**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-23**

**AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE WATER RATES FOR THE VILLAGE OF LAKEVIEW, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, in 2018 the Village of Lakeview (Village) retained Courtney & Associates, Public Utility Consultants, of Findlay, Ohio to prepare a Water Rate and Cost of Service Study (Study); and

 **WHEREAS**, based on the results of the Study, the Village modify its water rates so that they more properly reflect the cost of providing water service and provide sufficient revenues to meet future expenses associated with operating and maintaining the Village’s Water System pursuant to Ordinance No. 2018-20; and

**WHEREAS**, it has since be determined that the water rates and charges applied subsequent to adoption of Ordinance No. 2018-20 have not been consistent with the rate modifications set forth in that ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, it is Village Council’s desire to confirm the water rates and charges applied since adoption of Ordinance No. 2018-20; and

 **WHEREAS**, in order to fund increased requirements mandated by the OhioEPA, it is necessary to accelerate the phase-in of the water rate increases set forth in Ordinance No. 2018-20.

 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Village of Lakeview, State of Ohio:

**SECTION 1**. That the Monthly Water Rates set forth below are hereby adopted and shall be applied to all water bills rendered on or after January 1, 2020:

MONTHLY WATER RATES



**SECTION 2**. In the event of a conflict between this ordinance and any other ordinance, the terms of this ordinance shall govern.

**SECTION 3:** That all prior water billings are hereby confirmed.

**SECTION 4**. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the Village in that the rate schedules as amended are necessary for the financial soundness of the Village’s Water System, and shall therefore be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

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 Ryan Shoffstall, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Rebecca Larrabee

 Fiscal Officer