

ORDINANCE 12-96

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PENALTY FOR RETURNED CHECKS AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 10-86.

WHEREAS, the Village of Rockford, Ohio, from time to time collects fees for utilities, taxes and services.

WHEREAS, the return of checks for the reason of insufficient funds or closed accounts places an unreasonable burden on the village, and

WHEREAS, a penalty charge is determined to be a desirable deterrent to and a reasonable source of compensation for the processing of checks which have been returned for the reason of insufficient funds or closed accounts.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council of the Village of Rockford, Ohio :

SECTION ONE

That the maker of any check or checks in payments of taxes, services or utilities provided by the Village of Rockford, Ohio, that may be returned for reason of insufficient funds or closed accounts shall be subject to a penalty charge, payable to the Village, in the sum of Twenty-five (\$25) for each returned check.

SECTION TWO

That the penalty charges established in Section One above shall be chargeable against the account for which payment was originally intended.

SECTION THREE

That this ordinance is necessary for the preservation of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Village of Rockford, Ohio, and therefore, upon the above reasons shall go into effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 17th day of December 1996.

Jeff Pontsler
Mayor