CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO

ordinance no. 43

- 2014

Presented by the Administration

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 925.06 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, County of Summit, and State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Section 925.06(a)(2) of the Codified Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows (new text <u>underlined</u>; deleted text in strikethrough):

(a) (2) The surcharge amount shall be in effect for and apply to all users located in the surcharge area depicted in Exhibit A attached to original Ordinance 102-1996. The surcharge amount shall be paid by all such users in the surcharge area depicted in such Exhibit A prior to connection to the system, and said surcharge amount shall be equal to the following amounts for each calendar year in which a tap-in permit is obtained.

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     1996 $ 5,100.00
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             5,406.00
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             5,730.36
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             11,530.80
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             12,222.65
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             12,956.01
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             13,733.37
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             14,557.37
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             16,356.66
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             17,338.06
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             18,378.34
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Any person planning to connect to the City's sanitary sewer system may pay the entire surcharge amount by March 31 of the year of connection in an amount equal to the amount that would apply in the year prior to connection; provided, however, if the use of applicable property changes by the date of the actual connection, the amount due will be adjusted. All users actually served by a connection to the City's sanitary sewer system within twenty four months of the date upon which the City Engineer and the Sewer Superintendent certify that the system serving the user is completed, except those connecting to a newly-constructed facility. The owner of a property connecting to the City's sanitary sewer shall have an option of paying the surcharge in 120 monthly installment payments, which payments increase each calendar year. installment payments to be made each calendar year shall be calculated by dividing the lump sum surcharge which would apply as if a connection had been made in the year the payment is due by 120. At any time a user determine to prepay the remaining installments due by paying an amount calculated by dividing the remaining installment payments due by 120 and multiplying the quotient by the applicable lump sum surcharge for the year in which the prepayment is made.

In the event a property owner moves before making all 120 payments, the new owner of the property shall be responsible for all remaining surcharge payments due under this section. The owner of each property is responsible for the payment of the surcharge in the event of failure of a tenant to make such payment.

In the event that within ten years following the payment of all or any portion of a surcharge there is a substantial change in the usage of or substantial development of any property or facility served by the connection to the City's sanitary sewer system which does not result in a new connection to the City's system, the Director of Public Service shall determine in his discretion whether a new surcharge or an additional surcharge amount shall be imposed.

<u>Section 2</u>. That any ordinances or resolutions or portions of ordinances and resolutions inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, but any ordinances and resolutions not inconsistent herewith and which have not previously been repealed are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of

any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including, to the extent applicable, Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances.

Section 4. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the City of Cuyahoga Falls and the inhabitants thereof, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law.

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