

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE
VILLAGE OF BRIGHTON
MACOUPIN AND JERSEY COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

CHAPTER 38
ARTICLE II, SECTION 1
CONTRACT FOR UTILITY SERVICES

RECITALS

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2022, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Brighton adopted the above Ordinance regarding utility services in the Village and the governance thereof; and

WHEREAS, Section 38-2-1(H) indicates the procedure for customers regarding billing for their utility services, and;

WHEREAS, Section 38-2-1(H) provides for the procedure for non-payment of said utility services by the Village of Brighton, and;

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Brighton have now determined that there is a need to revise the procedures for payment for utility services, as well as the provisions to be followed in the event of non-payment of the utility charges.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BRIGHTON, MACOUPIN AND JERSEY COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. That Section 38-2-1(H) shall be amended, in part, as follows:

- (1) All bills for utility services shall be due and payable upon presentation and if a bill is not paid within fifteen (15) days, a penalty equal to twenty percent (20%) of the amount due on said bill shall be added thereto. This penalty shall be in addition to the charges heretofore established for the utility services.
- (2) Any customer who fails to pay the utility bills within twenty-five (25) days of presentation shall have the utility services disconnected after a written notice by the Clerk has been mailed by first-class mail to the customer, affording the customer an opportunity for a hearing. The

foresaid notice shall be mailed to the customer sixteen (16) days after billing, or in the event the sixteenth day falls on a weekend or holiday, the next business day following the sixteenth day, specifically advising the customer of the following:

- (a) Name and address of the customer and amount due for services, including late penalties.
- (b) The date, time, and location of the hearing to be held.
- (c) That the customer has a right to be heard and to present evidence in the user's behalf if the user does not agree with the bill.
- (d) That if the customer fails to appear at the hearing, the user's utility service shall be terminated without further proceedings.
- (e) That date of termination.

(7) Upon utility services being disconnected, services shall not be reconnected or used until all delinquent accounts and bills of service are paid in full. A reconnection fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) is hereby established. Reconnection of services shall be 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Section 2. All other terms and conditions of said Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

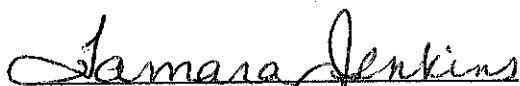
Section 3. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Brighton.

PASSED, APPROVED and PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM, by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Brighton this 2nd day of October, 2023.

VILLAGE OF BRIGHTON
Macoupin and Jersey Counties, Illinois

BY: 
Matthew P. Kasten, President

ATTEST:


Tamara Jenkins, Village Clerk