



AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Johnny Timmons, Manager TW&L

DATE March 15, 2023

SUBJECT: IN THE MATTER OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TUPELO WATER & LIGHT DEPARTMENT'S SERVICE PRACTICE STANDARDS: SCHEDULE OF RULES, REGULATIONS AND FEES FOR UTILITY SERVICE
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Request:

Approval of the attached ordinance amending our Service Practice Standards: Schedule of Rules, Regulations and Fees for Utility Service with the following changes:

Current

*Item 27. **TAMPERING WITH METERS:*** If Tupelo Water & Light Department finds that there is reasonable ground for believing that any meter or meters intended to measure or register the quantity of water, electric light or power has been tampered with as to alter the measured usage or that any electric seal is broken, or communication device on an AMI water or electric meter is broken, cut or damaged, a minimum administrative fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) will be assessed the meter holder. The customer may be prosecuted in municipal court notwithstanding the administrative fee.

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And updating and adding the following line items to "Appendix A: Schedule of Rates, Charges and Fees":

Minimum Charge for theft of electricity or water	\$100.00
Minimum Charge for damage to AMI meters	\$200.00

This change is necessary to cover the cost of the AMI meters (electric and water).