

**VILLAGE OF CLIFFORD**

**AMENDMENT TO DELINQUENT WATER CHARGE ORDINANCE**

**Ordinance No. 13. 2**

An Ordinance to amend the ordinance creating a lien for delinquent water charges for the Village of Clifford to increase the fees for termination and renewal of water service for delinquent water customers.

**THE VILLAGE OF CLIFFORD ORDAINS:**

The following sections of Ordinance No. 13 are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 4. Where such an affidavit has been filed with the Village Clerk (or other proper official or agency of the Village) by any lessor and before the water may be turned on in the premises specified in such affidavit, the lessee shall deposit with the Village Clerk (or other proper official or agency of the Village) a "guarantee deposit" which shall be continuously held by the Village as a guarantee of payment for water used and for the protection of the Village against any damage to the service pipe, service cock, and etc. Provided, however, that whenever the customer shall have promptly paid his water bills for at least two years and has otherwise established satisfactory credit in the municipality, the Council may refund his deposit. The aforementioned procedure shall be applicable to property owners who have had severance of water service due to delinquency of water payments. The amount of the guarantee deposit shall be according to the following schedule:

Dwellings	\$250.00
Commercial and industrial buildings	\$250.00

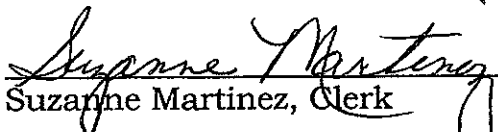
Section 8. The Village may discontinue water service to the premises of any property within or without the Village that is furnished water service by the Village where the charges for which water service have remained unpaid for a period of two (2) months, and said water service shall not be turned on again to said premises or property or the occupant of such premises or property who shall have refused or failed to pay such charges until all unpaid charges have been paid in full, provided that where an affidavit of lease has been filed with the Village Clerk (or other appropriate official or agency of the Village) in accordance with the provisions of Section 3, Supra, then the Village may discontinue water service to both the premises or property leased and to such lessee individually until all the unpaid charges are paid in full, provided further, that such discontinuance of water service to any such premises or property shall cease upon both the termination of the lease of which affidavit has been given and the removal of such lessee from the premises or property. The Village shall mail by first class mail a written notice of discontinuance at least ten (10) days before the date of discontinuance to the person responsible for paying the water bill according to the Village records.

Section 9. Water billings shall be payable at the Village Treasurer's office on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> day of each month following the date of the billing. Billings paid after the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month shall be increased to include a 10% late penalty. If a water billing is not paid by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the second month following the date of the billing, water service shall be discontinued. After the billing has been paid and water service is to be renewed, an additional turn-on fee of \$100.00 shall be charged.

This amendatory Ordinance shall take immediate effect.

The undersigned President and Clerk of the Village of Clifford hereby certify that this ordinance was adopted by the Village Council at a meeting held on the 19th day of March, 2002 and was published in the Lapeer County Press on the 27th day of March, 2002.

  
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John Ode, President

  
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Suzanne Martinez, Clerk