ORDINANCE NO. 444

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THAT ALL COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL WATER METERS INSTALLED ON THE CITY OF LYTLE'S WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM SHALL BE COMPATIBLE WITH AN ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM APPROVED BY THE CITY OF LYTLE; THIS METER REQUIREMENT SHALL APPLY TO THE INSTALLATION OF NEW WATER METERS AND TO THE REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING WATER METERS; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND, PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

- WHEREAS: The City of Lytle is a Type A General Law municipality that owns and operates water and sewer systems; and,
- WHEREAS: Texas Local Government Code Section 552.001 authorizes a municipality to regulate its water and sewer systems in a manner that protects the interests of the municipality; and,
- WHEREAS: Texas Local Government Code Section 51.001 authorizes the governing body of any municipality to adopt, publish, amend, or repeal an ordinance, rule or police regulation that is for the good government, peace, or order of the municipality or for the trade and commerce of the municipality and is necessary or proper for carrying out a power granted by law to the municipality or to an office or department of the municipality;

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

Section 1. <u>Meters</u>. After the effective date of this ordinance, all commercial and residential water meters installed on the City of Lytle's water distribution system shall be compatible with an Advanced Metering Infrastructure system that has been approved by the City of Lytle.

Section 2. <u>Applicability</u>. This ordinance shall apply to the installation of new water meters and to the replacement of existing water meters. If an existing water meter has to be removed from the meter box in order to be repaired, the meter shall be replaced with a meter required under this ordinance.

Section 3. <u>Repeal</u>. Any existing ordinance or portion of an existing ordinance in conflict with the terms of this ordinance is hereby repealed.

Section 4. <u>Code of Ordinances</u>. It is the intention of the City Council that this Ordinance shall become a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lytle and may be renumbered and codified therein accordingly.

Section 5. <u>Effective Date</u>. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage, approval and official publication as provided by law.

Section 6. Severability. If any section, provision, subdivision, clause or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged or held unconstitutional or invalid, it shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any other part or provision contained herein.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Lytle City Council held on the 11th day of January, 2021.

RUBEN GONZALEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JOSIE CAMPA, CITY SECRETARY

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