

VILLAGE OF OBETZ
RECORD OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE: 52-15

PASSED: August 17, 2015

AN ORDINANCE TO MODIFY SECTION 939.05 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES RELATED TO UTILITY BILLINGS AND PAYMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Village of Obetz provides water and sewer services to both residential and nonresidential accounts; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to ensure the timely payment for utility services; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish different payment guidelines for non-residential accounts in order to ensure that adequate monies are available in the appropriate funds in order to reimburse service providers such as the City of Columbus;

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

Section 1. Section 939.05 of the Codified Ordinances shall be modified as follows:

939.05 BILLINGS AND PAYMENT.

Payment for services under this chapter shall be made monthly, due on the last day of the month. In the event the last day of the month is a weekend or holiday, payment is due on the next business day.

(a) **Billing.** Bills shall be mailed to the owner of the real property benefitted or his agent or tenant, all of whom shall be liable for payment. The failure of any owner or designated agent or tenant to receive a bill promptly shall not excuse nonpayment of same as herein provided and, in the event an owner or tenant fails to receive a bill promptly they shall obtain a bill at the Utility Billing Office in the Municipal Building.

(b) **Payment.** All bills shall be payable to the Utilities Billing Office and may be made by using one of the payment methods accepted by the Village. Payment may be made in person at the Utility Billing Office to the Utility Clerk, deposited in the provided drop box or other methods that may be established by the Village.

(c) **Termination of Service to a Residential Account.** Service to residential accounts shall be terminated if full payment on all outstanding balances is not received by the Village at least ~~90~~ **120** days from the due date of the original billing of the unpaid amount. **If a residential unit is a part of a multi-use building and there is not a separate utility meter for the residential unit, the residential unit will fall under the termination of service to non-residential accounts provisions herein and utility service shall not be reestablished unless full payment on all outstanding balances is received.**

(d) **Termination of Service to Non-Residential Accounts.** Service to non-residential accounts shall be terminated if full payment on all outstanding balances is not received by the Village at least 30 days from the due date of the original billing of the unpaid amount.

Section 2. All existing outstanding balances on non-residential accounts shall be paid in full within 30 days of the date of passage of this Ordinance.

Section 3. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare, such emergency arising from the need to ensure that all utility payments occur in a timely manner; WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Passed this 17 day of August, 2015.

ATTESTS:

Stacey Boumis
Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council

D. Greg Scott
D. Greg Scott, Mayor

Angela Kirk
Angela Kirk, Council President Pro Tem

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Eve M. Ellinger
Eve M. Ellinger, Esq., Law Director

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 52-15 was duly posted at 10:00 AM (time) on the 18 day of August, 2015, at the Obetz Government Center, as well as on the Obetz website.

Stacey Boumis
Stacey Boumis, Clerk

8/18/15
Date

