

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01

**AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING THE VILLAGE WATER AVAILABILITY FEE
FOR THE VILLAGE'S WATERWORKS SYSTEM
FOR PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE VILLAGE OF HOPEWELL
WHO ARE NON-USERS OF THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the Village of Hopewell, Marshall County, Illinois (the "Village") operates a waterworks system that includes the acquisition, treatment, and distribution of water throughout the Village ("the System") in compliance with Division 129 of Article 11 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-129-1, *et seq.*); and

WHEREAS, Section 6 of Division 129 of Article 11 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-129-6) provides the Village with the authority to establish rates for the System at a level sufficient to pay for the cost of operation and maintenance of the System, including collecting funds for holding reserve for making future upgrades to System facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Village plans to undertake improvements to the System in the coming month and years, and the Village hereby finds and determines that a revision to the availability fee charged property owners who own lots in the Village and are non-users of the System ("Non-Users") is necessary and appropriate at this time; and

WHEREAS, the Village has previously determined that Non-Users also place a burden on the Village and the System by not providing funding directly related to use of the System for which the Non-User's property was developed and intended, and the Village hereby confirms, ratifies, and maintains this policy to ensure the long-term viability of the System and the necessary and proper funding of the System; and

WHEREAS, the Village hereby finds that it is in the best interests of the Village and its citizens that the Village's availability fee for Non-Users be adjusted and revised as provided herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HOPEWELL, MARSHALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:

Section 1. The recitals set forth above are found to be true and correct and incorporated into this Ordinance.

Section 2. Section 7 of Title 8, Chapter 3 of the Hopewell Village Code is hereby amended as follows (additions are indicated by underline; deletions by ~~strikeout~~)

§8.03.07 Availability Fee to Non-Users. The availability fee shall be established to provide revenue for maintenance of the water system. Non-User fees are as follows:

1. One hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) ~~Fifty dollars (\$50.00)~~ per lot per year if

such lot is currently identified as a non-user with no water meter. This applies to all non-metered lots regardless of ownership of other lots that may contain a home or meter in the Village.

- ~~2. Owners of multiple vacant lots not residing within the Village will be charged \$50.00 per vacant lot per year but not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per year.~~
23. Non-users will be billed thirty (30) days before the 15th day of July each year for the total amount due.

Section 3. This Ordinance is hereby ordered to be published in pamphlet form by the Hopewell Village Clerk and said Clerk is ordered to keep at least three (3) copies hereof available for public inspection in the future and in accordance with the Illinois Municipal Code.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby superseded and repealed by this ordinance, and any conflicts shall be governed by the ordinance.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and ten (10) day period of publication in the manner provided by law and upon the effective date provided herein.

**PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HOPEWELL,
MARSHALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN REGULAR AND PUBLIC SESSION THIS 18th
DAY OF February, 2025**

AYES: 4
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

APPROVED:


Village President

ATTEST:


Village Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

I, **Amanda Kolb** and the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Village of Hopewell, a municipal corporation of and in the County of Marshall, Illinois, that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2025-____, titled "An Ordinance Adjusting the Village Water Availability Fee for the Village's Waterworks System for Property Owners in the Village of Hopewell Who Are Non-Users of the Waterworks System", is a true and accurate copy of the Ordinance passed by the Village Board and President of the Village of Hopewell on the meeting date set forth therein, and that the Ordinance was published by me in pamphlet form this 23rd day of February, 2025, by making three (3) copies thereof available on that date for public inspection.


Village Clerk

