

ORDINANCE NO. 10-7

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR EXTRAORDINARY WATER LEAKS

Be it ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Leesburg, State of Ohio, that

SECTION ONE:

It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to maintain piping and plumbing fixtures in good condition. The Village recognizes that a high water bill resulting from an accidental, unpreventable water leak can present financial hardship to a customer. While most water leaks are preventable, there are certain circumstances when a leak occurs and cannot be reasonably prevented.

This policy is to establish a one-time adjustment per customer per service address for up to 50% or 1/2 of the excess water bill above the normal consumption.

The Village of Leesburg has determined that an extraordinary leak is any leak that is 50,000 gallons or more. An adjustment will only be given after the leak has been repaired and it has been inspected by the Village of Leesburg to determine that the repairs have been properly made.

The customer's average water usage based on the past six (6) months will be subtracted from the leak amount. This total is divided by two and this is the amount of water that the customer is responsible for paying. (See the following example)

Leak Amount	50,000 gallons	\$290.85
Average Usage	5,000 gallons/month	(34.35)
	Difference:	256.50/2
	Leak Adjustment:	128.25
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	Less Adjustment Amount:	(128.25)
	Amount Due for Water:	\$162.60

SECTION TWO:

This legislation is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare, and for the reason that immediate action is necessary to conform the Code to current state laws, and Council finds that no person or entity shall be prejudiced by the immediate enactment of this Code, therefore, this legislation shall have immediate effect from and after the earliest time allowed by law, upon passage by 2/3rds of the members of council

Passed: 11-18-10 Mayor: Jim D'Cook

Attested: Macy E. [Signature] Fiscal Officer