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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**, the Village, as a home rule unit of government, may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village is authorized to operate a water and sewer system and impose and collect fair and reasonable charges for the use and service of the City’s waterworks and sewage system (65 ILCS 5/11-139-2; 65 ILCS 5/11-139-8; 65 ILCS 5/11-150-1); and

**WHEREAS**, Title 13, Chapter 13.04, Article 3 and Chapter 13.08, Article 2 of the Village of Harwood Heights Code of Ordinances (“*Code*”) imposes water and sewer usage rates in the Village, respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, the corporate authorities have reviewed the recommendation of Village staff regarding the need to maintain and repair system infrastructure and to financially prepare for capital improvements to the combined waterworks and sewerage distribution system, and the benefits of simplifying and aligning the minimum charged water and sewer usage amounts across different property classifications and eliminating

artificial ceilings on sewer charges; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village recognizes the need to modernize water meters throughout the Village to more accurately reflect usage and has determined that requiring replacement of meters more than ten years old upon the sale of or major property renovation to an improved parcel served by an aged meter will assist with the gradual modernization of the water metering system throughout the Village and enable for more accurate tracking of water usage; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board hereby finds and determines that amending Title 13 of the Village Code as set forth herein is in the best interests of the Village and its residents and that doing so will preserve the long-term health of the water and sewer system.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Harwood Heights, County of Cook, Illinois, in the exercise of the Village's home rule powers, that the Village Code be amended as follows, with all existing provisions of the Village Code not set forth below continuing in full effect as currently written:

**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. REPLACING OLD WATER METERS UPON SALE OR MAJOR REHABILITATION OF PROPERTY.** Title 13 ("Public Services"), Chapter 13.04 ("Water System"), Article 3 ("Rates and Charges"), Section 13.04.110 ("Meters") of the Harwood Heights Village Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to add a new

Section 13.04.110(B)(3) as follows (additions in **bold and underline**), with those subsections not referenced herein continuing in full force and effect as written:

Title 13        Public Services.

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Chapter 13.04 Water System.

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Article 3.       Rates and Charges.

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Section 13.04.110.    Meters.

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**3.    New Meters. Upon resale of a building, new business, a transfer of business, or the issuance of building permits in the case of an interior renovation project costing a total of \$10,000 or greater, the seller (in case of sale) or owner (in case of renovation) of the property in question shall be required to purchase a new water meter and radio read device from the Village, if the current meter and/or radio read device was installed more than ten (10) years prior to the date of the triggering event. The Village shall determine the model and classification of water meter to be supplied by the Village, taking into account the most current technology and economically efficient devices available. The Village shall perform or cause to be performed the labor involved with new water meter installation for meters sized 5/8" – 2", or radio read devices, so long as the work only includes the replacement of the water meter and/or radio read device and does not include additional plumbing or construction work (such as, without limitation, the changing of a water pipe to install the meter). The Village shall charge the seller (in case of sale) or owner (in**

case of renovation) the actual replacement cost, which shall reflect the cost of the meter and/or radio read device and labor associated with the removal and disposal of the device(s) being replaced and the installation of the new meter and/or radio read device. Such cost shall be set forth and updated from time to time in Appendix 1. Any additional services shall be performed by a licensed plumber hired and paid for by the seller or owner, as applicable. Ball valve shut-offs shall be required with the installation of any new water meters.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT TO MINIMUM SEWER USAGE MEASUREMENT AND ELIMINATION OF MAXIMUM SEWER CHARGES.**

The portions of the “Appendix 1 – Village Fee Schedule” table corresponding to the cost of water meter replacement as set forth in Title 13 (“Public Services”), Chapter 13.04 (“Water System”), Article 3 (“Rates and Charges”), Section 13.04.110(B)(3) and the maximum charges for sewer service and minimum usage amounts for single-family and non-profit properties as set forth in Title 13 (“Public Services”), Chapter 13.08 (“Sewer System”), Article 2 (“Connections and Equipment”), Section 13.08.035 (“Fees for Sewer Service”) of the Harwood Heights Village Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows (additions in **bold and underline**, deletions in **~~bold and strikeout~~**), with those portions of the Fee Table not referenced herein continuing in full force and effect as written:

**Appendix 1 – Village Fee Schedule (excerpted to reflect changes)**

Chapter and Corresponding Section of the Village of Harwood Heights Code of Ordinances	Notes and Description	Amount
...	...	...
<b>TITLE 13</b>	<b>Public Services</b>	

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<b>Section 13.04.110(B)(3)</b>	<b><u>Fee for replacing water meter/radio reader upon sale of property or business or interior renovation of \$10,000 or more.</u></b>  <b><u>Payable by seller (sale) or owner (renovation).</u></b>	<b><u>Actual cost of 5/8" – 2" water meter plus labor costs incurred by the Village.</u></b>
...	...	...
13.08.035	Sewer Rates	<del>Maximum Charge</del>
Single Family (bi-monthly)	\$12.01 first <del>2,000</del> <b>1,000</b> cubic feet of water + \$0.60 every additional 100 cubic feet water	<b>\$30.04</b>
Single Family (seniors – bimonthly)	\$0.55/100 cubic feet metered water	<b>\$15.66</b>
Multi-family residential – 2 units (billed monthly)	\$13.47 first 1,000 cubic feet of water + \$0.68 every additional 100 cubic feet water	<b>\$59.53</b>
Multi-family residential – 3 or 4 units (billed monthly)	\$20.05 first 1,000 cubic feet of water + \$0.68 every additional 100 cubic feet water	<b>\$119.06</b>
Multi-family residential 5 – 18 units (billed monthly)	\$30.86 first 1,000 cubic feet of water + \$0.68 every additional 100 cubic feet water	<b>\$522.13</b>
Multi-family residential – over 18 units (billed monthly)	\$31.62 first 1,000 cubic feet of water + \$0.79 every additional 100 cubic feet water	<b>\$522.13</b>
Multi-family unread meter fee		\$510
Commercial & industrial (monthly)	\$31.62 first 1,000 cubic feet + \$0.79 every additional 100 cubic feet water	<b>\$1,044.26</b>
Commercial & Industrial unread meter fee		\$1,044.26
Non-profit	\$12.01 first <del>2,000</del> <b>1,000</b> cubic feet of water + \$0.60 every additional 100 cubic feet water	<b>\$30.04</b>
Non-profit		<b>\$30.04</b>

unread meter fee		
Unincorporated & nonresident users (monthly)	\$525/sewer connection	

**SECTION 4. RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS.**

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

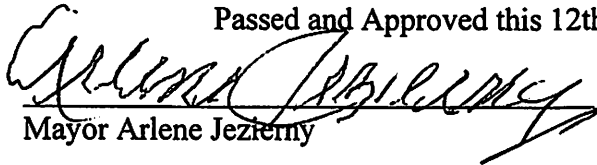
**SECTION 5. SAVING CLAUSE.**

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.

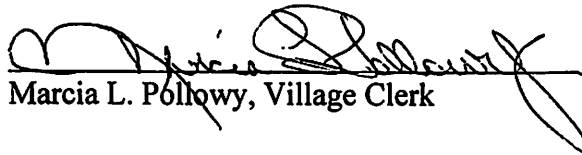
**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance shall be effective on May 1, 2026.

Passed and Approved this 12th day of February 12, 2026.

  
 Mayor Arlene Jezewny

ATTEST:

  
 Marcia L. Pollowy, Village Clerk

**VOTES**

AYES: Trustee Brutto, Steiner, Brzezniak-Volpe, Brzozowski-Wegrecki, Zerillo, Lewandowski

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF COOK

**CERTIFICATION**

**I, Marcia L. Pollowy, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected and acting Clerk of the Village of Harwood Heights, County of Cook, State of Illinois.**

**I do further certify that the foregoing Ordinance 26-01 entitled:**

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**Is true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Harwood Heights at a meeting held on the 12th day of February, 2026.**

**I do further certify that the original of which the foregoing is a true copy is entrusted to my care and safekeeping, and that I am keeper of the same.**

**I do further certify that I am the keeper of the records, ordinances, and resolutions of said Village of Harwood Heights, Cook County, Illinois.**

**In witness whereof I have hereunto set my official hand and seal this 13th day of February, 2026.**

  
**Marcia L. Pollowy**  
**Village Clerk**

**Corporate Seal**