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**WHEREAS**, the Village of Harwood Heights (the “Village”) is an Illinois municipal corporation organized and operating pursuant to authority granted by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Illinois;

**WHEREAS**, the Village is a home rule unit of government pursuant to Section 6(a), Article VII of the 1970 Illinois Constitution;

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

**WHEREAS**, the Village owns and operates a public water system through which it provides potable water service to residential, commercial and industrial consumers; and

**WHEREAS**, the President and Board of Trustees have determined that in order to more effectively read, repair and/or replace water meters as needed the Village should adopt uniform location specifications for the placement of water meters at the time of initial installation or replacement of obsolete or malfunctioning meters; and

**WHEREAS**, the President and Board of Trustee have determined that it is in the best interest of the Village and the integrity of the water system to adopt the regulations herein set forth; and

**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. AMENDMENT.** Title 13 (“Public Services”), Chapter 13.04 (“Water System”), Article 3 (“Rates and Charges”), Section 13.04.110 (“Meters) of the Village of Harwood Heights Code of Ordinances, shall be, and hereby is amended as follows: (additions in **bold and underline** and deletions in **~~bold and strikeout~~**):

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. All water meters in commercial properties, nonprofit organizations, and multiple family dwellings must be replaced within six-months of notice. 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 (\$100.00) plus related testing fees.
- C. On all new residential or commercial construction, the water meter shall be installed **by a licensed plumbing contractor in a location allowing easy access and free of obstructions and within two feet (2’0”) of the main water shutoff valve and in such a manner 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 retain a licensed plumbing contractor to (i) relocate the water meter(s) to a location allowing easy access and free of obstructions and within two feet (2’0”) of the main water shutoff valve unless the water meter(s) is already so located and (ii) 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. All new water meter installations shall be subject to inspection and approval by the Village.**

- 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 (\$1,000.00) for the first infraction shall be imposed on the property owner. The fine for subsequent infractions shall be doubled (two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00)). 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 (6) 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 (6) 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 (1) 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) plus water to be shut-off for not allowing the meter reader to read, replace or inspect the meter.

**SECTION 4. RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS.** All ordinances or parts of 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 in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form in the manner provided by law.

**VOTES**

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

NAYS:

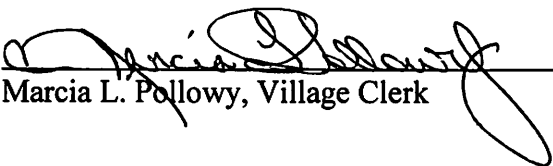
ABSENT: Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe

ABSTAIN:

Passed and Approved this 13th day of April, 2023.

  
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Mayor Arlene Jezierny

ATTEST:

  
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Marcia L. Pollowy, Village Clerk

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 23-08 entitled:**

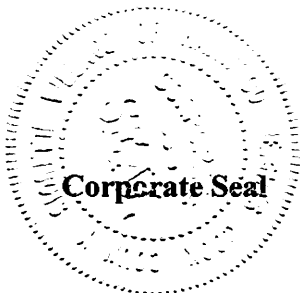
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**Is true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Harwood Heights at a meeting held on the 13th day of April, 2023.**

**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 14th day of April, 2023.**



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

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