

VILLAGE OF PLEASANT HILL, OHIO

ORDINANCE 1012

AN ORDINANCE REVISING SEWER USAGE RATES AND RULES

WHEREAS, in conjunction with rate studies formulated and conducted by the Board of Public Affairs, the Village Council desires to establish sewer rates based upon regulated usage by water meter.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Village of Pleasant Hill Council, with a majority of board members in agreement, the following:

SECTION ONE: That there is levied and assessed upon each lot, parcel of land or premises having any active connection with the sewer system of the Village a bi-monthly minimum charge determinable and payable as provided in this Ordinance. The property owners of record shall be responsible for payment of sewer, refuse, sewer line, and plant capital improvement bills.

SECTION TWO: That the bi-monthly charge imposed for sewer furnished by the Village of Pleasant Hill, Ohio within the incorporated areas shall be fixed as follows:

<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Rates</u>
First 2,000 Gallons	\$22.00 minimum total
Over 2,000 Gallons	\$2.30 per 1,000 Gallons
Sewer Line, Plant, and Capital Improvement	\$10.00 per billing

Multi unit dwellings without individual water meters will pay the base rate for each unit plus the standard bill for total gallons used. Units with meters will pay the same as single unit dwellings.

SECTION THREE: That the bi-monthly rates for sewer furnished by the Village of Pleasant Hill, Ohio to all unincorporated areas shall be one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the rate as set forth in Section 2.

SECTION FOUR: That there are instances in the Village of Pleasant Hill where residents have a need to use a bulk quantity of water, such as the filling of swimming pools, maintaining newly seeded or sodded lawns so as to insure the establishment of the new lawn and other instances as so determined by the Village of

Pleasant Hill Board of Public Affairs. It is expected that such usage of water will not impact the sewage system. Therefore, the following rules have been established so as not to unduly charge residents additional sewage usage:

a. Residents wishing to fill swimming pools must contact the Village Superintendent twenty-four (24) hours in advance of such usage. Upon determining if the requested usage is within Village guidelines, the Village Superintendent, or their assignee, shall read and record the water meter reading at the residence. The resident will have 48 hours to fill their swimming pool. After the 48 hour period, the water meter will be read again and the sewage usage for this period will be reduced by the difference of the two readings.

b. Residents wishing to water their lawns for the purpose of establishing new lawns or the reconstruction of damaged lawns by means of seed or sod shall contact the Village Superintendent. Upon determining if the requested usage is within Village guidelines, the Village Superintendent, or their assignee, shall read and record the water meter reading at the residence. The resident will have 30 days to establish their new lawn. At the end of 30 days the water meter will be read again. The sewage charge for the 30 days period for the residence will be calculated as follows:

1. The minimum sewage usage fee per month plus:
 - i. A flat usage fee based on 1,000 gallons per household member times the usage fee per 1,000 gallons (Ex. If you have four people in your household, you will pay a flat fee of 4 x 1,000 gallons x current rate per 1,000 gallons) plus
 - ii. The Capital Improvement fee as applicable.

SECTION FIVE: That the charges established by this Ordinance shall be billed to the property owner of record and shall be payable bi-monthly, by the due date specified on the statement forwarded to the user of the sewer system. There shall be a penalty of twenty percent (20%) of the bi-monthly charge for sewer and refuse, if any amount thereof is not paid by the due date indicated. This penalty is in addition to any other applicable rights the Village may assert in collecting amounts owed for

the sewer service, including, but not limited to termination of water supply, assessment, or liens. Fifteen (15) days after due date, water can be shut off at the curb or meter for delinquent accounts. A twenty dollars (\$20.00) fee will be charged to reinstate service. A charge of thirty dollars (\$30.00) will be assessed for returned checks. Upon receipt of two (2) dishonored checks the Village of Pleasant Hill Board of Public Affairs may refuse to accept personal checks as payment. Payment must then be made in cash, money order, or any other certified funding.

SECTION SIX: That this Ordinance shall be construed to be consistent with all other procedures, rights, regulations, standards, and guidelines set out in the Water and Sewer Rules and Regulations as adopted and amended by the Board of Public Affairs.

SECTION SEVEN: Previous ordinances setting rates for sewer usage are hereby declared void and of no effect after the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION EIGHT: If any portion of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional, void, illegal, or contrary to law, that affected portion shall be severed from said Ordinance; and if possible, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall be construed to best carry out the intentions expressed in this Ordinance.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2006.

Approved as to form:

Mayor

Fiscal Officer

Paul Wagner, Solicitor

President of Council