

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FEE STRUCTURE FOR THE
INSTALLATION OF WATER SPRINKLER METERS.

WHEREAS, Section 1040.05 of the Codified Ordinances provides for a labor and materials charge for each connection made for water service from a main line to any structure; and

WHEREAS, a sprinkler meter is a second water meter installed on outside faucets and/or lawn irrigation systems and the water used is not factored into the sanitary sewer charges because the water does not enter the sanitary sewer system; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 249 sprinkler meters on the City's water utility service; and

WHEREAS, to install a sprinkler meter, the customer pays an installation charge for the meter, labor, equipment and materials, and once the sprinkler meter is installed and functioning, the customer pays a standard water meter availability fee and is charged for the metered water usage; and

WHEREAS, based on the 249 existing sprinkler meters in the City, the availability charge is estimated to generate \$53,000 in revenue for the Water Fund in 2013; and

WHEREAS, City administrative staff has reviewed the following options with the goal of making it more cost effective for residents to install a sprinkler meter: (1) alter the availability charge on the sprinkler by reducing it by 50% or 100%; (2) alter the water meter purchase fee, and/or labor fee by reducing it by 50% or 100%; and (3) combinations of (1) and (2); and

WHEREAS, City administrative staff recommends that Council eliminate the labor, equipment, and materials fee to install a sprinkler meter and reduce the monthly availability charge by fifty percent (50%) with the customer still being responsible for the fee to purchase the sprinkler meter; and

WHEREAS, City administrative staff further recommends that sprinkler meters not be subject to the monthly capital maintenance fee; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this recommendation, the City's Water Fund would lose approximately \$26,500 per year; and

WHEREAS, this Council desires to adopt the recommendation of the City's administrative staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Ordained by the Council of the City of Hudson, County of Summit, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: The existing sprinkler meter fee structure is amended to eliminate the labor, equipment, and materials fee to install a sprinkler meter and to reduce the monthly availability charge by fifty percent (50%) with the customer still being responsible for the fee to purchase the sprinkler meter. In addition, sprinkler meters shall not be subject to the monthly capital maintenance fee.

Section 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meeting open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3: This Ordinance shall be in full force and take effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____

William A. Currin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on _____, 2013.

Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council