

ORDINANCE # _____

TO: PUBLIC UTILITIES AND SERVICES OF RALLS COUNTY, MISSOURI

SUBJECT: REQUIREMENT OF VALID PERMIT FOR UTILITY METER INSTALLATION AND SERVICE CONNECTIONS

(A) Purpose and Intent.

To ensure the safety, integrity, and compliance of all structures within the unincorporated areas of Ralls County, Missouri with the adopted planning and zoning ordinance, the unincorporated areas of Ralls County, Missouri, hereby require verification of proper authorization before the final connection and metering of utility services (electric, water, or gas) to any building or structure.

(B) Permit Required.

Any owner, authorized agent, or utility applicant intending to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, or connect any building or structure to the municipal utility system must first obtain all required permits, including a building permit from the Planning and Zoning department of Ralls County, Missouri.

(C) Utility Company Responsibilities.

No utility company, whether municipal or private, shall install a permanent utility meter or energize/activate permanent utility service to any residential or commercial premises, new or existing, without first verifying that the applicant has a valid construction permit issued by the Planning and Zoning Administrator or their designated representative for Ralls County, Missouri.

(D) Verification Process.

The utility applicant or their designated agent must present the following to the utility service provider prior to the scheduling of final meter installation:

An active and valid permit which the utility provider can independently verify with the Planning and Zoning department of Ralls County, Missouri.

(E) Severability

The portions of the Ordinance shall be severable. In the event that any portion of this Ordinance is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining portions of the Ordinance are valid, unless the court of competent jurisdiction finds the valid portions of the Ordinance are so essential and inseparably connected with and dependent upon the void portion that it cannot be presumed that the Board of

Commissioners of the County would have enacted the valid portions without the invalid ones, or unless the court finds that the valid portions standing alone are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.