

**VILLAGE OF BOWEN  
ORDINANCE NO. 467**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 51.07 OF TITLE V OF THE BOWEN  
VILLAGE CODE REGARDING THE PAYMENT OF WATER BILLS**

WHEREAS, the Illinois Municipal Code, in 65 ILCS 5/1-2-1, provides that the corporate authorities of each municipality may pass all ordinances and make all rules and regulations which are proper or necessary to carry into effect the powers granted to municipalities, with such fines or penalties as may be deemed proper; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Bowen (“the Village Board”) previously passed Ordinance Nos. 274, 397, 404, 431, 434, and 451 regarding the payment of water bills; and

WHEREAS, in July 2024, the Village Board passed Ordinance No. 458, enacting a Code of Ordinances for the Village of Bowen (“the Bowen Village Code”); and

WHEREAS, Title V, Chapter 51, of the Bowen Village Code relates to the provision of water and the payment of bills; and

WHEREAS, Section 51.07 of Chapter 51 codified the regulations of the above-listed ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires to amend Chapter 50, Section 50.01, as set forth below, to correct some errors made during the codification process and to add a provision on the acceptable forms of payment; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that it is in the best interest of the Village to adopt that amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Village President and the Village Board of the Village of Bowen, Hancock County, Illinois, as follows:

**Section 1. Findings of the Village Board.** The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference as the findings of the Village Board.

**Section 2. Amendment of Title V, Chapter 51, Section 51.07(A), of the Bowen Village Code to correct an error made during codification.** The Village Board hereby amends the last two sentences of Section 51.07(A) to read as follows (with the corrected words underlined):

The hearing must be held within 21 days after the bill was mailed. The Village Mayor is authorized to order a hold on the disconnection until he or she makes a final determination on the complaint.

**Section 3. Amendment of Title V, Chapter 51, Section 51.07(A), of the Bowen Village Code to add a provision on forms of payment.** The Village Board hereby adds the following paragraph to Section 51.07(A):

The Village accepts the following forms of payment, subject to the provisions of Section 51.07(C): cash, check, money order, certified check, and ACH withdrawal from the customer's bank account.

**Section 4. Amendment of Title V, Chapter 51, Section 51.07(C), of the Bowen Village Code to correct an error made during codification.** The Village Board hereby amends Section 51.07(C)(1) to read as follows (with the omitted words underlined):

(C) Returned check fee.

(1) If the Village receives two dishonored checks in a 12-month period from a water customer, the water customer must pay a returned check fee of \$25, together with any other charges imposed by the bank.

**Section 5. Other Sections to Remain in Effect.** All other provisions of the Bowen Village Code which are not in conflict with this ordinance shall continue to remain in full force and effect.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and approval, pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/1-2-4.

PASSED by the Village Board of the Village of Bowen, Hancock County, Illinois, at a regular meeting held on April 9, 2025, pursuant to the following vote:  
(List trustee names below.)

AYES: Sawen, DCampbell, T Westfall, B Gaines, B Cole

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: M Westfall

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED on April 9, 2025:

Jesse Van Beck  
Jesse Van Beck, Village President/Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Twaddle  
Linda Twaddle, Village Clerk

CERTIFICATION BY VILLAGE CLERK

I, Linda Twaddle, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Village Clerk of the Village of Bowen, that Ordinance No. 467 was passed and adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bowen on April 9, 2025, and that this is a true and correct copy of said ordinance.

Date: April 9, 2025

Linda Twaddle  
Village Clerk

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