

SR A/P - Feb. 20th, 2020

Sponsor: McWilliams

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-16

AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLSTON, OHIO AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OR SERVICE DIRECTOR CREATE A DELINQUENT UTILITY ACCOUNT INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Wellston, Ohio has determined and identified an immediate concern and need to address an abundance of delinquent municipal utility accounts, and;

WHEREAS, the City desires to create a program that would allow delinquent account holders an opportunity to avoid remedial measures and bring their accounts current ensuring them the continuity of services, and avoiding normal late fees and penalties associated with delinquent accounts, and;

WHEREAS, the Service Director for the City of Wellston has produced the proper forms necessary to facilitate such a program, (a copy is attached hereto), and;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLSTON, OHIO, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Safety/ Service Director of the City of Wellston, Ohio is hereby authorized to establish a Delinquent Utility Account Installment Payment Plan Program and further this council authorizes the suspension of any late fee or penalty that would apply to delinquent balances for any participant of said program for the period of time enrolled in the program. The forms attached hereto are hereby approved for use in the implementation of the program, and:

SECTION 2. This Ordinance is hereby declared an emergency measure pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 731.30 and its immediate passage is necessary in order to preserve, protect and maintain the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Wellston, Ohio and as such shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its passage and approval.

SECTION 3. In the event this Ordinance receives a majority vote for passage but fails to receive the required number of votes to pass as an emergency, this Ordinance shall be deemed to have passed but with no emergency clause, and shall take effect at the earliest time permitted by law.

SECTION 4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal acts of this council concerning and relating to adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this council and the deliberations of this council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the legislative authority of the City of Wellston this 20th day of February, 2020.

Connie Pelletier
President of Council

ATTEST:

Amy Skeens
Clerk of Council

Approved this 20th day of February, 2020.

Chris Hill
Mayor

Posted 2-24-2020 through 3-6-2020 at The Store, Wellston City Hall, Wellston Senior Citizens' Center, the Wellston Public Library and the Wellston Post Office.

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