

**MARTIN SPRINGS WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION**  
**PO BOX 9 COMO TEXAS 75431**  
**903-488-3835**  
**www.martinspringswater.com**

*Please read this information thoroughly.* Complete the application and sign where indicated. Remit with the following fees;

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All New Service connections and transfers are considered temporary until any required inspections are performed and approved, paperwork completed and all indebtedness to the Corporation is paid.

The Member shall provide access to the meter tap at all reasonable times for the purpose of reading, installing, checking, repairing or replacing the meter and/or water line. Member shall provide a key to locked gates. The Corporation's ownership and maintenance responsibility of water supply and metering equipment shall end at the point where the member connects to the service connection provided by the Corporation during the installation of the metering equipment. Therefore, all water usage registering upon and/or damages occurring to metering equipment shall be subject to charges.

**Only one** residential and/or commercial unit shall be serviced through each tap. Under the rules of this Corporation, each tap to the main pipeline is a unit and the monthly Service Availability Charge shall be paid whether or not water is used.

The Corporation requires each Member to provide a cut-off valve on the Member's side of the meter for purposes of isolation of the Member's service pipeline and plumbing facilities from the Corporation's water pressure. The Member's use of the Corporation's curb stop or other similar valve for such purposes is prohibited. Any damages to the Corporation's equipment shall be subject to service charges.

**General Information:** Water bills are mailed out on the last working day of the month. Balance is due upon receipt and past due after the 15<sup>th</sup>. All delinquent accounts are subject to meter disconnection at any time. Payments may be mailed in, called in with debit or credit card, paid on-line @www.martinspringswater.com, paid at the office during business hours, placed in the drop box located on the northwest corner of the office building at 107 Jefferson Street in Como, automatically drafted or called in toll free, anytime, to: 844-332-5320. The phone number listed above is transferred to an answering service after hours for emergency calls.

Office Hours are: Mon – Thurs 8:00 – 12:00 & 1:30 – 4:30 and Friday 8:00 – 12:00

Member's or Renter's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# MARTIN SPRINGS

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## 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 (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_      Work (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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

DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

PREVIOUS OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS (if transferring Membership)

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

NUMBER IN FAMILY \_\_\_\_\_      LIVESTOCK & NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**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 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.

Race/National Origin (Not of Hispanic Origin)						
<input type="checkbox"/> WHITE	<input type="checkbox"/> BLACK	<input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATIVE	<input type="checkbox"/> HISPANIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	<input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE

## Service Application and Agreement

AGREEMENT made this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, between

MARTIN SPRINGS

Water Supply Corporation,

a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Texas (hereinafter called the corporation) and

\_\_\_\_\_, (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 a 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 the Membership of any 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 a part of a rural domestic water and/or wastewater system loan project contemplated with the Farmers Home Administration, 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 give 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 a part of this project, the Applicant shall be denied Membership in the Corporation and the Indication of Interest Fee, less 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.

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All water shall be metered by meters to be furnished and installed by the Corporation. The meter and/or wastewater connection 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 other persons, dwellings, 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 for the purpose of inspecting for possible cross-connections and other undesirable plumbing practices.

The Corporation is responsible for protecting the drinking water supply from contamination or pollution which could result from improper plumbing practices. This service agreement serves as notice to each customer of the plumbing 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 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 airgap or an appropriate backflow prevention assembly in accordance with state plumbing regulations. Additionally, all pressure relief valves and thermal expansion devices must be in compliance with state plumbing codes.
- b. No cross-connection between the public drinking water supply and a private water system is permitted. These potential threats 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 assembly and a service agreement must exist for annual inspection and testing by a certified backflow prevention device tester.
- 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 on or after July 1, 1988, at any connection which provides water for human consumption.
- e. No solder or flux which contains more than 0.2 % lead may be used for the installation or repair of plumbing on or after July 1, 1988, at any connection which provides water for human consumption.

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 his property to be inspected for possible cross-connections and other undesirable plumbing practices. These inspections shall be conducted by the Corporation or its designated agent prior to initiating service and periodically thereafter. The inspections shall be conducted during the Corporation's normal business hours. The Corporation shall notify the Member in writing of any cross-connections or other undesirable plumbing practices which have been identified during the initial or subsequent inspection. The Member shall immediately correct any undesirable plumbing practice on their premises. The Member shall, at his 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.

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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 Member shall grant to the Corporation, now or in the future, any easements of right-of-way for the purpose of installing, maintaining, and operating such pipelines, meters, valves, and any other equipment which may be deemed necessary by the Corporation to extend or improve service for existing or future Members, on such forms as are required by the Corporation.

By execution hereof, the Applicant shall guarantee payment of all other rates, fees, and charges due on any account for which said Applicant owns a Membership Certificate. 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 noncompliance 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.

By execution hereof, the Applicant is aware of installation of double check valve to protect the Corporation's water supply and will hold the Corporation harmless for any and all claims for damages caused by thermal expansion or other related events beyond the Corporation's control.

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.

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Witnesseth

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Applicant/Member

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Approved and Accepted

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Date Approved

**WATER UTILITY  
RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT \_\_\_\_\_, (HEREINAFTER CALLED "GRANTORS"), IN CONSIDERATION OF ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) AND OTHER GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION PAID BY \_\_\_\_\_ HEREBY GRANT, BARGAIN, SELL, TRANSFER, AND CONVEY TO SAID GRANTEE, ITS SUCCESSORS, AND ASSIGNS, A PERPETUAL EASEMENT WITH THE RIGHT TO ERECT, CONSTRUCT, INSTALL AND LAY AND THEREAFTER USE, OPERATE, INSPECT, REPAIR, MAINTAIN, REPLACE, AND REMOVE WATER DISTRIBUTION LINES AND APPURTENANCES OVER AND ACROSS \_\_\_\_\_ ACRES (**LOT** \_\_\_\_\_) OF LAND, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN INSTRUMENT RECORDED NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ DEED RECORDS, **HOPKINS** COUNTY, TEXAS, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT OF INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER GRANTORS ADJACENT LANDS FOR THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE ABOVE MENTIONED RIGHTS ARE GRANTED. THE EASEMENT HEREBY GRANTED SHALL NOT EXCEED 15' IN WIDTH, AND GRANTEE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO DESIGNATE THE COURSE OF THE EASEMENT HEREIN CONVEYED EXCEPT THAT WHEN THE PIPE LINE(S) IS INSTALLED THE EASEMENT HEREIN GRANTED SHALL BE LIMITED TO A STRIP OF LAND 15' IN WIDTH THE CENTER LINE THEREOF BEING THE PIPE LINE AS INSTALLED.

THE CONSIDERATION RECITED HEREIN SHALL CONSTITUTE PAYMENT IN FULL FOR ALL DAMAGES SUSTAINED BY GRANTORS BY REASON OF THE INSTALLATION OF THE STRUCTURES REFERRED TO HEREIN AND THE GRANTEE WILL MAINTAIN SUCH EASEMENT IN A STATE OF GOOD REPAIR AND EFFICIENCY SO THAT NO UNREASONABLE DAMAGES WILL RESULT FROM ITS USE TO GRANTORS PREMISE. THIS AGREEMENT TOGETHER WITH OTHER PROVISION OF THIS GRANT SHALL CONSTITUTE A COVENANT RUNNING WITH THE LAND FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GRANTEE, ITS SUCCESSORS, AND ASSIGNS. THE GRANTORS COVENANT THAT THEY ARE THE OWNERS OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LANDS AND THAT SAID LANDS ARE FREE AND CLEAR OF ALL ENCUMBRANCES AND LIENS EXCEPT THE FOLLING:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE SAID GRANTORS HAVE EXECUTED THIS INSTRUMENT THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HOPKINS

BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED, A NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY AND STATE, ON THIS DAY PERSONALLY APPEARED \_\_\_\_\_ KNOWN TO ME TO BE THE PERSON(S) WHOSE NAME (S) IS (ARE) SUBSCRIBED TO THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT, AND ACKNOWLEDGED TO ME THAT HE (SHE) (THEY) EXECUTED THE SAME FOR THE PURPOSES AND CONSIDERATION THEREIN EXPRESSED.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE THIS THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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SEAL

NOTARY