



ORDINANCE 18-2015

AN ORDINANCE REDUCING THE VILLAGE OF JOHSTOWN WATER AND SEWER TAP/CAPACITY FEES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF REPLACEMENT SCHOOL FACILITIES BY THE JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Johnstown-Monroe Local School District Board of Education (“Board”) is engaged in two co-funded Ohio School Facilities Commission Classroom Facilities Assistance Program projects to construct a new high school building and a new elementary school building within the Johnstown Village limits; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the school district voted to issue bonds for the construction of new school facilities, with the State of Ohio paying 29% of the project costs thus reducing the burden on the local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the school district is limited within Ohio School Facilities Construction Commission budget to normal and customary site costs; and

WHEREAS, the Johnstown-Monroe Local School District is a major employer within the Village of Johnstown with 164 payroll employees and an additional 30 employed through vendors; and

WHEREAS, the Johnstown-Monroe Local School District currently pays \$23,315 in water/sewer usage fees per year; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio School Facilities Commission requires the project to be within budget prior to moving to the next phase; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that 6” fire water tap, 4” domestic water tap and a 6” sanitary tap will be required at both the new elementary and new high school facility sites; and

WHEREAS, the Board estimates that the Village of Johnstown tap fees and capacity fees, based on charts set forth in Sections 921.06 and 925.035 of the Codified Ordinances for the Village of Johnstown, will be \$283,245.00 for the two projects; and

WHEREAS, the Village believes there is capacity at the existing high school facility to service the new high school, existing high school and PAC facility resulting in no new capacity on the domestic water and wastewater system and therefore fees are not required; and

WHEREAS, the Board requests a 60% reduction in the established fire suppression fees for the new high school facility totaling a fee of \$14,436.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board requests a 60% reduction in the established fire suppression fees for the new elementary facility totaling a fee of \$14,436.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board requests a 60% reduction in the established tap fees for the new elementary facility totaling a fee of \$150.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board requests a 60% reduction in the established capacity fees for the new elementary facility totaling a fee of 84,276.00; and

WHEREAS, at present fees and rates for water services at 60% reduction; the total figure to be paid by Johnstown-Monroe Schools to the Village of Johnstown for this project will be \$113,298.00. Should there be a request for an increase of services due to a building plan change, those costs would be considered at that time in addition to this amount.

WHEREAS, Council desires to grant the Board's request and views this action as an investment in the school district, students, educators and local taxpayers in the construction of a new elementary and high school;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council for the VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN, Licking County, Ohio, as follows:

Section One. That all fire water tap, domestic water tap and sanitary tap fees set forth in Sections 921.06 and 925.035 of the Codified Ordinances of Johnstown are hereby reduced by 60% for the Johnstown-Monroe Local School District in its construction of a new high school and new elementary school buildings funded by bonds approved by the local taxpayers, the Ohio School Facilities Commission Classroom Facilities Assistance projects and the State of Ohio.

Section Two. All prior legislation, or any parts thereof, which is/are inconsistent with this Ordinance is/are hereby repealed as to the inconsistent parts thereof.

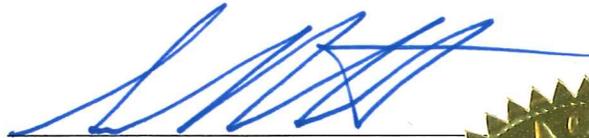
Section Three. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, the immediate passage of which is necessary for the public health, safety and welfare; wherefore, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

Section Four. It is found and determined that all formal actions of Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that meetings of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action where meetings are open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Charter for the VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN.

By:

Introduction/First Reading/Public Hearing/Vote: September 10, 2015

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Sean Stancart, Mayor

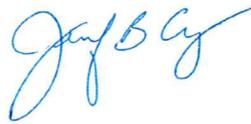
Effective Date: September 10, 2015

ATTEST TO:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Teresa Monroe
Clerk of Council



Jennifer Croghan
Law Director