

ORDINANCE NO. 1983-2

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT TAMPERING WITH ELECTRIC
OR WATER COMPANY METERS, CONDUITS OR ATTACHMENTS

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

SECTION 1. No person shall knowingly, without the utility's
consent, with intent to violate Ordinance No. 1983-3 of the
Ordinances of the Village of Hamersville, Ohio:

- (A) Tamper with an electric or water meter, conduit, or
attachment of a utility;
- (B) Reconnect an electric or water meter, conduit or attach-
ment of a utility that has been disconnected by the
utility.

SECTION 2. In a prosecution under this Ordinance, proof
that a meter, conduit or attachment of a utility has been tampered
with or reconnected without the consent of the utility is
prima-facie evidence that the person in possession or control of
the meter, conduit or attachment at the time of the tampering
or reconnection has tampered with or connected the meter, conduit
or attachment with intent to violate Ordinance No. 1983-3 of the
Ordinances of the Village of Hamersville. As used in this
Ordinance "utility" means any electric light company or water
works company as defined in Section 4905.03 of the Ohio Revised
Code, its lessees, trustees, or receivers, or any similar utility
owned or operated by a political subdivision.

SECTION 3. As used in this Ordinance, to "tamper" means to
interfere with, damage, or by-pass a utility meter, conduit,
or attachment with the intent to impede the correct registration
of a meter or the proper functions of a conduit or attachment
so as to reduce the amount of utility service that is registered
on said meter.

SECTION 4. Whoever violates this Ordinance shall be guilty
of a minor misdemeanor.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an
emergency Ordinance, necessary for the immediate preservation of

the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village of Hamersville, Ohio, in that it is necessary to stop the tampering with electric and water meters and to stop the theft of utility services and this Ordinance shall be in immediate effect upon its passage.

PASSED: 2/7/83

Daniel R. Wylie
Mayor

ATTEST:

Kary E. Mott
Clerk