

VILLAGE OF OBETZ  
RECORD OF ORDINANCES



ORDINANCE: 21-14

PASSED: May 12, 2014

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 939.11 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES ESTABLISHING A UTILITY PAYMENT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Village acknowledges that certain circumstances may arise for the water utility customers that prevent the water utility customers from timely paying their water, sewer, and refuse bills; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Village desires to—in limited circumstances—make accommodations in such instances to allow customers to make arrangements for payments thereby allowing the customers to maintain these critical services while they work to bring their accounts current; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Village desires to create the Obetz Utility Payment Program (the “Program”) which shall be applicable only to the Village-operated water, sewer, and refuse utilities (the “Utility Services”).

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF OBETZ, OHIO THAT:**

Section 1. Section 939.11 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Obetz is hereby created and adopted to read as follows:

**939.11 OBETZ UTILITY PAYMENT PROGRAM.**

(a) Program Creation. The Obetz Utility Payment Program (the “Program”) is hereby created.

(b) Applicability. The Program is applicable only to the Village-operated water, sewer, and refuse utilities (the “Utility Services”).

(c) Applying for Assistance. Any water, sewer, or refuse customer may apply for assistance under the Program provided they meet the following conditions:

- (1) The Utility Service(s) must be at risk of disconnection for failure to timely pay as required by Village Ordinances.
- (2) The customer may not participate in the Program more than one (1) time in any three (three) year period.
- (3) The customer must submit an application, including all information required therein, and gain approval from the Village Administrator to participate in the Program.

(d) Calculating the Payments. The Program allows customers, when approved, to pay the customer’s regularly occurring bills; and, to spread the amount subject to the

repayment plan over four months. For example, a Program participant with a \$1,000 balance as of April 30<sup>th</sup> who is approved to participate in the Program during the month of April would pay:

	Regular Bill	\$1000 balance payments	Total Monthly Payment
May	\$ 85.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 335.00
June	\$ 78.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 328.00
July	\$ 93.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 343.00
August	\$ 102.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 352.00

(e) Agreement Required. Each Program participant shall execute an agreement with the Village promising to make the required payments under the Program.

(f) Start of Repayment. The customer shall begin making the required Program payments the month after the application to participate in the Program is approved by the Village Administrator.

(g) Late Payments. If the participant is late with a payment under the Program, the Village shall disconnect the participant's utility services, at a time convenient for the Village. At the time the Utility Services are disconnected, the full outstanding utility balance shall become due and payable. The customer shall pay the full outstanding utility balance before the Village will restore service.

(h) Disconnection Due to Violation of Other Rules or Laws. Participation in the Program will not prevent the Village from disconnecting a participant's utility services for the violation of any other rule or law established by the Village relating to the water, sewer, or refuse utilities.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest time permitted by law.

Passed this 12 day of May, 2014.

ATTESTS:

Stacey Boumis  
Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council

D. Greg Scott  
D. Greg Scott, Mayor

Michael P. Flaherty  
Michael Flaherty, Council Pres. Pro-Tem

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

  
Eve M. Ellinger, Director of Law

**CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION**

Pursuant to the Village Charter, I, Stacey E. Boumis, Clerk of Council of the Village of Obetz, Ohio, do hereby certify that Ordinance 21-14 was duly posted at 1:00 PM (time) on the 19 day of May, 2014, at the Obetz Government Center, Obetz Athletic Club, and Obetz Community Center as well as on the Obetz website.



  
Stacey Boumis, Clerk

5/19/14  
Date