

**RULES AND REGULATIONS OF  
RURAL WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 15  
OSAGE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA (the "District")**

These rules are issued in compliance with the provisions of the Bylaws of the District and are designed to govern the supplying and taking of water service in a uniform manner for the benefit of the District and its members. They are subject to change from time to time by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

**DEFINITIONS**

The following expressions when used herein will have the meaning stated below:

**APPLICANT:** Any individual, firm partnership, corporation or other agency living on or owning land located within the service area who applies to become a Participating Member, as defined in the District's Bylaws.

**BENEFIT UNIT:** Benefit Unit means a legal right to one service connection to the District's facilities and to participate in the affairs of the District.

**PURCHASER:** Purchaser shall mean all purchasers of the District's water.

**POINT OF DELIVERY:** The point of delivery shall be at the meter, unless otherwise specified in the approved application for Water Service.

**WATER SERVICE:** The term Water Service when used in connection with the supplying of water shall mean the availability for use by Purchasers of water adequate to meet the Purchaser's requirements. Water Service shall be considered available when the District maintains the water supply at a minimum of 25 p.s.i. at the Point of Delivery, in readiness for the Purchaser's use, regardless of whether or not the Purchaser makes use of it. Water Service shall consist of facilities for supplying water to one residence or business establishment.

**APPLICATION FOR WATER SERVICE:** The agreement or contract between the Purchasers and the District, pursuant to which Water Service is supplied and accepted.

**GENERAL RULES**

The supplying and taking of water will be in conformance with these rules and the District's Bylaws and the applicable rate schedule as may be from time to time amended by the District's Board of Directors. PROVIDED, FURTHER, that if at any time the Board of Directors determine the total amount derived from the collection of water charges is insufficient for the payment of operation costs, emergency repairs or debt service, the Board shall adjust the water rates according to Article VXi, Section 3 of the District's Bylaws.

**APPLICATION FOR WATER SERVICE:** Applicants for Water Service shall:

1. Sign a Benefit Unit Application and Water Users Agreement and pay the current Benefit Unit Fee.
2. Give an easement to the District for water lines and connections.
3. The Board of Directors must approve all Benefit User Applications.
4. The Applicant shall be responsible for all road crossings and any other expense in the construction and/or preparation done by the District.
5. The Applicant shall pay a minimum payment each month from approval of the Application, regardless of usage, or the setting of any meter.
6. The Application for Water Service shall provide that the District shall have the right at all reasonable hours to enter upon Purchasers' premises to read and test meters, inspect piping and to perform other duties for the proper maintenance and operation of service, or to remove its meters and equipment.

**MANDATORY APPROVALS PRIOR TO HUMAN CONSUMPTION:** Until any required septic system approval (or any other or similar approval which may be lawfully required at any time by any health department, ODEQ or other governmental entity or agency having jurisdiction or authority to impose such a requirement) is obtained and furnished to the District, no water service may be connected or used for human consumption in any manner whatsoever (i.e. there shall be no connections to any residence, mobile home, travel trailer, or commercial establishment or any other facility for human consumption) and any connection in contravention hereof is expressly forbidden and may result in forfeiture of the Benefit Unit. It is the intent hereof that a Benefit Unit may be used *only* for agricultural, construction or similar purposes -- and not for human consumption -- until any and all required health department, ODEQ or similar approvals required for human consumption are obtained by the Applicant / Purchaser and provided to the District.

**BILLING PROCEDURES:** Payment for Water Service is due and payable by the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the month following that in which Water Service was rendered. Billing procedures shall be further outlined in the District's payment book, which is provided to every Purchaser upon approval of the Application for Water Service.

**SIGNED BY APPLICANT:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_