

RECORD OF ORDINANCE

Date Presented 2/22/2022

Sponsor Mayor Sandine Ordinance No. 03-22 Date Passed FEB 2, 2022

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES FOR FAILING TO ALLOW REPLACEMENT OF WATER METERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Council authorized the replacement of water meters at no cost to residents, and
WHEREAS, the Village Utility Ordinance requires residents to allow access to their water meters, and
WHEREAS, Council is paying a 3rd party to install the new meters, and
WHEREAS, the old meters are not compatible with the new reading system, and
WHEREAS, residents have been given ample opportunity to schedule their meter replacement, including evenings and weekend, and
WHEREAS, the Village is ready to being implementation of the new meter reading system, and
WHEREAS, the village requires further tools to encourage some residents to schedule their meter replacement, and
WHEREAS, enforcement and sanctions will be used as a last resort to ensure 100%-meter replacement, and

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

- Section 1.** Council authorizes the Village Administrator to issue shutoff/fine letters to residents that have not scheduled a meter replacement before February 25, 2022.
- Section 2.** Village Council authorizes the Village Administrator to use one or more of the following sanctions when a resident has not scheduled a meter replacement before March 4, 2022;
- A. Estimate current monthly usage based on the previous year average usage.
 - B. Institute an administrative penalty of no more than \$25 per day from March 4, 2022, until the meter is replaced.
 - C. Institute an administrative penalty of \$250 per month to process manual reads after March 4, 2022.
 - D. Shutoff water service to residence after March 4, 2022.
- Section 3.** Any fines can be appealed to the Mayor.
- Section 4.** This ordinance is hereby declared an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare in that it is in the best interest of Village to have all residents on the new meter reading system as soon as possible and shall be in full force and effect at the earliest date provided by law.

Attest/Date: Jacinta Flowers
Clerk

Signed/Date: [Signature]
Mayor 2/22/22

Approved as to form: [Signature]
Jon M. Browning

First Reading 2/22/22 Second Reading _____

Revised Second Reading _____ Third Reading _____

VOTE FOR 4 AGAINST 2