CITY OF SOUTH LEBANON, OHIO ORDINANCE NO. 2022 22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2016-04 RELATING TO THE CITY OF SOUTH LEBANON'S WATER SHUT OFF POLICY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Council adopted Ordinance No. 2016-04 on February 18, 2016 that amended the then-Village's water shut-off policy; and,

WHEREAS, due to the upcoming implementation of a new utility billing system, it was recently determined that changes are required to be made to the City's "Water Shut-Off Policy" including changing the due date for the City's utility bills; and,

WHEREAS, immediate action is required to improve the City's Utilities Department efficiency and effectiveness, and such action is necessary in order to preserve the public peace, health, safety or welfare of the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of South Lebanon, Ohio, at least two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring:

<u>Section 1</u>. That the Council does hereby amend Resolution No. 2016-04; accordingly, the Council does hereby adopt the attached Water Shut Office Policy and Procedures and incorporate the same by reference herein.

<u>Section 2</u>. That the recitals contained within the Whereas Clauses set forth above are incorporated by reference herein.

<u>Section 3</u>. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 731.30 for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare; and, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effective immediately upon its passage.

<u>Section 4.</u> That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of Council in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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Adopted this 15th day of September, 2022. Attest: Petrina D. Williams, Fiscal Officer/Clerk James D. Smith, Mayor Rules Suspended: 9/15/2022 (if applicable) Effective Date - 9/15/2022 Vote - 6 Yeas First Reading - / /2022 Effective Date - / /2022 Second Reading - / /2022 Third Reading- / /2022 Vote - Yeas Nays **CERTIFICATE OF POSTING** Prepared by and approved as to form: I, Tina Williams, CPA, Fiscal Officer of the City of South Lebanon, Ohio do hereby certify I posted a true and accurate copy of this ordinance or resolution, summary of ANDREW P. MEIER ordinance or resolution, or statement, order, proclamation, **CITY SOLICITOR** notice or report, at five public places within the City as authorized by Section 731.25 of the Ohio Revised Code SOUTH LEBANON, OHIO and Ordinance 98-08 of the City of South Lebanon, Ohio Tina Williams, CPA Fiscal Officer

City of South Lebanon, Ohio

CITY OF SOUTH LEBANON

WATER SHUT OFF POLICY

The billing for water services furnished by the City shall be governed by the requirements hereinafter provided in this water billing policy. It is stipulated as a condition of the granting of water service by the City that all persons now using such water service, or who may hereafter make application for water service, shall be considered as having agreed to be bound by all the rules and regulations as are herein or as may hereafter be prescribed.

I. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The City Administrator and the Utilities Clerk are authorized to adopt and enforce, subject to the approval of the City Administrator, such rules and regulations as they deem necessary in the execution of their responsibilities and duties prescribed in this policy.

II. BILLING

Charges for services furnished for the City and its inhabitants and other users by the waterworks system shall be rendered monthly by the Utilities Clerk. In the event that utility bills are mailed by the City after the first of the month in which they are due, the City Administrator shall have the authority to establish a later due date for that billing cycle so as not to penalize the ratepayer.

III. DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS.

The bill for any service rendered for water, sanitation, and sewer service shall be paid by the 22nd of each month following the billing thereof, and if not paid within that time, a penalty of ten percent (10%) shall be added thereto. If the 22nd of the month falls on a weekend or a holiday, the bill shall be paid by the first business day following the 22nd. If the delinquent bill is not paid within fourteen (14) days of the date it was due, together with the penalty thereon, the Utilities Clerk shall cause the service to be discontinued; and it shall be resumed only on payment by the customer of the full amount of the account, plus an additional fifty dollars (\$50.00) reconnection fee. In any event, no applicant with a delinquent utility account with the City of South Lebanon shall be approved for water service until any and all delinquent amounts to the City of South Lebanon Utility Department are paid in full.

IV. SHARED METERS

The utility account for any building or structure with more than one unit on a single water meter shall be required to be in the name of the property owner and the property owner shall be responsible for all charges to the account. In the event of service disconnection as provided for in Section III, the property owner shall be responsible for all required charges prior to reconnection of water service.

CITYVILLAGE OF SOUTH LEBANON

WATER SHUT OFF POLICY

The billing for water services furnished by the <u>CityVillage</u> shall be governed by the requirements hereinafter provided in this water billing policy. It is stipulated as a condition of the granting of water service by the <u>CityVillage</u> that all persons now using such water service, or who may hereafter make application for water service, shall be considered as having agreed to be bound by all the rules and regulations as are herein or as may hereafter be prescribed.

I. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The <u>CityVillage</u> Administrator and the Utilities Clerk are authorized to adopt and enforce, subject to the approval of the <u>CityVillage</u> Administrator, such rules and regulations as they deem necessary in the execution of their responsibilities and duties prescribed in this policy.

II. BILLING

Charges for services furnished for the <u>CityVillage</u> and its inhabitants and other users by the waterworks system shall be rendered monthly by the Utilities Clerk. In the event that utility bills are mailed by the <u>CityVillage</u> after the first of the month in which they are due, the <u>CityVillage</u> Administrator shall have the authority to establish a later due date for that billing cycle so as not to penalize the ratepayer.

III. DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS.

The bill for any service rendered for water, sanitation, and sewer service shall be paid by the 22nd15th of each month following the billing thereof, and if not paid within that time, a penalty of ten percent (10%) shall be added thereto. If the 22nd15th of the month falls on a weekend or a holiday, the bill shall be paid by the first business day following the 22nd15th. If the delinquent bill is not paid within fourteen (14) days of the date it was due, together with the penalty thereon, the Utilities Clerk shall cause the service to be discontinued; and it shall be resumed only on payment by the customer of the full amount of the account, plus an additional fifty dollars (\$50.00) reconnection turn on fee. The utility service deposit may be applied to any past due amount. Prior to resuming service, any amount deducted from the security deposit for past due amounts must be replenished by the customer. In any event, no applicant with a delinquent utility account with the CityVillage of South Lebanon shall be approved for water service until any and all delinquent amounts to the CityVillage of South Lebanon Utility Department are paid in full.

IV. SHARED METERS

The utility account for any building or structure with more than one unit on a single water meter shall be required to be in the name of the property owner and the property owner shall be responsible for all charges to the account. In the event of service disconnection as provided for in Section III, the property owner shall be responsible for all required charges prior to reconnection of water service.