

COUNCIL WORKSHOP ITEM

ITEM: Ordinance Revision – Water Termination Charges
DATE: March 7, 2001
PREPARED BY: Martin Lyons, Director of Financial Services
PURPOSE: To amend the Village Code to allow the Village to assess a water shut-off fee of \$50.00, even during periods of inclement weather where actual shut off does not occur.

DISCUSSION:

Presently, the Village Code allows the Village to charge a \$25.00 turn-off fee and a \$25.00 reconnection fee under Section 25-31. This fee can be assessed for a variety of reasons, including remodeling work or nonpayment.

During the winter months when it is difficult to access the Buffalo Box unit, which connects water services to the residents, staff is often unable to actually turn water off without considerable effort and expense. However, as a means of still enforcing our due dates, we feel it is necessary to charge a shut-off fee. By amending the Village Code to allow for the charging of a \$50.00 non-payment shut-off fee, we can continue to maintain our high level of water billing collections as compared to actual billings sent out. This amendment would not change the ability of the Public Works Department and Accounting Department to charge a \$25.00 turn-off and a \$25.00 turn-on fee for issues related to home remodeling or any other necessary service interruptions not related to nonpayment. If you have any questions regarding this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me.

ATTACHMENT:

Ordinance Section 25-31

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHARGES
RELATED TO TERMINATION OF WATER SERVICE**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, in DuPage County, Illinois, as follows: (Additions are indicated by shading; deletions by ~~strikeout~~.)

SECTION 1. That Section 25-31 of the Downers Grove Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

25-31. Extra charges.

Each water service connection shall be subject to additional charges, to the extent applicable from time to time, determined in accordance with the following table:

<u>Type of Charge</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Service fee for purpose of shutting off water service at buffalo box or meter, either at request of consumer or pursuant to Section 25-35, except that no charge will be made for shutting off or turning on water service for repair of leaks between the buffalo box and meter for a maximum of two consumer requests per leak. This fee shall be due and payable from and after either the date of actual shut-off or the shut off date specified in the notice described in Section 25-35, whichever is earlier.	\$25.00
Reconnection of service fee. This fee shall be due and payable from and after either the date of actual service reconnection or the shut off date specified in the notice described in Section 25-35, whichever is earlier.	\$25.00
Late fee for payments received after billing due date	10% of amount of delinquency
Handling and service charge for delinquent accounts determined under Section 25-33.	10% of amount of delinquency
Handling and service charge for all accounts that are notified of termination of services for non-payment	\$50.00
Disconnection of water service pipes.	Actual cost to Village

(Ord. No. 2942, § 1; Ord. No. 3379, § 4.)

SECTION 2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

Mayor

Passed:

Published:

Attest:

Village Clerk

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