

AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING UTILITY BILLING CYCLE FOR WATER AND SEWER RENTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Village of Waynesfield provides water, sewer, and electric utilities to properties within the Village operating area; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Waynesfield has streamlined the billing cycles as consistent as possible by using a monthly utility billing cycle, not exceeding 30 days, plus or minus 2 days, per Emergency Resolution 23-3-2, passed March 27, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Village, through its administrator, has the power to furnish supplies of water sewer, and electricity, and collect all water, sewer, and electric, and gas rents or charges, and appoint necessary officers, employees, and agents. Further, the Village, through its administrator, may assess a water rent or charge, or a light, power, or utility rent, of sufficient amount, and in such manner as the administrator determines to be most equitable, upon all tenements and premises supplied therewith; and

WHEREAS, the Village is currently undergoing an upgrade to utility meters and this project will by its nature on occasion make it difficult or impossible to obtain readings at certain points in time; and

WHEREAS, the project replacing both water and electric meters will conclude in approximately the next twelve months; and

WHEREAS, as a result, the Village hereby adjusts its 30 day utility billing cycle to allow for a plus or minus window of 10 days during the meter upgrade project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF WAYNESFIELD, OHIO, to-wit:

SECTION ONE: That the monthly utility billing cycle for water, sewer and electric utilities for all tenements and premises supplied, shall not be greater than 30 days, plus or minus 10 days.

SECTION TWO: That Resolution 23-3-2 and any other inconsistent legislation is hereby repealed.


SECTION THREE: That before voting on this this Emergency Ordinance Village Council dispensed with the three reading rule by motion receiving a passing vote of at least three-fourths of its members.

SECTION FOUR: That this Ordinance affects the health, safety and welfare of the community in that it addresses provisions of utilities and rents owed for such services, and

for this reason is being declared an emergency, and shall take effect and be in full force at the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION FIVE: That this Emergency Ordinance shall go into immediate effect upon receiving two-thirds vote of all members of Village Council.

SECTION SIX: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the Ohio Revised Code, including R.C. 121.22.

APPROVED: 
Rodney Luma, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Sarah Montgomery, Fiscal Officer

Approved as to form this 25th day of January 2024.


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Village Solicitor