ORDINANCE 05-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 50.06, PAYMENT RESPONSIBILITY, OF CHAPTER 50 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF ROCKFORD, OHIO, (VILLAGE WATERWORKS SYSTEM), AND ENACTING A UTILTY DEPOSIT TO BE PAID BY RNETERS AND LEASEHOLDERS OF PROPERTIES REQUESTING UTILITY SERVICE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish a deposit for renters and leaseholders requesting utility service in a fair and consistent manner.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ROCKFORD, OHIO, THAT:

Section 50.06 of Chapter 50 of the Codified Ordinance of the Village of Rockford, Ohio, shall read as follows:

50.06 **PAYMENT RESPONSIBILITY:** From the date of passage of this ordinance all renters and leaseholders of properties requesting utility service shall pay a deposit of two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$225.00) at such time as the user of water service request such service or at such time service is actually furnished, whichever occurs first.

If a current renter received a shutoff notice and service is terminated due to non-payment, service shall not be reinstated until payment in full plus the deposit of \$225.00 is paid.

Owner of the property may request billing to remain in his/her name thus accepting all responsibility of service fees charged for service.

All deposits will be applied to the final bill. A refund will be issued if an overage of five dollars (\$5) or more is remaining from the deposit.

This Ordinance is passed as an emergency measure to insure the operation of the water system in a fair and consistent manner in the best interest of the citizens of the Village of Rockford.

Passed this December 20th, 2011.

Steve Gehle – President of Council

Approved – Amy Joseph – Mayor

Attest – Lisa Kuhn – Fiscal Officer