

\$1.25 MILLION METER MALFUNCTION VICTORY IN PHENIX CITY

No more surprises- justice secured for residents over defective water metering products that caused billing chaos.

Montgomery, AL (March 18, 2025) – Beasley Allen's Gavin King and Elizabeth Weyerman are proud to announce a \$1.25 million settlement for Phenix City against Master Meter, Inc. and Empire Pipe and Supply Company.

This significant outcome came just hours before the case was set to be tried in Russell County, Alabama.

The issue stemmed from defective water meter components that caused the city's water metering system to fail. This failure required the city to estimate bills based on prior months' consumption, leading to unexpected retroactive charges for many residents. A glitch in the register—a component of the City's water metering system—caused the registers to die prematurely. As a result, city employees were unable to get accurate readings from thousands of registers.

This systemic failure cost the city of Phenix City much in the way of time and resources. As a result, Phenix City sued the manufacturer and seller of the defective water metering products in 2021.

Phenix City's Assistant City Manager, Chan Gamble, expressed gratitude, stating, "The City extends our sincere thanks to Beasley Allen Law Firm, particularly Elizabeth Weyerman and Gavin King, and to Jim McKoon of the McKoon Law Firm, for their work which resulted in the settlement of Phenix City's lawsuit against the maker and distributor of defective water metering products. Their efforts have been crucial in protecting the interests of our community and addressing the significant costs in time and money caused by these issues. These funds will help us replace our current system, ensuring more reliable and efficient water services for our residents."

This resolution not only compensates Phenix City but also aims to address the broader impact on the community, ensuring precise billing methods moving forward. Residents can now look forward to more accurate water bills and a sense of justice served.

"As a native of East Alabama, it was a true privilege to represent a community so close to my hometown. This settlement is the result of a collaborative effort between our firm, the McKoon Law Firm, the City's leadership, and the City's counsel to ensure the interests of the people of Phenix City were protected. I am proud to practice law at a firm where we have the opportunity to improve the lives of people in communities across this state and nation," adds Gavin King.

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