

**RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 2
ROGERS COUNTY**

**METER TAMPERING LAW
TORTS**

Ss 23. Public Utilities—Definitions—Fraud—Penalties—Civil Liability—Exemptions

IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON, WITH INTENT TO DEFRAUD A UTILITY, TO:

1. Alter, tamper with, injure or knowingly allow the altering, tampering with or injuring of any pipeline, meter, meter seal, or other equipment used by utility to deliver or register services;
2. Prevent any installed metering device from registering correctly the quality of service passing through such metering device;
3. Make or cause to be made any connection between any pipeline, meters, or other equipment in such manner as to prevent the correct registration of service by any metering device, or to otherwise use water without the consent of the utility; or
4. Supply or cause to be supplied any utility service to any person without such service first passing through the metering device provided by the utility for measuring and registering the quantity of service.

Any person who is convicted of violating the provisions above shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by payment of a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or by such fine and imprisonment.

If a civil action is brought by a utility against a person, said person may post a bond, cash or other security with the utility in an amount equal to the value of the service alleged to be unlawfully used or diverted. Upon posting of said bond or cash, and until final disposition of the case, the utility shall restore to said person any service which it may have terminated.

Nothing in this section shall be construed apply to licensed and certified contractors while performing usual and ordinary service in accordance with recognized standards.

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