

ORDINANCE NO. 1228-6

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR
CUSTOMERS FAILING TO PAY UTILITY SERVICE
BILLS ON DATE DUE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Hamersville, Brown County, Ohio, three-fourth (3/4) of all members thereof concurring as follows:

SECTION 1. That a utility consumer or customer is any individual, partnership, firm or corporation using electric, or water service provided by the Board of Public Affairs of Hamersville, Ohio, and purchased from the Board of Public Affairs of Hamersville, Ohio.

SECTION 2. All mobile homes and house trailers used as residences, offices or places of business shall be considered as separate utility customers and consumers. All garages or other buildings used as businesses shall be considered a separate customer and charged the usual rates.

SECTION 3. All new utility customers beginning May 1, 1978, shall have temporary and permanent electric service of a sufficient size designated by the Board of Public Affairs and all new utility customers shall make the following meter deposits:

Electric deposit for ordinary residential service or each residential apartment	\$ 25.00
Electric deposit for all electric homes	50.00
Any commercial service	60.00
Water service for ordinary residence or each residential apartment	25.00

SECTION 4. There shall be a charge made of \$25.00 for 30 amp. temporary service for each dwelling which is not refundable. All temporary service larger than 30 amp. shall be billed on a time and material basis and the final bill computed by the Board of Public Affairs.

SECTION 5. The owner and land contract purchasers, as well as the lessees or tenants of any premises, to which utility services are furnished shall be responsible and liable to the Village for all rents and charges for electric and water services,

including penalties, cut offs and cut on charges in accordance with Section 735.29 of the Ohio Revised Code. When service is disconnected or reconnected in an excess of once during any twelve (12) month period, the charge to the customer for said subsequent disconnection or reconnection shall be the cost of the Board of Public Affairs based upon time, materials and overhead.

SECTION 6. Bills for utility services shall be mailed by the Board of Public Affairs to customers on the 1 day of each month.

SECTION 7. The amount of said bills shall be for utility service consumed, plus ten percent (10%), which shall be known as the gross amount for said bill. There shall also be shown on said bill a net amount, which shall be the amount for services consumed.

SECTION 8. Payment of said utility bills for utility service shall be made on or before the 20th day of the month and if paid on or before the 20th day of the month, the net amount of the bill shall be paid. In the event the bill is not paid by the 20th of the month, thereafter, the gross amount shall be paid.

SECTION 9. No partial payment or payment for any one service shall be accepted.

SECTION 10. Unpaid bills shall bear interest at the rate of eight percent (8%) per annum, beginning from the 1st of the month following the billing month.

SECTION 11. In the event charges for services and charges for late payment are not paid by the 1st day of the month following the month said bill is mailed to the customer, the Board of Public Affairs shall discontinue all utility services to said customer.

SECTION 12. Any new customer who has been served for a period of at least seven (7) days with electricity before the meter is read shall receive a monthly bill for said seven (7) day period of service. Any new customer who has received water service for seven (7) days immediately before the meter is read shall receive a monthly bill for water service. If fewer days than those specified in this section, then the amount consumed by the customer will be billed on the following month's bill.

SECTION 13. All portions of Ordinances not in conflict or changed by this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 14. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village of Hamersville, Ohio, in order to reduce both the number and the amounts of the delinquent utility bills and for the further reason that the present existence of delinquent and unpaid utility bills and charges and the clerical and office work made necessary by the unpaid utility bills and charges require immediate alleviation and reduction and this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED:


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CLERK