therefore, water taps for these types of dwellings are also not granted outside the city limits of Bremond.

- Recreational Vehicle (RV) Parks
- Travel Trailer (TT) Parks
- Single Dwelling RV's & TT's

H. Other charges and fees which apply to both in the city limits and outside the city limits:

- Water District Fee - \$ .50/month
- Late Fees - \$25.00
- Reconnects - \$75.00
- Service Charges - \$175.00
- Customer Service Inspections - \$50.00
- Returned Check Fees - \$25.00

## II. Sewer Utility Service

A. Installation:

The city will install all sewer taps provided that the customer pays in advance all appropriate fees set by the city.

B. Location:

The city will install a sewer tap into the nearest city owned sewer main and install no more than ten feet of pipe for the customer to make a connection. If the nearest sewer main is across the street from the customer's property, the city will cut the street and install the sewer service across the street provided that the customer pays for a street cut service charge. These extra charges will be assessed by the city and paid by the customer. If the nearest sewer main is not adjacent to the customer's property, the customer is responsible for installing and providing materials for this line extension. This installation must be done according to city specifications and must first be approved by the city council before any construction can begin.

C. Ownership:

The city owns and maintains all sewer mains. Sewer services which connect to sewer mains are owned and maintained by the customer. Even though these services cross city easements, they are still the customers responsibility to maintain. Sewer line extensions that are only of 4" diameter and have been approved by the city council will not be claimed by the city. These sewer lines will be maintained by the customer. If the customer agrees to install a sewer line extension using 6" or larger PVC pipe, then the city will claim this sewer line and maintain it, as long as it has been approved by the city council prior to the installation and an inspection of such line extension has been approved by a city water department official before it has been buried. The city only owns and maintains sewer mains that are 6" in diameter or larger.

D. Sewer line specifications:

- i. Sewer services
  1. Size – 4" SDR35 PVC or better. (Glue joints acceptable)
  2. Installation – Must have a slope of 1" – 50 ft.
  3. Cleanouts – At least one must be installed.
- ii. Sewer line extensions – Customer owned.  
(Same as sewer services)
- iii. Sewer line extensions – City Owned.
  1. Size – 6" or larger SDR 26 or better

2. Grade – 1” – 50 ft.
3. Tracer wire – Must be of a copper coated vinyl electrical type – 14 gauge or larger. Wire must be laid next to sewer main.
4. Location of sewer main to be determined by the city or in the case of a line installation on TXDOT easement – determined by TXDOT per permit required by TXDOT. This TXDOT permit must be obtained by the customer.

E. Sewer Rates –

i. In City Limits

1. Sewer Taps:

- a. 4”- \$900.00
- b. Larger taps are subject to the City council discretion.

2. Sewer Rates:

- a. \$20.00 FLAT RATE

3. RV/TT Parks and Single dwelling RV’s and TT’s are prohibited within the city limits of Bremond, therefore sewer taps for these types of dwellings are not granted.

- a. Recreational Vehicle (RV) Parks
- b. Travel Trailer (TT) Parks
- c. Single Dwelling RV’s & TT’s

ii. Outside City Limits:

1. Sewer Taps:

- a. 4” - \$1300.00
- b. Larger taps – subject to city council discretion.

2. Sewer Rates:

- a. \$40.00 FLAT RATE

3. RV/TT Parks and single dwelling RV’s & TT’s are prohibited within the city limits of Bremond, therefore sewer taps for these types of dwellings are also not granted outside of the city limits of Bremond.

- a. Recreational Vehicle (RV) Parks
- b. Travel Trailer (TT) Parks
- c. Single Dwelling RV’s & TT’s