



Introduced: 3/1/2021

CITY OF PATASKALA

ORDINANCE 2021-4385

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 921.02 BY ADDING LANGUAGE TO SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFY THE PROPERTY OWNER AS THE INDIVIDUAL/ENTITY TO BE INVOICED

WHEREAS, Section 925.01, Water Regulation Rule 8 makes clear “[a]ll water rates are charged against the property and not against the occupant thereof.” However, Chapter 921, which governs the Sewer Regulations, does not contain similar language; and

WHEREAS, the City Utility Director has been reviewing the City’s Sewer Regulations and recommends amending Section 921.02 so that it also specifically requires water invoices to be sent to the property owner; and

WHEREAS, Council for the City of Pataskala now wants to accept the Utility Director’s recommendation and amend Section 921.02.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PATASKALA, COUNTY OF LICKING, STATE OF OHIO, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED OR APPOINTED THERETO CONCURRING, THAT:

Section 1: Council for the City of Pataskala hereby amends City of Pataskala Codified Ordinances Section 921.02 by adding the following sub-section:

(e) All sewer rates are charged against the property and not against the occupant(s) thereof. If the property owner elects to have his/her tenant(s) or lessee(s) pay the sewer charge with the rent, the property owner remains responsible and the Department will refuse to furnish sewer service to the property until the delinquent charges are paid. In case of delinquent sewer charges against a property where more than one tenant or caretaker is supplied from the same service pipe, water service will be shut off at street until said delinquent charges are paid, regardless of the fact that one or more of the consumers may not be delinquent.

New ownership shall not eliminate any provisions of this rule.

Section 2: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of Council and that

all deliberations of the Council and any of the decision-making bodies of the City of Pataskala which resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the State of Ohio.

Section 3: This Ordinance shall become effective from and after the earliest period allowed by the Charter of the City of Pataskala.

ATTEST:

Kathy M. Hoskinson, Clerk of Council

Michael W. Compton, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Brian M. Zets, Law Director