

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-06**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A NEW PROCEDURE FOR VILLAGE WATER BILLING, AND  
DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio ("Village") has determined that it is in the best interest of the Village to establish a new procedure for issuing Village water bills, including altering the procedure required to enact a shutoff in the event of nonpayment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council has determined that a due date of thirty (30) days from the issuance of a water bill is an appropriate amount of time to allow for payment of said bill; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council has determined that a late payment fee of ten percent (10%) of the unpaid balance assessed against any service address which has not paid a Village water bill within thirty (30) days of the issuance of said bill is appropriate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council has determined that, pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4901:1-15-27(B)(3), a fourteen (14) day shutoff notice period, following thirty (30) days of nonpayment of a water bill from the date of issuance of said bill, is an appropriate amount of notice to a Village resident prior to shutoff of Village water service due to nonpayment; and

**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance taking effect immediately is necessary to provide for a definitive procedure for Village water shutoff conforming to Ohio law, as well as the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare of the Village.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY A MINIMUM OF A THREE-FOURTHS  
VOTE** by the Council of the Village of Antwerp, Paulding County, Ohio:

**Section 1.** That the rules requiring three readings of any ordinance or resolution prior to its passage by a minimum of the majority of the council are hereby suspended pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 705.15.

**Section 2.** That payment of each water bill issued by the Village of Antwerp, Ohio will now be due thirty (30) days from the date said bill is issued.

**Section 3.** That a late payment fee of ten percent (10%) of the unpaid balance due from any service address shall be assessed in the event such service address has not paid a Village water bill within thirty (30) days of the issuance of said bill.

**Section 4.** That, if a water bill issued by the Village of Antwerp, Ohio is not paid within thirty (30) days of issuance, the residents of the service address of the unpaid bill will be personally served with a fourteen (14) day shutoff notice at the service address.

**Section 5.** That, if the residents of the service address of the unpaid bill are not present at the service address at the time Village officials attempt to personally serve the shutoff notice, Village officials shall affix said notice to the main entrance of the dwelling or building located at the service address.

**Section 6.** That, on the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day following service of the shutoff notice at the service address of the unpaid bill, if the bill remains unpaid, Village officials will disconnect the service address from Village water service.

**Section 7.** That reconnection of service for service addresses disconnected due to nonpayment will only occur upon the payment of any unpaid service charges, late fees and a thirty-five and 00/100 dollar (\$35.00) reconnection fee. Said reconnection service shall only be available on days that are not Village holidays, Monday through Friday each week from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

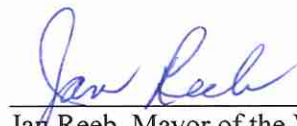
**Section 8.** That, pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4901:1-15-27(B)(3), no shutoff of Village water service shall take place after 12:30 PM on a day immediately preceding a day that reconnection service is unavailable.

**Section 9.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of the Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

**Section 10.** This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety, and welfare of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio, more specifically Council wishes provide for a formal, Council-approved method for handling nonpayment of Village water bills in a manner that conforms with Ohio law, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the members of this Council, the Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption by this Council or otherwise it shall take effect and be in force after the earliest period allow by law.

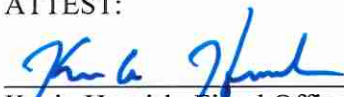
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Jan Reeb, Mayor of the Village of Antwerp

ATTEST:



Kevin Hornish, Fiscal Officer