

Ordinance 25-15

An Ordinance providing a water rate reduction adjustment for users during a period that the municipal water supply was undrinkable for some residents due to high sodium content;

Whereas, On Wednesday, June 10, 2015 Softener #1 had a failed regeneration cycle, and

Whereas, this failure allowed brine (a water/salt mix) to enter the distribution system, and

Whereas, the level of salt, while not health concern, rendered the water undrinkable for some residents for approximately ten days, and

Whereas, some residents were required to flush their service lines on multiple days, and

Whereas, the Village recognizes that not all residents were affected, but also that not all residents that were affected complained, and

Whereas, the Village desires to take a fair, reasoned and equitable response to the incident without additional burden to residents, and

Whereas, the Village desires to credit residents for the water used that was undrinkable and for the water required to flush their service lines, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LITHOPOLIS, FAIRFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO;

Section 1. Upon the recommendation of the Mayor, based on accepted regional averages for municipal water consumption and the average amount of flow used to flush residential service lines, Council approves a rate reduction adjustment of 33%.

Section 2. The reduction adjustment shall be calculated based on actual usage of inside and outside rate classes for the billing period of June 2015 and shall be fully applied on that utility bill.

Section 3 Council directs the Fiscal Officer to make the necessary adjustments on the billing software.

Section 4. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the further reason that granting this reduction adjustment to residents is in the best interests of the village and residents by not having to bill then credit customer accounts. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect at the earliest date permitted by law.

DATE PASSED: June 23, 2015

ATTEST: [Signature]
CLERK

SIGNED

[Signature]
MAYOR

DATE: 6-23-15

DATE: 6/23/15

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]
JON BROWNING
VILLAGE SOLICITOR