

# VILLAGE OF HOSSTON

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### AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 4 OF 2021

#### AN ORDINANCE REGARDING WATER SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE VILLAGE OF HOSSTON WATER SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the Village of Hosston, Caddo Parish, State of Louisiana, acknowledges the need for policies for the water service provided by Hosston Water System.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Village of Hosston, Caddo Parish, State of Louisiana:

#### Section 1:

All customers needing a water meter from the Village of Hosston Water System must first have a 911 address on all residential or commercial structures, including public buildings, churches, and schools.

#### Section 2:

A refundable water deposit of \$75.00 plus a non-refundable connection fee of \$25.00 is required on all new water meter service. Picture identification is required for opening the account and for receiving a deposit refund when closing the account.

#### Section 3:

If water meter is a new installation, an additional \$125.00 tie-in fee is required. This is non-refundable. Installation is required to be done by a licensed plumber and inspected by the Hosston Water Operator. Property owner is responsible for all bores and initial connections.

#### Section 4:

The Village of Hosston is only responsible for the water system up to the first connection after

the water goes through the meter. Once the meter registers the water usage and the meter is working properly, the customer assumes responsibility and is billed for the water consumed.

Section 5:

The hook-up from the meter to the customer's home or business is the customer's responsibility.

Section 6:

Transfer of water deposits to another account may be made only with written consent from the owner(s) of the deposit unless the cause of transfer is customer's death and then only the next of kin may assume deposit and responsibility of the bill.

Section 7:

Each residential, commercial, public buildings, etc. must have its own meter.

Section 8:

Tampering with water meters in any way to receive water without being billed for usage is against the law. Violators are subject to prosecution.

Section 9:

All residents inside Hosston Village limits are required to be connected to the water system. However, use of water wells is permitted, if the line is separate from Hosston Water System service lines.

Section 10:

The Village of Hosston reserves the right to discontinue water services at any time, with or without advance notice, to make emergency or other repairs.

Section 11:

The Village of Hosston reserves the right to discontinue water services immediately, with or without notification to occupants or owners if there is a severe water leak detected on their property including inside their residence. The Village of Hosston will make every effort to notify the occupant or owner as soon as possible. By this action we hope to avoid a large water bill to our customer, to minimize water damage to the residence, and to save the Village undue wear on the water system as well as save the chemicals we must add to the system.

Section 12:

Water meters are the property of the Village of Hosston. The shut-off valve on the meter belongs to the Village of Hosston and is intended for use only by the Village during maintenance operations. Should a Village of Hosston Water System customer choose to attempt to turn their water meter off themselves instead of contacting the water department for assistance, the customer will be

responsible for any damage that might occur to the water meter.

Section 13:

Water services may be suspended upon request of the customer if their meter deposit has been left in place. The customer will incur no expense during this period and the meter will be locked, however when the water meter is turned back on, there will be a \$25.00 charge on the first billing cycle for reconnection.

Section 14:

Water bills will be mailed out to be received by the customer around the first of each month. Bill payments are due by the 15<sup>th</sup>. The first business day after the 15<sup>th</sup>, a \$10.00 late fee will be added to all accounts with an unpaid balance. If the past due balance is not paid by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month, a \$50.00 non-payment fee will be added to the account. If the total balance owed is not paid by the 26<sup>th</sup> of that month, service will be disconnected. Once an account has been disconnected, the balance owed must be paid in full before service is reestablished.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen, Village of Hosston, in due, legal, and regular meeting convened that;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or Resolutions or parts thereof in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be in immediate effect.

First Reading: July 18, 2023 – Introduced and read by title and approved as read and set for Public Hearing on August 15, 2023, with a motion made by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Blunt.

Second Reading: August 15, 2023 – Having been approved on the first reading on July 18, 2023, and after publication of notice and a public hearing, was read by title, with motion to approve as read by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Blunt.

YEAS:   3  

NAYS:   0  

ABSENT:   0  

ABSTAIN:   0  

THUS DONE, ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED by the Board of Aldermen of the Village of Hosston, Caddo Parish, State of Louisiana, at a meeting of said public body, duly held and conducted on August 15, 2023, in the Hosston Village Hall for the Village of Hosston.

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Amanda Anglin, Town Clerk

Date Delivered to Mayor: August 16, 2023

Date Received by Mayor: August 16, 2023

Approved by the Mayor of the Village of Hosston on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023

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Kim Jaynes, Mayor

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF CADDO

I, the undersigned Town Clerk of the Village of Hosston, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, do hereby certify the foregoing amendment to Amended Ordinance No. 4 of 2021 to be a true copy of the Ordinance as the same appears filed in this office.

This, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023.

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Amanda Anglin, Town Clerk