



CITY OF WHARTON APPLICATION FOR UTILITY SERVICE

PLEASE NOTE UTILITY SERVICES TO THIS ADDRESS WILL NOT BE FURNISHED IF YOU OWE A DELINQUENT BILL AT ANOTHER (PREVIOUS OR PRESENT) ADDRESS, OR IF ALL THE REQUIRED PAPERWORK AND INFORMATION ARE NOT PROVIDED.

TYPE OF SERVICE REQUESTED: EXISTING NEW

WATER - IF NEW SERVICE, SIZE OF TAP: 3/4 INCH OTHER: _____

SEWER - IF NEW SERVICE, SIZE OF TAP: 4 INCH OTHER: _____

GARBAGE: RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL HAND LOAD COMMERCIAL CONTAINER
 SIZE OF CONTAINER: _____
 NUMBER OF PICKUPS: _____

DATE SERVICE IS TO START _____

SERVICE ADDRESS _____

INSIDE CITY LIMITS OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS

INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY

NAME (AS APPEARS ON ACCOUNT) _____ PHONE NO. _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

FOR INDIVIDUALS

DRIVER'S LICENSE NO. _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ AGE _____

(IF APPLICANT IS 60 YRS OF AGE OR OLDER, VERIFICATION OF AGE WILL BE REQUIRED TO RECEIVE DISCOUNT ON DEPOSIT)

EMPLOYED BY _____ WORK PHONE NO. _____

FOR ENTITIES

FEDERAL TAX ID NUMBER: _____ TAX EXEMPT: YES NO

CONTACT NAME _____

IS THE PERSON OR ENTITY, AS STATED ABOVE, THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY? YES NO

IF NO, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR THE PROPERTY OWNER:

NAME _____ PHONE NO. _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

CERTIFICATION:
 I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I WILL COMPLY WITH ALL CITY ORDINANCES REGARDING UTILITY SERVICES AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME BY CITY COUNCIL AND THAT I HAVE READ AND SIGNED THE CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT HEREIN. I DECLARE AND AFFIRM TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL STATEMENTS AND ANSWERS AS STATED HEREIN ARE FULL, COMPLETE, AND TRUE. I, THE UNDERSIGNED, FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE TO PAY FOR UTILITY SERVICE OR OTHER CHARGES WHICH MAY BECOME DUE TO THE CITY OF WHARTON AT THIS ADDRESS. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT IF I AM NOT THE PROPERTY OWNER, I HAVE THE AUTHORITY FROM THE PROPERTY OWNER TO REQUEST SUCH SERVICES FROM THE CITY. ALL PERSONS WHO SIGN THIS APPLICATION SHALL BE JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY LIABLE FOR ANY WATER, SEWER, AND GARBAGE SERVICE CHARGES INCURRED AT THIS ADDRESS.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE

Personal information in your City of Wharton customer account records (name, address, phone number, drivers license number, etc) is generally considered public information under the Texas Government Code, Chapter 552 – Public Information Act.

The Texas Utility Code, Chapter 182 – Rights of Utility Customers, provides that a government-operated utility (the City) may not disclose personal information contained in a customer’s utility account records if the customer requests that the City keep the information confidential. The customer may request confidentiality by delivering to the City a written request to keep their personal information contained in the utility account confidential. Otherwise, a customer’s personal information can NOT be considered confidential.

However, even though the customer may request their personal information remain confidential, under Texas Utility Code, Chapter 182; a request for confidentiality does not prohibit a government-operated utility from disclosing personal information in a customer’s account records to:

- (1) an official or employee of the state, a political subdivision of the state, or the United States acting in an official capacity;
- (2) an employee of a utility acting in connection with the employee’s duties;
- (3) a consumer reporting agency;
- (4) a contractor or sub-contractor approved by and providing services to the utility, the state, a political subdivision of the state, or the United States;
- (5) a person for whom the customer has contractually waived confidentiality for personal information; or
- (6) another entity that provides water, wastewater, sewer, gas, garbage, electricity, or drainage service for compensation.

As a utility customer of the City of Wharton, you have a right to request confidentiality of personal information contained in your utility account. If you do not specify your intent to keep your personal information confidential, this information will be subject to the open records provisions. Please indicate your preference by marking an “X” in the appropriate box below.

() I request that my personal information maintained by the City of Wharton on my utility account be kept confidential under Texas Utility Code, Chapter 182, unless specifically exempted.

() I DO NOT request that my personal information maintained by the City of Wharton on my utility account be kept confidential under Texas Utility Code, Chapter 182, thus causing my personal information to be subject to the open records provisions.

Print Name

Date

Signature

Retail Service Agreement

- I. Purpose: The City of Wharton is responsible for protecting the drinking water supply from contamination or pollution which could result from improper system construction or configuration on the retail connection owner's side of the meter. The purpose of this service agreement is to notify each customer of the restrictions which are in place to provide this protection. The public water system enforces these restrictions to ensure the public health and welfare. Each retail customer must sign this agreement before the City of Wharton will begin service. In addition, when service to an existing retail connection has been suspended or terminated, the water system will not re-establish service unless it has a signed copy of this agreement.
- II. Restrictions. The following unacceptable practices are prohibited by State regulations.
 - A. No direct connection between the public drinking water supply and a potential source of contamination is permitted. Potential sources of contamination shall be isolated from the public water system by an air-gap or an appropriate backflow prevention device.
 - B. No cross-connection between the public drinking water supply and a private water system is permitted. These potential threats to the public drinking water supply shall be eliminated at the service connection by the installation of an air-gap or a reduced pressure-zone backflow prevention device.
 - C. No connection which allows water to be returned to the public drinking water supply is permitted.
 - D. No pipe or pipe fitting which contains more than 8.0% lead may be used for the installation or repair of plumbing at any connection which provides water for human use.
 - E. No solder or flux which contains more than 0.2 percent lead can be used for the installation or repair of plumbing at any connection which provides water for human use.
- III. Service Agreement: The following are the terms of the service agreement between the City of Wharton and Customer.
 - A. The Water System will maintain a copy of this agreement as long as the Customer and/or the premises is connected to the Water System.
 - B. The Customer shall allow his property to be inspected for possible cross-connections and other potential contamination hazards. These inspections shall be conducted by the Water System or its designated agent prior to initiating new water service; when there is a reason to believe that cross-connections or other potential contaminations hazards exist; or after any major changes to the private water distribution facilities. The inspections shall be conducted during the Water System's normal business hours.
 - C. The Water System shall notify the Customer in writing of an cross-connection or other potential contamination hazard which has been identified during the initial inspection or the periodic re-inspection.
 - D. The Customer shall immediately remove or adequately isolate any potential cross-connections or other potential contamination hazards on his premises.
 - E. The Customer shall, at his expense, properly install, test, and maintain any backflow prevention device required by the Water System. Copies of all testing and maintenance records shall be provided to the Water System.
- IV. Enforcement. If the Customer fails to comply with the term of the Service Agreement, the Water System shall, at its option, either terminate service or properly install, test, maintain an appropriate backflow prevention device at the service connection. Any expenses associated with the enforcement of this agreement shall be billed to the Customer.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

**CITY OF WHARTON
AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR AUTOMATED PAYMENTS**

I (we) authorize the CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS (the CITY) to initiate debit entries to my (our) ()
Checking () Savings account (select one) indicated below and the depository named below, hereinafter
called DEPOSITORY, to debit same to such account.

PLEASE PRINT

DEPOSITORY

NAME(S) _____

BRANCH _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TRANSIT/ABA NO. _____ ACCOUNT NO. _____

The authority Is to remain in full force and effect until the CITY and DEPOSITORY has received written notification form me (or either of us) of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford the CITY and DEPOSITORY a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

SIGNATURE DATE

CITY USE ONLY

CUSTOMER ACCT. NO. _____

ENTERED BY _____ DATE _____