
THE CITY OF ROCHELLE
Ogle County, Illinois

ORDINANCE
NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IV – SEWERS AND SEWAGE
OF CHAPTER 98 – UTILITIES

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Date Passed:

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WHEREAS, Section 7 of Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois provides that a municipality that is not a home rule unit shall only have the powers granted to them by law and as such the City of Rochelle, Ogle County, Illinois being a non-home rule unit pursuant to the provisions of said Section 7 of Article VII, and may exercise only the powers expressly granted by law; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly granted non-home rule municipalities broad authority to “pass all ordinances and make all rules and regulations proper or necessary, to carry into effect the powers granted to municipalities.” 65 ILCS 5/1-2-1; and

WHEREAS, while “non-home rule municipalities have the authority to enact ordinances, such ordinances may in no event conflict with state law or prohibit what a state statute expressly permits . . . A local ordinance may impose more rigorous or definite regulations in addition to those enacted by the state legislature so long as they do not conflict with the statute.” (*Village of Wauconda v. Hutton*, 291 Ill. App. 3d 1058, 1060 (1997)); and

WHEREAS, the City of Rochelle (“City”) operates water, sewer and electrical utilities through the Rochelle Municipal Utilities (“RMU”); and

WHEREAS, the City procedures for all utilities are codified in Chapter 98 – Utilities, in the Rochelle Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Article IV – Sewers and Sewage Disposal was in need of major revisions and updates; and

WHEREAS, staff consulted with specialists including a civil engineering firm, outside counsel and the City attorney in drafting an updated and amended sewer and sewage disposal ordinance, a copy of which is attached herein as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find that it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to update and amend Article IV of Chapter 98 as reflected in the attached Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Rochelle as follows:

SECTION ONE: That the City hereby incorporates all of the recitals above into this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION TWO: That Article IV of Chapter 98 shall be amended by deleting the stricken language and adding the underlined language as reflected in the attached Exhibit A.

SECTION THREE: If any provision of this Ordinance application thereof to any person or circumstance is ruled unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and each invalid provision or invalid application of this Ordinance is severable.

SECTION FOUR: Where the conditions imposed by any provisions of this Ordinance are more restrictive than comparable provisions imposed elsewhere in any other local law, ordinance, resolution, rule or regulation, the regulations of this Ordinance will govern.

SECTION FIVE: The City Clerk shall publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form.

SECTION SIX: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of September 2023.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)
COUNTY OF OGLE) SS.

CERTIFICATE

I, Rose Hueramo, City Clerk of the City of Rochelle, County of Ogle and State of Illinois, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. _____, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IV – SEWERS AND SEWAGE OF CHAPTER 98 – UTILITIES” which was adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochelle on September 25, 2023.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the City of Rochelle this 25th day of September 2023.

CITY CLERK