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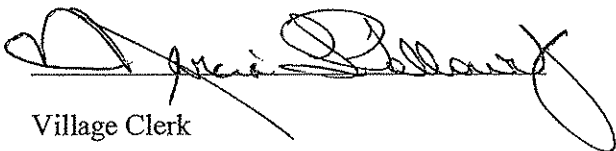
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WHEREAS, the Village of Harwood Heights (hereinafter, "the Village") is a home rule unit of government pursuant to Section 6(a), Article VII of the 1970 Illinois Constitution; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its home rule power, the Village may exercise any power and perform any function relating to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the Village find it to be in the best interest of the Village to amend Sections 13.04.110 (B) of the Village Code of Ordinances, to provide for the replacement of current water meters in residential and commercial properties with meters that permit remote readings.

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities hereby find that the replacement of the current water meters in residential and commercial properties with meters that permit remote readings will facilitate more accurate measurement of water use by Harwood Heights residents and businesses and;

WHEREAS, the more accurate measurement of water use will serve to identify water loss and lead to a more immediate correction of the problem, and;

WHEREAS, the regular inspection of commercial water meters and the remote monitoring of water use will ensure that the charges for water use is accurately billed to Harwood Heights residents and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Harwood Heights, County of Cook, Illinois, that the Village Code be amended to read as follows:

SECTION 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals shall be and are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Ordinance as if fully set forth in this Section 1.

SECTION 2. Title. This Ordinance shall be known and may hereafter be referred to as the *Installation of Remotely Read Water Meters Ordinance*.

SECTION 3. Enactment. Section 13.04.110 of the Village Code, shall be, and hereby is, amended to provide for installation and inspection of remotely read water meters in residential and commercial properties. Therefore, Section 13.04.110 shall be and hereby is amended to include the underlined and bolded text to read as follows:

13.04.110 Meters.

A. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter all water shall be supplied through water meters purchased through the Water Department.

B. The cost of a water meter, together with its installation costs, shall be paid by the person requesting water service or the owner of the premises where it is placed.

1. Beginning July 1, 2010 the Water Department will begin to replace all water meters in single family homes with remotely read meters. The Village will furnish the initial replacement meter and installation at no cost to the owner of the property. The cost of a subsequent meter and its installation shall be the responsibility of the property owner.

2. By April 30, 2011 all water meters in commercial properties, non profit organizations, and multiple family dwellings must be replaced to permit access for remote reading. The meter and its installation shall be purchased through the Village by the property owner or organization. All costs for this replacement shall be borne by the latter.

a. All water meters installed in commercial properties shall be tested every three years . The cost of the inspection is one hundred dollars (\$100) plus related testing fees.

C. On all new residential or commercial construction, the water meter shall be installed so that it can be read through the use of a remote reader. Upon the conveyance of any commercial property or any single-family or multiple dwelling residential property to new owner(s), said new owner(s) shall upgrade the water meter(s) at said property, where applicable, to a water meter that can be read through the use of a remote reader.

D. Property owners may have, at the option of the Water Department, more than one meter installed in one building on one service and controlled by a single stopcock in the parkway; provided, that the meters are not connected in tandem. Nothing less than the minimum charge will be made for each meter so installed, and the bills for the whole supply furnished through such service shall be made to the owner of the premises.

E. Prior to the installation of the meter, a stopcock or valve shall be placed on each side of the meter by the builder and/or property owner. The meter shall be installed by village personnel. After the installation the meter shall be sealed by village personnel. If an inspection reveals that a meter has been removed or if there is evidence of tampering with either the meter or seal then a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) for the first infraction shall be imposed on the property owner. The fine for subsequent infractions shall be doubled (\$2000). Property owners will be subject to criminal prosecution for the removal or the tampering of a water meter.

F. All repairs and renewals of meters shall be at the direction of the Water Department. The owner of or applicant for the repair and replacement of a meter shall at all times be responsible for any damage done to such meter, including that caused by freezing, heat, vandalism, or theft thereof, or for the replacement of a seal placed by the Department. If such meter needs to be replaced, it shall be replaced with one that can be read through the use of a remote reader. The cost of replacement due to negligence will be charged to the property owner. On buildings with four or more units, as well as commercial and industrial buildings, the users will be charged for all meter replacements.

G. The owner of the property which received water service or the person who applied for water service shall notify the Department of any malfunction or defect in the meter. If the meter is defective, the meter will be replaced at no cost. However, if a resident requests a meter check and the meter is found to be in good working order, a fifty dollar (\$50.00) charge will be levied for this service.

H. All inside water meters must be read by the meter reader at least once every six months. Those residents who consistently read their own meters must place on file with the Water Department a letter stipulating the reasons why the meter cannot be read on a regular basis. This letter does not preclude the stipulation that the meter must be read every six months. For buildings where remote readers have been installed, the inside meter must be checked once a year to determine that the seal has not been tampered with and the meter is reading correctly. In either case, if a property owner refuses to allow the meter reader to read **or inspect** the meter, after one year has passed, the owner will be required to install a remote reader **at own cost** and shall also be subject to a fine of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for not allowing the meter reader to read the meter.

SECTION 4. RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS.

All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5. SAVING CLAUSE.

If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance, which are hereby declared to be separable.

SECTION 6. IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

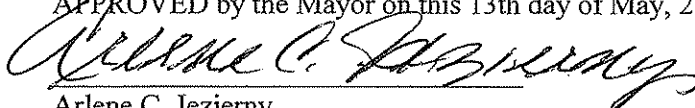
This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage

Passed and Approved this 13th day of May, 2010.

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	PRESENT
DOBRZYCKI				X	
GADZINSKI	X				X
MOUGOLIAS	X				X
SCHUEPFER	X				X
STEINER				X	
SZLENDAK	X				X
Mayor Jezierny					X
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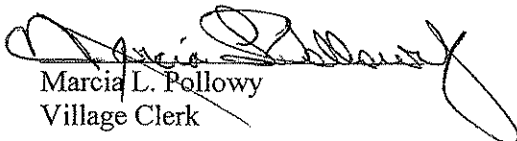
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APPROVED by the Mayor on this 13th day of May, 2010.



Arlene C. Jezierny
MAYOR

ATTEST



Marcia L. Pollowy
Village Clerk