

**TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING
205 WEST PALMETTO ST
PLAIN DEALING, LOUISIANA 71082
ORDINANCE # 3 OF 2025**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Aldermen of the **TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING** in due regular and legal session convened, that the following ordinance was presented as follows:

An ordinance for the Code of Ordinance, Town of PLAIN DEALING, Louisiana, to amend chapter 30 – UTILITIES to adopt ARTICLE IV - METERS Section 30-180 - New meter sets; Section 30-181 Fees and cost to install a new meter are as follows; Section 30-182 Maintenance, replacement and relocation of meter boxes and vaults; Section 30-183- Interference with meter reading; Section 30-184 - Submetering or re-selling of water; Section 30-185. - Meters to be approved by department; and Section 30-186 - Violation as follows:

Sec. 30 - 180. - New meter sets.

The public works director of water and sewerage shall have the authority to establish rules, regulations and specifications regarding new meter sets or meter vaults. All meters shall be provided by the department. Installation of new meters and construction of meter vaults shall be at the expense of the contractor or customer, and approval by public works director shall be required before service begins.

Sec. 30-181 - Fees and cost to install a new meter are as follows:

1. Meter installation cost of meter and register encoder - \$278.00
2. Cost of meter and box - \$35.00
3. Labor cost - \$100.00
4. Miscellaneous cost of parts - \$17.00

(The complete fee schedule with a breakdown of all fees and cost shall be kept on file with the public works director of the Town of PLAIN DEALING).

Sec. 30-182. - Maintenance, replacement and relocation of meter boxes and vaults.

(a) Customers shall report damage to meter boxes or vaults to the department immediately. When replacements, repairs or adjustments of any meter or meter box are rendered necessary by the act, neglect or carelessness of the owner or occupant of any premises, the cost of the repair, replacement or adjustment shall be charged to and collected from the owner or occupant of the premises, and, if not paid, service shall be disconnected.

(b) Expenses incurred in relocating meters due to street widening shall be borne by the contractor. Expenses incurred in relocating meters due to other events shall be borne by the person creating the need for the relocation.

Sec. 30-183. - Interference with meter reading.

(a) Access to meters by department personnel for reading, repair or removal shall not be prevented or restricted in any manner. If access to a meter is restricted so that the meter cannot be read, the reading shall be estimated by department personnel and charges billed accordingly. If a customer requests a rereading, a charge for the additional reading will be assessed to the customer in the amount of \$20.00 if no reading error is found.

Sec. 30-184. - Submetering or re-selling of water.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to construct, occupy or allow to be occupied any structure in which the construction plan provides for a master meter and submetering of the water consumption of one or more owners or tenants, unless the plan has been approved by the public works director.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to connect to a house line for a separate property or multiple properties with the intent to re-sell water which has passed through their water meter without prior authorization from the department.

Sec. 30-185. - Meters to be approved by department.

The size, type and right to own and control all meters installed or used by consumers of its water or sewerage service shall be determined by the public works director.

Sec. 30-186. - Violation.

Anyone who violates any section of this Division shall be fined a fine no less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned for not more than 60 days, or both.

After public hearings were held on the above ordinance, the title having been read and the ordinance considered on motion by Alderman Shanithia Gay and seconded by Alderman Emily Jennings to adopt the ordinance, a record vote was taken and the following result was :

ALDERMEN	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Shavonda Gay	✓		
Jeff Benson			✓
Emily B Jennings	✓		
Louis Welch	✓		
Shanithia "Shanita" Gay	✓		

THUS, DONE AND SIGNED in PLAIN DEALING, Louisiana, on
March 11, 2025.

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~~Town Clerk, Rolandria McCauley~~

~~Mayor, James Cook~~

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