

VILLAGE OF ASHTON
**AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING THE OVERDUE BILL POLICY FOR WATER,
SEWER, AND GARBAGE FEES**

Ordinance No. 031422

THE VILLAGE OF ASHTON

COUNTY OF LEE

STATE OF ILLINOIS

Dated this 14th day of March, 2022

VILLAGE OF ASHTON, STATE OF ILLINOIS

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ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD
OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHTON, ILLINOIS
DATED THIS 14TH DAY OF MARCH, 2022

Published in pamphlet form by authority of the Village Board of the Village of Ashton, Lee
County, Illinois, this 14th day of March, 2022.


STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS.
COUNTY OF LEE)

CERTIFICATE

I, Catherine Koks, certify that I am duly appointed and acting Municipal Clerk of the
Village of Ashton, Lee County, Illinois.

I further certify that on March 14, 2022, the Corporate Authorities of such municipality
passed and approved an Ordinance by the name of **AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING THE
OVERDUE BILL POLICY FOR WATER, SEWER, AND GARBAGE FEES**, which
provided by its terms that it should be published in pamphlet form.

Dated at Ashton, Illinois this 14th day of March, 2022.


Catherine Koks
Catherine Koks, Municipal Clerk

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WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Ashton, Lee County, Illinois, have determined that it is in the best interest of the Village to modify the Ordinance Establishing an Overdue Bill Policy for Water, Sewer, and Garbage Fees;

WHEREAS, the Village of Ashton provides for water and sewer services as well as garbage pick up service to its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Ashton has suffered detriment based upon late payments of service fees from residents of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Ashton, Lee County, Illinois, have determined that it is in the best interest of the Village to decrease any grace period that may be allowed on delinquent payments and reduce the time before a user is subject to disconnection; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Ashton Board of Trustee's have determined it is in the best interest of the Village to extend to the delinquent customers the costs incurred by the Village for late payment, no payment and for the enforcement of payment for water, sewer and garbage fees to be paid to the Village of Ashton.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Village of Ashton, that Section II-III of the Ordinance Establishing an Overdue Bill Policy for Water, Sewer, and Garbage Fees be and is hereby modified as follows:

**SECTION II
DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS AND DISCONNECTION**

1. The Village Clerk shall send Notice of Delinquent Account for any water, sewer, garbage service fee not paid on or before the date that payment was due, indicating that the 15% interest penalty has been assessed along with the \$10.00 processing fee and that the service fee, along with the penalty is immediately due and payable.

2. This Ordinance does not require the Village Clerk to show proof of said Notice of Mailing for the purpose of any further disconnection or further collection procedure.

3. Any water, sewer, or garbage service fee remaining unpaid for thirty (30) days after the initial due date provided in the invoice for such service, shall be subject to disconnection by the Village of Ashton. The Village Clerk shall send notice of said disconnection indicating therein that within ten (10) days from the date of said notice, water, sewer, and garbage service will be disconnected and discontinued. An additional \$10.00 processing fee shall be applied to the unpaid

account at that time. Notice shall be mailed to the same address the water, sewer and garbage service bill is sent and posted on the primary entrance of the property.

4. There shall be assessed a \$100.00 disconnection fee and a \$100.00 reconnection fee for any service disconnected.

SECTION III PAYMENT OF DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

1. Payment of any water, sewer, and garbage service fee, determined to be delinquent as set forth hereinabove (not paid within thirty (30) days from the due date provided in the invoice for such service) shall include the current month due, total delinquent amount due, interest penalty due, processing fees, and disconnection and reconnection fees, if applicable.

2. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized to extend a payment plan to those delinquent accounts in excess of \$200.00 requiring the user to pay the current month due, 25% of the delinquent amount due, and disconnect/reconnect fees; thereafter the remaining balance of the delinquent amount is to be paid in three equal installments due on or before the due date provided in the subsequent invoices for such service. Should the user fail to make the subsequent delinquent payments as set forth hereinabove, or any subsequent water, sewer, or garbage sewer service fee on or before the due date provided therein, the water, sewer, and garbage service shall be disconnected and discontinued without further notice to the user.

3. The Village Clerk shall not extend this delinquency payment plan to any user previously extended the payment plan within the last twelve months.

4. Any user who becomes delinquent (not paid within thirty (30) days from the due date provided in the invoice for such service) requiring the Village to disconnect or discontinue water, sewer or garbage service for a second time in twenty-four months, shall not be extended the payment plan as set forth above, shall be required to pay all amounts due, together with any delinquent amount, interest penalty fees, disconnect/reconnect fee, before reconnection and shall pay in addition thereto a deposit equal to two months of the average water, sewer, and garbage fee for said user based upon their last twelve months of service at the time of payment.

SECTION IV

That the provisions in the sections of this Ordinance shall deemed to be separable, and the invalidity of any portion of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of the remainder.

SECTION V

That the provision in the sections of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be separable, and the invalidity of any portion of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of the remainder.

SECTION VI

That the Village Clerk is hereby directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form.

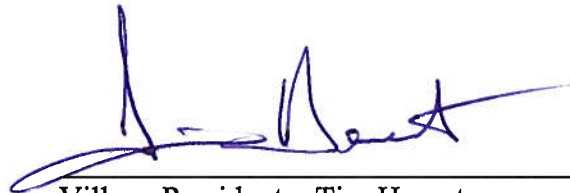
SECTION VII

That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval upon publication as required by law.

Passed the 14th day of March, 2022



Village Clerk – Catherine Koks



Village President – Tim Henert

<u>4</u>	Ayes
<u>0</u>	Nays
<u>2</u>	Absent
<u>0</u>	Abstain