
**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 335
AND ADOPTING A NEW ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A
SCHEDULE OF WATER AND SEWER RATES, METER
READINGS, BILLING PRACTICES, PAYMENT GUARANTEES,
AND INITIAL CONNECTION FEES**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF
FERRELVUE, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. Ordinance number 335 is hereby repealed

SECTION 2. Meter Rates: For all water purchased for use within the Village by any consumer or business a charge consisting of service charges and a commodity charge which shall be computed monthly for each billing period as prescribed in the general meter rate stated in Section 3 of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. General Meter Rates: For all metered water purchased for use wholly and exclusively within the Village of Ferrelview by any customer the total charge shall be computed for each billing period and shall be as follows:

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| Water: | \$ 5.05 per 1000 gallons of metered water usage |
| Sewer: | \$ 12.92 per 1000 gallons of metered water usage |
| Customer Connection Charge: | \$ 23.93 per meter (Kansas City Meter Charge) |

SECTION 4. Repair, replacement and emergency fund: There shall be a charge added to the monthly billing and to be held in a fund specifically for maintenance and repair of the water and sewer system and shall be as follows:

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| 5/8 inch water meter or smaller | \$5.00 added to the monthly billing |
| 1 inch water meter or larger | \$10.00 added to the monthly billing |

SECTION 5. Connection Fee:

a. For an initial connections there shall be charged and paid to the Village of Ferrelview an initial connection fee of:

\$750.00 for an initial connection to a single-family dwelling
\$1500.00 for an initial connection to a multi-family dwelling
\$2500.00 for an initial connection to a commercial building

b. An initial connection fee shall be defined as a new tap on the Village of Ferrelview water main for the purpose of serving a new mobile home lot, structure, or business.

SECTION 6. Meter Reading and Billing Generally: Water meters will be read and bills for services rendered monthly. Bills may be estimated due to equipment related issues, should this be done, the billing will be based on the most recent three (3) months average.

SECTION 7. Services subject to disconnection for non-payment; Interest charges on unpaid balances: Water and sewer services shall be subject to discontinuance without notice fifteen (15) days after the due date for the bill of these charges. Each billing which carries forward an unpaid balance due shall have applied an interest charge of ten (10) percent per month for the entire amount due at the end of the preceding billing period.

SECTION 8. Charges for restoration of service: On water services up to and including two (2) inches in diameter, a charge shall be made for restoration of service discontinued due to non-payment or for failure to have the meter readily accessible for reading as follows:

\$50 for the first restoration in a 12 month period

\$75 for the second restoration in a 12 month period

\$100 for the third and any subsequent restorations in a 12 month period

Said 12 month period to begin upon the date of the first restoration, and expire upon completion of 12 months without a restoration.

SECTION 9. Bill payment guarantees:

- a. Required amount: The Village Clerk is authorized and directed to require each consumer, before taking water under the general meter rate, to make a deposit against which the Clerk may charge any unpaid bills for water service, meter hydrant or valve resealing, restoration of service, meter repair, sewer or valve resealing, sewer service or other authorized charges. Said deposit shall be Two Hundred Fifty (\$250) Dollars for all residential accounts and an average of one month's billing (based on most recent year) for all commercial accounts. No interest shall be paid on such deposits. Deposits may, at the discretion of the Village Clerk, be split into two installments providing there is an initial payment of \$150.00.
- b. Additional deposit: An additional deposit above the amount required in subsection (a), not to exceed the estimated cost of three (3) months of water and sewer service, may be required by the Village Clerk for customers whose accounts reflect a history of repeated delinquencies. Failure to provide this additional deposit shall constitute grounds for discontinuation of service,

- c. Refunds: All bill payment guarantees taken shall be held until the account is terminated and the final balance is settled.
- d. Transfer of service: When a customer transfers service from one location to another within the village, the Village Clerk may transfer existing deposits to a new account.
- e. Termination of service: In addition to any bill payment guarantee, all commercial accounts shall sign a contract for service specifying the part or parties responsible for payment. These parties shall remain responsible for all water used until notification is received in writing of the date service is to be terminated.

SECTION 10. Water Meters - Generally:

- a. Ownership, Installation: All meters installed for original service for any premises shall be a village-owned meter installed and connected at the expense of the owner or premises served. The connection charge shall be based on the current price of the meter installed plus the current cost of such installation.
- b. Maintenance, replacement: All meters shall be maintained and/or replaced at the expense of the Village, provided that the meters are Village owned and there is no evidence of meter tampering.
- c. Should a water meter and/or water meter setter not be present within the Village of Ferrelview water meter pit then the Village of Ferrelview shall charge no more than the Village of Ferrelview's actual expense for said meter and/or setter and the installation of said water meter and/or water meter setter.

SECTION 11. Water Meter Pits – Generally:

- a. Ownership, Installation: All water meter pits installed for original service for any premises shall be a village-owned water meter pit installed at the expense of the owner or premises served. The installation charge shall be based on the current price of the complete water meter pit including but not limited to; water meter pit, water meter setter, water meter pit expansion ring, water meter pit lid, excavation, and backfill and shall not exceed the Village of Ferrelview's actual cost for said installation. The Chief Water Operator or designated individual for the Village of Ferrelview Water Department shall dictate the diameter of said meter pit.
- b. If no water meter pit is present, the Village of Ferrelview shall not charge more than its actual expense for the installation of said meter pit. The requestor may elect to choose a qualified party to have said meter pit installed at the requestors expense. Qualified individuals must be approved by the Chief Water Operator of the Village of Ferrelview and also must show evidence of certifications deeming them a qualified individual and/or business to work on a DS 1 water and sewer system. If said qualified party is approved by the Chief Water Operator, the qualified party assumes all responsibilities for damages to said DS 1 water and sewer system and is responsible for the payment of said damages directly to the Village of Ferrelview Water Department. The qualified party also assumes any

- and all violation penalties assessed by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources if damage or pollution is incurred on the DS 1 water and sewer system.
- c. If a mobile home, structure or business is built or set in a manner that blocks access to said Village owned water meter pit the owner or premises served is responsible for granting access to said water meter pit by either creating an access panel not less than 3 foot in width and said panel must create a radius of not less than two foot around the entire meter pit or said owner of premises served may elect to have the water meter pit relocated at their own expense should the Village of Ferrelview elect not to require relocation. If the Village of Ferrelview requires relocation then the requestor shall be charged no more than the Village of Ferrelviews actual expense for relocating said water meter pit to an area that does not block access to said meter pit. The owner or premises served may elect to choose a qualified party to have said meter pit relocated at the requestor's expense. Qualified individuals must be approved by the Chief Water Operator of the Village of Ferrelview and also must show evidence of certifications deeming them a qualified individual and/or business to work on a DS 1 water and sewer system. If said qualified party is approved by the Chief Water Operator, the qualified party assumes all responsibilities for damages to said DS 1 water and sewer system and is responsible for the payment of said damages directly to the Village of Ferrelview Water Department. The qualified party also assumes any and all violation penalties assessed by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources if damage or pollution is incurred on the DS 1 water and sewer system.
- d.. Maintenance, replacement: All water meter pits shall be maintained and/or replaced at the expense of the Village, provided that the meters are Village owned and there is no evidence of tampering.

SECTION 12. If any section of this ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remainder of the sections shall remain in full force and effect, and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated.


SECTION 13. The provisions of this Ordinance shall supersede any conflicting provisions contained within the Village of Ferrelview's Ordinances.

SECTION 14. This Ordinance shall become effective upon being passed by the Board of Trustees.

PASSED THIS 3RD DAY OF April, 2021

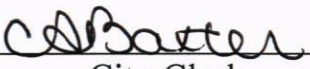
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ORDINANCE NO. 353
STATE OF
MISSOURI



Phil Gilliam, Chairman
Ferrelview Board of Trustees

Attest:



City Clerk

