

## VILLAGE OF PINCKNEY

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

### AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE VILLAGE CODE CHAPTER 52.35 BILLING AND COLLECTIONS.

#### THE VILLAGE OF PINCKNEY ORDAINS:

That Chapter 52.35, BILLING AND COLLECTIONS; TERMINATION OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICE BY VILLAGE be amended as follows:

**Paragraph (H): Poverty Exemption** This Ordinance is known and cited as the Village of Pinckney Utilities Poverty Exemption. In certain rare cases the Village reserves the right to grant forgiveness of a portion of utility billing, provided that:

- 1) The resident requesting hardship forgiveness of utility billing meets all of these requirements:
  - a. Is the head of the family or primary individual of a household, and is sixty-five (65) years of age or older;
  - b. Has filed and been approved for a Principle Residence Exemption of property taxes through Putnam Township
  - c. The current total income from all sources for all persons living in the same household does not exceed the published Federal Poverty Level; and
  - d. Is willing to provide adequate financial information for Village Staff to determine a legitimate hardship status.
- 2) The term of any exemption is for one year only and must be renewed annually.
- 3) A preliminary review board consisting of the Village Clerk, the Village Treasurer, the Village Council President, and the DPW director reviews application materials and recommends granting an exemption
- 4) Village Council then accepts that recommendation and approves the exemption,
- 5) The resident requesting hardship exemption identifies an achievable payment amount, in consultation with the Village Clerk, and
- 6) The resident requesting hardship exemption makes regular, on-time payments of the exemption rate at intervals established in consultation with the Village Clerk (i.e., the resident may ask to pay monthly instead of quarterly)

This ordinance shall be published in the manner as required by law. Except as otherwise provided by law, these amendments shall be effective immediately. The sections of this Ordinance are severable, and if any section, clause, or provision of this Ordinance is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same will not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part declared to be invalid.

Village Council Member \_\_\_\_\_ offered the foregoing Ordinance Amendment, and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Village Council Member \_\_\_\_\_, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

The President thereupon declared this Ordinance Amendment approved and adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Pinckney this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_ adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Pinckney, County of Livingston, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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Amy Salowitz, Village Clerk