

**ORDINANCE NO. 05-18-20**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SNOOK, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR REGULATIONS CONCERNING CASING OF WATER AND SEWER LINES WHEN COVERED BY IMPROVEMENTS AND FENCING; REPEAL; SEVERABILITY; EFFECTIVE DATE; PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Snook, Texas (“City”) is a General Law municipality incorporated and operating under the Laws of the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code § 51.001, the City Council of the City of Snook, Texas (“City Council”) has the authority to adopt, publish, amend or repeal an ordinance that is for the good government, peace or order of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City owns and operates water and sewer utility systems; and

**WHEREAS**, as the owner and operator of the utility systems the City has the authority to prescribe necessary rules related to the systems and to regulate the systems in a manner that protects the interest of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that it is necessary and proper for the good government, peace, and order of the City and the protection of the utility systems to adopt the regulations herein;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SNOOK, TEXAS THAT:**

**I. FINDINGS OF FACT**

All of the above premises are hereby found to be true and correct legislative and factual findings of the City Council, and are hereby approved and incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if copied in their entirety.

**II. CASING AND FENCING REQUIREMENTS**

(a) In order to protect the City’s water and sewer systems, before any residential or commercial driveway or other improvement may be built on top of a City water or sewer line the line must be cased in accordance with specifications approved by the City. The owner of the property shall pay for all costs associated with the casing of the line. Nothing herein shall be construed as giving someone the right to build within a City easement or right-of-way without the express written consent of the City.

(b) Driveways and improvements constructed on the effective date of this Ordinance shall be exempt from the casing requirements herein.

(c) In order to protect the City's water and sewer systems all fencing shall be a minimum of four feet (4') from the City's water and sewer lines.

### III. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be and become effective immediately upon and after its passage and publication as may be required by governing law.

### IV. REPEALER

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in force when the provisions of this Ordinance become effective which are inconsistent or in conflict with the terms and provisions contained in this Ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent of such conflict.

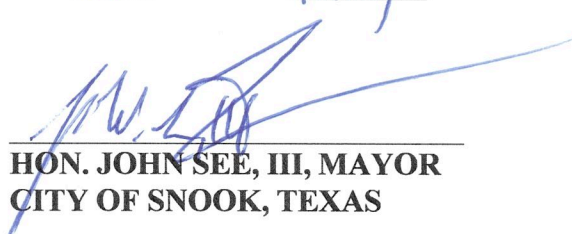
### V. SEVERABILITY

Should any part, sentence or phrase of this Ordinance be determined to be unlawful, void or unenforceable, the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall not be adversely affected. No portion of this Ordinance shall fail or become inoperative by reason of the invalidity of any other part. All provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

### VI. PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was adopted was open to the public and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 18 DAY OF May, 2020.

  
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HON. JOHN SEE, III, MAYOR  
CITY OF SNOOK, TEXAS

ATTEST:

  
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TAMMI BRYAN, CITY SECRETARY  
CITY OF SNOOK, TEXAS