

## ORDINANCE 2011-06

### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE TEN: SEWERS AND DRAINS, CHAPTER TWENTY-SIX: WASTEWATER SERVICE CHARGES AND COLLECTION, WITH THE ADDITION OF A SEWER DEDUCT METER

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Pecatonica (“Village”) is a duly-organized Illinois Municipal Corporation, operating under the provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/1-1, et. Seq.);

**WHEREAS**, the Village is authorized to establish and enforce rules and regulations relating to the operation and use of sewers and drains and has done so through Article Ten of the Village Code, which is entitled, “Sewers and Drains;”

**WHEREAS**, Article Ten of the Village Code does not establish rules and regulations regarding the use of Deduct Meters within the Village;

**WHEREAS**, The use of Deduct Meters will measure the amount of water used by residents of the Village but not discharged into the sanitary system and will provide a deduction to those residents’ sewer usage; and,

**WHEREAS**, It is deemed to be in the best interests of the Village of Pecatonica that the Village Code be amended to include rules and regulations regarding the use of Deduct Meters within the Village.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF PECATONICA, COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO, STATE OF ILLINOIS, as follows:**

**Section 1.** Article Ten: Sewers and Drains, Chapter Twenty-Six: Wastewater Service Charges and Collection of the Municipal Code of Pecatonica is hereby amended with the addition of the following paragraph G:

**G. Deduct Meter**

1. Description – A Deduct Meter measures the amount of water not discharging into the sanitary system. This would include water used for lawn sprinkler systems or outside hose connections. Deduct Meters are optional, and can be installed at the discretion of the homeowner. The measurement of the deduct meter shall be deducted from the consumer’s sewer usage based upon the reading of the primary water meter. Deduct Meters are available for residential use only.
2. Application – The homeowner must complete an application provided by the Village of Pecatonica and pay the necessary fees which include, but are not limited to, the purchase of the meter, installation, and inspection fees.

3. Installation – It is the responsibility of the applicant to arrange for the installation of the deduct meter by a plumber licensed by the State of Illinois. All deduct meters can be picked up at the Water Department. The deduct meter must be installed after the Main Water Meter. There shall be no permanent or temporary water piping system that passes water from the deduct meter to any interior water outlet. Both water meters should be located in the same area. All installations must be done according to the Village of Pecatonica Specifications. Rules and regulations of the Deduct Meter shall be the same as for the Primary Water Meter.

All underground sprinkling systems must have a backflow preventor installed.

4. Inspections – When installation is complete, the homeowner must contact the Village of Pecatonica Water Department to schedule an appointment for an inspection. The Village retains the right to inspect and test any deduct meter at anytime, as needed, to verify compliance with all applicable regulations.
5. Violations – Abuse of the deduct meter option or attempts to defraud will cause the privilege to be revoked and penalties will be processed in accordance with applicable Village Ordinances. Violations may result in nullification of the deduct meter readings. The first violation will result in a Three Hundred Dollar (\$300.00) fine, and a second violation will result in a Five Hundred Dollar (\$500.00) fine and the removal of the deduct water meter.

**Section 2.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law. This Ordinance shall be published in pamphlet form.

PASSED by the Village Board this 6th day of July, 2011.

APPROVED by the President of the Village Board this 6th day of July, 2011.

Shawn Connors  
Shawn Connors, Village President

ATTEST:

Dana Ryall  
Dana Ryall, Village Clerk

Ayes: 6      Nays: 0      Absent: 0      Abstain: 0

Sager: Aye      Metz: Aye      Smull: Aye  
Heister: Aye      Martin: Aye      Eytalis: Aye