

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2021**

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**WHEREAS**, the Village of Chatham (“Village”), Sangamon County, State of Illinois, is a duly organized and existing Village created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois, and is now operating under the provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village has created a Customer Services Policy Handbook to clearly outline the rights and obligations of recipients of electric, water, and sewer services from the Village of Chatham, as well as the rights and obligations of the Village as a provider of those services; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Village adopted a revised version of Village’s Customer Services Policy Handbook effective March 1, 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Village Customer Services Policy Handbook (Revised March, 2020) to provides for interest and penalties to be paid on past-due accounts, which have been modified through March 1, 2021 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Village was notified by its vendor that, due to delays in the United States Postal Service, bills sent in March would not arrive promptly to utility customers; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village believe it is in the best interest of the Village to suspend penalties and interest for the month of March due to the delay in utility customers receiving their bills as set forth herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Chatham, County of Sangamon, as follows:

**Section 1.** Recitals. The foregoing recitals shall be and are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Resolution as if fully set forth in this Section 1.

**Section 2.** Suspension of March Interest and Penalties. The Village hereby suspends the accrual of interest and penalties on utility customer accounts for the month of March, 2021 due to the delay in customers receiving their bills. Village Staff is hereby directed to take steps to ensure no penalties or interest is charged to accounts in March. This ordinance shall have no effect on penalties and interest accrued prior to March 1, 2021 and any penalties and interest accrued after March 31, 2021.

**Section 3.** Severability. In the event a court of competent jurisdiction finds this ordinance or any provision hereof to be invalid or unenforceable as applied, such finding shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance and the application thereof to the greatest extent permitted by law.

**Section 4.** Repeal and Savings Clause. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall affect any rights, actions, or causes of action which shall have accrued to the Village of Chatham prior to the effective date of this ordinance.

**Section 5.** Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

**Section 6.** Termination. This Ordinance shall terminate on April 13, 2021.

SO ORDAINED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021, at Chatham, Sangamon County, Illinois.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
KRISTEN CHIARO	X			
ANDREW DETMERS	X			
BRETT GERGER	X			
RYAN MANN	X			
MATT MAU	X			
PAUL SCHERSCHEL	X			

DAVE KIMSEY				
TOTAL	6	0	—	—

**APPROVED** by the President of the Village of Chatham, Illinois this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

  
 Dave Kimsey, Village President

Attest:

  
 Amy Dahlkamp, Village Clerk