

*Please complete the first page of the service application. Sign and date all highlighted areas of the service agreement, and return to Gafford Chapel Water Supply Office.*

## Gafford Chapel Water Supply Corporation Service Application and Agreement

**Corporation use only**

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Service Classification: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cost: \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Order Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Eng. Update: \_\_\_\_\_  
Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Service Inspection Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Print:** Date: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CO-APPLICANT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT BILLING ADDRESS:

FUTURE BILLING ADDRESS:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: HOME (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ CELL (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ WORK (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

PROOF OF OWNERSHIP PROVIDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY (Include name of road, subdivision with lot and block numbers):

\_\_\_\_\_

PREVIOUS OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS (If transferring Membership):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ACREAGE \_\_\_\_\_

HOUSEHOLD SIZE \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER IN FAMILY \_\_\_\_\_

LIVESTOCK & NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL SERVICE NEEDS OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT ONLY. A MAP OF SERVICE LOCATION REQUEST MUST BE ATTACHED.**

The following information is requested by the Federal Government in order to monitor compliance with Federal laws prohibiting discrimination against applicants seeking to participate in this program. You are not required to furnish this information, but are encouraged to do so. This information will not be used in evaluating your application or to discriminate against you in any way. However, if you do choose not to furnish it, we are required to note the race/national origin of individual applicants on the basis of visual observation or surname.

**Gender:**  Male  Female

**Ethnicity:**  Hispanic or Latino  Not of Hispanic or Latino

**Race :**  White  Black or African American  American Indian/Alaskan Native

Asian  Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  Other (specify)

Agreement made this [redacted] day of [redacted], \_\_\_\_\_, between

**Gafford Chapel Water Supply Corporation**, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Texas

(Hereinafter called the Corporation) and [redacted] (Hereinafter called The Applicant and/or Member),

Witnesseth:

The Corporation shall sell and deliver water and /or wastewater service to the Applicant and the Applicant shall purchase, receive, and/or reserve service from the Corporation in accordance with the bylaws and tariff of the Corporation as amended from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Corporation. Upon compliance with said policies, including payment of Membership Fee, the Applicant qualifies for Membership as a new applicant or continued Membership as a transferee and thereby may hereinafter be called a Member.

The Member shall pay the Corporation for service hereunder as determined by the Corporation's tariff and upon the terms and conditions set forth therein, a copy of which has been provided as an information packet, for which Member acknowledges receipt hereof by execution of this agreement. A copy of this agreement shall be executed before service may be provided to the Applicant.

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to discontinue service and cancel Membership of and Member not complying with any policy or not paying any utility fees or charges as required by the Corporation's published rates, fees and conditions of service. At any time service is discontinued, terminated or suspended, the Corporation shall not re-establish service unless it has a current, signed copy of this agreement.

If this agreement is completed for the purpose of assigning utility service as part of a rural domestic water and/or wastewater system loan project contemplated with the Rural Development, an Applicant shall pay an Indication of Interest Fee in lieu of a Membership Fee for the purposes of determining:

- a. The number of taps to be considered in the design and
- b. The number of potential ratepayers considered in determining the financial feasibility of constructing:
  - 1) A new water system or
  - 2) Expanding the facilities of an existing water system.

The Applicant hereby agrees to obtain, utilize, and/or reserve service as soon as it is available. Applicant, upon qualification for service under the terms of the Corporation's policies, shall further qualify as a Member and the Indication of Interest Fee shall then be converted by the Corporation to a Membership Fee. Applicant further agrees to pay, upon becoming a Member, the monthly charges for such service as prescribed in the Corporation's tariff. Any breach of this agreement shall five cause for the Corporation to liquidate, as damages, the fees previously paid as an indication of interest. In addition to any Indication of Interest Fees forfeited, the Corporation may assess a lump sum of \$300.00 as liquidated damages to defray any losses incurred by the Corporation. If delivery of service to said location is deemed infeasible by the Corporation as part of this project, the Applicant shall be denied Membership in the Corporation and the Indication of Interest Fee, less any expenses, shall be refunded. The Applicant may re-apply for service at a later date under the terms and conditions of the Corporation's policies. For the purposes of this agreement, an Indication of Interest Fee shall be of an amount equal to the Corporation's Membership Fees.

All water shall be metered by meters to be furnished and installed by the Corporation. The meter and/or wastewater connections is for the sole use of the Member or customer and is to provide service to only one (1) dwelling or one (1) business. Extension of pipe(s) to transfer utility service from one property to another, to share, resell, or submeter water to any persons, dwellings, or businesses, or property, etc., is prohibited.

The Corporation shall have the right to locate a water service meter and the pipe necessary to connect the meter on the Member's property at a point to be chosen by the Corporation, and shall have access to its property and equipment located upon Member's premises at all reasonable and necessary times for any purpose connected with or in the furtherance of its business operations, and upon discontinuance of service the Corporation shall have the right to remove any of its equipment from the Member's property. The Member shall install, at their own expense, any necessary service lines from the Corporation's facilities and equipment to the point of use, including any customer service isolation valves, backflow prevention devices, clean-outs, and other equipment as may be specified by the Corporation. The corporation shall also have access to the Member's property of the purpose of inspecting for possible cross-connections, potential contamination hazards, illegal lead materials, and any other violations or possible violations of state and federal statutes and regulations relating to the federal Safe Drinking Water Act or Chapter 341 of the Texas Health & Safety Code or and the Corporation's tariff and service policies.

The Corporation is responsible for protecting the drinking water supply from contamination or pollution which could result from improper practices. This service agreement serves as notice to each customer of the restrictions which are in place to provide this protection. The Corporation shall enforce these restrictions to ensure the public health and welfare. The following undesirable practices are prohibited by state regulations:

- a) No direct connection between 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 airgap or an appropriate backflow prevention assembly in accordance with state regulations.
- b) No cross-connection between the public drinking water supply and private water system is permitted. These potential treats to the public drinking water supply shall be eliminated at the service connection by the proper installation of an airgap or a reduced pressure-zone backflow prevention device.
- c) No connection which allows condensing, cooling, or industrial process 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% lead can be used for the installation or repair of plumbing at any connection which provides water for human use.
- f) Plumbing installed after January 4, 2014 bears the expected labeling indicating <0.25% lead content. If not properly labeled, please provide written comment.

The Corporation shall maintain a copy of this agreement as long as the Member and/or premises

is connected to the public water system. The Member shall allow their property to be inspected for possible cross-connections, potential contamination hazards, and illegal lead materials. These inspections shall be conducted by the Corporation or its designated agent prior to initialing service and periodically thereafter. The inspections shall be conducted during the Corporation's normal business hours.

The Corporation shall notify a Member in writing of any cross-connections or other undesirable practices which have been identified during the initial or subsequent inspections. The Member shall immediately correct any undesirable practice on their premises. The Member shall, at their expense, properly install, test, and maintain any backflow prevention device required by the Corporation. Copies of all testing and maintenance records shall be provided to the Corporation as required. Failure to comply with the terms of this service agreement shall cause the Corporation to either terminate service or properly install, test, and maintain an appropriate backflow prevention device at the service connection. Any expenses associated with the enforcement of this agreement shall be billed to the Member.

In the event the total water supply is insufficient to meet all of the Members, or in the event there is a shortage of water, the Corporation may initiate the Emergency Rationing Program as specified in the Corporation's tariff. By execution of this agreement, the Applicant hereby shall comply with the terms of said program.



By execution hereof, the Applicant shall hold the Corporation harmless from any and all claims for damages caused by service interruptions due to waterline breaks by utility or like contractors, tampering by other Member/users of the Corporation, normal failures of the system, or other events beyond the Corporation's control.

The Applicant shall grant to Corporation permanent recorded easement(s) dedicated to the Corporation for the purpose of providing reasonable rights of access and use to allow the Corporation to construct, maintain, replace, upgrade, parallel, inspect, test and operate any facilities necessary to serve that Applicant as well as the Corporation's purposes in providing system wide service for existing or future members.

By execution hereof, the Applicant shall guarantee payment of all other rates, fees, and charges, to on any account for which said Applicant owns a Membership. Said guarantee shall pledge any and all Membership Fees against any balance due the Corporation. Liquidation of said Membership Fees shall give rise to discontinuance of service under the terms and conditions of the Corporation's tariff.

By execution hereof, the Applicant agrees that non-compliance with the terms of this agreement by said Applicant shall constitute denial or discontinuance of service until such time as the violation is corrected to the satisfaction of the Corporation.

Any misrepresentation of the facts by the Applicant on any of the four pages of this agreement shall result in discontinuance of service pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Corporation's tariff.

Witnesseth	 Applicant/Member Signature
Approved and Accepted	 Date Approved

## Cross Connection Alert

To all members of the Gafford Chapel Water Supply Corporation:

Cross Connections can contaminate a waters system. Untreated water, water from other wells, floats from watering troughs, not installed properly, and pesticides can contaminate you water system.

The Texas Health Department requests that each system insure there are no cross connections. If a cross connections is found, the health department has the authority to close down the entire system, until the problem is corrected.

Please acknowledge your awareness of the dangers of cross connections by signing this form.

1. **Purpose.** The **Gafford Chapel Water Supply Corporation** is responsible for protecting the drinking water supply from contamination or pollution which would result from improper plumbing practices. The purpose of this service agreement is to notify each customer of the plumbing restrictions which are in place to provide this protection. The utility enforces these restrictions to ensure the public health and welfare. Each customer must sign the agreement before **Gafford Chapel Water Supply Corporation** will begin service. In addition, when service to an existing connection has been suspended or terminated, the water system will not re-establish service unless it has a signed copy of this agreement.
2. **Plumbing restrictions.** The following unacceptable plumbing 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 private water system is permitted. These potential treats 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 return to 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% lead can be used for the installation or repair of plumbing at any connection which provides water for human use.

**I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ THE ABOVE INFORMATION.**

\_\_\_\_\_   
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_   
**Signature**

**MULTIPLE HOOK-UPS**

I UNDERSTAND THE SERVICE CONTRACT I HAVE SIGNED WITH GAFFORD CHAPEL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION WILL PERMIT ME TO HAVE (1) DWELLING AND/OR ONLY ONE BUSINESS. THIS IS DESIGNATED ON PAGE THREE OF THE SERVICE AGREEMENT. I WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO EXTEND A PIPE OR PIPES TO TRANSFER WATER FROM ONE PROPERTY TO ANOTHER, NOR SHARE, RESELL, OR SUB-METER WATER TO ANY OTHER PERSON, DWELLING, BUSINESS, OR PROPERTY.

MUTIPLE HOOK-UPS ARE DEFINED ON PAGE 3 OF THE SERVICE AGREEMENT.

GAFFORD CHAPEL WATER SUPPLY FURNISHES ALL 5/8 TO 3/4 METERS AND PAYS FOR REPAIRS TO THOSE METERS. ALL METERS OVER 5/8 TO 3/4 THE CUSTOMER WILL PAY THE DIFFERENCE IN COST OF INSTALLING THOSE METERS.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**SIGNATURE**