

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 1173.22 OF THE ZONING CODE PROVIDING FOR AN INSPECTION FEE FOR OIL AND GAS FACILITIES

WHEREAS, this Council has received a recommendation from the Mayor and Fire Chief that there are substantial costs involved in inspection of oil and gas production facilities; and

WHEREAS, in order to reduce the charge to the public treasury, this Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Village of Richfield to impose an inspection fee when the Fire Department inspects oil and gas production facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Richfield, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Section 1173.22 of the Planning and Zoning Code be enacted to read as follows:

"1173.22 INSPECTION FEE.

Pursuant to Ohio R.C. 1509.39 and in order to insure continuing compliance with the health and safety standards as are set forth above during the life of all wells to be drilled within the Village limits, there is hereby established an annual fee to be used for the regulation of such operations and to cover the cost of the inspection and enforcement of past, present and future regulations within the Village. The amount of such fee shall be one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) per well per year. The fee is due and payable in the first year of operation within ten days after a conditional zoning certificate has been granted. Thereafter, the fee is due and payable each and every anniversary date of the issuance of the conditional zoning certificate for such wells in successive years and during the life of the well and until such well is properly plugged in accordance with applicable State and local regulations. The failure to pay the fee as set forth in this subsection shall be grounds for revocation of the conditional zoning certificate for such well drilling operations."

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: September 5, 1995

Patricia S. Healey
President of Council

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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Clerk of Council

Dated: 9/7/95