

ORDINANCE NO. 1895

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 13 (WATER AND SEWER), CHAPTER 13.20
(WATER FACILITIES) OF THE CREST HILL CITY CODE**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Crest Hill has the authority to adopt ordinances and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its government and affairs and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 11-139-8 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-139-8), the City Council is authorized to make, enact, and enforce all needful rules and regulations for the acquisition, construction, extension, improvement, management, and maintenance of the City's combined waterworks and sewerage system (the "System"), as well as to make, enact, and enforce all needful rules, regulations, and ordinances for the care and protection of such System as may be conducive to the preservation of the health, safety, comfort, and convenience of the public; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has previously exercised the foregoing authority, *inter alia*, by enacting Title 13 (Water and Sewer), Chapter 13.20 (Water Facilities) of the Crest Hill City Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is necessary, expedient, and in the best interests of the City and its citizens to amend the provisions of Title 13 (Water and Sewer), Chapter 13.20 (Water Facilities) of the Crest Hill City Code as set forth in this Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CREST HILL, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PURSUANT TO ITS STATUTORY AUTHORITY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The City Council hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preamble to this Ordinance are true, correct, and complete and are hereby incorporated by reference hereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2: Title 13 (Water and Sewer), Chapter 13.20 (Water Facilities), Section 13.20.050 (Water Meters; Required; Fittings) is hereby amended to read as follows:

§13.20.050 WATER METERS; REQUIRED; FITTINGS.

All water consumed for any purpose shall be measured through a meter, and no premises will be permitted to use water unless a meter of a make approved by the Director of Public Works has first been installed. All meters shall be connected with standard brass unions and sealed, and no person shall be permitted to tamper, remove, or in any way interfere with the seal on such water meter except under authority granted by the Director of Public Works.

SECTION 3: Title 13 (Water and Sewer), Chapter 13.20 (Water Facilities), Section 13.20.140 (Water Meters; Tampering with Unlawful) is hereby amended to read as follows:

§13.20.140 WATER METERS; TAMPERING WITH UNLAWFUL.

- (A) It is unlawful for any person to break, or cause to be broken, the seal on any water meter unless authorized to do so by the Director of Public Works.
- (B) Whenever it becomes necessary to reseal a water meter because of a violation of division (A) of this section, the customer shall pay the sum of \$75.00 as a resealing fee in addition to any and all other penalties imposed pursuant to this chapter. Said fee shall be added to the customer's next water bill as an itemized charge.

SECTION 4: Title 13 (Water and Sewer), Chapter 13.20 (Water Facilities), Section 13.20.160 (Water Meters; Remote Reading; City Clerk Responsibility) is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 13.20.160 WATER METERS; REMOTE READING.

It shall be the duty and responsibility of the Director of Public Works to ensure the proper installation of remote reading water meters by withholding or revoking building permits or occupancy permits or connection permits to the city's waterworks.

SECTION 5: Title 13 (Water and Sewer), Chapter 13.20 (Water Facilities), Section 13.20.170 (Water Meter; Remote Reading; Make and Manufacture to be Prescribed by City Clerk) is hereby amended to read as follows:

§13.20.170 WATER METER; REMOTE READING; MAKE AND MANUFACTURE TO BE PRESCRIBED BY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

The Director of Public Works shall prescribe, with the approval of the City Council, the make, manufacture, proper location, and installation of remote reading water meters.

SECTION 6: Title 13 (Water and Sewer), Chapter 13.20 (Water Facilities), Section 13.20.180 (Water Meter; Remote Reading; to Replace Broken or Defective Meter) is hereby amended to read as follows:

§13.20.180 REPLACEMENT METERS.

Whenever a broken or tampered with water meter is replaced by a new meter, the city shall install a remote reading water meter. The cost of the remote reader unit shall be borne by the property owner or water customer and shall be payable in total or on an installment plan approved by the Director of Public Works.

SECTION 7: In the event that any provision or provisions, portion or portions, or clause or clauses of this Ordinance shall be declared to be invalid or unenforceable by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such adjudication shall in no way affect or impair the validity or enforceability of any of the remaining provisions, portions, or clauses of this Ordinance that may be given effect without such invalid or unenforceable provision or provisions, portion or portions, or clause or clauses.


SECTION 8: That all ordinances, resolutions, motions, or parts thereof, conflicting with any of the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 9: That the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form.


SECTION 10: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

PASSED THIS 7 DAY OF MARCH, 2022.

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Alderman John Vershay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alderman Scott Dyke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alderdwoman Claudia Gazal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alderman Darrell Jefferson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alderperson Tina Oberlin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alderman Mark Cipiti	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alderman Nate Albert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alderman Joe Kubal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mayor Raymond R. Soliman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>


Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS 7 DAY OF MARCH, 2022.


Raymond R. Soliman, Mayor

ATTEST:


Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk