

STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF OAKLAND

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WEST BLOOMFIELD

ORDINANCE NO. C-621-A

**WATER AND SEWER BILLING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

An Ordinance to amend Sections 24-140 and 24-142(c)(2)d. of Article IV, Acquisition and Operation of Chapter 24, Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Systems, of the Charter Township of West Bloomfield Code of Ordinances, to change the late payment penalties, provide for billing frequency to be established by resolution of the Township Board of Trustees and provide for the use of promissory notes for payment plans to be accepted in lieu of water shut-offs.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WEST BLOOMFIELD ORDAINS:

**Section 1 of Ordinance**

Sections 24-140 and 24-142(c)(2)d. of Article IV, Acquisition and Operation, of Chapter 24, Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Systems, of the Charter Township of West Bloomfield Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 24-140. When bills due and payable; late penalty.**

Bills shall be issued for water and/or sewer use on a regular, periodic basis established by resolution of the township board that shall be no more frequent than monthly and no less frequent than quarterly. Bills shall be mailed at least 21 days before the due date, which shall be the second to last business day of the month in which the bill is mailed. Any portion of a bill that is not paid by the due date or within 21 days of the mailing date, whichever is later, shall be considered delinquent and on the first day following the delinquency, a late payment penalty of 7 % on the delinquent amounts shall be immediately due and payable and be included on the next periodic bill. For an earlier late payment penalty to be subject to a subsequent late payment penalty, written notice of the earlier late payment penalty must have been provided by the township to the customer at least 30 days before the next periodic billing.

**Sec. 24-142. Discontinuance of service for failure to pay charges.**

(c) *Customer dispute.*

(2) The procedure for a customer's dispute shall be as follows:

a. – c. [Unchanged]

d. Based on the water department's records, the customer's allegations, and all of the relevant materials available, the supervisor or designee shall resolve and decide the dispute, attempting to do so in a manner satisfactory to both the department and the customer. To that end the supervisor or designee may approve a payment plan to address disputes arising from unique economic hardships and shall mail or deliver a written description of that plan and the requirements for accepting it as a means to avoid water shut-off to the customer. Those requirements shall include but are not limited to all owners of the affected property signing and delivering to the township in recordable form a Payment Plan Promissory Note and Lien in a form approved by the township attorney and provided by the Township and the payment to the Township or incorporation in the Promissory Note of an amount equal to 9 % of the amounts owing and to be repaid to the township under the promissory note by a deadline to be stated in the township's written notice.

e. – h. [Unchanged]

Section 2 of Ordinance

Except as expressly set forth above, the Ordinance Code shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3 of Ordinance

This ordinance shall be effective upon publication in the manner prescribed by law.

CERTIFICATION

It is certified that the foregoing ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of West Bloomfield at a meeting duly called and held on August 14, 2006, 2006.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WEST BLOOMFIELD

By:   
Sharon A. Law, Clerk

Introduced: 07/24/06  
Adopted: 08/14/06  
Published: 08/20/06  
Effective: 08/21/06

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WEST BLOOMFIELD**  
**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING WATER AND SEWER BILLING PERIODS**

1. On August 14, 2006, the Township Board of Trustees adopted Ordinance No. C-621-A, titled Water and Sewer Billing Ordinance Amendment, which amended Section 24-140 of the Charter Township of West Bloomfield Code to include the following first sentence.

“Bills shall be issued for water and/or sewer use on a regular, periodic basis established by resolution of the township board that shall be no more frequent than monthly and no less frequent than quarterly.”

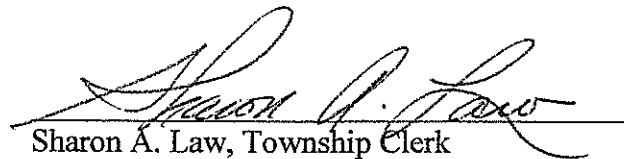
2. The Township Water and Sewer Department Director and Township Treasurer have recommended quarterly billing for all water and/or sewer users.

**IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED** that bills for water and/or sewer use shall be issued on a quarterly basis.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Charter Township of West Bloomfield Board of Trustees on Monday, August 14, 2006.

Date: 08/15/06, 2006

  
Sharon A. Law, Township Clerk