

## ORDINANCE

### **AN ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING WATER SERVICE DISCONNECTIONS FOR ACCOUNTS MORE THAN THIRTY DAYS PAST DUE AFTER STATEMENT DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oak Park (“Village”) is a home rule unit of government as provided by the provisions of Article VII, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village operates a combined waterworks and sewerage system pursuant to Division 139 (“Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System”) of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/11-139-1 *et seq.*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village is authorized pursuant to its home rule powers and Section 11-139-8 of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/11-139-8, to charge the inhabitants of the Village thereof “a reasonable compensation for the use and service of the combined waterworks and sewerage system and to establish rates for that purpose;” and

**WHEREAS**, Section 26-2-4 of the Oak Park Village Code (“Village Code”) provides for a water service disconnections for accounts more than thirty (30) days delinquent since the last statement date; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2-27-9 of the Oak Park Village Code provides that the Village may “provide emergency assistance to victims in the case of any manmade or natural disaster;” and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board has determined that water service disconnections for residential and commercial accounts be further suspended through February 16, 2021 to provide Village customers additional time to financially recover from the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park, County of Cook, Illinois, in the exercise of their home rule powers, as follows:

**Section 1. Recitals Incorporated.** The above recitals are incorporated into this Ordinance and shall have the same force and effect as though fully set forth herein.

**Section 2. Water Service Disconnection Suspended Extended.** The Village suspends all water service disconnections as set forth in Section 26-2-4 of the Oak Park Village Code for water accounts more than thirty (30) days past due through February 16, 2021.

**Section 3. Severability and Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinances.** 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. All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its approval, passage and publication as provided by law.

**ADOPTED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020, pursuant to a roll call vote at follows:

Voting	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
President Abu-Taleb				
Trustee Andrews				
Trustee Boutet				
Trustee Buchanan				
Trustee Moroney				
Trustee Taglia				
Trustee Walker-Peddakotla				

**APPROVED** this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

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Anan Abu-Taleb, Village President

**ATTEST**

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Vicki Scaman, Village Clerk

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