

**ORDINANCE NO. 719-15**

**AN ORDINANCE ON MUNICIPAL UTILITY DEPOSITS**

**WHEREAS**, the town of Fowler owns and operates a potable water system to benefit its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the town assesses a deposit to cover municipal utility charges where a customer defaults; and

**WHEREAS**, in cases where a default occurs the customer has used municipal services for one month not yet billed and for one month billed for a total of two months; and

**WHEREAS**, the current required deposit is \$75.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the minimum one month municipal utility charge is \$78.25 and the minimum two month municipal utility charge is \$156.50; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to adjust the initial customer deposit to provide adequate protection for the town against municipal utility payment defaults

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Town of Fowler Board of Trustees as follows.

1. The Board of Trustees sets the municipal utility deposit at \$160.00.
2. The municipal utility deposit shall be effective as of September 1, 2015.
3. Conflicts. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed or amended to the extent necessary to conform with this ordinance.
4. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any Court, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

**PASSED, ADOPTED** and ordered published the 27th day of July 2015.

**TOWN OF FOWLER**

DATED this 27th day of July 2015.

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By Charles R. Hitchcock  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Kelly Lotrich  
Town Clerk