ORDINANCE NUMBER 822

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES FOR AFTER HOURS CALL-OUTS AND METER TAMPERING

WHEREAS, the Town of Wheatland operates water and electric utilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town has normal business hours and

WHEREAS, the Town receives calls for services after normal business hours

WHEREAS, Users should pay for calls after hours requesting services on the property owner's side of the meter.

NOWTHEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1 Definitions:

- A. <u>After Hours</u>: Is any time the Town Hall is not open.
- B. Call Outs: Includes but not limited to:
 - (1) Water turn-on and water turn-off.
 - (2) Electric turn-on and turn-off,
- C. <u>Meter Tampering</u>: Meter tampering by any person not authorized by the Town includes the following:
 - (1) Opening and closing water meter valves located anywhere.
 - (2) The act of breaking, picking or damaging electric meter locks.
 - (3) The removal, disabling or adjusting water or electric meters

Section 2 Ownership:

The Town owns the water meters, pit, and electric meters.

Section 3 Fees:

The following fees will be charged for after hour call outs:

- A. \$80.00 per call out for water and sewer.
- B. \$ 100.00 per call out for electric.
- C. The property owner(s) will be responsible for payment of all charges and fees jointly and severally.
- D. Call outs after hours shall be billed to the property owner(s) unless the call out was as a result of a problem on the Town's side.

Section 4 Fines:

It is illegal for non-authorized persons to tamper with the Town's meters and meter pits. In the event a non-authorized person is found guilty of violating this ordinance a fine up to \$750.00 can be assessed. In addition, the non-authorized person will be subject to all costs associated with labor and replacement parts of the damaged meter.

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