

AN ORDINANCE providing for the regulation and operation of the municipal waterworks system of the Village of Chatham, Sangamon County, Illinois, and fixing rates and charges for water and water services furnished by said waterworks system.

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WHEREAS the Village of Chatham, Sangamon County, Illinois, has heretofore, by proceedings in manner and form provided by law, had been authorized to construct a waterworks system in and for said Village, and has heretofore been authorized to issue water revenue bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of constructing improvements and extensions to such waterworks system, all in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code, and all laws supplementary thereto and amendatory thereof; and

WHEREAS pursuant to the terms of the Code above referred to and the ordinance heretofore passed providing for the issuance of said water revenue bonds to defray the cost of the construction of such waterworks system improvements and extensions, it is necessary that the Village provide for the regulation and operation of such waterworks system, and establish rates and charges for water and water services furnished by such waterworks system;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Ordained by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Chatham, Sangamon County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby established an executive department of the Village of Chatham to be known as the "Water Department", and the President and Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to appoint a Superintendent of the Water Department, and all other necessary employees, and said Superintendent shall have the general management and control of the waterworks system, subject, however, to the supervision of the President and Board of Trustees of said Village.

Section 2. No water shall be turned on for use on or in any premises, until an application therefor in writing has been made for that purpose and filed with the Superintendent of the Water Department, stating the purpose for which the water is to be used.

Section 3. No person shall in any manner obstruct the access to any stop-cock, hydrant or valve, or any public faucet or opening for taking water in any street, alley, public ground or place connected with or part of said water system, nor pile or place any lumber, brick or building material or other article, thing or hindrance whatsoever within twelve feet of the same, or so as to in any manner hinder, delay or obstruct the members of the fire department in reaching the same. It shall be unlawful for any person in any manner to interfere with or obstruct the flow, retention, storage or authorized use of water in said water system reservoir or plant, or any part thereof, or to injure, deface, remove or displace any water main, hydrant, service pipe, water meter, shut-off box, public fountain, valve, engine or building connected with said water system, or plant, or to cause, suffer or permit any of said things to be done.

Section 4. Said Village and its employees shall have ready access to the premises, places of buildings where meters are located for the purpose of reading, examining, testing and repairing the same, and examining and testing the consumption, use and flow of water, and it shall be unlawful for any persons or corporations to interfere with, prevent, or obstruct said Village, or its duly authorized agent, in its duties hereunder. Every consumer of said water shall take the same upon the conditions prescribed in this section.

Section 5. The following shall be the rates for water supplied through the waterworks system of said Village, payable monthly within fifteen days after rendition of said bills:

<u>Volume</u>	<u>Inside Village Limits</u>	<u>Outside Village Limits</u>
Minimum 0 - 2,000 Gal./Month	\$4.25	\$6.25
All Over 2,000 Gal./Month	\$1.30/1000 Gal.	\$1.95/1000 Gal.

and provided further that a separate minimum charge shall be made for each apartment, flat, place of business or family unit in all buildings containing two or more apartments, flats, places of business or family units; but, provided further, no minimum charge shall be made for any vacant apartment, flat, or place of business in any such building which said apartment, flat or business is vacant during an entire month, provided the Superintendent of the Water Department has been notified in writing of such vacancy.

In addition to the foregoing rates, there shall be charged to the Chatham Fire Protection District, Sangamon County, Illinois, the sum of Eighteen and no/100 Dollars (\$18.00) per ~~month~~ <sup>year</sup> for each fire hydrant connected to the waterworks system for fire protection.

Further, the charge for bulk water sales shall be \$2.75 per 1,000 gallons.

The Village reserves the right to make such reasonable changes in rates and in conditions herein established and to establish further rules and regulations from time to time as may be found expeditious or necessary.

Section 6. Whenever any meter, by reason of its being out of repair, or for any cause, fails promptly to register the water passing through the same, the consumer shall be charged at the rate shown for the corresponding time of the previous year under like conditions. If no record of the previous year exists, then it shall be the duty of the Superintendent of the Waterworks to estimate or determine so far as he can the amount of water consumed during the time such meter fails to operate, and the consumer shall pay the amount so estimated.

Section 7. Bills for water service shall be rendered monthly and shall be delinquent fifteen days after their rendition, and in the event of failure to pay the bills within said fifteen day period, an additional charge of ten per cent shall be added to the bill.

Section 8. No owner or plumber shall be permitted to conduct water pipes into any two distinct premises unless separate and distinct stop-cocks shall be placed on the outside of such premises along the sidewalk opposite the same, nor shall any pipe be allowed to cross lots or buildings to adjoining premises, except at discretion of the Superintendent of the Water Department.

Section 9. The right is reserved to suspend the use of lawn fountains and hose for sprinkling lawns and gardens, and for car washing, etc., whenever in the opinion of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village public exigencies require it.

Section 10. For violation of any of the foregoing rules or for the nonpayment of water bills, the Village reserves the right to turn off the water after giving a five-day notice of its intention to do so, and after the water has been turned off from any service pipe on account of nonpayment of water bills, or violation of rules, the same will not be turned on until all delinquent bills and penalties are paid, together with the expense of turning off and on such meter, which will be \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_) and no water will be furnished to any person who is indebted to the Village on account of water consumed, material or repairs.

Section 11. Any person who shall violate any of the rules and regulations provided for in this ordinance respecting the regulations for consumers of water and plumbers shall, upon conviction, in addition to the enforcement of the forfeiture and liabilities therein contained, pay a fine of not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

Section 12. This ordinance after its passage and approval shall within ten (10) days of such passage and approval be published in The Chatham Clarion, the same being a newspaper published in and having a general circulation in the Village of Chatham, and this ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after such publication, as provided by law.

Passed May 7, 1970

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Foster  
President

ATTEST:

Branham  
Village Clerk