

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-2023**

**A RESOLUTION WSTABLISHING THE WATER LEAK ALLOWANCE POLICY FOR THE CITY OF LEON, KANSAS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the City of Leon understands that, from time to time, water utility customers may experience unusually large water bills caused by undetected leaks; and

**WHEREAS**, to help alleviate the potential financial burden caused by certain water leaks, the Governing Body of the City of Leon established a formal Water Leak Allowance Policy adopted by Resolution No. 3-2023 on January 3, 2023, to read as follows:

**City of Leon, Kansas  
Water Leak Allowance Policy**

The City of Leon may provide an allowance on utility bills for high consumption of water that is caused by a leak in the plumbing on the consumer's side of the water meter.

- A. Types of leaks that will be considered for an allowance include:
  - 1) Breaks in the underground service line between the water meter and the foundation of the structure.
  - 2) Breaks in the plumbing located in a crawl space or basement.
  - 3) Breaks in the plumbing located in an interior wall of a structure.
  - 4) Breaks in the underground plumbing of an irrigation system.
  
- B. Types of leaks that **will not** be considered for an allowance include:
  - 1) Leaks caused by any defective part of a toilet, hot water heater, ice maker, water softener, or other appliance or item connected to the plumbing of the structure.
  - 2) Leaks caused by any item considered to be a maintenance item of the plumbing or irrigation system.
  
- C. To qualify for a leak allowance:
  - 1) The total amount of water consumed during the billing cycle in which the leak occurred must be more than 4 times the highest monthly water consumption during the previous 12 months for that occupant at that address. A leak allowance will only be considered for one billing cycle.
  - 2) A minimum of 10,000 gallons will be the responsibility of the property owner and a maximum adjustment of 75,000 gallons will be made for any leak.
  - 3) The property owner must provide evidence that the leak has been repaired (e.g.: copy of a paid invoice from a licensed plumber, receipts from property owner for items purchased for repair, maintenance going out and checking meter to be sure leak has been taken care).
  - 4) The property owner must complete the leak allowance request form and agree that the property will not qualify for any additional leak allowances for the next 5 years. A tenant cannot submit a leak allowance request form on behalf of an owner/landlord.
  
- D. The water leak adjustment will be calculated as follows:
  - 1) Highest monthly water consumption in the past 12 months: \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) Multiplied by 2 x 2
  - 3) Equals the amount of consumption billed to the customer: = \_\_\_\_\_

- (minimum of 10,000 gallons)
- 4) Water consumed during the current billing cycle: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Less calculated consumption (3) above: - \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) Number of gallons adjusted: = \_\_\_\_\_  
 (maximum of 75,000 gallons)
- 7) Multiplied by the current water rate: X \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) Equals the amount of the water leak adjustment: = \_\_\_\_\_

E. Water leak adjustments in the amount of \$250.00 or less may be approved by the City Clerk, provided that all of the provisions of this policy are met. Water leak adjustments in the amount of more than \$250.00 may only be approved by the City Council.

F. Customers responsibility: Utility customers are responsible for monitoring their own water usage. The City of Leon accepts no responsibility or liability for notifying a utility customer that they may have a leak or that they may qualify for a leak allowance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the City of Leon, Kansas, does hereby adopt the aforementioned Water Leak Allowance Policy as an Official Policy of the City.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2023.

*Kristina Semisch*  
 Kristina Semisch, Mayor

Attest:

*Jodie Laidler*  
 Jodie Laidler, City Clerk

