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901.01 DEFINITIONS.

Wherever the words "street", "alley" and "sidewalk" are used in this chapter, such words shall mean that land lying between private lot lines and dedicated for public use.
(Ord. 2026-2. Passed 4-14-26.)

901.02 PERMIT REQUIRED; EXCEPTION.

Before any person, other than a duly authorized City officer or employee, performs any work within the City right-of-way or other public grounds in the City, such work including but not limited to: making an opening in, or excavation of, or removing, any surface within the City right-of-way, including any tree lawn, sidewalk, street, boulevard, avenue, alley, highway, driveway apron, such person shall file with the Service Director or his duly appointed designee, an application for a permit therefor. Such permit application shall include a site plan which will accurately reflect property lines, setbacks, and the location, kind, purpose and extent of the proposed work within the City right-of-way, and the number, purpose and size of any openings or excavations which are desired or necessary. No work within the City right-of-way shall be performed without application for and issuance of a permit by the City. A penalty fee of fifty -five dollars (\$55.00) shall be charged for work performed in the City right-of-way without such issuance of a permit.

Nothing herein contained shall be deemed applicable to any contracts with the City with respect to street openings. (Ord. 2026-2. Passed 4-14-26.)

901.03 PERMIT FEE, AND SURETY BOND OR DEPOSIT, REQUIRED.

If any work is to be performed within the City right-of-way for a purpose other than pursuant to a contract with the City, the applicant who it to perform the work shall pay to the City of Huron a non-refundable permit fee of fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) , which permit fee will cover the City's cost of reviewing such permit application, issuing a permit (if any), and performing two (2) inspections of the work site.

A Contractor who is to perform the work shall also have on file with the City the Ten Thousand Dollar (\$10,000) surety bond as required for Contractor registration under Section 901.04 and Chapter 1323.

Any applicant, other than a Contractor, who is to perform the work shall make a deposit with the City in the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each square foot of surface affected by such work or one thousand dollars (\$1,000), whichever is more.

The surety bond or deposit, as the case may be, will cover the City's cost and supervision of restoring the surface to its former condition if the applicant fails to do so in a reasonable amount of time, and will be released or returned to the applicant, subject to any deductions thereof pursuant to Sections 901.05, 901.06 and 901.08, upon the completion of the work to the full satisfaction of the Service Director. The amount of the deposit may be increased when the nature, size and location of the proposed work warrants such increase, which shall be determined by the Service Director or his duly appointed designee.
(Ord. 2026-2. Passed 4-14-26.)

901.04 CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

All Contractors who are to perform such work shall be registered with the City pursuant to Chapter 1323 of the Codified Ordinances and hold a valid City-issued Certificate.
(Ord. 2026-2. Passed 4-14-26.)

901.05 CONDITIONS OF PERMIT ISSUANCE.

As a condition of the issuance of any permit under this Chapter, which issuance is not guaranteed and is at the discretion of the Service Director, the applicant agrees to abide by all the provisions of any City ordinance and State law, and agrees, to take full responsibility and liability for any damages arising from such work, and agrees to reimburse the City for any additional costs incurred by the City for the defense of all lawsuits and settlement and payment of any and all claims, actions or judgments for damage to persons or property arising out of the work, and in

restoring the pavement to its former condition as necessitated by applicant's failure to do so. Such additional costs will first be taken from the surety bond or deposit submitted by applicant, and any excess costs will be billed directly to the applicant. Any remaining balance of the surety bond or deposit shall be released or returned to the applicant.
(Ord. 2026-2. Passed 4-14-26.)

901.06 BACKFILL AND RESTORATION SUPERVISION BY CITY; COST BORNE BY PERMITTEE.

All work performed within the City right-of-way under Section 9.02 shall be subject to the directions of and be performed under the supervision of the Service Director or his duly appointed designee as part of the required inspections under Section 9.03. All material removed from the opening or excavation during such work shall be carefully removed and handled to ensure proper containment, future reuse, and/or transport from the work site for disposal. After the work is done, as contemplated by the application for the permit herein referred to, the trench or opening The surface modified by such work shall be restored to its former condition under the supervision and direction, and to the satisfaction, of the Service Director or his duly appointed designee. Any costs incurred therefor shall be at the sole expense of the permit holder.
(Ord. 2026-2. Passed 4-14-26.)

901.07 PROTECTION OF OPENINGS.

All openings, excavations, obstructions or surfaces modified during such work shall be carefully guarded, protected or barricaded at all times, and during the night hours shall be defined by lights and such other precautions as shall be necessary to guard against accidents. The Service Director or his duly appointed designee may issue any additional orders as he deems proper which shall be implicitly and promptly complied with. At all times the work shall be done to cause the least inconvenience to property owners and the general public.
(Ord. 2026-2. Passed 4-14-26.)

901.08 FINAL INSPECTION; DEFICIENCY.

A final inspection of the work shall be conducted by the Service Director or his duly appointed designee, to ensure proper completion of such work, including compliance with 901.06. Should the applicant fail, refuse or neglect to properly complete such work to the satisfaction of the Service Director or comply with Section 901.06, the City shall cause the work to be so completed and the surface restored to its former condition. Payment for all such work ordered or performed by the City shall be applied against the applicant's surety bond or deposit. Should the cost of the labor and materials involved for such work by the City exceed the amount of the surety bond or deposit, the applicant shall be billed the balance due. If the invoice for such balance due is not paid within thirty (30) day safter billing, any balance due shall be recovered by legal action.
(Ord. 2026-2. Passed 4-14-26.)

901.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues. (Ord. 2026-2. Passed 4-14-26.)

CHAPTER 903

Sidewalk Construction

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CROSS REFERENCES

Notice to construct or repair sidewalks - see Ohio R.C. 729.03 et seq.
Construction or repair at owner's expense - see Ohio R.C. 729.04, 729.10

Division of Streets and Parks - see ADM. Ch. 149
Barricades and warning lights - see GEN. OFF. 521.03
Excavations - see S.U. & P.S. Ch. 901
Culverts, drains and ditches - see S.U. & P.S. Ch. 905
Sidewalks in subdivisions - see P. & Z. 1117.09, 1119.08

903.01 COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS OF CITY ENGINEER.

All sidewalks within the corporate limits of the City shall be constructed or repaired in accordance with the grade, plans and specifications as prepared by the City Engineer and to his satisfaction and approval. (Ord. 1962-20. Passed 7-23-62.)

903.02 PERMIT REQUIRED.

Any person constructing or repairing a sidewalk within the corporate limits of the City shall first secure a permit from the Division of Utilities. (Ord. 1962-20. Passed 7-23-62.)

903.03 EXCEPTIONS.

The provisions of Section 903.02 with respect to the requirement of a permit shall not apply to persons constructing or repairing sidewalks pursuant to notice served in accordance with Ohio R.C. Section 729.03 et seq.; however such persons shall comply with the requirements of Section 903.01 above. (Ord. 1962-20. Passed 7-23-62.)

903.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

CHAPTER 905

Culverts, Drains and Ditches

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CROSS REFERENCES

Notice to remove obstructions from culverts or covered drains, fill or drain lots- see Ohio R.C. 715.47

Notice to construct or repair curbs or gutters - see Ohio R.C. 729.03 et seq.
Division of Streets and Parks - see ADM. Ch. 149

Removal of obstructions from culverts, etc. - see GEN. OFF. 521.05

Pavements and curbs in subdivisions - see P. & Z. 1119.04

Rain carriers - see BLDG. 1363.10

905.01 INSPECTIONS FOR DEFECTIVE CONDITIONS.

(a) The Service Director, by and through the Zoning Official or his designee is directed and instructed to make periodic inspections and examinations of the position and condition of all culverts, drains or drainage ditches to determine the need, if any, for them to be reset, cleaned or replaced.

(b) The City shall have the authority to maintain, repair, deepen, widen or clean any and all ditches, watercourses or drainage improvements within the City and such authority includes the right of ingress to and egress from the ditch, watercourse or drainage improvement. No person, firm or corporation shall interfere with, prohibit or obstruct the City or its agents in the exercise of this right.

(c) Storage or processing of materials which are buoyant, pollutant, flammable, explosive, or could be injurious to human, animal or plant life in time of flooding shall be stored one and one half feet above the Base Flood Elevation, or suitably flood-proofed and protected.

(d) A Floodway Obstruction means any object in, along, across, or projecting into a portion of the floodway which may impede, retard, or change the direction of the flow of water either in and of itself or by catching or collecting waterborne debris, or that is placed where the flow of water would carry the same downstream to the damage or detriment of life or property. (Ord. 2018-34. Passed 1-8-19.)

905.02 NOTICE TO CORRECT DEFECTS.

In the event that the Service Director, by and through the Zoning Official or his designee finds and determines a drain, culvert or drainage ditch defective in construction, obstructed or inadequate in size so as to hinder, stop or interfere with the disposal of excess surface water, he is authorized and directed to inform the owner or the occupant of the property, on which the defect or inadequacy is found, of the unsatisfactory conditions and make recommendations in writing for replacement, resetting or cleaning as he deems necessary. (Ord. 2018-34. Passed 1-8-19.)

905.03 NEW INSTALLATION MATERIALS.

In all new construction of driveways drains or culverts and in all cases requiring replacement of existing culverts or drains, the drains or culverts shall be of corrugated steel or reinforced concrete tube and shall be not less than eight inches in diameter. (Ord. 1962-20. Passed 7-23-62.)

905.04 NEW INSTALLATION; COST BORNE BY OWNER.

In the event that new culverts or drains must be installed in the opinion of the Service Director, the owner or occupant of the property to be benefited shall, upon notice, have the duty of providing and installing the necessary drain pipe at his own cost and expense. All work shall be in accordance with the recommendations of the Service Director. (Ord. 1962-20. Passed 7-23-62.)

905.05 FAILURE TO COMPLY; CITY ACTION.

In the event any owner or occupant fails to provide and install the drain pipe, as required in Section 905.04, the Service Director is authorized to cause within fifteen days after notice, grading of the street so as to provide proper drainage and to prevent the obstruction thereof. Any expense incurred by the City shall be paid by the owner or occupant benefited by such improvement. (Ord. 1962-20. Passed 7-23-62.)

905.06 BUILDING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.

No building permit shall be issued by the Building Official unless and until the Service Director has examined the proposed building site and the proposed plans to determine if the applicant proposes to provide a satisfactory culvert or drain under the driveway of the premises and adequate lot drainage.

Upon completion of such examination the Service Director shall notify immediately the Building Official and the builder of his findings and recommendations.

No building permit shall be issued to any applicant until the recommendations of the Service Director are complied with.

No trucks or materials of any builder shall be permitted to have access to a proposed building site until all the provisions of this section have been complied with. (Ord. 1962-20. Passed 7-23-62.)

905.07 APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS BY COUNCIL.

The City's right and responsibility in the cleaning, deepening, widening and maintaining of all ditches, watercourses and drainage improvements shall be dependent on the appropriation and availability of funds for this purpose. (Ord. 2018-34. Passed 1-8-19.)

905.08 ENFORCEMENT.

(a) The City, by and through its Zoning Official or his designee shall have all authority conveyed to it by Ohio Revised Code 715.47 and may fill or drain any lot or land within its limits on which water at any time becomes stagnant, remove all putrid substances from any lot, and remove all obstructions from culverts, covered drains, or private property, laid in any natural watercourse, creek, brook, or branch, which obstruct the water naturally flowing therein, causing it to flow back or become stagnant, in a way prejudicial to the health, comfort, or convenience of any of the citizens of the neighborhood.

- (1) If such culverts or drains are of insufficient capacity, the City may make them of such capacity as reasonably to accommodate the flow of such water at all times. The City Council may, by resolution, direct the owner to fill or drain such lot, remove such putrid substance or such obstructions, and if necessary, enlarge such culverts or covered drains to meet the requirements thereof. After service of a copy of such resolution, or after a publication thereof, in a newspaper of general circulation in such municipal corporation or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, for two consecutive weeks, such owner, or such owner's agent or attorney, shall comply with the directions of the resolution within the time therein specified.
- (2) In case of the failure or refusal of such owner to comply with the resolution, the work required thereby may be done at the expense of the municipal corporation, and the amount of money so expended shall be recovered from the owner before any court of competent jurisdiction. Such expense from the time of the adoption of the resolution shall be a lien on such lot, which may be enforced by suit in the court of common pleas, and like proceedings may be had as directed in relation to the improvement of streets as provided in Ohio Revised Code §715.47.

(b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the Service Director by and through the Zoning Official or his designee determines that a citation shall be issued without causing written notice to abate said nuisance the Service Director by and through the Zoning Official or his designee may direct the appropriate law enforcement agency to cause a citation to be issued to the landowner, or person in charge of the premises upon which a nuisance does exist as defined by Section 521.05.

(Ord. 2018-34. Passed 1-8-19.)

905.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

CHAPTER 907 Trees

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CROSS REFERENCES

Power to regulate shade trees and shrubbery - see Ohio R.C. 715.20
 Assessments for tree planting or maintenance - see Ohio R.C. 727.011
 Injury or destruction - see GEN. OFF. 541.06

907.01 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings given herein.

- (a) "Person" means any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, contractor, company or organization of any kind.
- (b) "Street" or "highway" means the entire width of every public way, easement or right of way when any part thereof is open to the use of the public, as a matter of right, for the purposes of vehicular and pedestrian traffic, and includes alleys.
- (c) "Public place" includes all other grounds owned by the City.
- (d) "Property line" means the outer edge of a street or highway.
- (e) "Treelawn" means that part of a street or highway not covered by sidewalk or other paving, lying between the property line and that portion of the street or highway usually used for vehicular traffic.
- (f) "Public trees" means all shade and ornamental trees now or hereafter growing on any street, highway or any public places.
- (g) "Large trees" means those attaining a height of fifty (50) feet or more.
- (h) "Medium trees" means those attaining a height of twenty-five (25) to fifty (50) feet.
- (i) "Small trees" means those attaining a height up to twenty-five (25) feet.
- (j) "Principal thoroughfare" means any street upon which trucks are not prohibited. (Ord. 2023-13. Passed 6-13-23.)

907.02 RECOMMENDED TREES AND SHRUBS.

Upon approval of any permit, the applicant shall select an appropriate tree for replanting from the Recommended Tree List provided by the Planning and Zoning Department.

Whenever any tree or shrub shall be planted or set out in conflict with the provisions of this section, the City Manager, or his designee shall remove or cause removal of the same. (Ord. 2023-13. Passed 6-13-23.)

907.03 REMOVAL, REPLANTING AND REPLACEMENT.

(a) Wherever it is necessary to remove a tree or shrub from a treelawn in connection with the paving of a sidewalk, or the paving or widening of a portion of a street, alley or highway used for vehicular traffic, the City shall require the contractor or person to replant such trees or shrubs or replace them, removing all stumps below the surface of the ground; provided, that this requirement may be satisfied if an equivalent number of trees or shrubs of the same size and species as specified by the Shade Tree Commission are planted in an attractive manner on the adjoining property.

(b) No person or property owner shall remove a tree or shrub from a treelawn for the purpose of construction, or for any other reason without first filing an application and obtaining a permit from the City Manager or his designee, which application shall include a written finding by an arborist or tree-related professional reasonably acceptable to the City that such tree(s) and/or shrub(s) require removal. Such person or property owner shall, at his own expense, replace the removed tree or shrub in accordance with the standards, size and species set forth by the Commission. Such person or property owner shall remove at his own expense, any stumps to below the surface of the ground.

(c) When in good faith, the City Manager or his designee determines that a tree or trees located within a treelawn constitutes a hazard to the public's use of the streets, then the owner of the property abutting the treelawn shall, at his own expense, remove such tree or trees. Should any property owner fail to comply with an order of removal and/or replacement, and after prior written notice to the owner of the property that includes an estimate of costs for said tree removal and/or replacement, City may cause such tree or trees to be removed and/or replaced and the cost thereof to be assessed against the owner as provided by law. All expenses and labor costs incurred shall, when approved by Council, be paid out of City funds not otherwise appropriated. Council shall make a written return to the County Auditor of its action, with a statement of the charges for its services, the amount paid for labor and material, the fees of the officers serving such notices, and a proper description of the premises. Such amounts, when allowed, shall be entered upon the tax duplicate and be a lien upon such lands from and after the date of entry and be collected as other taxes and returned to the City.

(d) In the event the City enters a lien upon the tax duplicate as provided in subsection (a) hereof, the Finance Director shall certify to the County Auditor for recording such lien such that the amount due shall be divided into eight (8) semiannual payments and collected with the immediate and subsequent tax years as applicable. The Finance Director shall add to the amount due interest at the rate of the Federal Reserve Prime Interest Rate as of June 1 of the current year, but in no event an amount less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). (Ord. 2023-13. Passed 6-13-23.)

907.04 TREE SPECIFICATIONS; SPECIES, PLANTING, SPACING, DISTANCES.

- (a) Tree species shall comply with Section 907.02.
- (b) Spacing of trees shall be in accordance with the three (3) species size classes referred to in Section 907.02. No trees may be planted closer together than the following: Small trees - thirty (30) feet; medium trees - forty (40) feet; and large trees - fifty (50) feet, except in special plantings designed or approved by the Shade Tree Commission.
- (c) The distance trees may be planted from curbs or curblines and sidewalks shall be in accordance with the three (3) species size classes referred to in Section 907.02. No trees may be planted closer to any curb or sidewalk than the following: Small trees - two (2) feet; medium trees - three (3) feet; and large trees - four (4) feet.
- (d) No tree shall be planted closer than twenty (20) feet of any street corner, measuring from intersecting curbs or curblines. No tree shall be planted closer than ten (10) feet to any fire hydrant.
(Ord. 2023-13. Passed 6-13-23.)

907.05 TRIMMING OBSTRUCTIONS.

- (a) Any person or persons owning or occupying real property bordering on any street shall trim any trees or shrubs in such manner that they will not obstruct the passage of pedestrians on sidewalks, obstruct vision of traffic signs or obstruct the view of any street or alley intersection. The minimum height of any overhanging portion thereof shall be ten (10) feet above sidewalks and twelve (12) feet above all streets except truck thoroughfares which shall have a clearance of sixteen (16) feet.
- (b) Should any person or persons owning real property bordering on any street fail to trim trees or shrubs as here in provided, the City Manager or his designee shall order such person or persons to so trim such trees or shrubs within ten (10) days after receipt of written notice. The order required here in shall be served by mailing a copy of the order to the last known address of the property owner, by certified mail.
- When a person to whom an order is directed fails to comply within the specified time, the City shall trim such trees or shrubs and the exact cost thereof shall be assessed to the owner as provided by law.
(Ord. 2023-13. Passed 6-13-12.)

907.06 ABUSE OR MUTILATION OF PUBLIC TREES.

Unless specifically authorized by the City Manager or his designee, no person shall intentionally damage, cut, carve, transplant or remove any public tree or shrub; attach any rope, wire, nails, advertising posters or other contrivance to any public tree or shrub; allow any gaseous liquid or solid substance which is harmful to such public trees or shrubs to come in contact with them; or set fire or permit fire to burn when such fire or the heat thereof will injure any portion of any public tree or shrub.
(Ord. 2023-13. Passed 6-13-23.)

907.07 PROTECTION OF TREES.

All trees and shrubs on any street or other publicly owned property near any excavation or construction of any building, structure or street work, shall be protected with a good substantial fence, not less than four (4) feet high and eight (8) feet square, or at a distance in feet from the tree or shrub equal to the diameter of the trunk in inches at chest high, whichever is greater, and all building material, dirt or other debris shall be kept outside the barrier.

No person shall excavate any ditches, tunnels or trenches, or lay any drive within a radius of ten feet from any public tree or shrub without first obtaining permission from the City Manager or his designee.

(Ord. 2023-13. Passed 6-13-23.)

907.08 PLACING MATERIALS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

No person shall deposit, place, store or maintain, upon any public place of the City, any stone, brick, sand, concrete or other materials which may impede the free passage of water, air or fertilizer to the roots of any tree growing therein.

(Ord. 2023-13. Passed 6-13-23.)

907.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter shall be fined not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00). In addition, the person shall replace the tree with a size and species recommended by the City. Each tree affected by a violation of this chapter shall constitute a separate offense.

(Ord. 2023-13. Passed 6-13-23.)

CHAPTER 909 Assessments

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CROSS REFERENCES

Assessments - see Ohio R.C. Ch. 727, 729

Criminal activity as nuisance - see GEN. OFF. 501.13

909.01 LIGHTING PUBLIC PLACES.

(a) Council hereby establishes certain policies and procedures applicable to the levy of special assessments for the cost of lighting public places as set forth herein. This Council finds and determines that these policies and procedures are authorized by and consistent with the Ohio Constitution, the Ohio Revised Code and the Charter of the City, including but not limited to Sections 1.02, 1.03 and 9.03 thereof.

(b) By resolution or ordinance, Council may levy special assessments to pay costs of lighting certain public places.

- (1) The resolution of Council determining the necessity of the public improvement (the “resolution of necessity”) shall set forth:
 - A. The period for which those special assessments may be levied and collected,
 - B. The real property upon which the special assessments are to be levied,
 - C. The method by which the special assessments are to be levied and
 - D. Other matters as required or permitted by law.
- (2) For purposes of the proceedings for the levy of the special assessments, including but not limited to the resolution of necessity,
 - A. “Lighting” shall include exterior and interior lighting, security and emergency lighting, traffic and other signalization, other types of lighting as specified in the resolution of necessity and acquiring, constructing, installing, equipping and otherwise improving lighting facilities, creating reserves therefor and financing thereof (including debt service charges related thereto), and

- B. “Public places” shall include streets (including alleys, avenues, boulevards, highways and other roadways by whatever designation), bridges, docks, wharfs, piers, parks, recreational and cultural facilities, waterworks system facilities, sewer system facilities, facilities related to the construction and maintenance of streets, parking facilities, portions of other City facilities open to the public and other places as designated in the resolution of necessity, all such places owned by or otherwise controlled by (or subject to an easement in favor of) the City or for which the City has assumed the responsibility for providing lighting.
(Ord. 2005-39. Passed 7-25-05.)
- C. “Real property” means the land and any improvements made to the land. Assessments shall be made by the Erie County Auditor, or its designee, in such a way as to include this definition.
(Ord. 2009-7. Passed 2-24-09.)

909.02 CONSTRUCTION AND/OR REPAIR OF SIDEWALKS.

(a) Council hereby establishes certain policies and procedures applicable to the levy of special assessments for the cost of maintenance, repair and replacement of sidewalks as set forth in Section 521.06 of the Codified Ordinances and Ohio Revised Code Section 729.01, et. seq. This Council finds and determines that these policies and procedures are authorized by and consistent with the Ohio Constitution, the Ohio Revised Code and the Charter of the City, including but not limited to Sections 1.02, 1.03 and 9.03 thereof.

(b) By resolution or ordinance, Council may levy special assessments to pay costs of construction and/or repair of sidewalks in the manner set forth in Section 521.06 of the Codified Ordinances and Ohio Revised Code Section 729.01, et. seq.
(ORC 727.01, 729.03, 729.04; Ord. 2023-12. Passed 6-13-23.)

909.03 MAINTENANCE, REMOVAL AND/OR REPLACEMENT OF TREES.

(a) Council hereby establishes certain policies and procedures applicable to the levy of special assessments for the cost of planting, maintaining, trimming, and removing shade trees as set forth in Section 521.14, 907.03, 907.04 of the Codified Ordinances, and Ohio Revised Code Sections 727.01 and 727.011. This Council finds and determines that these policies and procedures are authorized by and consistent with the Ohio Constitution, the Ohio Revised Code and the Charter of the City, including but not limited to Sections 1.02, 1.03 and 9.03 thereof.

(b) By resolution or ordinance, Council may levy special assessments to pay costs of planting, maintaining, trimming, and removing shade trees in the manner set forth in Section 521.14, 907.03, 907.04 of the Codified Ordinances, and Ohio Revised Code Sections 727.01 and 727.011.
(ORC 715.20, 727.01, 727.011, 731.21, 133.17; Ord. 2023-12. Passed 6-13-23.)

**909.04 CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AS A NUISANCE; USER CHARGE FOR
EXCESSIVE CONSUMPTION OF PUBLIC SERVICES.**

(a) Council hereby establishes certain policies and procedures applicable to the levy of special assessments for the cost to abate a nuisance that has occurred, or is maintained and permitted, on property. The Collection of the costs for such excess police and health and safety services shall be by assessment against the property on which the nuisance, or activity constituting the nuisance, occurs, pursuant to the authority in the Ohio Constitution, Article XVIII Sections 3 and 7, the City's Charter, and the Ohio R.C. 715.44, 715.47, 3707.01 et seq., empowering the City to abate nuisances and collect the costs of such abatement by special assessment. This Council finds and determines that these policies and procedures are authorized by and consistent with the Ohio Constitution, the Ohio Revised Code and the Charter of the City, including but not limited to Sections 1.02, 1.03 and 9.03 thereof.

(b) By resolution or ordinance, Council may levy special assessments to pay costs for the cost to abate a nuisance that has occurred, or is maintained and permitted, on property and the costs for such excess police and health and safety services in the manner set forth in Huron Ord. 2023-44, and Ohio Revised Code Sections 715.44, 715.47, 3707.01 et seq. (ORC 3767.01, et seq.; Ord. 2023-44. Passed 12-12-23.)

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- Sanitary system in subdivisions - see P. & Z. 1117.08
- Storm drainage in subdivisions - see P. & Z. 1117.10
- Sanitary and storm sewers in subdivisions - see P. & Z. 1119.05 et seq.
- Rain carriers - see BLDG. 1363.10

911.01 GENERAL CONTROL OF SEWERS AND DRAINS.

All sewers and drains of every kind and nature within the lines of any street, alley or other public ground shall be under the general care and control of the Service Director.
(Ord. 1962-20. Passed 7-23-62.)

911.02 MANDATORY SANITARY CONNECTIONS; NOTICE.

No owner, agent, lessee, tenant or occupant of any lot or land located within the City shall establish, construct, use or maintain a privy, cesspool or other receptacle for sewage or excreta, or a connection to a private sewer, ditch or other outlet, if such lot or land is accessible to a public sanitary sewer constructed and used for the purpose of conveying sewage. When such public sanitary sewer is available or is hereafter made available, a connection to such sewer shall be established and used within thirty days after service of notice to connect to such public sanitary sewer.

Whenever an approved public sanitary or combined sewerage system is made available, any sewage disposal device or equipment on such property shall be abandoned and the sewage discharged directly from the building to such sewerage system through a properly constructed house sewer. Roof water, cistern overflow, surface or subsoil drainage shall not be discharged into sewage disposal equipment hereinafter specified. An abandoned sewage tank or other device or equipment for treatment or disposal of sewage shall be thoroughly cleaned, disinfected and filled to the ground surface with earth, ashes or other suitable filling material.
(Ord. 1966-23. Passed 4-11-66.)

911.03 SANITARY CONNECTION PERMIT AND FEE.

No connection with any main or branch sanitary sewer shall be made except upon application for a permit to make such connection. Application shall be made to the Division of Utilities for a permit. The fee for such a permit shall be five dollars (\$5.00).
(Ord. 1962-20. Passed 7-23-62.)

911.04 INSPECTIONS FOR ALL SEWER CONNECTIONS.

No person shall make any new connections into either the storm or sanitary sewerage systems until the same have been inspected by a designated City inspector. Such inspection shall be made after the storm or sanitary sewer is laid and before it is covered.
(Ord. 172. Passed 10-27-47.)

911.05 CONNECTION SIZE, QUALITY AND WORK.

All house sewer connections shall be of a uniform size of six inches internal diameter. All sewer pipe shall be of a quality and type as approved by the Superintendent of Utilities. All connections and any work contemplated shall be performed in a thorough manner to the approval and supervision of the Service Director. (Ord. 1962-20. Passed 7-23-62.)

911.06 SURFACE WATER PROHIBITED IN SANITARY SYSTEM.

No person shall drain surface water from his premises into the sanitary sewerage system of the City. (Ord. 172. Passed 10-27-47.)

911.07 DOWNSPOUTS AND FOOTER DRAINS.

(a) All downspouts now entering the City sanitary sewerage system shall be removed by the owners or occupants of the property, after receipt of ten days' notice from the City to remove the same.

(b) Footer drains shall be connected to the City storm sewer system wherever such system is reasonably available.

(c) Footer drains and sump pumps shall not be discharged into the City right of way unless properly connected to a storm sewer. All footer drains or sump pumps that are currently discharging into the right of way without proper connection shall be removed within thirty days from the effective date of this section. (Ord. 1991-20. Passed 7-8-91.)

911.08 SPILLAGE; PROHIBITED FLUIDS.

No person shall spill any turpentine, kerosene, gasoline, benzine, naphtha, coal oil or any product thereof, or any oil used for lubricating, illuminating or fuel purposes, or allow any of such fuels to escape to or upon any pavement or into any storm or sanitary sewer of the City. No person shall operate or permit to be operated any tank truck or other vehicle from which any of such fluids are permitted to escape. (Ord. 1962-20. Passed 7-23-62.)

911.09 DAMAGE OR IMPROPER USE.

No person shall injure, obstruct or destroy any public sewer or culvert or the grating or the openings of the same, constructed or owned in whole or in part by the City, nor shall any such sewer or culvert be used for any other purposes than that for which the same was constructed. (Ord. 1962-20. Passed 7-23-62.)

911.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

CHAPTER 915

Water Regulations and Rates

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CROSS REFERENCES

Power to regulate water system - see Ohio R.C. 715.08, 717.01, 743.01
 Compulsory water connections - see Ohio R.C. 729.06, 743.23
 Weekly deposit of water works money - see Ohio R.C. 743.06
 Water pollution - see Ohio R.C. 743.25
 Division of Utilities - see ADM. Ch. 151
 Backflow prevention - see S.U. & P.S. Ch. 917
 Water system in subdivisions - see P. & Z. 1117.07
 Water mains in subdivisions - see P. & Z. 1119.07
 Water line connections - see BLDG. 1359.05

915.01 APPLICATIONS FOR SERVICE.

Applications for water service shall be made at the office of the Division of Utilities.
 (Ord. 1983-32. Passed 12-5-83.)

915.02 CONNECTIONS OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS.

All service connections and plumbing outside the City limits shall be subject to the same rules as are provided herein for service within the City limits.
 (Ord. 1983-32. Passed 12-5-83.)

915.03 WATER TAP-IN CHARGE.

Water taps (service connections) within the City, including excavations, shall be made only by City personnel after payment of the appropriate charges determined in accordance with this section.

- (a) Property owners, or their authorized agents, desiring service connections laid from the main to the curb, shall make application for such service at the office of the Division of Utilities. Before any new water connection is made to the City water system, there shall be paid into the Water Fund for each residential unit to be served by each connection a sum of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00), and for uses other than residential, a tap-in fee based on the size of water service required, as approved by the City Manager, shall be paid in advance in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>TAP SIZE</u>	<u>METER SIZE</u>	<u>TAP CHARGE/FEE</u>
3/4"	5/8" X 3/4"	\$350.00
3/4"	3/4" X 3/4"	500.00
3/4" (Qty 2)	5/8" X 3/4" (Sprinkler)(Qty 2)	700.00
1"	1"	750
1"	1"	- - - plus - - -
3/4"	5/8" X 3/4" (Sprinkler)	750.00
1 ½"	1 ½"	1,200.00
2"	2"	1,600.00
3"		3,600.00
4"		6,000.00
6"		9,000.00
8"		12,000.00

- (b) In addition to the charges set forth in subsection (a) hereof, the following additional charges will apply and be payable in advance:
- Materials Charges (at current material pricing).
 - Labor Fee of four hundred fifty dollars (\$450.00) and Equipment/Service Fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each tap, regardless of size.
- (c) Additional Charges: There is an additional charge of \$200.00 if push required on any tap. (Ord. 2011-6. Passed 2-22-11.)

915.04 SERVICE CONNECTIONS.

No person except an authorized employee of the Division of Utilities shall be permitted to tap or make any connections with the water mains or distribution pipes of the City. When new services are being installed in sewer trenches, they shall be put on a shelf twenty-four inches from the sewer and shall not be located in driveways. No service pipe connections to the main by one corporation cock shall be extended into two distinct premises, dwellings, tenements or trailers. (Ord. 1983-32. Passed 12-5-83.)

915.05 INSTALLATION OF SERVICE PIPE.

The water tap service to the property line and the setting of the meter shall be made by the Division of Utilities or a contractor approved by the City Manager, and be under its control. The City in addition to the tap-in charge, shall be reimbursed by the applicant for the setting of the meter in accordance with the City rates then in effect.

If a water main extension is required to bring service to the premises of an applicant for water service, the cost of such extension may be charged to the applicant or assessed to the abutting property owners that would benefit by such improvement. (Ord. 1983-32. Passed 12-5-83.)

915.06 METER AND SHUT OFF CONTROL; CHARGES AND DISCONTINUANCE.

The curb shut off, corporation cock and water meter shall be under the absolute control of the Division of Utilities and shall not be tampered or interfered with or operated by unauthorized persons. Water may be turned on into premises only by an authorized employee of the Division of Utilities. Where the service is discontinued at the request of the owner, a reconnection charge of seventy dollars (\$70.00) shall be made. (Ord. 1995-26. Passed 12-11-95.)

915.07 ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS.

No additions or alterations in any pipe between the water main and the meter, or the change of any meter, shall be made without permission of the Division of Utilities. (Ord. 1983-32. Passed 12-5-83.)

915.08 REPAIRING SERVICE CONNECTIONS.

The Division of Utilities shall make all repairs or shall replace defective water service lines from the water main to and including the curb stop. In the event the party making a connection to the shut off causes a leak on either side of the shut off, then the property owner shall at his own expense, make the repair and if necessary replace the line to the main, under supervision of the Division of Utilities. (Ord. 1983-32. Passed 12-5-83.)

915.09 NOTICE OF DISCONTINUANCE.

Any consumer wishing to have his water service discontinued shall notify the Division of Utilities in writing at least twenty-four hours in advance or be subject to payment of full rates for the current term. (Ord. 1983-32. Passed 12-5-83.)

915.10 ACCESS TO PROPERTY.

The Service Director or his authorized employees shall have access at all reasonable hours to the premises supplied with water for the purpose of reading meters and to see that all rules are observed or to make any necessary examinations of plumbing and water fixtures. (Ord. 1983-32. Passed 12-5-83.)

915.11 METER READINGS AND ESTIMATE.

Meter readings shall be taken every three months and as near the same comparative date each time as possible. If the meter reader is unable to procure a reading after two calls on account of not having access to the meter, an estimated charge shall be made based on previous readings or similar services of the same use of water. If free access to read a meter is not made in a reasonable time, the water may be shut off until free access is provided. (Ord. 1983-32. Passed 12-5-83.)

915.12 MOVING METERS.

When a service line is replaced and the meter is located inside, the owner shall be required to move the meter to an outside meter pit. A meter that is located in a place that is not easily accessible shall be moved to an outside pit when so ordered by the Division of Utilities. (Ord. 1983-32. Passed 12-5-83.)

915.13 TAMPERING WITH METER.

If the Division of Utilities finds that a meter seal has been tampered with or broken by any by-pass inserted, and there is evidence that the meter has been tampered with in any way, the water shall be shut off and shall not be turned on again until the consumer or owner of the premises pays for the estimated quantity of water which has been used and not registered. All damages to the meter shall also be paid. (Ord. 1983-32. Passed 12-5-83.)

915.14 METERS DAMAGED OR STOLEN.

If a meter installed on the premises is stolen or is damaged in any way due to the neglect of the consumer or property owner, the cost of repairs or replacement shall be paid by the consumer or property owner. (Ord. 1983-32. Passed 12-5-83.)

915.15 METER TESTING; DEPOSIT AND REFUND.

The Division of Utilities shall, on deposit of twenty dollars (\$20.00) test a meter, subject to the following condition. If a meter is found to over register by an amount exceeding three percent (3%) the meter shall be repaired to register correctly, and proper reduction shall be made on the water bill. The deposit of twenty dollars (\$20.00) will then be refunded. If the meter does not over register by an amount exceeding three percent (3%), the twenty dollar (\$20.00) deposit shall not be refunded and the bill shall be paid as rendered. (Ord. 1983-32. Passed 12-5-83.)

915.16 BILLING; MINIMUM STATEMENT.

Water bills shall be made out and mailed in the name of the consumer. No bill shall be rendered for less than one day, prorated and based upon no less than one month's minimum service. (Ord. 1995-10. Passed 4-10-95.)

915.17 BILL PAYMENT; DELINQUENCY AND PENALTY.

Water bills shall be due and payable every three months as billed, at the office of the Division of Utilities on or before the seventeenth day of the month. If not paid when due, a ten percent (10%) penalty shall be added to the bill. If the bill is not paid in full by the date specified in the disconnection notice, the water supply shall be shut off.

If water is shut off for nonpayment, a charge of seventy dollars (\$70.00) shall be made for turning the water on again.

In the event a consumer submits a check to the City as payment for water service or refuse collection and such check is dishonored by the bank upon which it was drawn, the City shall add any bank charges it incurs by reason of such dishonorment as additional charges to the consumer's account with the City. (Ord. 1995-27. Passed 12-11-95.)

915.18 ORDER OF BILL PAYMENT.

Accounts for water service shall be paid in the order in which they are contracted.

The Division of Utilities may refuse to accept payment of an account except when each account is paid in the order incurred, to wit: payment of a current account shall not be accepted until all prior accounts for the same premises have been paid.

In the event the City renders a combined bill for water service and refuse collection, the payments received by the City from each consumer shall be applied first to the charge for refuse collection and the balance to the charge for water service. (Ord. 1983-32. Passed 12-5-83.)

915.19 WATER RATES.

Effective January 1, 2023 the following water rates shall be in effect:

- (a) For water bills rendered on and after January 1st, 2023, the sum of the minimum water availability charge by meter size (this charge does not include any water usage) and the water usage rates (consumption) per 100 cubic feet (ccf), regardless of meter size, referenced in Appendix A will be invoiced every three (3) months.
- (b) Non-resident water shall be supplied to customers residing outside the City Limits at the Non-Residents rate set forth in Appendix A, except in those areas covered by separate contracts.
- (c) Door Tag Fee. A water bill becomes past due if not paid by the invoice due date. Twenty-one (21) days after this date, a notification (door tag) will be issued at the property notifying the occupant of intent to disconnect service if payment is not made. When a door tag is issued, the water account will be assessed a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to recover costs incurred by the City.
- (d) Non-Sufficient Funds Fee. In the event a payment to the City is returned for any reason, a fee will be assessed to the water account in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to recover costs incurred by the City.

APPENDIX A

Effective January 1, 2023 the following water rates shall be in affect.

Meter Size (Inches)	Availability Charge	
	Residents	Non-Residents
5/8 x 3/4	\$52.11	\$57.32
3/4	\$52.11	\$57.32
1	\$68.23	\$75.05
1 ½	\$105.12	\$115.63
2	\$140.33	\$154.36
3	\$210.23	\$231.25
4	\$280.12	\$308.13
6	\$420.49	\$462.54
8	\$533.57	\$586.93
10	\$666.98	\$733.68
12	\$800.90	\$880.99

APPENDIX A (CONT.)

Meter Size (Inches)	Availability Charge	
	Residents	Non-Residents
Unit of Consumption Rate per 100 cubic feet (ccf)		
	\$2.73	\$3.00

Effective January 1, 2024 the following water rates shall be in affect.

Meter Size (Inches)	Availability Charge	
	Residents	Non-Residents
5/8 x 3/4	\$54.72	\$60.19
3/4	\$54.72	\$60.19
1	\$71.64	\$78.80
1 ½	\$110.38	\$121.42
2	\$147.35	\$162.09
3	\$220.74	\$242.81
4	\$294.13	\$323.54
6	\$441.51	\$485.66
8	\$560.25	\$616.28
10	\$700.33	\$770.36
12	\$840.95	\$925.05
Unit of Consumption Rate per 100 cubic feet (ccf)		
	\$2.87	\$3.16

Effective January 1, 2025 the following water rates shall be in affect.

Meter Size (Inches)	Availability Charge	
	Residents	Non-Residents
5/8 x 3/4	\$57.46	\$63.21
3/4	\$57.46	\$63.21
1	\$75.22	\$82.74
1 ½	\$115.90	\$127.49
2	\$154.72	\$170.19
3	\$231.78	\$254.96
4	\$308.84	\$339.72
6	\$463.59	\$509.95
8	\$588.26	\$647.09
10	\$735.35	\$808.89
12	\$883.00	\$971.30
Unit of Consumption Rate per 100 cubic feet (ccf)		
	\$3.01	\$3.31

Effective January 1, 2026 the following water rates shall be in affect.

Meter Size (Inches)	Availability Charge	
	Residents	Non-Residents
5/8 x 3/4	\$60.33	\$66.36
3/4	\$60.33	\$66.36
1	\$78.98	\$86.88
1 ½	\$121.70	\$133.87
2	\$162.46	\$178.71
3	\$243.37	\$267.71
4	\$324.28	\$356.71
6	\$486.77	\$535.45
8	\$617.67	\$679.44
10	\$772.12	\$849.33

APPENDIX A (CONT.)

Meter Size (Inches)	Availability Charge	
	Residents	Non-Residents
12	\$927.15	\$1,019.87
Unit of Consumption Rate per 100 cubic (ccf)		
	\$3.16	\$3.48

Effective January 1, 2027 the following water rates shall be in affect.

Meter Size (Inches)	Availability Charge	
	Residents	Non-Residents
5/8 x 3/4	\$63.35	\$69.69
3/4	\$63.35	\$69.69
1	\$82.93	\$91.22
1 ½	\$127.79	\$140.57
2	\$170.58	\$187.64
3	\$255.54	\$281.09
4	\$340.49	\$374.54
6	\$511.11	\$562.22
8	\$648.55	\$713.41
10	\$810.72	\$891.80
12	\$973.51	\$1,070.86
Unit of Consumption Rate per 100 cubic feet (ccf)		
	\$3.32	\$3.65

APPENDIX A (CONT.)

Effective January 1, 2028 the following water rates shall be in affect.

Meter Size (Inches)	Availability Charge	
	Residents	Non-Residents
5/8 x 3/4	\$66.52	\$73.17
3/4	\$66.52	\$73.17
1	\$87.08	\$95.79
1 ½	\$134.18	\$147.60
2	\$179.11	\$197.02
3	\$268.32	\$295.15
4	\$357.51	\$393.26
6	\$536.67	\$590.34
8	\$680.98	\$749.08
10	\$851.26	\$936.39
12	\$1,022.19	\$1,124.41
Unit of Consumption Rate per 100 cubic feet (ccf)		
	\$3.49	\$3.84

Effective January 1, 2029 the following water rates shall be in affect.

Meter Size (Inches)	Availability Charge	
	Residents	Non-Residents
5/8 x 3/4	\$69.85	\$76.84
3/4	\$69.85	\$76.84
1	\$91.43	\$100.57
1 ½	\$140.89	\$154.98
2	\$188.07	\$206.88
3	\$281.74	\$309.91
4	\$375.39	\$412.93
6	\$563.50	\$619.85
8	\$715.03	\$786.53

APPENDIX A (CONT.)

Meter Size (Inches)	Availability Charge	
	Residents	Non-Residents
10	\$893.82	\$983.20
12	\$1,073.30	\$1,180.63
Unit of Consumption Rate per 100 cubic feet (ccf)		
	\$3.66	\$4.03

Effective January 1, 2030 the following water rates shall be in affect.

Meter Size (Inches)	Availability Charge	
	Residents	Non-Residents
5/8 x 3/4	\$73.34	\$80.67
3/4	\$73.34	\$80.67
1	\$96.00	\$105.60
1 ½	\$147.93	\$162.72
2	\$197.47	\$217.22
3	\$295.83	\$325.41
4	\$394.16	\$433.58
6	\$591.68	\$650.85
8	\$750.78	\$825.86
10	\$938.51	\$1,032.37
12	\$1,126.97	\$1,239.67
Unit of Consumption Rate per 100 cubic feet (ccf)		
	\$3.84	\$4.22

APPENDIX A (CONT.)

Effective January 1, 2031 the following water rates shall be in affect.

Meter Size (Inches)	Availability Charge	
	Residents	Non-Residents
5/8 x 3/4	\$77.01	\$84.71
3/4	\$77.01	\$84.71
1	\$100.80	\$110.88
1 ½	\$155.33	\$170.86
2	\$207.34	\$228.07
3	\$310.62	\$341.68
4	\$413.87	\$455.26
6	\$621.26	\$683.39
8	\$788.32	\$867.15
10	\$985.44	\$1,083.98
12	\$1,183.32	\$1,301.65
Unit of Consumption Rate per 100 cubic feet (ccf)		
	\$4.03	\$4.43

Effective January 1, 2032 the following water rates shall be in affect.

Meter Size (Inches)	Availability Charge	
	Residents	Non-Residents
5/8 x 3/4	\$80.86	\$88.95
3/4	\$80.86	\$88.95
1	\$105.84	\$116.42
1 ½	\$163.10	\$179.42
2	\$217.71	\$239.48

APPENDIX A (CONT.)

Meter Size (Inches)	Availability Charge	
	Residents	Non-Residents
3	\$326.15	\$358.77
4	\$434.56	\$478.02
6	\$652.32	\$717.55
8	\$827.74	\$910.51
10	\$1,034.71	\$1,138.18
12	\$1,242.49	\$1,366.74
Unit of Consumption Rate per 100 cubic feet (ccf)		
	\$4.23	\$4.65

(Ord. 2022-55. Passed 11-8-22.)

915.20 WATER FOR SPRINKLER SYSTEMS. (REPEALED)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Former Section 915.20 was repealed by Ordinance 2022-55, passed November 8, 2022.)

915.21 MULTIPLE USERS OF METERS.

Effective January 1, 2023, in the case of multiple units being supplied by a single water meter, where the water system is such that it is not possible to meter each dwelling, the owner shall be billed for all availability charges and water used in the building and shall be responsible for payment of all invoices for all water consumed. In this multiple units being supplied by a single meter scenario, the first line item on the invoice shall be an availability charge based on the actual size of the meter supplying the property, and the remaining line items on the invoice will be for the additional units charged at the "standard" availability charge which would be at the 5/8-3/4 meter size. (Ord. 2022-55. Passed 11-8-22.)

915.22 TANK WATER SALES. (REPEALED)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Former Section 915.22 was repealed by Ordinance 2022-55, passed November 8, 2022.)

915.23 DELINQUENT BILLS TO BE A LIEN.

Water bills levied by or pursuant to Sections 915.16 through 915.22 that become delinquent as provided by the terms of such sections shall be subject to all available collection procedures including but not limited to being made a lien upon the premises served and if not paid within sixty days, may be certified to the Erie County Auditor who shall place the same on the tax duplicate of the County with interest and penalties allowed by law and to be collected as other taxes are collected. (Ord. 2012-12. Passed 5-8-12.)

915.24 WATER CHARGE ADJUSTMENT.

In instances where a leak occurs in a consumer water service between the water meter setting and the building and where it does not appear that the owner or the user of the property could be reasonably expected to know of the leak or to have had a fair chance to stop the same:

- (a) The owner's or user's water charges for the calendar quarter may be adjusted, upon approval of the Director of Service, and a reading made based upon the meter reading for the corresponding calendar quarter of the preceding year; or
- (b) Where the meter reading for the corresponding calendar quarter of the preceding year is not obtainable the adjustments in water charges are to be based upon the reading for the next following calendar quarter for that consumer based upon the approval of the Director of Service.

Fifty percent of the overage due to leakage in the water service shall form the basis for adjustment of the water charge.

(Ord. 1983-32. Passed 12-5-83.)

915.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

(Ord. 1983-32. Passed 12-5-83.)

CHAPTER 917
Backflow Prevention and Cross-connection Control

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Prohibition against connection with private, auxiliary or emergency water supply - see Ohio R.C. 6109.13

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917.01 CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL - GENERAL POLICY.

- (a) Purpose. The purpose of these Rules and Regulations is:
- (1) To protect the public potable water supply from contamination or pollution by isolating within the consumer's water system contaminants or pollutants which could backflow through the service connection into the public potable water system.
 - (2) To promote the elimination or control of existing cross-connections, actual or potential, between the public or consumer's potable water system and non-potable water systems, plumbing fixtures and sources or systems containing process fluids.
 - (3) To provide for the maintenance of a continuing program of cross-connection control which will systematically and effectively prevent the contamination or pollution of the public and consumer's potable water systems.
- (b) Application. The Rules and Regulations shall apply to all premises served by the public potable water system of the City of Huron, Ohio.

(c) Policy. The City of Huron shall be responsible for the protection of the public potable water system from contamination due to backflow of contaminants through the water service connection. If, in the judgment of the Water Superintendent, an approved backflow prevention device is necessary at the water service connection to any consumer's premises for the safety of the water system, the Superintendent of Water or his authorized representative shall give notice to the consumer to install such approved backflow prevention device at each service connection to his premises. The consumer shall immediately install such approved device or devices at his own expense, and failure, refusal, or inability on the part of the consumer to install such devices immediately shall constitute grounds for discontinuing water service to the premises until such device or devices have been installed.

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917.02 DEFINITIONS.

(a) The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of these rules and regulations:

- (1) "Air gap separation" means the unobstructed vertical distance through the free atmosphere between the lowest opening from any pipe or faucet supplying water to a tank plumbing fixture, or other device and the flood level rim of the receptacle.
- (2) "Approved" means that a backflow prevention device or method has been accepted by the supplier of water and the Director as suitable for the proposed use.
- (3) "Auxiliary water system" means any water system on or available to the premises other than the public water system and includes the water supplied by the system. These auxiliary waters may include water from another supplier's public water system; or water from a source such as wells, lakes, or streams; or process fluids; or used water. They may be polluted or contaminated or objectionable or constitute a water source or system over which the supplier of water does not have control.
- (4) "Backflow" means the flow of water or other liquids, mixtures, or substances into the distributing pipes of a potable water supply from any source other than the intended source of the potable water supply.
- (5) "Backflow prevention device" means any device, method, or type of construction intended to prevent backflow into a potable water system.
- (6) "Consumer" means the owner or person in control of any premises supplied by or in any manner connected to a public water system.
- (7) "Consumer's water system" means any water system, located on the consumer's premises, supplied by or in any manner connected to a public water system. A household plumbing system is considered to be a consumer's water system.
- (8) "Contamination" means an impairment of the quality of the water by sewage or process fluid or waste to a degree which could create an actual hazard to the public health through poisoning or through spread of disease by exposure.
- (9) "Cross-connection" means any arrangement whereby backflow can occur.
- (10) "Degree of hazard" is a term derived from an evaluation of the potential risk to health and the adverse effect upon the potable water system.

- (11) "Director" means the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency or his authorized representative.
- (12) "Double check valve assembly" means an assembly composed of two single, independently acting, check valves including tightly closing shutoff valves located at each end of the assembly and suitable connections for testing the water tightness of each check valve.
- (13) "Health hazard" means any condition, device, or practice in a water system or its operation that creates, or may create, a danger to the health and well-being of users. The word "severe" as used to qualify "health hazard" means a hazard to the health of the user that could reasonably be expected to result in significant morbidity or death.
- (14) "Interchangeable connection" means an arrangement or device that will allow alternate but not simultaneous use of two sources of water.
- (15) "Non-potable water" means water not safe for drinking, personal, or culinary use.
- (16) "Person" means the state, any political subdivision, public or private corporation, individual, partnership, or other legal entity.
- (17) "Pollution" means the presence in water of any foreign substance that tends to degrade its quality so as to constitute a hazard or impair the usefulness or quality of the water to a degree which does not create an actual hazard to the public health but which does adversely and unreasonably affect such waters for domestic use.
- (18) "Potable water" means water which is satisfactory for drinking, culinary, and domestic purposes and meets the requirements of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.
- (19) "Process fluids" means any fluid or solution which may be chemically, biologically or otherwise contaminated or polluted in a form or concentration such as would constitute a health, pollutional, or system hazard if introduced into the public or a potable consumer's water system. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - A. Polluted or contaminated waters;
 - B. Process waters;
 - C. Used waters originating from the public water system which may have deteriorated in sanitary quality;
 - D. Cooling water;
 - E. Contaminated natural waters taken from wells, lakes, streams, or irrigation systems;
 - F. Chemicals in solution or suspension;
 - G. Oils, gases, acids, alkalis, and other liquid and gaseous fluids used in industrial or other processes, or for fire fighting purposes.
- (20) "Public water system" has the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 6109.01 and 6109.02 of the Ohio Revised Code.

- (21) "Reduced pressure principle backflow prevention device" means a device containing a minimum of two independently acting check valves together with an automatically operated pressure differential relief valve located between two check valves. During normal flow and at the cessation of normal flow, the pressure between these two checks shall be less than the supply pressure. In case of leakage of either check valve, the differential relief valve, by discharging to the atmosphere, shall operate to maintain the pressure between the check valves at less than the supply pressure. The unit must include tightly closing shutoff valves located at each end of the device, and each device shall be fitted with properly located test cocks.
- (22) "Service connection" means the terminal end of a service line from the public water system. If a meter is installed at the end of the service, then the service connection means the downstream end of the meter.
- (23) "Supplier of water" means the owner or operator of a public water system.
- (24) "Superintendent of Water" means the Superintendent of Water for the City of Huron's water system.
- (25) "System hazard" means a condition posing an actual or potential threat of damage to the physical properties of the public water system or a potable consumer's water system.
- (26) "Pollutional hazard" means a condition through which an aesthetically objectionable or degrading material not dangerous to health may enter the public water system or a potable consumer's water system.
- (27) "Used water" means any water supplied by a supplier of water from a public water system to a consumer's water system after it has passed through the service connection and is no longer under the control of the supplier.
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917.03 WATER SYSTEM.

- (a) The water system shall be considered as made up of two parts: the public potable water system and the consumer's water system.
- (b) The public potable water system shall consist of the source facilities and the distribution system, and shall include all those facilities of the potable water system under the control of the City of Huron up to the point where the consumer's water system begins.
- (c) The source shall include all components of the facilities utilized in the production, treatment, storage, and delivery of water to the public distribution system.
- (d) The public distribution system shall include the network of conduits used for delivery of water from the source of the consumer's water system.
- (e) The consumer's water system shall include those parts of the facilities beyond the service connection which are utilized in conveying water from the public distribution system to points of use.
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917.04 CROSS-CONNECTIONS PROHIBITED.

(a) No water service connection shall be installed or maintained to any premises where actual or potential cross-connections to the public potable water system may exist.

(b) No connection shall be installed or maintained whereby water from an auxiliary water system may enter a public potable water system.

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917.05 SURVEY AND INVESTIGATIONS.

(a) The consumer's premises shall be open at all reasonable times to the Superintendent of Water, or his authorized representative, for the conduction of surveys and investigations of water use practices within the consumer's premises to determine whether there are actual or potential cross-connections to the consumer's water system through which contaminants or pollutants could backflow into the public potable water system.

(b) On request by the Superintendent of Water, or his authorized representative, the consumer shall furnish information on water use practices within his premises.

(c) It shall be the responsibility of the water consumer to conduct periodic surveys of water use practices on his premises to determine whether there are actual or potential cross connections in his water system through which contaminants or pollutants could backflow into his or the public potable water system.

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917.06 WHERE PROTECTION IS REQUIRED.

(a) An approved backflow prevention device shall be installed on each service line to a consumer's water system serving premises, where in the judgment of the Superintendent of Water or the Director, actual or potential hazards to the public potable water system exist.

(b) An approved backflow prevention device shall be installed on each service line to a consumer's water system serving premises where the following conditions exist:

- (1) Premises having an auxiliary water system, unless such auxiliary system is accepted as an additional source by the Superintendent of Water and the source is approved by the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency;
- (2) Premises on which any substance is handled in such a fashion as to create an actual or potential hazard to the public potable water system. This shall include premises having sources or systems containing process fluids or waters originating from the public potable water system which are no longer under the sanitary control of the Superintendent of Water;
- (3) Premises having internal cross-connections that, in the judgment of the Superintendent of Water, are not correctable, or intricate plumbing arrangements which make it impractical to determine whether or not cross-connections exist;
- (4) Premises where, because of security requirements or other prohibitions or restrictions, it is impossible or impractical to make a complete cross-connection survey;
- (5) Premises having a repeated history of cross-connections being established or reestablished;
- (6) Others specified by the Superintendent of Water or the Director.

(c) An approved backflow prevention device shall be installed on each service line to a consumer's water system serving, but not necessarily limited to, the following types of facilities unless the Superintendent of Water or the Director determines that no actual or potential hazard to the public potable water system exists:

- (1) Hospitals, mortuaries, clinics, nursing homes;
- (2) Laboratories;
- (3) Piers, docks, waterfront facilities;
- (4) Sewage treatment plants, sewage pumping stations, or storm pumping stations;
- (5) Food or beverage processing plants;
- (6) Chemical plants;
- (7) Metal plating industries;
- (8) Petroleum processing or storage plants;
- (9) Radioactive material processing plants or nuclear reactors;
- (10) Car washes;
- (11) Others when determined by the Superintendent of Water or the Director to pose a contamination potential.

(d) An approved backflow prevention device shall be installed at any point of connection between the public potable or consumer's water system and an auxiliary water system, unless such auxiliary system is accepted as an additional source by the Superintendent of Water and the source is approved by the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.
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917.07 TYPE OF PROTECTION REQUIRED.

(a) The type of protection required under Sections 917.06 (a), 917.06 (b), and 917.06 (c) of these regulations shall depend on the degree of hazard which exists as follows:

- (1) An approved air gap separation shall be installed where the public potable water system may be contaminated with substances that could cause a severe health hazard;
- (2) An approved air gap separation or an approved reduced pressure principle backflow prevention device shall be installed where the public potable water system may be contaminated with any substance that could cause a system or health hazard;
- (3) An approved air gap separation or an approved reduced pressure principle backflow prevention device or an approved double check valve assembly shall be installed where the public potable water system may be polluted with substances that could cause a polluttional hazard not dangerous to health.

(b) The type of protection required under Section 917.06(d) of these regulations shall be an approved air gap separation or an approved interchangeable connection.

(c) Where an auxiliary water system is used as a secondary source of water for a fire protection system, the provisions of Section 917.07(b) for an approved air gap separation or an approved interchangeable connection may not be required, provided:

- (1) At premises where the auxiliary water system may be contaminated with substances that could cause a system or health hazard, the public or consumer's potable water system shall be protected against backflow by installation of an approved reduced pressure principle backflow prevention device;
- (2) At all other premises, the public or consumer's potable water system shall be protected against backflow by installation of either an approved reduced pressure principle backflow prevention device or an approved double check valve assembly;
- (3) The public or consumer's potable water system shall be the primary source of water for the fire protection system;
- (4) The fire protection system shall be normally filled with water from the public or consumer's potable water system;
- (5) The water in the fire protection system shall be used for fire protection only, with no regular use of water from the fire protection system downstream from the approved backflow prevention device;
- (6) The water in the fire protection system shall contain no additives.
(Ord. 1997-38. Passed 10-27-97.)

917.08 BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICES.

(a) Any backflow prevention device required by these rules and regulations shall be of a model or construction approved by the Superintendent of Water and the Director and shall comply with the following:

- (1) An air gap separation, to be approved, shall be at least twice the diameter of the supply pipe, measured vertically above the top rim of the vessel, but in no case less than one inch.
- (2) A double check valve assembly or a reduced pressure principle backflow prevention device shall be approved by the Superintendent of Water, and shall appear on the current list of approved backflow prevention devices of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.
- (3) An interchangeable connection, to be approved, shall be either a swing type connector or a four-way valve of the lubricated plug type that operates through a mechanism which unseats the plug, turns it ninety degrees and reseats the plug. Four-way valves shall not be used as stop valves but must have separate stop valves on each pipe connected to the valve. The telltale port on the four-way valve shall have no piping connected and the threads or flange on this port shall be destroyed so that a connection cannot be made.

(b) Existing backflow prevention devices approved by the Superintendent of Water or the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency at the time of installation and properly maintained shall, except for inspection, testing, and maintenance requirements, be excluded from the requirement of subsection (a) hereof providing the Superintendent of Water is assured that they will satisfactorily protect the public potable water system. Whenever the existing device is moved from the present location or requires more than minimum maintenance or when the Superintendent of Water finds a hazard to health, the device shall be replaced by a backflow prevention device meeting the requirements of these regulations.
(Ord. 1997-38. Passed 10-27-97.)

917.09 INSTALLATION.

(a) Backflow prevention devices required by these rules and regulations shall be installed at a location and in a manner approved by and at the expense of the water consumer. In addition, any backflow prevention device required by Section 917.07 (b) and 917.07 (c) of these regulations shall be installed at a location and in a manner approved by the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency as required by Section 6109.13 of the Ohio Revised Code.

(b) Backflow prevention devices installed on the service line to a consumer's water system shall be located on the consumer's side of the water meter, as close to the meter as is reasonably practical, and prior to any other connection.

(c) Pits or vaults shall be of water-tight construction, be so located and constructed as to prevent flooding and shall be maintained free from standing water by means of either a sump and pump or a suitable drain. Such sump pump or drain shall not connect to a sanitary sewer nor permit flooding of the pit or vault by reverse flow from its point of discharge. An access ladder and adequate natural or artificial lighting shall be provided to permit maintenance, inspection, and testing of the backflow prevention device.

(d) Reduced pressure principle backflow prevention devices must be installed above ground level or floor level whichever is higher.

(e) The installation of any backflow preventer on a water service provides a closed system and some common problems may occur following the installation. Closed plumbing systems will not allow for thermal expansion of the water within the plumbing. When hot water heaters become activated, water will expand and can possibly increase the water pressure enough to activate the pressure relief valves on hot water heaters. If this problem does occur, the customer should be notified that for protection of the plumbing and the hot water heater, a special ball cock may have to be installed in their toilet tank or an expansion tank will have to be included into their plumbing system. Installation of either device will correct the thermal expansion problem. (Ord. 1997-38. Passed 10-27-97.)

917.10 INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE.

(a) It shall be the duty of the consumer at any premises on which backflow prevention devices required by these regulations are installed to have inspections, test, and overhauls made in accordance with the following schedule, or more often where inspections indicate a need:

- (1) Air gap separations shall be inspected at the time of installation and at least every twelve months thereafter.
- (2) Double check valve assemblies shall be inspected and tested for tightness at the time of installation and at least every twelve months thereafter.
- (3) Reduced pressure principle backflow prevention devices shall be inspected and tested for tightness at the time of installation and at least every twelve months thereafter.
- (4) Interchangeable connections shall be inspected at the time of installation and at least every twelve months thereafter.
- (5) Pressure vacuum breaker devices shall be inspected and tested for tightness at the time of installation and at least every twelve months thereafter.

(b) Inspections, tests, and overhauls of backflow prevention devices shall be made at the expense of the water consumer and shall be performed by personnel certified by the Ohio Department of Health and approved by the City of Huron as qualified to inspect, test, and overhaul backflow prevention devices.

(c) Whenever backflow prevention devices required by these regulations are found to be defective, they shall be repaired, overhauled or replaced at the expense of the consumer without delay.

(d) The water consumer must maintain a complete record of each backflow prevention device from purchase to retirement. This shall include a comprehensive listing that includes a record of all tests, inspections, repairs, and overalls. Records of inspections, tests, repairs, and overhauls shall be submitted to the City of Huron Water Superintendent within thirty days of completions. Annually the customer shall be notified by the Water Division that his backflow prevention device must be retested and given a list of certified testers. Once the device is tested, copies of the test should be forwarded to the Water Superintendent prior to July 1 of the current year.

(e) Backflow prevention devices shall not be bypassed, made inoperative, removed or otherwise made ineffective without specific authorization by the City of Huron and/or the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.
(Ord. 1997-38. Passed 10-27-97.)

917.11 BOOSTER PUMPS.

(a) Where a booster pump has been installed on the service line to or within any premises, such pump shall be equipped with a low pressure cut-off device designed to shut off the booster pump when the pressure in the service line on the suction side of the pump drops to ten pounds per square inch gauge or less.

(b) It shall be the duty of the water consumer to maintain the low pressure cut-off device in proper working order and to certify to the Superintendent of Water, at least once a year, that the device is operating properly.
(Ord. 1997-38. Passed 10-27-97.)

917.12 SPRINKLER AND IRRIGATION SERVICES.

(a) All services designated as sprinkler or irrigation shall be required to have an approved backflow prevention device installed in the sprinkler/irrigation service line downstream from the water meter and as close to the meter as practicable. Backflow prevention devices shall be a reduced pressure principle device conforming to the requirements of the American Society of Sanitary Engineers (ASSE) specification ASSE 1013 or a pressure vacuum breaker device conforming to ASSE 1020. Responsibility for installation, maintenance, repair, and annual testing of the approved backflow prevention device shall rest with the water consumer. Installation and testing of backflow prevention devices shall be in compliance with all applicable sections of the Rules and Regulations.

(b) In order to meet pertinent requirements of the Ohio Plumbing Code to insure proper operation, the City of Huron shall require the irrigation system services to be installed by a reputable plumbing contractor or irrigation services installer.
(Ord. 1997-38. Passed 10-27-97.)

917.13 FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS.

(a) All fire protection systems shall be protected with a double check valve assembly installed immediately following the main line valve inside the building. All rules and regulations apply regarding the backflow device, installation, repair, maintenance and testing.

(b) Where one line is connected to the public potable water supply to provide fire protection and water supply to the building, two separate backflow devices shall be required. The fire protection line shall be installed as listed above. The domestic water service shall branch off prior to the double check valve assembly and shall additionally be protected by a separate device to be determined by the Superintendent of Water. This installation shall protect the public water supply from backflow and the domestic water service from the fire protection line. All rules pertaining to backflow devices regarding installation, repair, maintenance and testing shall apply. (Ord. 1997-38. Passed 10-27-97.)

917.14 RIGHT OF ENTRY FOR INSPECTION.

The Service Director or his or its duly authorized representative shall have the right to enter at any reasonable time any property served by a connection to the public water supply or distributing system of Huron for the purpose of inspecting the piping system or systems thereof. On demand the owner, lessees or occupants of any property so served shall furnish to the Service Director any information which he may request regarding the piping system or systems or water use on such property. The refusal of such information, when demanded, shall, within the discretion of the Service Director, be deemed evidence of the presence of improper connections as provided in this chapter. (Ord. 1997-38. Passed 10-27-97.)

917.15 VIOLATIONS - DISCONTINUANCE OF WATER.

(a) The Superintendent of Water for the City of Huron shall deny or discontinue, after reasonable notice to the occupants thereof, the water service to any premises wherein any backflow prevention device required by these Rules and Regulations is not installed, tested, and maintained in a manner acceptable to these Rules, or if it is found that the backflow prevention device has been removed or by-passed, or if an unprotected cross connection exists on the premises, or if a low pressure cut-off device required by these Rules is not installed and maintained in working order.

(b) Water service to such premises shall not be restored until the consumer has corrected or eliminated such condition or defects in conformance with these regulations and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Water for the City of Huron.

(c) The Superintendent of Water may recommend to the City Manager to commence a legal action against customers who knowingly violate the terms and conditions of these Rules and Regulations. In addition, the City of Huron may recover all reasonable expenses for litigation, damage-related expenditures, and fines levied on the City of Huron by other parties. (Ord. 1997-38. Passed 10-27-97.)

CHAPTER 921
Illicit Discharge and Illegal Connection Control

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921.01 PURPOSE AND SCOPE.

The purpose of this regulation is to provide for the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the City of Huron through the regulation of illicit discharges to the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4). This regulation establishes methods for controlling the introduction of pollutants into the

MS4 in order to comply with requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit process as required by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA). The objectives of this regulation are:

- (a) To prohibit illicit discharges and illegal connections to the MS4.
 - (b) To establish legal authority to carry out inspections, monitoring procedures, and enforcement actions necessary to ensure compliance with this regulation.
- (Ord. 2013-38. Passed 9-24-13.)

921.02 APPLICABILITY.

This regulation shall apply to all residential, commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities responsible for discharges to the MS4 and on any lands in the City of Huron, except for those discharges generated by the activities detailed in Section 921.07 (a)(1) to (a)(3) of this regulation. (Ord. 2013-38. Passed 9-24-13.)

921.03 DEFINITIONS.

The words and terms used in this regulation, unless otherwise expressly stated, shall have the following meaning:

- (a) **Best Management Practices (BMPs):** means schedules of activities, prohibitions of practices, general good housekeeping practices, pollution prevention and educational practices, maintenance procedures, and other management practices to prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants to storm water. BMPs also include treatment practices, operating procedures, and practices to control site runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or water disposal, or drainage from raw materials storage.
- (b) **Community:** means the City of Huron its designated representatives, boards, or commissions.
- (c) **Environmental Protection Agency or United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA):** means the United States Environmental Protection Agency, including but not limited to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), or any duly authorized official of said agency.
- (d) **Floatable Material:** in general this term means any foreign matter that may float or remain suspended in the water column, and includes but is not limited to, plastic, aluminum cans, wood products, bottles, and paper products.
- (e) **Hazardous Material:** means any material including any substance, waste, or combination thereof, which because of its quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical, or infectious characteristics may cause, or significantly contribute to, a substantial present or potential hazard to human health, safety, property, or the environment when improperly treated, stored, transported, disposed of, or otherwise managed.
- (f) **Illicit Discharge:** as defined at 40 C.F.R. 122.26 (b)(2) means any discharge to an MS4 that is not composed entirely of storm water, except for those discharges to an MS4 pursuant to a NPDES permit or noted in Section 921.07 of this regulation.
- (g) **Illegal Connection:** means any drain or conveyance, whether on the surface or subsurface, that allows an illicit discharge to enter the MS4.
- (h) **Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4):** as defined at 40 C.F.R. 122.26 (b)(8), municipal separate storm sewer system means a conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels, or storm drains):
 - (1) Owned or operated by a State, city, town, borough, county, parish, district, municipality, township, county, district, association, or other public body (created by or pursuant to State law) having jurisdiction over sewage, industrial wastes, including special districts under State law such as a sewer district, or similar entity, or an Indian tribe or an authorized Indian tribal organization, or a designated and approved management agency under section 208 of the Clean Water Act that discharges to waters of the United States;
 - (2) Designed or used for collecting or conveying storm water;
 - (3) Which is not a combined sewer; and
 - (4) Which is not part of a Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) as defined at 40 C.F.R. 122.2.
- (i) **National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Storm Water Discharge Permit:** means a permit issued by EPA (or by a State under authority delegated pursuant to 33 USC § 1342(b)) that authorizes the discharge of pollutants to waters of the United States, whether the permit is applicable on an individual, group, or general area wide basis.

- (j) Off-Lot Discharging Household Sewage Treatment System: means a system designed to treat household sewage on-site and discharges treated wastewater effluent off the property into a storm water or surface water conveyance or system.
- (k) Owner/Operator: means any individual, association, organization, partnership, firm, corporation or other entity recognized by law and acting as either the owner or on the owner's behalf.
- (l) Pollutant: means anything that causes or contributes to pollution. Pollutants may include, but are not limited to, paints, varnishes, solvents, oil and other automotive fluids, non-hazardous liquid and solid wastes, yard wastes, refuse, rubbish, garbage, litter or other discarded or abandoned objects, floatable materials, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, hazardous materials, wastes, sewage, dissolved and particulate metals, animal wastes, residues that result from constructing a structure, and noxious or offensive matter of any kind.
- (m) Storm Water: any surface flow, runoff, and drainage consisting entirely of water from any form of natural precipitation, and resulting from such precipitation.
- (n) Wastewater: The spent water of a community. From the standpoint of a source, it may be a combination of the liquid and water-carried wastes from residences, commercial buildings, industrial plants, and institutions.
(Ord. 2013-38. Passed 9-24-13.)

921.04 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.

Compliance with the provisions of this regulation shall not relieve any person from responsibility for damage to any person otherwise imposed by law. The provisions of this regulation are promulgated to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the public and are not designed for the benefit of any individual or for the benefit of any particular parcel of property.
(Ord. 2013-38. Passed 9-24-13.)

921.05 CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, NUISANCES AND RESPONSIBILITY.

(a) Where this regulation is in conflict with other provisions of law or ordinance, the most restrictive provisions, as determined by the City of Huron, shall prevail.

(b) If any clause, section, or provision of this regulation is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the validity of the remainder shall not be affected thereby.

(c) This regulation shall not be construed as authorizing any person to maintain a nuisance on their property, and compliance with the provisions of this regulation shall not be a defense in any action to abate such a nuisance.

(d) Failure of the City of Huron to observe or recognize hazardous or unsightly conditions or to recommend corrective measures shall not relieve the site owner from the responsibility for the condition or damage resulting therefrom, and shall not result in the City of Huron, its officers, employees, or agents being responsible for any condition or damage resulting therefrom. (Ord. 2013-38. Passed 9-24-13.)

921.06 RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTRATION.

The City of Huron shall administer, implement, and enforce the provisions of this regulation. The City of Huron may contract with the Erie County Board of Health to conduct inspections and monitoring and to assist with enforcement actions.
(Ord. 2013-38. Passed 9-24-13.)

921.07 DISCHARGE AND CONNECTION PROHIBITIONS.

(a) Prohibition of Illicit Discharges. No person shall discharge, or cause to be discharged, an illicit discharge into the MS4. The commencement, conduct, or continuance of any illicit discharge to the MS4 is prohibited except as described below:

- (1) Water line flushing; landscape irrigation; diverted stream flows; rising ground waters; uncontaminated ground water infiltration; uncontaminated pumped ground water; discharges from potable water sources; foundation drains; air conditioning condensate; irrigation water; springs; water from crawl space pumps; footing drains; lawn watering; individual residential car washing; flows from riparian habitats and wetlands; dechlorinated swimming pool discharges; street wash water; and discharges or flows from fire fighting activities. These discharges are exempt until such time as they are determined by the City of Huron to be significant contributors of pollutants to the MS4.
- (2) Discharges specified in writing by the City of Huron as being necessary to protect public health and safety.
- (3) Discharges from off-lot discharging household sewage treatment systems existing prior to January 1, 2007 and permitted by the Erie County Board of Health for the purpose of discharging treated sewage effluent in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code 3701-29, or other applicable Erie County Board of Health regulations, until such time as the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency issues an NPDES permitting mechanism for household sewage treatment systems existing prior to January 1, 2007. These discharges are exempt unless such discharges are deemed to be creating a public health nuisance by the Erie County Board of Health. Discharges from new or replacement off-lot household sewage treatment systems installed after January 1, 2007 are not exempt from the requirements of this regulation.
In compliance with the City of Huron Storm Water Management Program, discharges from all off-lot discharging household sewage treatment systems must either be eliminated or have coverage under an appropriate NPDES permit issued and approved by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. When such permit coverage is available for systems existing prior to January 1, 2007, discharges from off-lot discharging household sewage treatment systems existing prior to January 1, 2007 will no longer be exempt from the requirements of this regulation.

(b) Prohibition of Illegal Connections. The construction, use, maintenance, or continued existence of illegal connections to the MS4 is prohibited.

- (1) This prohibition expressly includes, without limitation, illegal connections made in the past, regardless of whether the connection was permissible under law or practices applicable or prevailing at the time of connection.
- (2) A person is considered to be in violation of this regulation if the person connects a line conveying illicit discharges to the MS4, or allows such a connection to continue. (Ord. 2013-38. Passed 9-24-13.)

921.08 MONITORING OF ILLICIT DISCHARGES AND ILLEGAL CONNECTIONS.

(a) Establishment of an Illicit Discharge and Illegal Connection Monitoring Program: The City of Huron shall establish a program to detect and eliminate illicit discharges and illegal connections to the MS4.

This program shall include the mapping of the MS4, including MS4 outfalls and household sewage treatment systems; the routine inspection of storm water outfalls to the MS4, and the systematic investigation of potential residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional facilities for the sources of any dry weather flows found as the result of these inspections.

(b) Inspection of Residential, Commercial, Industrial, or Institutional Facilities.

- (1) The City of Huron shall be permitted to enter and inspect facilities subject to this regulation as often as may be necessary to determine compliance with this regulation.
- (2) The City of Huron shall have the right to set up at facilities subject to this regulation such devices as are necessary to conduct monitoring and/or sampling of the facility's storm water discharge, as determined by the City of Huron.
- (3) The City of Huron shall have the right to require the facility owner/operator to install monitoring equipment as necessary. This sampling and monitoring equipment shall be maintained at all times in safe and proper operating condition by the facility owner/operator at the owner/operators expense. All devices used to measure storm water flow and quality shall be calibrated by the City of Huron to ensure their accuracy.
- (4) Any temporary or permanent obstruction to safe and reasonable access to the facility to be inspected and/or sampled shall be promptly removed by the facility's owner/operator at the written or oral request of the City of Huron and shall not be replaced. The costs of clearing such access shall be borne by the facility owner/operator.
- (5) Unreasonable delays in allowing the City of Huron access to a facility subject to this regulation for the purposes of illicit discharge inspection is a violation of this regulation.
- (6) If the City of Huron is refused access to any part of the facility from which storm water is discharged, and the City of Huron demonstrates probable cause to believe that there may be a violation of this regulation, or that there is a need to inspect and/or sample as part of an inspection and sampling program designed to verify compliance with this regulation or any order issued hereunder, or to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, the City of Huron may seek issuance of a search warrant, civil remedies including but not limited to injunctive relief, and/or criminal remedies from any court of appropriate jurisdiction.
- (7) Any costs associated with these inspections shall be assessed to the facility owner/operator.

(Ord. 2013-38. Passed 9-24-13.)

921.09 ENFORCEMENT.

(a) Notice of Violation. When the City of Huron finds that a person has violated a prohibition or failed to meet a requirement of this regulation, the City of Huron may order compliance by written Notice of Violation. Such notice must specify the violation and shall be hand delivered, and/or sent by registered mail, to the owner/operator of the facility. Such notice may require the following actions:

- (1) The performance of monitoring, analyses, and reporting;
- (2) The elimination of illicit discharges or illegal connections;
- (3) That violating discharges, practices, or operations cease and desist;
- (4) The abatement or remediation of storm water pollution or contamination hazards and the restoration of any affected property; or
- (5) The implementation of source control or treatment BMPs.

(b) If abatement of a violation and/or restoration of affected property is required, the Notice of Violation shall set forth a deadline within which such remediation or restoration must be completed. Said Notice shall further advise that, should the facility owner/operator fail to remediate or restore within the established deadline, a legal action for enforcement may be initiated.

(c) Any person receiving a Notice of Violation must meet compliance standards within the time established in the Notice of Violation.

(d) Administrative Hearing: If the violation has not been corrected pursuant to the requirements set forth in the Notice of Violation, the City of Huron shall schedule an administrative hearing with the Board of Zoning Appeals or their designee to determine reasons for non-compliance and to determine the next enforcement activity. Notice of the administrative hearing shall be hand delivered and/or sent registered mail.

(e) Injunctive Relief: It shall be unlawful for any owner/operator to violate any provision or fail to comply with any of the requirements of this regulation pursuant to O.R.C. 3709.211. If an owner/operator has violated or continues to violate the provisions of this regulation, the City of Huron may petition for a preliminary or permanent injunction restraining the owner/operator from activities that would create further violations or compelling the owner/operator to perform abatement or remediation of the violation.
(Ord. 2013-38. Passed 9-24-13.)

921.10 RESERVED.

921.11 RESERVED.

921.12 REMEDIES NOT EXCLUSIVE.

The remedies listed in this regulation are not exclusive of any other remedies available under any applicable federal, state or local law and it is in the discretion of the City of Huron to seek cumulative remedies. (Ord. 2013-38. Passed 9-24-13.)

CHAPTER 923
Stormwater Management Fee

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923.01 CREATION OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FEE.

It is hereby declared necessary for the protection of the public health, safety, welfare and convenience of the City and its inhabitants to establish just and equitable rates or charges to be paid to the City for the use of such services which shall be used for the payment of the cost of stormwater management, maintenance, operation, repair, construction, reconstruction, and related costs associated with stormwater regulations and requirements.
 (Ord. 2017-16. Passed 5-23-17.)

923.03 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, and unless otherwise defined, words used in the singular shall include the plural, and the plural, the singular; words used in the present tense shall include the future tense. The word "shall" is mandatory and not discretionary. The word "may" is permissive. Words not defined specifically within this Chapter shall be construed utilizing the definitions cited within the Huron Codified Ordinances, and if not defined therein, shall be construed to have the meaning given by common and ordinary use as defined in the latest edition of Webster's Dictionary.
 (Ord. 2017-16. Passed 5-23-17.)

923.05 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FEE.

A quarterly service charge is imposed upon all real property in the City to fund stormwater management programs. This service charge shall be known as the Stormwater Management Fee.
 (Ord. 2017-16. Passed 5-23-17.)

923.07 STORMWATER FEE CLASSIFICATION AND COLLECTION.

(a) For purposes of determining the Stormwater Management Fee, all properties in the City are classified into one of the following classes:

- (1) Single Family Residential Property
- (2) Multi-Family Residential Property
- (3) Commercial and Industrial Property

(b) Single Family Residential Fee. The Council finds that the intensity of development of most parcels of real property in the City classified as single family residential is similar and that it would be excessively and unnecessarily expensive to determine precisely the square footage of the improvements (such as buildings, structure, and other impervious area) on each such parcel. Therefore, all single family residential properties in the City shall be charged a flat Stormwater Management Fee, of \$5.00 (five dollars) per quarter equal the base rate, regardless of the size of the parcel or the improvements.

(c) Multi-Family Residential Property. For the same reasons as stated in subsection (b) the fee charged shall be \$7.00 (seven dollars) per quarter.

(d) Commercial/Industrial Property. For the same reasons as stated in subsection (b) the fee charged shall be \$10.00 (ten dollars) per quarter.

(e) The Stormwater Fee shall be billed and collected quarterly with the monthly City's services utility bill for those properties within the corporate limits of the City utilizing the City utilities. The Stormwater Fee for those properties utilizing City utilities is part of a consolidated statement for utility customers which is generally paid by a single payment. The payments received by the City from each consumer shall be applied first to the charge for garbage, refuse, recyclables and yard waste, then to the charge for water service and the balance to be applied towards the stormwater fee.

(Ord. 2017-16. Passed 5-23-17.)

CHAPTER 925

Huron Public Power Regulations and Rates

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CROSS REFERENCES

kWh Tax - See R.C. 5727.81.
 Self-Assessment of kWh Tax - See R.C. 5727.81(C)(2); R.C. 5727.81(C).
 Service Boundary - See Article XVIII of the Ohio Constitution

925.01 DEFINITIONS.

As used herein:

- (a) "City" shall mean the City of Huron, Ohio.
 - (b) "Council" shall mean the City of Huron, Ohio, City Council;
 - (c) "Utility" shall mean Huron Public Power of the City of Huron, Ohio;
 - (d) "Customer" shall refer to an individual, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity receiving one class of service through one meter at one structure at one location, subject to these Codified Ordinances;
 - (e) "Landlord/Customer" refers to the owner of the structure and/or premises where electric service is being delivered if:
 - (1) The owner is different from the end consumer of electric service (e.g., an apartment tenant); and
 - (2) The owner is responsible for paying the Utility for delivery of electric service to the structure and/or premises.
 - (f) "Month" shall mean the elapsed time between two successive meter readings, approximately thirty (30) days apart;
 - (g) "Service" shall mean electric unless otherwise specified;
 - (h) "Meter" shall mean electric, unless otherwise specified.
- (Ord. 2025-18. Passed 8-26-25.)

925.02 RATES AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE.(a) Residential Service. [SERVICE NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE](b) General Service.

(1) Availability. Available to non-Residential installations requiring secondary, primary, or transmission voltage service. Where a Customer desires both single and/or three phase service, all service shall be metered through one (1) three phase meter and so billed, unless circumstances not under the control of the Utility make it impractical or not feasible to do so.

(2) Service. Service for General Service customers will be alternating current, 60 Hz, at nominal voltages of 120/240 or 120/208 single phase, or 120/208 or 277/480 three phase. Such service will be determined based on the location suitable distribution facilities, the capacity distribution facilities, and the location of the load to be served. At the Utility's discretion, other secondary voltages or service from primary or transmission facilities may be obtained from available facilities provided the Customer owns, operates and maintains all necessary transforming, controlling, regulating and protective equipment. All rates and services provided under this tariff shall be consistent with and in accordance with this Ordinance. The Utility will own and provide the transformation facilities up to 1000 kVa. For customers that exceed 1000 kVa, the customer shall be responsible for purchasing and maintaining the transformation facilities.

Customer will also be responsible for operating its facilities in a manner that complies with the requirements of this Ordinance.

(3) Power and Energy Charge; AMP Service Costs. Utility shall pass through all costs to Customer related to the Utility's purchase of energy, power, ancillary services, and other related services from American Municipal Power, Inc. ("AMP") regarding the provision of utility service to Customer.

(4) Customers who use at least 100,000 kWh per year may, enter into an agreement with the Utility regarding AMP's purchase and delivery of power and energy on Customer's behalf. Utility shall charge Customer each month for any and all costs incurred related to AMP's services as it relates to the Customer's utility service. The Customer must commit to be financially liable for all costs the Utility incurs purchasing power and energy on the Customer's behalf. In addition, the Utility may require the Customer to provide collateral as part of such any such agreement.

(5) Rates for Distribution Service. The distribution rate shall be charged on a per kWh usage basis in incremental blocks. The charge per kWh shall decrease as set forth in following blocks:

The first 0 - 100,000 kWh used during the applicable month:		\$0.028/kWh
The next 100,001 - 2,000,000 kWh used during the applicable month:		\$0.02/kWh
The next 2,000,001 - 8,000,000 kWh used during the applicable month:		\$0.0075/kWh
All kWh used above 8,000,000 kWh during the applicable month:		\$0.0035/kWh
All kWh used during the applicable month. Capital Rider		\$0.0005/kWh

- (6) Service Availability Charge. This charge will be flat fee charge on all accounts of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per billing cycle.
 - (7) Taxes. Customers under this schedule shall be subject to the applicable kWh Tax as specified in Ohio Revised Code 5727.81 and will be paid to the City via their monthly invoice.
 - (8) Cost of Connection: This is calculated as the cost to extend the distribution service to point of service and connection costs. This cost is to be paid by the customer, fifty percent (50%) upon invoice and fifty percent (50%) upon connection. Utility will reduce the cost of connection up to the actual amount of cost, based upon a calculation of one hundred percent (100%) of the expected revenue for the first twelve (12) months of service, or fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), whichever is less.
 - (9) Terms of Payment. If a bill payment is not received by Utility offices or by Utility's authorized agent on or before the specified payment date, Utility shall impose a late penalty fee of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bill or five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), whichever is greater, which will become due and payable as part of Customer's total obligation. Where the due date falls on a weekend or holiday, the due date shall be the next business day.
 - (10) Billing. Utility shall bill the Customer each month based upon actual usage. However, the Utility may also modify its billing practices to pre-bill Customer. Utility will provide Customer notice of any modification of its billing practices.
 - (11) Modifications to the Total Charge. Utility has the right to assess Customer charges related to regulatory events. Upon the occurrence of a regulatory event or change in law that results in a cost increase for the Utility, Utility shall give written notice to Customer that such event has occurred. Upon such event, Utility shall increase customer's rate to recover the increased cost, effective with the first month after such notice to Customer.
 - (12) Demand Measurement. The billing demand in KW shall be taken each month as the highest single 60-minute peak in KW as registered during the month by a demand meter or indicator.
- (c) General Service - Large. [SERVICE NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE]
- (d) Private Area Lighting Service. [SERVICE NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE]
- (e) Kilowatt Hour (kWh) Tax.
- (1) Applicability. The kWh Tax is based on actual kWh delivered to all Customers for all service (including the municipality) on the distribution system, excluding Federal facilities and will be invoiced on their monthly invoice. If no meter is used, usage shall be estimated. kWh usage is based on a thirty (30)-day billing cycle. If the billing cycle is more or less than thirty (30) days, the tax shall be based on the total of daily calculation during such billing cycle. All charges assessed under this tax shall be consistent with Ohio R.C. 5727.81.
 - (2) Self-Assessor. A Customer that is determined to be eligible for self-assessment by the State of Ohio under Ohio R.C. 5727.81(C)(2) shall pay the Utility the self-assessment amount as set forth in Ohio R.C. 5727.81(C).
(Ord. 2025-18. Passed 8-26-25.)

925.03 MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES FOR UTILITY SERVICES.

(a) Reconnection Charge. When a customer has previously requested disconnection and then request to be reconnected at the same service address, or if a reconnection is made subsequent to a service disconnection made not authorized by the Utility under these Rules and Regulations, a reconnection charge of fifty dollars (\$50.00) will be made if the reconnection is made during regular business hours. If the reconnection is made after business hours, the charge is seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).

(b) Dishonored Check Charge. Whenever a Customer pays a bill and the payment is either denied or returned to the Utility by the Customer's financial institution for lack of sufficient funds, the Customer will be assessed a dishonored check charge of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each payment returned.

(c) Meter Test Charge. The Utility shall test the meter at the request of the Customer. Such test shall be performed by an independent certified test facility. If the meter is found to be reading accurately, as defined in Section 925.05, subsection (e), the Customer shall pay all costs related to the test. (Ord. 2025-18. Passed 8-26-25.)

925.04 SERVICE AND PHYSICAL PROPERTY.

(a) Service Boundary. Unless waived by Council, the Utility shall exclusively supply all electric service within the corporate limits of Huron. Subject to Article XVIII of the Ohio Constitution, the Utility may extend service to Customers outside the corporate limits of the City.

(b) Application for Service/Required Installations Before Service. A Customer can apply for service from the Utility by contacting Utility and requesting electric service. The Utility, in its sole discretion, shall determine if the Customer is eligible for service. Utility shall make this determination based upon the adequacy of Customer's current facilities and whether safe and reliable service can be provided from existing facilities. If the Utility determines that certain upgrades are necessary for it to initiate electric service for the Customer, Utility shall inform Customer of the installations and/or upgrades that will be required before the provision of electric service. Unless otherwise addressed in this tariff, Customer shall be responsible for all costs of the installations/upgrades needed for the Utility to initiate safe and adequate electric service for the Customer.

A copy of the schedules and standard terms and conditions under which service is rendered to Customers will be furnished upon request at the Utility Office. The Utility Office shall determine which schedule is applicable to serve Customers. If a Customer desires delivery of energy at more than one point of service, a separate application shall be required for each separate point of delivery. Service delivered at each point of delivery shall be billed separately under the applicable schedule.

The Customer (or Landlord/Customer), after making proper application for service, shall notify the Utility when Customer desire service to be established. In no case shall the Customer, Landlord/Customer, Customer's agent, or Customer's employee turn on service. Service shall be turned on, upon the date specified, by an authorized agent of the Utility. If the Utility finds itself unable to establish service on the date specified, it shall notify the Customer as much in advance as possible and a new day shall be established by mutual agreement.

Where Landlord/Customer make application for service, the tenant(s)' name(s) shall be included on the application.

(c) Service Not Transferable. No person may commence the use of service until after making application therefore and requesting the Utility to turn on the service in accordance with subsection (b) above. In the event of the violation of this provision, in addition to other rights of the Utility, such person shall be liable for all electricity consumed in the premises. Any successor in interest to a Customer, including without limitation, heirs, executors, administrators, assignees, trustees, guardians, receivers, and conservators, shall be deemed to be a person who must make application for service, provided that any successor in interest whose rights arise from death or incompetence of the Customer shall have thirty (30) days in which to make application.

(d) Customer Indebted to Utility. Service will not be supplied to any premises if at the time of application for service, the applicant is indebted to the City or Utility for service previously supplied at the same or other premises, until payment of such indebtedness or other arrangement satisfactory to the Utility shall have been made. Unpaid balances of previously rendered final bills may be transferred and included on the initial or subsequent bill for a like service account. Such transferred final bills, if unpaid, will be part of the past due balance of the transferred account and subject to the Utility's collections and disconnection procedures. The transfer of final bills is limited to like service, i.e., electric-to-electric, residential-to-residential, commercial-to-commercial. The Utility may not transfer a delinquent Commercial Service account to any account where any end user is a Residential Service Customer.

(e) Service Connections. The customer assumes all responsibility for property owned by the Customer on the Customer's side of the point of delivery. For electric service, it is generally the outlet side of the meter box. The Customer is also responsible for the service supplied or taken, as well as for the installation of appliances used in connection therewith, and will save the Utility harmless from and against all claims for injury or damage to persons or property occasioned by or in any way resulting from such service or the use thereof on the Customer's side of the point of delivery.

When electric service is provided from an overhead system, the Customer's wiring must extend at least fifteen (15) inches beyond the building. Where a Customer installs service entrance facilities which have capacity and layout specified by the Utility, and/or install and use certain utilization equipment specified by the Utility, the Utility may provide or offer to own facilities on the Customer's side of the point where service wires attach to the building. All inside wiring must be grounded in accordance with the requirements of the National Electric Code, or the requirements of any local inspection service authorized by the City of Huron. When a Customer desires that energy be delivered at a point or in a manner other than that designated by the Utility, the Customer shall pay the additional cost of same. Where service is supplied from an underground distribution system, the Customer shall supply and install a continuous run of cable conductors, including necessary ducts from the transformer, manhole or connection box to the meter base. The Customer shall pay the cost of installing the portion of cable and duct from the property line to the terminus or cable outside the building. When a real estate developer desires an underground distribution system within the property which they are developing or when a Customer desires an underground service, the real estate developer or the Customer shall bear the costs for such underground facilities.

(f) Continuity of Service. The Utility shall furnish necessary and adequate service and facilities. The Utility shall not be liable in damages for failure to supply electricity, or for interruptions in service, and shall be relieved of its obligation to serve and may discontinue or modify service, if such failure or interruption is due to acts of God or the public enemy, military actions, wars, insurrections, riots, civil disturbances, vandalism, strikes, fires, floods, washouts, explosions, acts or orders of any civil, judicial or military authorities, and without limitation by the foregoing accidents, contingencies or other causes beyond the control of the Utility.

Without incurring any liability therefor, the Utility may also suspend service for such periods as may be reasonably necessary in order to make repairs to or changes in its facilities or other property; provided that the Utility shall keep a record of any interruption of service affecting its entire system, or a major division thereof, including a statement of time, duration and cause of interruption. It will also notify Customers affected by the interruption in advance of the contemplated work, and approximately how long the interruption will last.

Subject to Section 925.05, subsection (i), the Utility shall not discontinue service to any Customer without giving the Customer reasonable notice. Such notice shall be delivered either personally, electronically or telephonically when possible and practical. In circumstances, however caused, when time does not permit the giving of such notice in advance of a discontinuance of service or a change in services caused by circumstances beyond the control of the Utility, reasonable notice shall be given whenever possible and practical to all Customers affected advising them that service is off and of the time at which service is expected to be restored.

In the event that there has been an interruption of service to any premises, however caused, the Utility shall, before restoring such service, ascertain and assure itself that precautions have been taken to prevent accidents.

(g) Customer's Liability. In the event of loss or injury to the property of the Utility through misuse, or the negligence of, the Customer or agents of the same, the Customer thereof shall pay the cost of the necessary repairs or replacement to the Utility. No one except the agents of the Utility shall be allowed to make any internal or external adjustments of any meter or other piece of apparatus, which shall be the property of the Utility. The Utility shall have the right at all reasonable hours to enter the premises of the Customer for the purpose of installing, reading, removing, testing, replacing or otherwise disposing of its apparatus and property, and the right of entire removal of the Utility's property in the event of the termination of service for any cause.

(h) Service Not to be Disturbed. No Customer shall attach or use any appliance which may result in the altering of service provided through Utility's electric lines. Without prior approval from the Utility, no Customer shall attach or use any appliance or device which will increase, decrease or otherwise alter service provided through the Utility's lines to such extent as to interfere at any time with continuous service to other Customers.

(i) No Customer Shall Sell to Another. Service furnished by the Utility is for the sole use of the Customer and shall not be resold by the Customer except on written permission obtained from the Utility. The renting of premises with the cost of service included in the rental as an incidence of tenancy will not be considered a resale of such services.

(j) Access to Premises. Neither the Utility nor its agents or employees shall enter into the interior of any structure on the premises of a Customer without the express permission of such Customer except in cases of emergency. Any agent or employee seeking entrance into or upon the premises of Customer shall have and show symbols of identification. Any agent or employee seeking entrance to the interior of any structures on the premises shall advise the owner or occupant as to their purposes in doing so. Except in cases of emergency, no Customer shall be obligated to afford entrance or access to their premises except during normal business hours and then only to such parts of the premises as may be the location of the Utility-owned property.

(k) Right-of-Way. The Customer, without reimbursement, will make or procure conveyance to the Utility of right-of-way or right of entry and installed electric lines satisfactory to the Utility to permit the Utility to cross property between the Utility's lines and the Customer's property at the location where service is to be furnished, including property owned or controlled by the Customer for the Utility's electric distribution lines, extensions thereof or appurtenances necessary or incidental to the supplying of service to the Customer.

(l) Meter Furnished. The Utility will furnish each Customer with a meter and appropriate socket of such size and type as the Utility may determine will adequately serve the Customer's requirements. Such meter and equipment shall be and remain the property of the Utility, and the Utility shall have the right to replace it, as the Utility may deem necessary.

(m) Meter Location. The Utility shall determine the location of the meter. When changes in building or arrangements there render the meter inaccessible or exposed to hazards, the Utility may require the Customer, at the Customer's expense, to relocate the meter setting together with any portion of the Customer's service line necessary to accomplish such relocation.

(n) Only Utility Can Connect Meter. As used in this section, "Tamper" means to interfere with, damage, or bypass 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 attachments so as to reduce the amounts of utility service that is registered on the meter.

No customer shall tamper with a meter, conduit, or attachment of the Utility that has not been disconnected by the Utility. Customer shall not permit anyone who is not an authorized agent of the Utility to connect or disconnect the Utility's meters, or in any way alter or interfere with the Utility's meters. Proof that a meter, conduit, or attachment of the Utility has been tampered with is prima facie evidence that the person who is obligated to pay for the service rendered through the meter, conduit, or attachment and is in possession or control of the meter, conduit, or attachment at the time the tampering occurred has caused the tampering with intent to commit a theft offense.

Tampering with or bypassing a meter constitutes a theft offense that could result in the imposition of criminal sanctions.

(o) Meter Test. All meters shall be tested at such intervals and using such methods as may be prescribed by generally accepted standards. The meter shall be removed from the Customer's premises for such test and a substitute meter, newly tested, shall be installed in its place. After the meter has been tested and before it is returned to service at the same or a different location, it shall be adjusted to be accurate within three percent (3%) plus or minus.

The Utility shall also test the meter at any time, at the request of the Customer. If the meter is found to be correct, as defined below, the Customer shall pay the fee as listed in Section 925.03, subsection (c) for the testing. The date of inspection shall be stamped on the meter.

(p) Correct Meter. A meter registering between three percent (3%) fast and three percent (3%) slow shall be deemed for all purposes to be registering correctly. A meter registering incorrectly shall be replaced by the Utility at its expense.

(q) Indoor Wiring and Piping. For electric service, the Customer shall install and maintain, at the Customer's expense, indoor wiring from the outlet of the meter. The Utility shall have no obligation to install, maintain or repair said wiring.

(r) Appliances. The Customer shall install and maintain all electric appliances. The Utility shall have no obligation to install, maintain or repair appliances.

(s) Inspection of Altered Service. It shall be the duty of the Customer to notify the Utility promptly of any additions, changes, alterations, remodeling or reconstruction affecting service on the Customer's premises.

(t) Distributed Generation. No Customer shall operate any distributed generation facility to self-generate electricity or interconnect with the Utility's system without obtaining written authorization from the Utility. The Utility, in its sole discretion, may enter into an interconnection agreement with a Customer to allow the Customer to operate its distributed generation facility in parallel with the Utility's system. The Utility may establish a distributed generation policy and regulations governing the potential interconnection and operation of distributed generation within its service territory. "Distributed generation" shall mean all or part of a system of an electrical generator installed at or near the Customer's facility that is intended to operate in parallel with the Utility's system and generate electricity for the Customer or other customers. (Ord. 2025-18. Passed 8-26-25)

925.05 METERING AND BILLING.

(a) Quantity of Service Delivered by Meter. Meters installed by the Utility, which shall be and remain the property of the Utility, will measure electricity. Subject to certain exceptions, enumerated below, consumption shall be determined on the basis of the meter registration and bills shall reflect the consumption so registered.

(b) Billing Periods. Electric bills will be rendered by the Utility to the Customer on a monthly basis. Non-receipt of bills by Customer does not release or diminish the obligation of the Customer with respect to payment thereof. Electric meters will be read at monthly intervals.

(c) Estimated Bill. When the meter is not read, the Utility may estimate the quantity of service consumed and render a bill for such quantity.

(d) Incorrect Meter Readings/Billing. During any period that an incorrect meter reading is established, the meter reading and bills based there on shall be adjusted by the Utility on the basis of all available information concerning the use of service by the Customer.

Whenever the Utility has overcharged any customer as the result of a meter or metering inaccuracy or other continuing problem under its control, the Utility will, for the period of time that incorrect billings can be established, adjust the meter readings and billings to reflect available information concerning the actual use by the Customer. The reimbursement of overcharges shall take the form of a credit to the Customer's account.

Except as provided below, any underpayment as a result of a meter or metering inaccuracy, or other continuing problem, will be billed to the Customer. The Utility will, at the Customer's request, attempt to arrange a reasonable payment schedule in the event of underpayment. Should the amount of the adjustment be under bona fide dispute, the Utility shall continue to supply service and the Customer shall continue to pay all amounts billed until a final determination is made.

Whenever the Utility has undercharged any customer as the result of a meter or metering inaccuracy or other continuing problem under its control, the Utility may only bill the customer for the amount of the unmetered service rendered in the three hundred sixty-five (365) days immediately prior to the date the Utility remedies the meter inaccuracy. The Utility, in the first bill to collect the amount for unmetered service, shall state the entire amount that it seeks to collect. The maximum portion of the undercharge for unmetered service rendered that may be recovered from the Customer in any billing month shall be determined by dividing the amount of

the undercharge by twelve (or the corresponding number of adjustable months) and the quotient is the maximum portion of the undercharged that the Utility may recover from the Customer in any billing month, in addition to either regular monthly charges or any type or regular level payment amounts billed in accordance with an agreement between the Customer and the Utility. The time period over which the undercharge may be billed shall be twelve (or the corresponding number of adjustable months) consecutive months.

The Utility shall not recover any interest charge, service charge, or fee, whether or not a percentage is utilized for its computation, for the portion of billings due to incorrect meter readings as provided for under this section.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the customer from paying an undercharge or any portion thereof in a time shorter than that stated in this section. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the Utility from collecting an undercharge or any portion thereof in a time longer than that stated in this section.

This section does not apply to any act that is a theft offense, as defined in Section IV of these Rules and Regulations that involves tampering with utility equipment or theft of utility service, or where a physical act of a customer or its agent causes inaccurate or no recording of the meter reading, or inaccurate or no measurement of electricity rendered.

(e) Payment of Bills. The Customer shall pay bills at the Utility office during the regular office hours or to any of the Utility's authorized collecting agents during the regular office hours of such agent, or online available twenty-four (24) hours a day. Any remittance received by mail at any office of the Utility bearing U.S. Postal Office cancellation date corresponding with or previous to the last date on which said bill is payable "Net" will be accepted as within the net payment period.

Any payment received after 4:00 p.m. shall be processed during the next business day.

(f) Initial and Final Meter Readings. When service is terminated for any reason, the Utility will render a final bill addressed to the Customer's forwarding address, if known, or to the last known address, for the entire balance of the account, including a calculation from the last reading date to the requested final bill date. The Customer may request that the Utility attempt to obtain an actual final meter reading. However, the Utility may estimate the reading for the final bill date, or allow the Customer to provide the final meter read subject to the Utility's review for reasonableness, and if necessary, the actual reading.

All final bills are due upon receipt.

When the Customer begins use of service, an initial bill is normally rendered for the period from the initial date of service to the first regular meter reading date, this period normally being less than thirty (30) days, except no bill will be rendered if the period is less than seven (7) days. However, the Customer's usage for that unbilled period will be included and billed in the next month's bill.

The Utility may estimate the reading for the initial date of service. However, upon Customer request, the Utility will attempt to obtain an actual reading at the initial date of service or allow the Customer to provide the initial meter read.

(g) Deposits. A deposit of one hundred fifty percent (150%) of an average monthly bill may be required if the Customer at any time, or from time to time before or after service is commenced. Deposit criteria will be affected by, but not limited to:

- (1) Past general credit history;
- (2) Past payment history (with the City or Utility);
- (3) End use of service; and
- (4) Duration of service.

The Utility office shall have a reasonable time in which to ascertain that the obligations of the Customer have been fully performed before being required to return any deposit. Said deposit shall be credited to the Customer's account when payments have been made by the due date on twelve (12) consecutive months, unless the Customer's account has been terminated. The Customer, in writing, must request refunds. Where the account has been terminated, any remaining deposit not used to credit the account shall be directly reimbursed to the Customer within thirty (30) calendar days.

(h) Charges and Payment for Temporary Service. In addition to regular payments for service used, the Customer shall pay the cost for all material, labor, and other necessary expense incurred by the Utility in supplying service to the Customer at their request for any temporary purpose or use. The Utility may, at its option, require that any Customer for temporary service deposit with the Utility a sum equal to the Utility's estimate of the cost to be incurred by it for temporary service.

(i) Right to Discontinue Service.

(1) After giving notice as specified in subsection (j) below, the Utility shall have the right to discontinue service for any of the following reasons or purposes:

- A. Refusing reasonable access to the Utility's facilities;
- B. Non-payment of bills for service when bills are due;
- C. Failure to furnish or maintain a required security deposit; and
- D. Material violation of any of these Rules and Regulations not otherwise covered in this provision.

(2) The Utility shall have the right, without notice, to discontinue service, and disconnect and remove from the premises of a consumer, the meter and any other property belonging to the Utility for any of the following reasons or purposes:

- A. Non-use of service;
- B. Fraudulent representation or practice and theft of service; and
- C. Whenever deemed necessary by the Utility for safety reasons.

(j) Termination Procedures. It is determined that a Customer is delinquent in rendering payment for service when the billing for service remains unpaid after five (5) business days from the due date. Whenever a Customer is delinquent in providing payment for service from the due date of the bill, the Utility shall mail a Delinquency Notice to the Customer (and Landlord/Customer if applicable).

The Utility may, after proper and reasonable notice of pending termination of service (not less than ten (10) days), terminate the Customer's service during normal Utility business hours in compliance with the following condition:

- (1) No delinquent bill disconnections may be made after 12:30 p.m. on the day preceding a day that all services necessary for the Customer to arrange and the Utility to perform reconnection are not regularly performed.
- (2) On the day of termination of service, the Utility will provide the Customer with a Termination Notice, securely attached in a conspicuous location, prior to termination.
- (3) Those Utility employees who normally perform the termination of service will be authorized to either:
 - A. Be able to accept payment, or
 - B. Be otherwise able to make available to the Customer means to avoid disconnection.

Such employees at the premises shall not be authorized to make extended payment arrangements.

- (4) In conjunction with service to the Customer of the termination notice provided for herein, the Utility shall advise Customer of the business address, telephone number, business hours, and a Utility representative to contact in the event the Customer desires to dispute the reasons for such termination and of the Customer's right to complain or appeal to the Service Representative, should they or she be dissatisfied with the Utility's reasons for terminating service. Upon request of the Customer, the Utility shall provide an opportunity for review of the initial decision concerning such dispute.
- (5) The notice of termination sent to the service address (and billing address, if different) shall be in writing, and shall:
 - A. Identify the amount owed, the date which service may be terminated, and the reason for termination; and
 - B. Include an explanation of the payment alternatives available to a Customer whose account is delinquent.

Termination of service due to nonpayment is prohibited without the approval of Council when the termination of service would make operation of necessary medical or life-supporting equipment, known by the Utility to be in service, impossible or impractical. Service shall not be terminated if the Customer enters into and makes payments in accordance with an extended payment plan.

If a guarantor is required to reestablish service, the guarantor must sign an acknowledgment or willingness to accept the responsibility for payment of the Customer's bill in case of the Customer's default.

(k) Landlord-Tenant Provision. The Utility may terminate utility service to individuals whose utility services are included in rental payments and of consumers residing in master-metered premises owned by Landlord/Customers, in accordance with the following:

- (1) The Utility has provided the notices as required by provisions of these Rules and Regulations. The Utility in its Delinquency Notice must:
 - A. Summarize the remedies tenants may choose to prevent disconnection or to have service reconnected; and
 - B. Inform tenants that a list of procedures and forms to prevent disconnection or to have service reconnected are available from the Utility upon request.
- (2) Customers inquiring in response to the posted notice shall be informed of the amount due for the current month's service and that by submitting a single payment to the utility in that amount, tenants may prevent disconnection of service.
- (3) Payment by tenants equal to or exceeding the Landlord/Customer's current utility service bill for those premises shall be credited to the appropriate account, provided that the Utility is under no obligation to accept partial payment from individual tenants and may choose to accept only a single payment from a representative acting on behalf of all tenants.
- (4) The Utility shall not disconnect service to master-metered premises when:
 - A. A tenant delivers to the Utility a copy of the written notice signed by fifty percent (50%) or more of the tenants of the occupied dwelling units, which notice shall designate the imminent disconnection of utility service (as shown by the disconnection notices received) as reason for the notice;

- B. A tenant informs the Utility in writing of the date of the last day on which rent may be paid before a penalty is assessed or the date on which default on the lease or rental agreement can be claimed; and
 - C. The tenants who sign the disconnection notice timely invoke the remedies provided below:
 - i. Deposit all rent that is due and thereafter becomes due to the landlord, with the clerk of the municipal or county court having jurisdiction; and
 - ii. Apply to the court for an order to use the rent deposited to remedy the condition or conditions specified in the tenant's notice to the landlord (including but not necessarily limited to payment to the Utility rendering the disconnection notice).
- (5) If service has been terminated to consumers whose utility services are included in rental payments or who are residing in master-metered premises, the Utility shall inform the consumers upon their inquiry that service will be reconnected upon payment of the amount due for the current month's service plus any reconnection charge if such payment is made within fourteen (14) days of termination, and that service will continue so long as payment for each month's service (based upon actual or estimated consumption) is made by the tenant's representative by the due date of the bill thereof. If the Customers choose to have their service reconnected by paying the current month's bill and payment is not made by the due date each month, the Utility shall post the notice in a conspicuous location on the premises and make a good faith effort by mail or otherwise to notify each household unit of a multi-unit dwelling or tenant receiving service in the master-metered premises of the impending service termination. The Utility shall not be required to reconnect service pursuant to this paragraph where the landlord resides on the premises.
- (6) Concurrent with the effective date of this rule, the Landlord/Customer must be the designated customer on all new applications accepted by the Utility for service to residential master-metered premises. Utility acceptance of new applications for service to master-metered premises is dependent on the designated Landlord/Customer providing the Utility an accurate list specifying the individual mailing addresses of each unit served at the master-metered premises. The Landlord/Customer, in a timely fashion, must update such list.

(l) Change of Address of Customer. When a Customer changes address, they shall give notice of intent to do so to the Utility prior to the date of change. The Customer shall be responsible for all service supplied to the former premises until such notice has been received and the Utility has had a reasonable time, but not less than three (3) regular business days, to discontinue service.

(m) Change in Tenancy or Ownership. At such time as the Utility is notified of a change of tenancy or ownership, the Utility shall make a final meter reading and prepare and mail a final bill. The former Customer is responsible for all service supplied to the premises until such final notice has been received and the Utility has had a reasonable time to make a final meter reading. Reasonable time is defined as being three (3) regular business days.
(Ord. 2025-18. Passed 8-26-25.)

925.06 GENERAL.

(a) These Rules and Regulations are subject to, and include as part thereof, all orders, rules, and regulations applicable to the Utility from time to time issued or established by the City of Huron City Council under its emergency powers.

(b) The Utility reserves the right to make such further policies regulating utility service in order to carry out the purposes of these Rules and Regulations as experience may suggest, and as the Utility may deem necessary or convenient in the conduct of its business.

(c) These Rules and Regulations shall not apply during periods of shortage in the supply of electricity available to the Utility, to the extent that compliance by the Utility with such Rules and Regulations is precluded by the shortage in supply. During periods of shortage of supply to the Utility, restrictions on new service and curtailment of existing service shall be governed strictly by the Utility.

(d) Disputes arising from the Rules and Regulations between Customers and the Utility shall be resolved, to the best of its ability, by Utility personnel. Decisions or actions taken by Utility personnel may be appealed by the Customer to the City Council.
(Ord. 2025-18. Passed 8-26-25.)

TITLE FIVE - Other Public Services

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CHAPTER 931

Garbage, Rubbish and Recyclable Material Collection

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CROSS REFERENCES

Collection and disposal of garbage - see Ohio R.C. 715.43,
717.01

Division of Utilities - see ADM. Ch. 151

Vehicle loads dropping, sifting, leaking - see TRAF. 339.08

Discharging sanitary sewage from watercraft prohibited - see
TRAF. 381.32

Littering - see GEN. OFF. 521.08

Garbage disposal - see BLDG. 1359.06, 1367.04

Rubbish storage and disposal - see BLDG. 1359.07, 1367.03

931.01 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter the following definitions apply:

- (a) "City" means the City of Huron, Ohio.
- (b) "Contractor" means the person, firm or corporation with whom the City has entered into a contract for the collection and disposal of garbage, rubbish and/or recyclable materials within the City.
- (c) "Garbage" includes offal and every accumulation of waste, fish, fowl, fruit, vegetable and animal matter.

- (d) "Rubbish" means all other nonorganic waste matter but does not include any material such as earth, sand, brick, stone, plaster, brush or substance that may be accumulated as a result of any construction operations, new or old, or the dismantling or razing of any structure or the remodeling of any house or building. The City will not collect such items under the provisions of this chapter.
- (e) "Recyclable materials" means newsprint, metals, plastics and glass.
- (f) "Residential owner, tenant or occupant" means a residential dwelling unit which is one or more rooms arranged for the use of one or more individuals living together as a single housekeeping unit, with cooking, living, sanitary and sleeping facilities.
(Ord. 1991-6. Passed 2-25-91.)

931.02 CONTAINERS.

(a) All residential customers subject to citywide refuse collections shall utilize the appropriate refuse and recyclable containers as provided by the hauler. All containers for garbage and rubbish shall be constructed of heavy plastic or of metal properly protected with galvanized, painted or porcelainized finish; shall have a capacity of not less than sixty-five gallons nor more than ninety five gallons; shall be constructed so as to be watertight, with suitable handles on the outside and fitted with a tight cover which shall not be removed except when necessary in the use of such container. All plastic bags shall be securely bound at the top so as to remain watertight collection.

(b) Container systems such as Roto-Pac and Leach Containers may be substituted for the containers described in subsection (a) hereof for use in garbage or rubbish collection from commercial or industrial establishments at the option of the contractor.

(c) Every residential owner, tenant or occupant shall keep such containers at the rear of each residential building except on the specified day of collection when the residential owner, tenant or occupant shall cause the container to be placed at or near the street curb or berm for collection. The contractor shall not be obligated, as a service to be rendered under his contract with the City, to empty any container not placed in the manner provided above.

(d) Containers for the collection of recyclable materials means those containers furnished by the contractor to each residential owner, tenant or occupant.
(Ord. 2017-15. Passed 5-23-17.)

931.03 GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS.

(a) The Director of Service shall divide the City into districts for the purpose of establishing collection routes. Each route shall be established so as to permit the contractor to collect garbage, rubbish and recyclable materials from each residential owner, tenant or occupant once each week, on the same day of each week between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and garbage and rubbish from commercial and industrial establishments three times each week on the same days of each week between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. provided, however, that a different schedule may be established by the Director of Service for those commercial and industrial establishments using a container system.

(b) The City shall collect each week for each residential owner, tenant or occupant up to ninety five gallons of garbage and/or rubbish.

(c) The contractor is not obligated under its contract with the City to collect and dispose of any garbage or rubbish which has not been placed in an approved container as defined in Section 931.02 by a residential owner, tenant or occupant or the owner or operator of a commercial or industrial establishment; therefore, the City will not collect and dispose of any garbage or rubbish which does not comply with this provision.
(Ord. 2017-15. Passed 5-23-17.)

931.04 RATES FOR COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

For the period of January 2026 through December 2026 each dwelling unit shall be charged the amount of three hundred twenty-four dollars and eighty-four cents (\$324.84) per dwelling unit (twenty-seven dollars and seven cents (\$27.07) per month) for solid waste collection and disposal;
(Ord. 2025-21. Passed 8-26-25.)

- (1) All bills for collection and disposal of garbage, refuse, recyclable materials and yard waste shall be rendered and paid quarterly.
- (2) The bills rendered for the collection and disposal of garbage, refuse, recyclable materials and yard waste collection and disposal shall be paid to the City, office of the Department of Finance, on or before the seventeenth day of the month in which the bill is rendered.
- (3) At the option of the City, the bill for the collection and disposal of garbage, refuse, recyclable materials and yard waste collection and disposal may be combined with the bill for water service and stormwater fees, in which event, the payments received by the City from each consumer shall be applied first to the charge for garbage, refuse, recyclable materials and yard waste, then to the charge for water service, with the balance to be applied to stormwater fees.

(b) Effective January 1, 2024, the basic charge for garbage, refuse, recyclable material, yard waste collection and disposal for each owner of a residential dwelling unit shall be set by Council ordinance based on the level of contractual services provided. The basic charge, as determined by the City, shall be charged in one of the following methods:

- (1) The City shall charge to the owner of each dwelling unit within the municipality a monthly rate to be paid by the owner of said property. Such rate shall be set by Council by Ordinance each year. The Council shall review the monthly rate to be paid by the owner of each dwelling unit within the municipality on a yearly basis to determine the amount of the fee for the ensuing year.
 - A. All bills for collection and disposal of garbage, refuse, recyclable materials and yard waste shall be rendered and paid quarterly.

- B. The bills rendered for the collection and disposal of garbage, refuse, recyclable materials and yard waste collection and disposal shall be paid to the City, office of the Department of Finance, on or before the seventeenth day of the month in which the bill is rendered.
- C. At the option of the City, the bill for the collection and disposal of garbage, refuse, recyclable materials and yard waste collection and disposal may be combined with the bill for water service and stormwater fees, in which event the payments received by the City from each consumer shall be applied first to the charge for garbage, refuse, recyclable materials and yard waste, then to the charge for water service, with the balance to be applied to stormwater fees.

(c) By Council ordinance, the City may assess the costs and expense of garbage, refuse, recyclable materials and yard waste collection and disposal within the City, on the owner of each dwelling unit defined in subsection (d) herein, by certifying the amounts to the County Auditor for collection with other City taxes.

- (1) The fee so assessed through the residential tax duplicate shall be reimbursed to the City by the County Auditor, and shall be credited to the City of Huron.
- (2) The Finance Director is hereby authorized and directed to send to the Office of the County Auditor certified copies of this section in such numbers as are required.

(d) A dwelling unit is defined in Section 1351.06 of these Codified Ordinances.
(Ord. 2023-15. Passed 6-27-23.)

931.05 CITY-WIDE WASTE COLLECTION.

The Director of Service may provide waste collection for other wastes or trash without charge when done on a City-wide basis following a severe storm or at such other times as the manpower and scheduling of the City will permit.

(Ord. 1991-6. Passed 2-25-91.)

931.06 WAIVER OF CHARGES.

(a) The Director of Service may excuse or reduce the charges for any of the services provided in this chapter under emergency circumstances where it has been proven to the satisfaction of the Director of Service that garbage and refuse services have not been received by reason of such emergency.

(b) No charge for the services provided in this chapter shall be waived by reason of temporary absence of an owner, tenant or occupant from his domiciliary residence; provided, however, that the Director of Service upon application by the owner, tenant or occupant, shall have the authority to designate certain part-time occupancies as summer cottages, in which event the charge for services provided for in this chapter shall be waived from October 1 through April 30, if the water meter has been removed by water personnel.

(Ord. 1995-35. Passed 12-18-95.)

931.07 RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The Director of Service is empowered to make and enforce such reasonable rules and regulations as he may deem necessary for the proper operation of the garbage and refuse collection and disposal system and to carry out the provisions of this chapter.
(Ord. 1991-6. Passed 2-25-91.)

931.08 LICENSE REQUIRED; FEE; EXCEPTIONS AND CONDITIONS.

No person shall engage in the business of hauling and/or disposing of any rubbish, refuse, garbage or recyclable materials within the City limits unless he first obtains a license therefor from the City Manager. The fee for any such license shall be five dollars (\$5.00) per year per vehicle.

This section shall not apply to any private individual hauling garbage, rubbish, refuse or recyclable materials from his own premises, nor to the City or any person who has contracted with the City to provide such services.

A condition of any license issued shall be that the licensee agrees to collect, transport and dispose of any garbage, rubbish or refuse in a sanitary manner and subject to the provisions of this chapter.

(Ord. 1991-6. Passed 2-25-91.)

931.09 HAULING TO PREVENT SCATTERING OR SPILLAGE.

The transportation of all garbage, rubbish, refuse and recyclable materials through streets, alleys or other public places of the City shall be conducted in such manner as not to create a nuisance. Any vehicle conveying or carrying such matter shall be so constructed and operated that its contents shall not spill or scatter upon any public or private property. Any person hauling any garbage, refuse, rubbish or recyclable materials in any open vehicle, such as a truck or trailer, shall provide that the load thereof shall be covered with an adequate tarpaulin or canvas so as to prevent any spillage or scattering of its contents.

(Ord. 1991-6. Passed 2-25-91.)

931.10 GARBAGE DISPOSAL.

All garbage collected within the City shall be disposed of in a manner satisfactory to the City or the County Board of Health. This section shall not be construed to prevent persons having sanitary means of disposal on their premises from disposing of any garbage accumulated by them.
(Ord. 1991-6. Passed 2-25-91.)

931.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

(Ord. 1991-6. Passed 2-25-91.)

CHAPTER 935

City Parks

935.01 Regulations for use of Nickel Plate Park.

935.99 Penalty.

935.02 Dogs at Nickel Plate Park.

CROSS REFERENCES

Division of Streets and Parks - see ADM. Ch. 149

Division of Recreation - see ADM. Ch. 165

Swimming at Nickel Plate Park - see GEN. OFF.
521.12

Vandalism - see GEN. OFF. 541.04

Parking in parks - see TRAF. 351.14

935.01 REGULATIONS FOR USE OF NICKEL PLATE PARK.

(a) Nickel Plate Park shall be open to the use of the general public from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. each day of the week from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

(b) Council shall, from time to time, establish a fee to be charged for the use of the parking lot at the Park, and no person shall enter such parking lot with a motor vehicle without first paying the fee and otherwise meeting these regulations.

(c) No person shall permit a motor vehicle to remain in the parking lot beyond 9:00 p. m. without first having obtained an overnight parking permit from the person in charge of the parking lot. Any vehicle parked in violation of this subsection shall be subject to removal in accordance with Section 303.08 of the Traffic Code.
(Ord. 2011-13. Passed 3-22-11.)

935.02 DOGS AT NICKEL PLATE PARK.

Dogs are prohibited at Nickel Plate Park from Memorial Day to Labor Day during the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Ord. 2011-13. Passed 3-22-11.)

935.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.
(Ord. 2011-13. Passed 3-22-11.)

