

VILLAGE OF ELMORE

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2024

**AN ORDINANCE TO FACILITATE THE TRANSITION
TO NEW UTILITY METERS AND
TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF COSTS
ASSOCIATED WITH UTILITY CUSTOMERS THAT
PREVENT OR HINDER THE INSTALLATION OF THE NEW METERS**

WHEREAS, the Village is transitioning to new utility meters which allow for accurate remote reading of utility consumption; and,

WHEREAS, the Village will realize significant cost savings by obtaining utility usage data in a fraction of the time using the new meters; and,

WHEREAS, Village employees are having difficulties in the installation of a small number of remaining meters that have not been upgraded due to the inability to gain access to the necessary worksites,

WHEREAS, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) has approved opt-out fees for utilities to recover costs associated with maintaining processes and procedures for reading and billing customers without smart meters,

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby **ORDAINED** by the Council of the Village of Elmore that:

Section 1. Any utility account that cannot be upgraded to the new meters due to lack of permission to gain access to the worksite will be charged a onetime fee of \$65.00 and an additional \$39.00 per month for the individual attention needed to obtain and input the utility usage data.

Section 2. These additional monthly charges shall be part of the utility bill. Failure to pay these charges will be sufficient cause to terminate utility services.

Section 3. Any utility customer who wants to locate a new utility meter to a new location either on the outside of the residence, or outside of the premises, or otherwise removed from the location of the old meter may do so by paying the Village \$365.00 or the actual cost of the work, whichever is greater. Payment must be made in full, or payment arrangements documented with the Village of Elmore Utility Department prior to the work starting.

Section 4. Any utility customer who has not provided access for the installation of a new meter free of charge at the old meter's location or at a cost under Section 3 hereof shall be subject to termination of utility service on or after the 1st day of September, 2024.

Section 5. The utility payments and actions listed in this Ordinance to the utility customer will only occur after proper notifications have been completed in accordance with Village of Elmore policies and procedures.

Section 6. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

VOTES:

To pass

Yeas 6 Nays 0

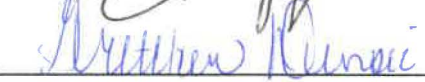
Date: 2/12/24



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Approved: 

MAYOR



FISCAL OFFICER

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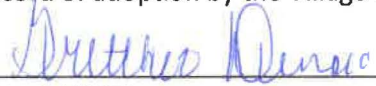
This is to certify that publication of the foregoing Ordinance was duly made as provided in the Ohio Revised Code by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in Elmore, Ohio on the following date(s): 2/17/24



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FISCAL OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE AS TO AUTHENTICITY

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance is a true copy of the aforesaid Ordinance No. _____ together with a true and accurate record of adoption by the Village of Elmore, Ohio.



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Prepared by Mark E. Mulligan, Solicitor for the Village of Elmore