**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 328 AND ADOPTING A NEW ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF WATER AND SEWER RATES, METER READINGS, BILLING PRACTICES, AND PAYMENT GUARANTEES**

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

SECTION 1. Ordinance number 328 is hereby repealed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 charges 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 by any customer the total charge shall be computed for each billing period and shall be as follows:

Water: $ 5.05 per 1000 gallons of metered water usage

Sewer: $ 12.18 per 1000 gallons of metered water usage

Meter: $22.58 per meter (Kansas City Meter Charge)

SECTION 4. Repair, replacement and emergency fund: There shall be a charge of $5.00 added to the monthly billing to be held in a fund specifically for maintenance and repair of the water system.

SECTION 5. Connection Fee: For initial connections there shall be charged and paid to the Village of Ferrelview an initial connection fee of:

$750.00 for initial connection to a single-family dwelling

$1500.00 for initial connection to a multi-family dwelling

$2500.00 for initial connection to a commercial building

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 off these charges. Each billing which carries forward an unpaid balance due shall have applied an interest charge of 10% 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:

1. 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 multiple installments providing there is an initial payment of $150.00.
2. 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.
3. Refunds: All bill payment guarantees taken shall be held until the account is terminated and the final balance is settled.
4. 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.
5. 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:

1. 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.
2. Maintenance, replacement: All meters shall be maintained and/or replaced at the expense of the Village, provided that the meters are Village owned.

SECTION 11. 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 12. The provisions of this Ordinance shall supersede any conflicting provisions contained within the Village of Ferrelview’s Ordinances.

SECTION 13. This Ordinance shall become effective upon being passed by the Board of Trustees.

PASSED THIS 15TH DAY OF APRIL, 2019

\_\_\_\_PHIL GILLIAM\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phil Gilliam, Chairman

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ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_\_April Baxter\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

April Baxter, Village Clerk

APPROVED THIS 15TH DAY OF APRIL, 2019

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Ferrelview Board of Trustees