VILLAGE OF BOWERSTON COUNTY OF HARRISON STATE OF OHIO ORDINANCE NUMBER 2021-2021-4 EFFECTIVE DATE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021-2 REGARDING THE SEWER MAINTENANCE FEES

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Bowerston, State of Ohio;

SECTION 1: This Ordinance amends Ordinance No. 2021-2 enacted on the 20th day of July 2021, and any amendments or modifications thereto and further repeals and replaces any provision in any prior Ordinance or Amendment that is inconsistent with the terms and requirements as provided and established herein.

SECTION 2: The Village of Bowerston has deemed it necessary for the operation and maintenance of the wastewater system to charge a maintenance fee of \$25.00 per month for all properties connected to the wastewater system but without water or wastewater service. This is a maintenance fee to maintain proper operation of the system. This maintenance fee shall be charged to all properties connected to the wastewater system that are not receiving monthly billing until such time as the owner completely disconnects from the system and caps the hook-in. An owner may request the Village to cap their sewer line for a one-time fee of \$150.00.

SECTION 3: The Village of Bowerston, through Council, desires to amend the By-Laws beginning with the Billing and Delinquent Accounts Section, Paragraph C. Paragraph C shall now read "an account is subject to shut-off when the account becomes 30 days past due. The due date and shut-off date shall be clearly printed on the Billing Statement.

SECTION 4: The Village of Bowerston hereby orders that they shall no longer make payment plans available. All bills must be paid in full upon due date. The Village Administrator shall no longer have the discretion to permit payment plans.

SECTION 5: The Village of Bowerston hereby removes the delinquent notice procedures from the Water and Sewer By-Laws. All due dates shall be clearly printed on the Billing Statement. All shut-off dates shall also be printed on the Billing Statement. All water and wastewater statements shall be due and payable on the 17^{th} day of the month or the first business day following the 17^{th} . Any accounts unpaid on the 24^{th} of the month shall be given written notice by doortag that that account is subject to shut-off. All accounts remaining unpaid shall be shutoff the 1^{st} of each month following the due date.

SECTION 6. The Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of health, safety and welfare of the residents of Bowerston Village, Ohio, because the modification is necessary to continue day-to-day operations and to comply with Ohio and federal law. It shall therefore take effect immediately upon the passage by the affirmative vote of the members elected to Council and approved by the Mayor or otherwise at the earliest time allowed by law.

SECTION 7: Saving Clause. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any clause, sentence, word, section or provision is declared void or unenforceable, for any reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of said Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effective upon its passage.

PASSED: September 21, 2021.

Approved: ×8/ Jacquie Humphreys, Mayoj

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Heidi Trice, Fiscal Officer