

VILLAGE OF PLEASANT HILL, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 1130

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS GOVERNING THE WATER RATES REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1113

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Village of Pleasant Hill to have a uniform policy regarding the distribution and billing of the water service in and outside the Village and;

WHEREAS, the rates structure for Water are defined for residents of the Village of Pleasant Hill and commercial haulers, and the non-residents of the Village.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS OF THE VILLAGE OF PLEASANT HILL AND THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PLEASANT HILL, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO WITH A MAJORITY OF BOARD MEMBERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCURRING:

SECTION ONE: That there is levied and assessed upon each lot, parcel of land or premises having any active connection with the water system of the Village a bi-monthly minimum charge determinable and payable as provided in this Ordinance. The owner shall also be responsible for payment of the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Fees bills.

SECTION TWO: Water Rates. That the bi-monthly charge imposed for water furnished by the Village of Pleasant Hill, Ohio within the incorporated areas **effective with the billing period beginning January 1, 2023** shall be as follows:

Gallons	<u>Rates</u>
0 to 2,000 Gallons	\$21.00 minimum
Over 2,000 Gallons	\$4.30 per 1000 Gallons
Infrastructure	
Capital Improvement	\$15.00 per billing

SECTION THREE: Multi-unit dwellings. Multi-unit dwellings with a single water meter will pay the minimum rate for each unit plus the standard bill for total gallons used. Multi-unit dwellings which have provided separate meters for each unit will be charged the same rate per unit as single residence dwellings.

SECTION FOUR: Non-resident surcharge. That the bi-monthly rates for water 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 TWO.

SECTION FIVE: Minimum Billing. A minimum bill will consist of the minimum water rate, Water capital improvement fee. If a utility customer requests, they can apply to have their Utilities disconnected and only be charged for the Water Capital improvement fees. Utilities will be disconnected at the curb valve or similar valve prior to the meter. The administrative fee as outlined in SECTION SEVEN will apply.

SECTION SIX: Estimated Bills. If an actual water reading is unavailable the Utility Billing Clerk will use the following to determine the amount due to the Village:

- (a) Using the historical data from the same utility customer over four billing periods, an average using the first three periods will be used to determine the amount due. The latest or fourth period will not be factored.
- (b) If four billing periods are not available, the bill will be one hundred ten percent (110%) of a minimum bill as described in SECTION TWO.
- (c) Estimated billing will include the one hundred fifty percent (150%) surcharge to unincorporated utility customers as described in SECTION TWO.

SECTION SEVEN: Utility Charges and Collections.

- (a) Bi-monthly utility bills are due and payable by the 20th day of January, March, May, July, September, and November. Outstanding balances, not paid by the months listed are subject to 20% penalties. Services will be disconnected if utility bills are not paid within seven (7) calendar days after due date. Upon default, a fifty dollar (\$50.00) administrative fee will be charged to reinstate service.
- (b) Direct Pay Program. The Village of Pleasant Hill will offer a Direct Pay Program (ACH) for utility customers. This service is being offered to our utility customers. Paperwork can be obtained from the Village website or Village Office.
- (c) Credit Cards Accepted. The Village of Pleasant Hill is accepting Credit Cards for payments for utilities.
 - 1. There is a 3.00% non-refundable service fee for each transaction.
 - 2. Payments MUST be submitted by 10:00pm EST. for same day payment.
 - 3. To access the form - click on the "PAYMENTS" menu item on the top right of the front page of the Village Website (pleasanthillohio.com)
 - 4. *Account Number and Exact Amount of the Utility Bill is Required.
- (d) Dishonored Checks. A charge of thirty dollars (\$30.00) will be assessed for a dishonored check. Upon receipt of one (1) dishonored check, the Village of Pleasant Hill and the Board of Public Affairs may refuse to accept personal checks as payment for the following twelve months. Payment must then be made in cash, money order, or any other certified funding.

SECTION EIGHT: Pro-Rated Billing: Final utility bills and new utility accounts with more or less than standard days of service will be pro-rated.

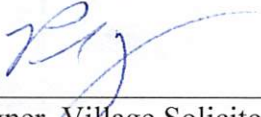
SECTION NINE: That this Ordinance shall be construed to be consistent with all other procedures, rights, regulations, standards, and guidelines set out in Ordinance No. 1138, An Ordinance Establishing the Policies and Procedures for The Provision of Utilities Service by the Village of Pleasant Hill, Ohio.

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

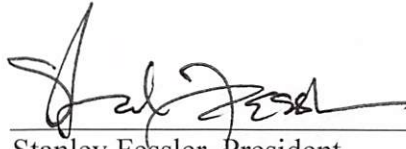
SECTION ELEVEN: If any portion of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional, void, illegal, or contrary to law, that affected portion shall be severed from said Ordinance; and if possible, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall be construed to best carry out the intentions expressed in this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

PASSED this 19th day of December 2022

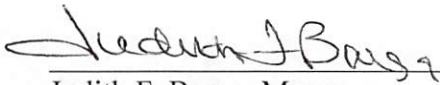
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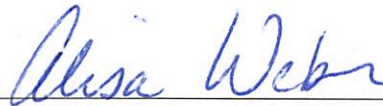
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