

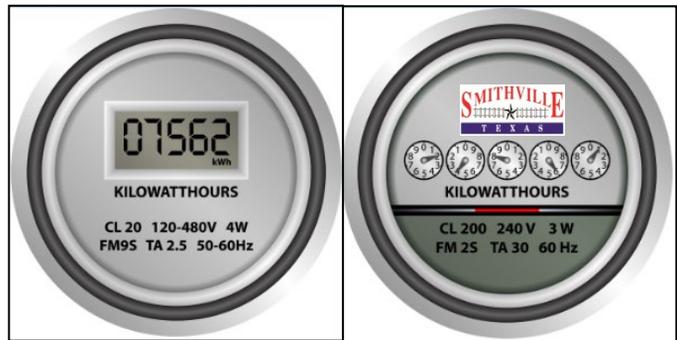
City of Smithville Smart Electric Meter Opt-Out Program

Residential utility customers may choose between a Smart Meter and an analog electric meter. There is a one-time analog meter test fee and a set-up charge (\$75) to transfer/create an analog billing account. All analog meters must be tested. Analog meters that are found to be inaccurate must be replaced and/or refurbished. In addition, a monthly fee (\$15) will be charged to each opt-out customer to cover the additional operational and administrative cost of manually reading analog meters and inputting data.

Only City of Smithville residential utility customers of record (i.e., the person whose name is on the bill) are eligible to participate in the Smart Meter electric meter opt-out program (see “Eligibility” below). Change of home ownership, failure to maintain current bill, or termination of lease agreement will negate the Smart Meter opt-out option. There is no opt-out option available for commercial utility customers.

Eligibility

- Must reside within the City Limit
- Must be Customer of Record
- Utility Bill must remain current
- Must have analog meter tested
- No evidence of meter tampering
- Must allow access to property to read analog meter
- Must complete opt-out form
- Must pay opt-out fees (see below)



Meter Comparison	Smart Meter	Analog Meter
Outage / Theft Detection	✓	X
View Daily Use On-line	✓	X
Set-Up Charge / Meter Test	FREE	\$75 / \$35 Low Income*
Monthly Charge	FREE	\$15 / \$5 Low Income*

*To qualify for low-income status, customer must be 125% of federal poverty level → <https://liheapch.acf.hhs.gov/profiles/povertytables/FY2025/popstate.htm>

Opt-Out Procedure

Residential customers who wish to participate in the Smart Electric Meter opt-out program must meet eligibility requirements above and enroll in the program. Smart Electric Meter opt-out forms are available at City Hall (317 Main Street/Smithville, TX) or on the City website. Customers will need to provide their name, service address, and account number. Customers who make two (2) late payments in any 12-month period after enrolling in the opt-out will become ineligible for the program. A customer’s participation in the opt-out program will be revoked if there is evidence that the customer has tampered or interfered with the operation of the analog meter. Residential utility customers can switch from analog back to a smart electric meter at no charge by calling 512-237-3282.

City of Smithville Smart Meter Installation Zones



Residential utility customers who wish to participate in the Smart Electric Meter Opt-Out Program must submit an application and pay \$75 set-up charge / meter test fee. Once enrolled in the program, a monthly opt-out fee of (\$15) will be added to the customer’s utility bill. Low-income eligibility must be verified to qualify for reduced opt-out rate. To qualify for low-income status, customer must be at 125% of federal poverty level.

2025 Federal Poverty Level (FPL) Threshold - 125%			
Persons in household	100%	125%	150%
1	\$15,060	\$18,825	\$22,590
2	\$20,440	\$25,550	\$30,660
3	\$25,820	\$32,275	\$38,730
4	\$31,200	\$39,000	\$46,800
5	\$36,580	\$45,725	\$54,870
6	\$41,960	\$52,450	\$62,940
7	\$47,340	\$59,175	\$71,010
8	\$52,720	\$65,900	\$79,080

The opt-out fees for eligible low-income utility customers are \$35 (set-up) and \$5 (monthly). There is no opt-out option for customers with commercial accounts. For additional information, contact the City of Smithville Utility Department (512) 237-3282.



Smithville Smart Electric Meter Opt-Out Program Form

Customer Information

First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

Account Number:

Daytime Phone:

Email:

Installation Zone:
Zone 1-5 (see attached)

I am an Existing Customer

I qualify for Low Income Status*

*To qualify for low income status, customer must be at 125% of federal poverty level

I am a New Customer

Are there any meter access issues? Yes No

If **YES**: Please explain (e.g., locked gate, dog, etc.)

Opt-Out Program Acceptance

By making this selection, I **AGREE** that I am a named, authorized person on the customer account number entered above. Further, I am **indicating that I want to opt out of the Smart Electric Meter Program**, and am opting for the electric analog mechanical meter alternative. I am aware of the initial setup fee (due with application) and monthly charge, which will be added to my Smithville Utility Bill. By opting out, I understand that all smart meter-enabled services, including energy alerts and special rate programs, will not be available to me and I thus agree to forfeit these services and benefits. I further understand that I may switch from analog back to a Smart Electric Meter at no charge by calling 512-237-3282.

Signature:

Date: