**ORDINANCE 2019-14**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE RETENTION OF UTILITY DEPOSITS THAT ARE UNCLAIMED AFTER 5 YEARS.**

**WHEREAS**. Under R. C. 731.47 the Village of Belle Center, Ohio has management and control of its finances,

**AND WHEREAS**, the Village collects a deposit from new Village residents seeking to open a municipal utility account,

**AND WHEREAS,** the Village seeks to implement a policy for retaining those deposits,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, if after five (5) years, the depositor no longer lives in the Village and the deposit remains on the depositor’s account, the deposit shall be split evenly three ways and the proceeds shall be deposited into the Village’s Water Fund, Sewer Fund and Garbage Fund.

In accordance with R. C. 721.03, the Village of Belle Center, Ohio, waives the three reading requirement of Ordinance 2019-14 on the basis of an emergency and passes the ordinance with at least 2/3 two thirds of its members as moved by Donna Hesser and seconded by Rick Bednarki. The roll call vote was 5 to 0 in favor.

This Ordinance passed on its first reading after the three reading was waived on the basis of an emergency at the regularly scheduled Belle Center, Ohio Council meeting on December 10, 2019.

Date: December 10, 2019

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Fiscal Officer Rhonda Fitzpatrick Mayor Teresa Johnston