

# ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LEON, KANSAS, PERTAINING TO WATER RATES, INFRASTRUCTURE AVAILABILITY CHARGES, HOOK-UP FEES, AND LIEN AUTHORITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LEON, KANSAS:

## Section 1. Section 15-217 Amended.

Section 15-217 is hereby repealed and replaced to read:

### 15-217. Water Rates.

(a) The minimum monthly charge for water service shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

(b) In addition to the monthly minimum charge, water usage shall be billed as actual read and as follows:

1. 0–3,000 gallons: \$5.85 per 1,000 gallons
2. 3,001–6,000 gallons: \$7.85 per 1,000 gallons
3. 6,001–9,000 gallons: \$9.85 per 1,000 gallons
4. 9,001 gallons and over: \$15.00 per 1,000 gallons

(c) All prior percentage-based surcharges on water charges are hereby repealed.

## Section 2. Hook-Up Fee and Tenant Deposit

Section 15-210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

### 15-210. Hook-Up Fee and Tenant Connect.

(a) Every applicant for water service shall pay a non-refundable hook-up fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per meter at the time of application. This fee is separate from any required connect fee and shall not be refunded.

(b) If the applicant is a tenant and not the owner of the property being served, the tenant shall pay a total of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) at the time service is initiated.

1. One hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) of such amount shall constitute the non-refundable hook-up fee.
2. The remaining one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) shall constitute a refundable tenant-connect fee

(c) The refundable tenant-connect fee shall be returned to the tenant upon termination of service, provided:

1. The utility account is paid in full; and
2. No delinquent balances remain owing to the City.

(d) The City may apply the refundable security deposit to any unpaid charges owed at the time of termination of service. Any remaining balance shall be refunded to the tenant.

### **Section 3. New Section 15-219 Created.**

#### **15-219. Inactive Meter Pit; Availability Charge.**

(a) Any property upon which a water meter pit is installed and capable of providing service, but not actively receiving municipal water service, shall be assessed a monthly infrastructure availability charge of thirty dollars (\$30.00).

(b) If such charge remains unpaid for three (3) consecutive billing cycles, the unpaid amount shall be deemed delinquent utility charges.

(c) Delinquent charges shall be subject to certification and collection pursuant to Section 15-106 and K.S.A. 12-808c.

(d) Each unpaid monthly charge shall constitute a separate and cumulative obligation.

### **Section 4. Section 15-106 Amended.**

Section 15-106(a) is amended to include:

“...including but not limited to water service charges, infrastructure availability charges, and inactive meter pit charges...”

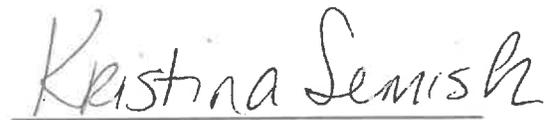
### **Section 5. Repealer.**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**Section 6. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its adoption by the governing body of the City, approval by the Mayor and publication once in the official newspaper of the City. The official newspaper of the City is the city website: [www.cityofleon.org](http://www.cityofleon.org).

**ADOPTED AND PASSED** by the governing body of the City of Leon, Kansas, on March 2, 2026, and **APPROVED AND SIGNED** by the Mayor on March 2, 2026



Kristina Semisch, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jodie Laidler, City Clerk

