



Introduced: 3/1/2021

CITY OF PATASKALA

ORDINANCE 2021-4384

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 925.01(WATER REGULATIONS) RULE 1, RULE 4, AND RULE 15

WHEREAS, Section 921.01(b) makes clear the Director of Utility Services controls the sewer system. However, the City of Pataskala’s Water Rule and Regulations, which are codified in Section 925.01, has no similar language. The City Utility Director has been reviewing the City’s Water Regulations and recommends amending Section 925.01, Rule 1 so that it specifically identifies the Director of Utility Services, as well as his/her authorized agents and employees, as being in control of the water system; and

WHEREAS, Section 925.01, Rule 4 currently allows a single water line to service “two or more distinct premises or tenements”. While this regulation followed the City’s practice in years past, the City no longer believes this is the best practice. As such, the City Utility Director recommends amending Section 925.01, Rule 4 and eliminate the ability of single service pipe to supply two or more distinct premises or tenements; and

WHEREAS, Section 925.01, Rule 15 currently prohibits anyone other than authorized government entities and/or first responders, from using any service, unless the use is metered. The City Utility Director has been reviewing the City’s Water Regulations and recommends amending Section 925.01, Rule 15 so that it also specifically prohibits anyone, other than authorized government and/or first responders, from operating any of the publicly owned water system infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Council for the City of Pataskala now wants to accept the Utility Director’s recommendation and amend the City of Pataskala Water Rules 1, 4 and 15.

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 Ordinance Section 925.01, Rule 1 to read as follows:

RULE 1. The control of the water system shall be under the control of the Director of Utility Services which shall include the Director's duly authorized agents and employees.

Meters shall be set or removed only by authorized employees of the Department of Utility Services.

Water shall be turned on or off only by authorized employees of the Department, provided however, that plumbers may turn water on to test their work, but must shut it off immediately after such test.

No connection shall be made ahead of any meter.

Meters shall not be tampered with, repaired or seals broken except by authorized employees of the Water Works.

No changes, alterations or extensions of any fire system shall be made without first securing a permit from the Director of Utility Services. Application for the same shall be made in the same manner and under the same conditions as for a new connection

Section 2: Council for the City of Pataskala hereby amends City of Pataskala Codified Ordinance Section 925.01, Rule 4 to read as follows:

RULE 4. A single service pipe, intended and used for only one premise or tenement, must be placed on the outside of each premises on the sidewalk, or the public alley, opposite the same, as the Department of Utility Services may direct.

Section 3: Council for the City of Pataskala hereby amends City of Pataskala Codified Ordinance Section 925.01, Rule 15 to read as follows:

RULE 15. No one, other than an authorized government entity and/or first responder, shall operate any publicly owned infrastructure, which includes but is not limited to, main valves, fire hydrants, and curb boxes. Nor shall anyone, other than an authorized government entity and/or first responder be permitted to use water from any service, unless the use is metered. Whoever violates this Rule shall pay a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for each violation. Every day a violation occurs constitutes a separate offense.

Section 4: All other sections and sub-sections of Chapter 925 shall remain unchanged, in effect, and enforceable.

Section 5: 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 6: 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