

**CITY OF AMES, TEXAS
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-005**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AMES, TEXAS, REQUIRING
BUSINESSES PROVIDING UTILITY SERVICES TO OBTAIN A PERMIT
BEFORE INSTALLING OR CONNECTING SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY
LIMITS; PROVIDING FOR AN APPLICATION PROCESS;
ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING A
SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Ames finds it necessary to regulate the installation and connection of utility services in order to protect public infrastructure, preserve the public right-of-way, and ensure the safety and welfare of residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMES, TEXAS:

SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this ordinance:

1. “Utility Provider” means any business or entity providing water, gas, electric, cable, telecommunications, internet, or similar service for profit or compensation.
2. “Service Connection” includes the physical installation, connection, or activation of any utility service to a residence, commercial establishment, or undeveloped parcel within the city limits.

SECTION 2 – PERMIT REQUIRED

No utility provider shall install, connect, or activate service within the corporate limits of the City of Ames without first obtaining a permit from the City. The permit shall be issued by the City Clerk or a designated official upon application and payment of applicable fees. Each permit shall specify the location, nature of the work, anticipated dates of activity, and proof of insurance or bond as required by city policy.

SECTION 3 – APPLICATION

- A. Applications for a utility installation permit shall be made in writing on a form prescribed by the City and shall include:
1. Name and contact information of the utility provider;
 2. Description of the proposed installation or service connection;
 3. Map or sketch showing the location of the proposed work;

4. Proof of liability insurance or bond; and
 5. Payment of a utility permit fee in the amount of \$100.00, or such other amount as may be established by resolution of the City Council.
- B. The City may inspect the work before and after completion and require repairs as a condition of final approval.

SECTION 4 – EMERGENCY EXCEPTION

In the event of a bona fide emergency affecting the safety or continuity of service, a utility provider may perform work necessary to restore service but shall notify the City and submit an application for a retroactive permit within 48 hours.

SECTION 5 – PENALTY

Any utility provider who violates any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per day for each violation. Each day the violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 6 – SEVERABILITY

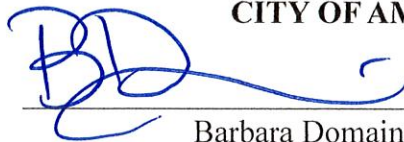
If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance.

SECTION 7 – EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED, & ADOPTED this, the 13th day of May 2025.

CITY OF AMES:



Barbara Domain, Mayor

ATTEST:



Wellona Godfrey, City Secretary