

RESOLUTION NO. 32-2007

Offered by All of Council

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE QUARTERLY CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARGE IMPOSED BY THE CITY OF CLEVELAND ON WATER BILLS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the residents of the Village of Richfield are serviced by the City of Cleveland Water Department; and

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2007, the City of Cleveland has instituted a new rate structure (actual consumption charge plus quarterly customer service charge) that it believes will more accurately reflect the actual cost of services and help recover the drop in consumption and subsequent revenue shortfall of the past decade; and

WHEREAS, as part of the new rate structure, the City of Cleveland is charging a Seven Dollar (\$7.00) quarterly customer service charge through 2010 to all consumers of Cleveland Water in order to cover costs for meter reading, bill generation, collections processing, and core customer service functions; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Richfield has many residents on fixed incomes who will be affected by the increase in rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Richfield, Summit County, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That this Council hereby opposes the increase in water rates by the City of Cleveland and urges the City of Cleveland to eliminate the Seven Dollar (\$7.00) quarterly customer service charge for Village of Richfield residents.

SECTION 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Mayor of the City of Cleveland, all members of the Cleveland City Council, the Cleveland Water Commissioner and the Council of each of the sixty-nine (69) other communities that are consumers of Cleveland water.

SECTION 3. That this Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution have been taken at open meetings of this Council; and that deliberations of this Council and of its committees, resulting in such formal action, took place in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all statutory requirements including the requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

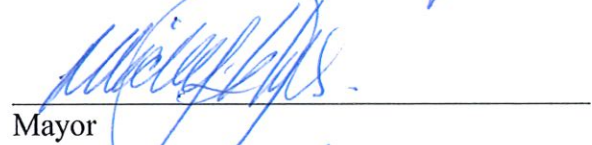
SECTION 4. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary in order to urge the City of Cleveland to remove the quarterly service charge prior to the next billing date; wherefore, provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the

members of Council elected or appointed, it shall take effect immediately upon its passage and execution by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 6/5/07




President of Council



Mayor

Dated: 6/5/07

ATTEST:


Clerk of Council



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RE: RESOLUTION NO. 32-2007

Dear Clerk Sullivan:

On behalf of Mayor Frank G. Jackson, thank you for your letter dated June 11th regarding the accompanying adopted Resolution No. 32-2007 by the Village of Richfield City Council, opposing the customer service charge on water bills imposed by the City of Cleveland Division of Water and urging the Division to eliminate the charge.

We appreciate the concerns of the citizens of Richfield, and have forwarded copies of your letter and resolution to our Chief of Staff, Ken Silliman; Chief of Government Affairs, Valarie McCall; and Chief of Operations, Darnell Brown, for their review.

Sincerely,

Tarra Seifullah
MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE ASSISTANT
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

cc: Ken Silliman – Chief of Staff, City of Cleveland
Valarie McCall – Chief of Government Affairs, City of Cleveland
Darnell Brown – Chief of Operations, City of Cleveland