

VILLAGE OF HAMERSVILLE, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 1 2026-05

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR UTILITY ACCOUNT HOLDERS, SECURITY DEPOSITS, TRANSFER OF SERVICE, AND LANDLORD RESPONSIBILITY FOR MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Village provides water, sewer, and/or electric utility services; and

WHEREAS, proper account ownership is necessary for billing and collections; and

WHEREAS, Council desires clear requirements for account ownership and landlord accountability;

SECTION 1 — ACCOUNT HOLDER REQUIREMENT

All utility accounts shall be in the name of either the property owner/landlord or an adult residing at the service address.

SECTION 2 — CHANGE IN OCCUPANCY

Upon vacancy, the account must transfer to a new tenant or revert to the landlord. New tenants must complete a Village utility application form, provide valid identification, and pay all required deposits and applicable fees prior to or at the time of occupancy.

SECTION 3 — SECURITY DEPOSITS

All tenant accounts require a deposit set by Council policy.

SECTION 4 — LANDLORD RESPONSIBILITY

Landlords are responsible for accounts when no tenant is established and are jointly liable for unpaid charges. If a tenant fails to establish service, the account may be transferred to the landlord.

SECTION 5 — EXISTING ACCOUNTS

Non-compliant accounts must comply within 30 days or may be transferred to the landlord or disconnected.

SECTION 6 — NEW ACCOUNTS

All new accounts must comply immediately.

SECTION 7 — ADMINISTRATION

The Village Administrator and/or Fiscal Officer may enforce and implement this ordinance.

SECTION 8 — EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance is declared an emergency and takes effect immediately.

PASSED:

APR 1 27, 2026

FIRST READING: _____

SECOND READING: _____

Mayor

Just Jones

Fiscal Officer

Melissa J. Zahm