ORDINANCE NUMBER: 2019-27

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE, ILLINOIS AMENDING TITLE 6, PUBLIC WAYS AND PROPERTY, CHAPTER 3, SEWER USE AND CONSTRUCTION, ADDING A NEW SECTION 6-3-10, TO BE ENTITLED "WATER METERS REQUIRED FOR SEWER ONLY PREMISES" OF THE VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE CODE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois ("Village") has adopted a Village Code of Ordinances ("Code"); and

WHEREAS, Title 6 of the Code governs Public Ways and Property; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 3 of Title 6 governs Sewer Use and Construction; and

WHEREAS, the Village has determined it is in the best interest of the Village and its citizens to add a new Section 6-3-10 to be entitled "Water Meters Required for Sewer Only Premises", to clarify that sewer only customers (i.e. properties that have water provided through a private well) are required to purchase and have installed a water meter which will be utilized to calculate sewer usage charges; and

WHEREAS, the Village has determined it is in the best interest of the Village and its citizens to enact an ordinance providing for the foregoing.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois as follows:

1. The above recitals are incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

2. That Title 6, Chapter 3 of the Code is hereby to create a new Section 6-3-10 to be entitled "Water Meters Required for Sewer Only Premises" which new section shall read as follows:

"**6-3-10: WATER METERS REQUIRED FOR SEWER ONLY PREMISES**.

A. All premises using the Village sewer system, but which have water provided through a private well, must be equipped with an adequate water meter furnished by the Village but paid for by the owner or occupant. Said water meter shall be utilized to calculate sewer usage charges. Sewer service may be supplied by the Village at a flat rate of charge until the water meter is installed.

B. Before any premises are occupied, said water meter shall be installed therein as herein required or application made for sewer service at the flat rate of charge until the meter can be installed or no sewer service shall be furnished to the premises. A rate of $10.00 shall be charged for an apartment or unit.

C. Whenever a single-family dwelling is converted into a multiple-family dwelling, the owner of the building shall install a separate water meter and shutoff for each apartment unit unless the account is solely in the owner's name and the owner assumes total liability for payment of service.

D. All water meters shall be placed exposed not less than 12 inches above basement floor level, and as close to the wall where the water service enters the building as practicable, preferably approximately 12 inches. There shall be a shutoff valve installed on the pressure side and service side of the meter of the kind known as compression stop.

E. Whenever any water meter stops working, is due for replacement, or otherwise inaccurately registers sewer use, the Village Public Works Department will repair or replace that meter. If that meter is not accessible, or the piping connected to the meter requires alteration in order to remove the meter, the Director of Public Works or a person designated by him shall send a written notice to the owner or occupant of the property advising him that the meter will have to be made accessible or alterations to the piping will have to be made. If no corrective action has been taken by the owner within 30 days after written notice has been sent or by such further extended deadline as may be set by the Director of Public Works, or a person designated by him, for good cause shown, the sewer service shall be terminated until such time as the corrective action is completed. The owner or occupant shall have the right, within the 30 days, to contest the Village's allegation that the meter is not accessible, or the piping connected to the sewer meter requires alteration, by meeting with the Director of Public Works or a person designated by him. The Director of Public Works or the person designated by him shall make the final determination.

F. If any lawn watering system is to be installed, a separate meter (which will be utilized to calculate any applicable sewer charge deduction) must be installed along with this system. If any property owner fails to notify the Village of Poplar Grove that a lawn sprinkler system has been installed, without a separate meter, he will pay the full sewer charges until such time a separate meter is installed, regardless of new construction and/or existing homes."

3. Except as amended in this Ordinance, all other provisions and terms of the Village Code of Ordinances shall remain in full force and effect as previously enacted except that those ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its approval, passage and publication in pamphlet form as required by law.

PASSED UPON MOTION BY _____

SECONDED BY _____

BY ROLL CALL VOTE THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2019

AS FOLLOWS:

VOTING "AYE": _____

VOTING "NAY": _____

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ABSENT, ABSTAIN, OTHER _____

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APPROVED_____, 2019

ATTEST:

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CLERK VILLAGE PRESIDENT