

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF HURON  
VILLAGE OF PORT AUSTIN

ORDINANCE NO. 113-06

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING PROPERTY OWNERS A SEPARATE METER TO MONITOR THE WATER USED FOR WATERING GARDENS AND LAWNS THUS REMOVING THE SEWER CHARGES FROM THE AMOUNT OF WATER USED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

At a regular meeting of the Port Austin Village Council held in the Village Hall on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2006.

Municipal sewer system charges are currently based on the total water intake of the structure. It is the intention of this ordinance to credit water users for the water that is not cycled into the sanitary sewer system. In order to preserve and protect the various elements of the municipal water system and to prevent unnecessary loss of water and expense, the Village of Port Austin ordains:

11.09.00      LAWN WATERING METERS

Properties within the Village of Port Austin may receive sewer use credits of water that is not cycled into the PAASWA sanitary sewer system by installation of an approved secondary water meter.

11.09.01      APPROVAL

Water meters for measuring the amount of water that is used outside the structure and is not cycled into the sanitary sewer system (e.g. used for watering gardens and lawns) must be approved by the PAASWA board of directors at a regular meeting.

1.09.02              LOCATION

Secondary meters for measuring the water used for gardens and lawns must be placed after (i.e. in series with) the primary billing meter of the property owner. Plumbing in the structure must be adjusted to ensure that only the water to the outside faucets is measured by the lawn watering meter. The meter must be placed in a “meter horn.”

11.09.03      PROTECTION

All lawn watering meter connections must have an approved backflow prevention device installed.

#### 11.09.04 COSTS

The property owner will be responsible for all costs associated with the installation of a lawn watering meter including the following:

- A. The cost of the meter and meter horn.
- B. The cost of adjusting the plumbing to comply with 11.09.02
- C. Permit and inspection fees.

#### 11.09.05 READY TO SERVE CHARGE

All property owners utilizing the lawn watering meter that need or have a separate connection to the water main will be required to pay the ready to serve charge based upon the size of the service.

#### 11.09.06 CROSS-CONNECTIONS

No cross-connection will be allowed that would bring the water that has passed through the lawn watering meter into the home for consumption. PAASWA representatives or their designated representatives will be allowed to inspect all lawn watering meter connections on an annual basis.

#### 11.09.07 PENALTIES

All provisions of Section **11.09.03** of this ordinance for the protection of water meters and applicable penalties are applied to this section as well. Any property owner found in violation of any portion of this ordinance will have the lawn watering meter removed and shall not be allowed to install another meter for such purposes for a period of ten (10) years. Persons found to have utilized a secondary meter for purposes other than those permitted herein shall be subject to the applicable criminal penalties.

The ordinance shall be published within 15 days of adoption and shall be effective twenty (20) days after adoption.

Motion by: Scott Kasper  
Seconded by: Steve Radlinski  
Yeas: 7  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
Abstain: 0

Ordinance adopted on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2006.

President: Tony Loewe

Clerk: Judy Binkley