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Meter Tampering

All meters will be furnished, owned, installed and removed by the City of Clinton. Seals will be placed on all meters, meter enclosures, or metering transformers for the purpose of security. Breaking these seals or tampering with meters, their associated equipment, or interconnecting wiring is prohibited. Unauthorized possession and use of a stolen meter; the unauthorized manipulation, such as inverting, relocation or swapping meters or registers; the resetting of demand type meters; the internal tampering of metering device affecting the proper registration of consumption is also prohibited.

The City of Clinton will not disconnect any electric when at 7:00 a.m. the high for the day is forecast to be 99 degrees Fahrenheit or higher during cooling months or 35 degrees Fahrenheit or lower in heating months. During these times water will be disconnected and remain disconnected until the past due balance and all fees are paid. Tampering with water meters that have been disconnected by city personnel include opening valves at the curb or meter; breaking, picking or damaging cut off locks; by passing meters; removing, disabling or adjusting meter registers; any intentional act of defacement, destruction or vandalism that effects city property.

When the City of Clinton has identified that a person has obtained service(s) by fraudulent means, or has diverted the utility service(s) for unauthorized use, the service(s) will be disconnected without notice. The City of Clinton reserves the right to pursue legal action against anyone that has obtained utility service(s) illegally. When meter tampering occurs the following will apply:

1. Service(s) will be disconnected without notice.
2. The **Account Holder** will be held responsible.
3. The account holder will be required to pay for any damages that may occur due to meter tampering.
4. The City of Clinton may estimate billing for the period of time that the meter was not registering the correct consumption.
5. The account holder will be required to pay a \$250.00 Meter Tampering fee before services will be reconnected.

DO NOT TAMPER WITH ELECTRIC METERS

Meter tampering is illegal. It is also dangerous and can result in serious injury or death.

- Never break a meter seal.
- Never open a meter base.
- Never remove a meter or an entrance cable in any manner.

Customer Signature

Date