

ORDINANCE NO. 532 N.S.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE
CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES PERTAINING TO WATER
RATES AND REGULATIONS

The City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does ordain as follows:

Section 1. That Title 12, Chapter 14.04, Section 14.04.130, 14.04.140, 14.04.150, 14.04.160 and 14.04.170 of the Municipal Code of the City of El Paso de Robles be amended to read as:

14.04.130 Payment - Owner Responsible. Each owner shall be responsible to the City for the payment of water delivered through water service connection or meter. An application by an owner's agent or his tenant shall not relieve the owner of his responsibility for payment of the services provided even though the application by his agent or tenant was approved by the City.

14.04.150 B. Illegal Consumption. When the meter registration shows a consumption after the services have been officially disconnected, the owner of the property shall be held responsible for such consumption plus a turn-on fee set by resolution of the City Council from time to time with reference to this section and the water shall not be turned on for either owner or tenant until such illegal consumption and turn-on fee has been fully paid.

14.04.160 Accuracy of Meter, test-fee. A consumer may have the accuracy of the meter, through which water is being furnished to his premises, examined and tested by the water department of said City, by mailing a written application therefore to said department upon forms provided by said City for such purposes, and accompanying the same with a fee set by resolution of the City Council from time to time with reference to this section. Upon receipt of such application and fee, said department shall examine and test such meter, and if found to register more than three percent in excess of the actual quantity of water passing through it, such meter shall be removed and another meter installed in lieu thereof, said fee of one dollar returned to the consumer, and his water bill for the current month corrected accordingly; otherwise, said fee of one dollar shall be retained by and be a part of the funds and revenue of said City.

14.04.170 Non-payment - Penalties. A. Delinquency. Bills are due and payable on the 10th day of the month following the bi-monthly period for which water service was provided. If not paid on or before the fifteenth day after it becomes due, a ten percent penalty shall be added. If the bill, including penalties, remains unpaid for thirty days after the penalty date, water service may be discontinued with proper notice. Services shall not be restored until the water bill including all penalties and charges for restoration of service, turn-on fee as set by resolution of the City Council from time to time with reference to this section are paid in full. Any water consumer who is unable to pay his bill for water service may apply in writing to the City Council who shall have authority to cancel such bill, provided the inability of such consumer to pay the bill be proved to the satisfaction of the City Council. All consumers applying for any such cancellation of a water bill shall appear before the City Council in person or by an agent authorized in writing to present his claim for cancellation. The cancellation of any unpaid bill for water service shall not entitle the consumer to cancellation of any future water bill without new application therefor. The decision of the City Council in the matter of such cancellation of delinquent water bills shall be final.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of May, 1987 by the following vote:

AYES:	Cousins, Ovitt, Dolan and Stemper
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Russell
ABSTAIN:	None

ATTEST:


Jerry Bankston, City Clerk


Nick Russell, Mayor