

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-04**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING HARDIN CITY CODE  
WATER TAPPING PROCEDURES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hardin desires to modify and change the City Code of Hardin, Montana to in order to allow licensed plumbers to tap water mains in the City of Hardin, Montana;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hardin acknowledges that fewer employees are experienced in tapping water mains than when the original ordinance was passed in 2000;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hardin previously amended City Code to allow for private contracting plumbers and contractors to be able to tap water mains under the supervision of the City of Hardin Public Works Department;

**WHEREAS**, it is unclear who bears the burden of the cost of tapping a water main.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF HARDIN, MONTANA**, Title 3, Chapter 3A, Section 28 is amended as follows:

1. Section 3-3A-28 shall be amended by adding the following paragraph as a second paragraph:

All costs and expenses incidental to the installation and connection to a water main by a water tap shall be borne by the owner of the property connecting to the main, and not by the City of Hardin. The owner shall indemnify the City from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by the installation of water service to the property.

**DATE OF EFFECT.**

The amendment to this ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from the date of its second reading and passage by the City Council as required by law.

**FIRST READING AND PASSAGE** By a majority vote of the members present this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2022.

YEAS 5 NAYS 0



[Signature]  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrew Lehr  
City Clerk

POSTED AND MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

Andrew Lehr  
City Clerk

**SECOND READING AND PASSAGE** By a majority vote of the members

present this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

YEAS 5

NAYS 0



acting Mayor [Signature]

ATTEST:

Andrew Lehr  
City Clerk