

ORDINANCE # 15-1

THEFT OF SERVICE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, TEXAS:

- SECTION 1. It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to utilize any services which are provided and billed by the City of Newcastle, Texas, this includes , but shall not be limited to, water, sewer, and trash, without paying required deposits and fees for said services. Hereafter, such a violation of said provision shall be known and referred to as “THEFT OF SERVICE”.
- a. Water Services- It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to access and utilize water provided by the City of Newcastle by means of manipulation, vandalism, or removal of locks from water meters, as well as, utilizing buckets, hoses or any other item to haul water from a property belonging to someone else without their authorization to do so.
 - b. Sewer Services- It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to access or utilize sewer provided by the City of Newcastle by ANY means without first securing authorization from the City of Newcastle.
 - c. Trash Services- It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to utilize any trash containers, which are provided to the City of Newcastle by Progressive Waste Solutions of Texas, Inc., at a cost which is billed by the City of Newcastle to the customers. This includes but is not limited to the dumping of household, construction or bulky solid waste into any solid waste containers whether within or without of the corporate limits of the City of Newcastle, Texas.
- SECTION 2. Penalties For Violations- Any person, firm or corporation in violation of any Section of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a Class B Misdemeanor, under Section 31.04 of the Texas Penal Code, punishable by a fine of up to \$2,000.00, up to 180 days in jail or a combination of both. Furthermore, each violation of this ordinance shall receive a \$500.00 fine from the City of Newcastle, Texas. Each violation of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate offense. Proof and evidence of a culpable mental state are not required for proof of an offense stated herein.

Passed and Approved this the 18th day of December, 2014.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Secretary