

**CLAY COUNTY, GEORGIA**  
**WATER SUBSCRIPTION CONTRACT**

**THIS AGREEMENT** dated between the Clay County, Georgia and (Subscriber) \_\_\_\_\_.

**WHEREAS** Subscriber desires to be provided with a water service to the property that the Subscriber owns and/or occupies at (Service Address) \_\_\_\_\_, and

**WHEREAS** Subscriber agrees to comply with the rules, ordinances and regulations of the County, and

**WHEREAS** the County desires to provide water and/or sewer service to Subscriber if the Subscriber complies with the rules, ordinances and regulations of the County,

**NOW THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter states, it is agreed between the parties as follows:

1. (Subscriber hereby deposits) (Former Subscriber has deposited) with the County the following fees: Two and half times the average monthly bill for all services or a minimum deposit of **\$75.00**. The subscriber agrees that **these fees are non-refundable** and that the meter and all other appurtenances shall remain the property of the County. Subscriber also agrees that the County has the right from time to time to reassess the impact on the facilities of the County and Subscriber hereby agrees to pay the additional impact assessment.
2. Subscriber shall **pay promptly monthly**: 1) a minimum monthly water bill (monthly minimum is for base charge, debt service charge and administration charge) as assessed by the County; 2) any water registered by the meter serving said property that bill at the rate or rates set by the County from time to time which shall include water used, water wasted, or leakage and sewer charges if applicable.
3. Said bill **shall be paid on the due date**. In the event that the bill and any penalties assessed thereon are not paid by the due date of the bill, the County shall have the right to commence procedures to terminate water service according to the Water Ordinance in effect as of the date the bill becomes past due.
4. If the water service is disconnected for non-payment of a bill, the Subscriber must pay a **non-refundable service fee** and the entire account balance together with any other fees or penalties which may be owed to the County must be paid to restore or maintain water service.
5. Subscriber shall **have 15 days to detect and notify the County in writing of any errors** in Subscriber's bill. Failure to notify the County will result in waiver of any right or claim for refund or credit.
6. If Subscriber has cause to have the meter moved from the existing stub-out, the County will relocate the meter at Subscriber's expense upon application for relocation, payment of the fee for same and the approval of the County.
7. Meters will be tested at the request of the Subscriber; however, if no irregularities are found in the meter, the Subscriber will be **assessed a fee of \$125.00 for testing**.
8. Subscriber shall **install and maintain at his expense** a cut-off valve on Subscriber's side of the meter. Subscribers shall not obstruct the meter so as to interfere with the reading, maintenance, or otherwise by County personnel.
9. Subscriber grants to the County, its agents and employees, the right of safe ingress and egress over, across, under and through said property for any reason related to the use, maintenance, repair or otherwise of the County's facilities.
10. Subscriber shall have the right to use said water for one household (commercial site) (industrial site) only and its outbuildings located on the property of the Subscriber. Subscriber shall not allow anyone to connect or tap on the said water service line for the purpose of supplying water to another user. Violation of this paragraph of this agreement will result in immediate suspension of service.
11. The County shall have the right to discontinue service immediately when an idle (or inactive) meter begins moving and the occupant has not applied for service.
12. Subscriber agrees that no other present or future source of water will be connected to any water line being served by the County's water lines and will disconnect from any present water supply system prior to connecting to the County's system. Subscribers will be required to maintain an air gap between any lines holding water from any other source than water supplied by the County.
13. The County **reserves the right to determine the allocation of water** to Subscriber in the event of water shortage, and the County reserves the right to discontinue its service without notice for the following reasons: 1) to prevent fraud or abuse; 2) ordinances; 3) emergency repairs; 4) insufficiency of water supply due to circumstances beyond County's control; 5) legal process; 6) direction of public

authorities; and 7) strike, riot, fire, flood, unavoidable accident, actions of others, or acts of God. The County reserves the right to terminate the service granted herein for reasons other than those set forth above by giving Subscriber 10 days' written notice prior to the date of termination.

14. The water rates and charges not otherwise provided herein are determined by County Ordinance 16-013. A copy is attached hereto for reference.

15. It is the responsibility of the builder/consumer to protect the meter particularly during the period of construction/landscaping, i.e.: (1) Do not allow the meter to be covered and (2) do not allow the meter to become broken or damaged in any manner. The County will charge you for labor and materials and will not commence service until the meter is made accessible to County personnel and/or payment is made to cover the damage. Normal maintenance is the responsibility of the County.

16. Subscriber will indemnify and hold harmless the County from any damage to person or property that Subscriber may suffer and against any claim of a third party for damages to person or property as a result of temporary, complete or partial interruption of water services that occurs as a result of seasonable supply of water, expansion, repair and maintenance of lines, meter and facilities, or conditions beyond the control of the County. Subscriber also releases and hereby discharges the County from any claim for damage to person or property that Subscriber may suffer and against any claim of a third party for damage to person or property when the County is required and/or authorized to turn the water off or on at the meter servicing the Subscriber. The Subscribers will also indemnify and hold harmless the County against any claim for damage to person or property at said location, or appurtenances thereto, because of fluctuation of pressure of the water line servicing said Subscriber.

SIGN AND RETURN

CLAY COUNTY, GEORGIA

147 WILSON STREET

FORT GAINES, GA 39851

SUBSCRIBER SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print:

Applicants Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino \_\_\_\_\_ Not Hispanic of Latino \_\_\_\_\_

Race: (Mark One or More) White \_\_\_\_\_ Black or African American \_\_\_\_\_ American Indian/Alaska Native \_\_\_\_\_

Asian \_\_\_\_\_ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_