



TOWN OF TALALA

TALALA PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY

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TALALA PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY — SEWER TAP AND USER AGREEMENT

New Sanitary Sewer Connection — \$1,250 Non-Refundable Tap Fee

PROPERTY AND USER IDENTIFICATION

Property Owner / User _____

Service Property Address _____

Legal Description of Property _____

Mailing Address (if different) _____

TPWA Sewer Tap No. _____ Date Applied: _____

\$1,250.00 NON-REFUNDABLE NEW SEWER TAP / CONNECTION FEE

Payable to the Talala Public Works Authority before a new sewer connection is approved. Payment of the fee does not, by itself, authorize connection to the public sanitary sewer.

This Sewer Tap and User Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between the Talala Public Works Authority (“TPWA”) and the property owner or authorized user identified above (“User”). The Agreement governs User’s request for and use of a new connection to the TPWA public sanitary sewer system at the property identified above. User acknowledges that the TPWA sewer system is owned and operated by TPWA and is subject to Ordinance No. 2024-01, the Town of Talala’s applicable plumbing and building requirements, and TPWA’s rules, regulations, policies, rates, and charges.

1. TAP FEE AND SEWER SERVICE CHARGES

1.1 New Sewer Tap Fee. Before a new sewer connection is approved, User shall pay TPWA a \$1,250.00 non-refundable tap/connection fee. Payment of the fee does not, by itself, authorize User to connect to the public sanitary sewer. The connection remains subject to TPWA approval, inspection, and compliance with all applicable requirements.

1.2 Sewer Service Account, Property Identification, and Ongoing Charges. The User agrees that the sewer service account established under this Agreement is associated with the property identified by both the service address and the legal description of the property provided on this Agreement. The legal description shall be used to identify the property served by the sewer tap and shall remain applicable notwithstanding any future change to the property’s mailing or physical address.

The Talala Public Works Authority (the “Authority” or “TPWA”) has authorized Rural Water District No. 4 of Oologah, Oklahoma (“RWD No. 4”) to process billing and receive payments for sewer service charges on behalf of TPWA. The User agrees to pay all sewer service charges when due in accordance with the applicable rates, rules, and regulations established by TPWA.

The User further acknowledges and agrees that failure to pay sewer service charges when due may result in the discontinuation of water service by RWD No. 4. The User understands that RWD No. 4 is authorized to discontinue water service when sewer charges are delinquent, in accordance with applicable policies and procedures. Water service shall not be restored until the delinquent sewer charges and any applicable fees or other amounts due have been paid or satisfactory payment arrangements have been made, as permitted by TPWA and RWD No. 4.

TPWA may change rates or charges as authorized by applicable law and TPWA action.

2. APPROVAL, INSTALLATION, AND INSPECTION

2.1 No Unauthorized Connection. User shall not make, permit, or cause any private sewer connection to be made to a TPWA sanitary sewer line, directly or indirectly, without prior approval of the TPWA Sewer System Operator. A connection made without approval is not authorized by this Agreement.

2.2 User’s Service Line. User shall, at User’s sole expense, install, own, operate, and maintain the private service line extending from the User’s structure or property-side plumbing to the connection point designated by TPWA. All work shall comply with the Town’s applicable plumbing and building requirements, applicable Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality requirements, and TPWA rules and instructions.



2.3 TPWA Connection Point and Authority. TPWA shall have final authority over the location and requirements for the connection to the public sanitary sewer system. User shall not alter, relocate, tap, repair, or otherwise work on TPWA-owned sewer mains or appurtenant public facilities except as specifically authorized by TPWA.

2.4 Inspection. All new sewer connections are subject to inspection by the TPWA Sewer System Operator or the Town Building Inspector. User shall not cover or conceal work when inspection is required until the applicable inspection has been completed and approval to proceed has been given.

3. BACKFLOW / BACKWATER PROTECTION

Where a new sanitary sewer yard line is installed and connected to the TPWA public sanitary sewer main, User shall install and maintain a backflow/backwater valve meeting the standards stated in Ordinance No. 2024-01. The valve shall have corrosion-resistant bearing parts, comply with the applicable ASME or CSA standard identified in the Ordinance, provide a mechanical seal against backflow, have a capacity at least equal to the pipe in which it is installed when fully open, and be located so that it is accessible for service and repair and not less than twenty-four (24) inches back on the private line from the TPWA connection.

4. PROHIBITED DISCHARGES

User shall not discharge, or permit to be discharged, into the TPWA sanitary sewer any material prohibited by Ordinance No. 2024-01 or other applicable law or TPWA regulation. Prohibited discharges include, among other things:

- Stormwater, roof drainage, surface water, groundwater, or other uncontaminated water or unpolluted cooling/process water.
- Gasoline, benzene, naphtha, fuel oil, or other flammable or explosive liquids, solids, or gases.
- Toxic or poisonous wastes, or wastes that may injure or interfere with wastewater treatment, create a hazard to people or animals, or create a hazard in receiving waters.
- Waste having a pH lower than 6.0 or greater than 10.5, or other corrosive or hazardous characteristics capable of damaging sewer structures, equipment, or personnel.
- Solids or viscous substances capable of obstructing sewer flow or interfering with sewer operations, including materials such as grease, oils, rags, plastics, wood, rubber, glass, metal, sand, mud, food waste, and similar materials identified in the Ordinance.
- Industrial discharges unless they comply with all applicable federal, state, and local requirements and regulations.

User understands that compliance with these restrictions is a continuing condition of sewer service. TPWA may take enforcement action for prohibited discharges as authorized by the Ordinance and applicable law.

5. GREASE, OIL, AND SAND INTERCEPTORS

If TPWA or the Town Building Inspector determines that a grease, oil, or sand interceptor is necessary for the proper handling of wastewater from the property, User shall provide, install, and maintain an approved interceptor at User's expense. Any required interceptor shall be readily accessible for cleaning and inspection and shall be maintained in continuous, efficient operating condition.

6. ACCESS TO PROPERTY AND PUBLIC SEWER FACILITIES

User grants TPWA, its authorized employees, agents, contractors, successors, and assigns the right of reasonable access across the property to inspect, test, operate, repair, maintain, replace, or remove TPWA-owned sewer lines and appurtenant facilities, and to perform work reasonably necessary for the operation and protection of the public sanitary sewer system. TPWA will use reasonable care in exercising this access.

7. USER RESPONSIBILITY; DAMAGE TO TPWA FACILITIES

User shall not maliciously, willfully, or negligently break, damage, destroy, uncover, deface, or tamper with any structure, appurtenance, or equipment that is part of the TPWA public sanitary sewer system. User is responsible for maintaining the private sewer facilities serving the property at User's expense.

8. COMPLIANCE WITH ORDINANCE AND TPWA RULES

User agrees to comply with Ordinance No. 2024-01, all applicable Town plumbing and building requirements, applicable Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality requirements, and all current and future TPWA rules, regulations, policies, rates, and charges applicable to sewer service. User acknowledges that Ordinance No. 2024-01 provides for enforcement by the Sewer System Operator, Town Health Officer, and Town Building Inspector, and that violations may result in enforcement action under the Ordinance or applicable law.

If any provision of this Agreement conflicts with a controlling provision of applicable law or Ordinance No. 2024-01, the controlling law or ordinance shall govern, and the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall remain effective to the fullest extent permitted by law.



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9. TRANSFER / ASSIGNMENT OF SEWER TAP

A sewer tap associated with the property may not be treated as authorizing sewer service to a different property or user except in accordance with TPWA requirements. Any transfer or assignment of an existing TPWA sewer tap shall remain subject to all applicable TPWA rules and regulations and shall be documented in writing using a form approved by TPWA.

10. ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By signing below, User represents that User has authority to enter into this Agreement for the property identified above; has received or been provided access to Ordinance No. 2024-01; understands that the \$1,250.00 tap fee is non-refundable; understands that the private sewer facilities are User's responsibility unless expressly stated otherwise by TPWA; and agrees that sewer service and connection approval are conditioned upon compliance with this Agreement, Ordinance No. 2024-01, and all other applicable requirements.

USER / PROPERTY OWNER

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

TALALA PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

TPWA OFFICE USE ONLY

\$1,250.00 Tap Fee Paid _____ Date: _____ Receipt No.: _____

Connection Approved By _____

Inspection / Connection Date _____ Tap No.: _____

Return the signed agreement and the \$1,250.00 non-refundable tap fee to the Talala Public Works Authority, Town Hall, 102 West Watova Street, Talala, OK 74080 (P.O. Box 52, Talala, OK 74080), Monday–Friday 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Checks payable to the Talala Public Works Authority. This agreement may also be completed and paid online at talalaok.gov/tpwa/sewer-tap.

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