

CITY OF PATASKALA ORDINANCE 2022-4438

Passed December 5, 2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A NEW FUND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROPER ACCOUNTING AND SEGREGATION OF FUNDS RECEIVED AS A RESULT OF UTILITY CUTOMER OVERPAYMENTS.

WHEREAS, the City of Pataskala, Ohio's Utility Billing department is in the process of converting its' accounting system from Software Solutions, Inc.'s (SSI) eGov system to their VIP system; and

WHEREAS, the city has been strongly encouraged by SSI to create a separate fund to account for customer billing overpayments until the disposition of each overpayment has been identified, and either applied to a future billing or refunded, if appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Auditor of State's Bulletin 1999-006 requires that the City create a separate fund pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code §5705.12.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PATASKALA, COUNTY OF LICKING, STATE OF OHIO; A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS CONCURRING THAT:

<u>Section 1:</u> City Council hereby approves the creation of the "Utility Billing Overpayments Fund" on the accounting system of the city, to account for the revenues received and applied or refunded due to customer overpayments to the utility billing system.

Section 2: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this City Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this City Council, and that all deliberations of this City Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code of Ohio.

Section 3: This Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest time provided by the laws of the State of Ohio and the Charter of the City of Pataskala.

<u>ATTEST</u>:

Kathy M. Høskinson, Clerk of Council

Michael W. Compton, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Brian M. Zets, Law Director