

ORDINANCE NO. 200-2024
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES
FOR THE USE OF THE GALATIA WATER AND SEWER
SYSTEM AND PROVISIONS FOR TERMINATION OF
SERVICES

BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of The Village of Galatia as follows:

SECTION ONE: As of the effective date of this ordinance, any and all ordinances, policies, rules, or provisions enacted by the Village of Galatia whose provisions are in contravention to the provisions hereinafter set forth are deemed to be overruled. This Ordinance replaces Ordinance No. 345 and Ordinance No. 051121B.

SECTION TWO: TURNING ON. No water from the Village water supply shall be turned on for service into any premises or other structure by any person other than the superintendent of the water and sewer system or some person authorized by him or her to perform this service.

SECTION THREE: APPLICATION FEE. Application to have water turned on shall be made in writing to the Village Clerk and shall contain an agreement by the applicant to abide by and accept all the provisions of this ordinance as conditions governing the use of the Village water supply by the applicant. A non-refundable fee of \$35.00 shall be paid for turning on the water. There shall be a tap-on fee in the amount of \$500.00 for inside and outside the Village water users. The required fee is to be paid by the property owner(s) to the Village Clerk. The Village Board has the authority to change this fee at such time they see fit.

SECTION FOUR: DEPOSIT. A deposit of \$150.00 shall be made with each such application, this sum to be retained by the Village to insure payment of all bills. When service to the applicant is discontinued permanently, this deposit, less any amount still due the Village for water service, or other expenses, shall be refunded without interest provided that where any applicant for water service is the owner of the premises to be served no such deposit shall be required.

SECTION FIVE: PLUMBING. No water shall be turned on for service in premises in which the plumbing does not comply with the ordinance of this Village or the laws of the State of Illinois, provided that water may be turned on for construction work in unfinished buildings subject to the provisions of this ordinance or other existing ordinances of the Village of Galatia or other existing ordinances of the Village of Galatia or other provisions of the state statutes of the State of Illinois.

SECTION SIX: RESALE. No water shall be resold or distributed by the recipient thereof from the Village supply to any premises other than that for which application has been made and the meter installed, except in case of emergency.

SECTION SEVEN: TAMPERING. It shall be unlawful for any person not authorized by the Village to tamper with, alter or injure any part of the Village waterworks or supply system, or any meter.

SECTION EIGHT: METERS REQUIRED. All premises using the Village water supply must be equipped with an adequate water meter furnished by the Village provided that such water service may be supplied by the Village at a flat rate of charge until such meter may be installed. Before any premises are occupied, a water meter shall be installed therein as herein required or application made for such water services

at the flat rate of charge until the meter can be installed or no water shall be furnished to such premises.

SECTION NINE: RATES. Charges for water shall be as previously provided by ordinance or as hereinafter modified from time to time by ordinance by the Village authorities of the Village of Galatia.

SECTION TEN: BILLS. Bills for water used shall be dated and sent out at such times as may be directed by the Village President and the Board of Trustees.

SECTION ELEVEN: NONPAYMENT. Unless otherwise directed, the customer will be billed on the first of each month. Failure on the part of the customer to pay said sum within fifteen (15) days thereafter will cause a penalty for non-payment of ten percent (10%) to be added to each such bill. The customer and landowner will then receive a notification from the Water and Sewer Department that the water meter will be pulled and service discontinued within five (5) days thereafter if payment, together with the non-payment penalty, is not received within said period. The customer may demand a due process hearing if the customer feels that the delinquent bill is for some reason improper. Said due-process hearing shall be conducted by the Village Board of Trustees at its next regular meeting and the Village Board of Trustees together with the President shall determine if the bill is proper. Following said hearing a notice to pay the unpaid balance plus any unpaid non-payment penalty shall be due within five (5) days thereafter. Failure on the part of the customer to pay the sum due plus all sums due within either five (5) day period shall be sufficient grounds to pull the meter and discontinue service to the customer and landowner.

SECTION TWELVE: RECONNECTION. When a meter has been pulled there is a \$75.00 service charge for reconnection of the water service. In addition, no service will be reconnected until all unpaid charges are paid.

SECTION THIRTEEN: DEPOSIT FOLLOWING SHUTOFF AND DELINQUENCY. If a customer is served with the delinquent notice and assess the delinquent penalty more than two times in any 12-month period, then the Village by a majority action of the Village Board may demand that the customer place a \$150.00 deposit with the Water and Sewer Department in order to have the meter again placed for service.

SECTION FOURTEEN: LIEN. Charges for water shall be a lien upon the premises as provided by statute. Whenever a bill for water service remains unpaid for sixty (60) days after it has been rendered, the Clerk may file with the Saline County Recorder a statement of lien claim. This statement shall contain a legal description of the premises served, the amount of the unpaid bill, and a notice that the Village claims a lien for this amount as well as for all charges for water services subsequent to the period covered by the bill.

If the consumer of water whose bill is unpaid is not the owner of the premises, and the Clerk has notice of this, then notice shall be mailed to the owner of the premises if his address is known to the Clerk, whenever such bills remain unpaid for a period of sixty (60) days after it has been rendered.

Failure of the Clerk to record such lien claim or to mail such notice, or a failure of the owner to receive such notice, shall not affect the right to foreclose the line for

unpaid water bills as mentioned in the following section.

SECTION FIFTEEN: FORECLOSURE OF LIEN. The property subject to a lien for unpaid water charges shall be sold for non-payment of the same and the proceeds of such sale shall be applied to pay the charges after deducting costs as in the case is the foreclosure of statutory liens. Such foreclosure shall be by bill in equity in the name of the Village.

The Village President is hereby authorized and directed to institute such proceedings in the name of the Village in any court having jurisdiction over such matters against any property for which the water bill has remained unpaid sixty (60) days after it was rendered.

SECTION SIXTEEN: LARCENY. Nothing in this ordinance shall be interpreted as prohibiting institution of larceny or theft charges against any person stealing water from the Village by bypassing a meter, tampering with a meter, or by any other means.

SECTION SEVENTEEN: RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF WATER AND SEWER LINES. The owner and occupants of property to which water and sewer service is provided shall be responsible for maintaining and repairing all water and/or sewer lines servicing the property up to the owner's property line.

SECTION EIGHTEEN: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication according to the laws of the State of Illinois.

Passed and adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Galatia, Saline County, Illinois, this

12th day of Feb., 2024.

Aye Votes: 4

Nay Votes: 1

Abstained Votes: 0


STEPHEN A. SLOAN, MAYOR


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