

**ORDINANCE NO.** 97-8

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING ACCESS TO POTTSVILLE WATER DEPARTMENT METERS BY POTTSVILLE WATER DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL**

WHEREAS, the Pottsville Water Department provides water to residents in the Pottsville area; and

WHEREAS, authorized agents of the Pottsville Water Department must have access to the water lines and meters on private property to inspect pipes and read meters;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POTTSVILLE, ARKANSAS:

**SECTION 1:** That the authorized agents of the Pottsville Water Department shall be given the right of access at all reasonable hours to the outside premises supplied with water for the purpose of reading meters, examining pipes and fixtures, observing manner of using water, and for any other purpose which is proper and necessary in the conduct of the Pottsville Water Department's business. Such agents for the Pottsville Water Department shall carry proper credentials evidencing their employment by the utility.

**SECTION 2:** In the event private property owners have a locked gate where Pottsville Water Department employees need access as stated in Section I, and wish to keep their gate locked, the Pottsville Water Department will provide the lock to any gate locking or barring the Pottsville Water Department from the pipes and/or meter. The Pottsville Water Department and the property owner and/or renter will share keys to the lock.

**SECTION 3:** That the property owner will at all times furnish a clear access at the


owner's/renter's expense for the authorized agent of the Pottsville Water Department to have access to the outside pipes and meter.

**SECTION 4:** That denial or noncompliance with any of the above provisions will lead to water being turned off to residential or commercial users.

**SECTION 5:** This Ordinance being necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Pottsville, Arkansas, an emergency is declared to exist. This Ordinance shall take effect and be enforced from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 20 DAY OF June, 1997.

APPROVED:   
BRUCE HAWKINS  
MAYOR, CITY OF POTTSVILLE

ATTEST:   
CARLESS TEETER  
RECORDER, CITY OF POTTSVILLE

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CITY CLERK