ORDINANCE NO. 82-22-

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION AND OPERATION OF THE MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF THE VILLACE OF CHATHAM, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND FIXING RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER AND WATER SERVICES FURNISHED BY SAID WATERWORKS SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the Village of Chatham, Sangamon County, Illinois, has heretofore enacted an Ordinance providing for the regulation and operation of the municipal waterworks system of the Village of Chatham and fixing rates and charges for water and water services furnished by said waterworks system; and

WHEREAS, the Village heretofore has authorized a water rate study and retained management and advisory services with respect to rates and a determination of the need for and amount of future rate increases; and

WHEREAS, said water rate study has been received by the Village of Chatham, has been on file for public inspection and recommends a rate increase of thirty-five (35%) per cent in 1983 and twenty-five (25%) per cent in 1985 and an additional increase in the minimum or first two thousand (2,000) gallons of Seventy-five (\$.75) cents per month per customer for 1983 and 1984 and that the Village consider developing a mechanism whereby any additional increases in the contractual cost of water purchases is charged to the customers on a current basis, and that the Village consider another rate study in 1985 or 1986 to avoid having to institute large rate increases to erase deficits in future years; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to such study and rate increase determination and the recommendations therein contained it is in the best interests of the Village of Chatham that Ordinance No. 70-7 be amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF CHATHAM, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1</u>: That Ordinance No. 70-7 be and the same hereby is amended as follows: Sections 5, 10 and 11 are hereby deleted and the following Sections 5, 10 and 11 are substituted in lieu thereof:

"Section 5: The following shall be the rates for water

supplied through the waterworks system of said Village, payable monthly within fifteen (15) days after rendition of said bills:

Volume	Inside Village Limits	Outside Village Limits
Minimum 0 - 2,000 Gal./Month	\$6.00	\$8.00
All Over 2,000 Gal./Month	\$1.50/1,000 Gal.	\$2.25/1,000 Gal.

and provided further that a separate minimum charge shall be made for each apartment, flat, place of business or family unit in all buildings containing two or more apartments, flats, places of business or family units; but, provided further, no minimum charge shall be made for any vacant apartment, flat or place of business in any such building which said apartment, flat or business is vacant during an entire month, provided the Superintendent of the Water Department has been notified in writing of such vacancy.

In addition to the foregoing rates, there shall be charged to the Chatham Fire Protection District, Sangamon County, Illinois, the sum of Eighteen (\$18.00) Dollars per year for each fire hydrant connected to the waterworks system for fire protection.

Further, the charge for bulk water sales shall be Two and 75/100 (\$2.75) Dollars per one thousand (1,000) gallons.

The Village reserves the right to make such reasonable changes in rates and in conditions herein established and to establish further rules and regulations from time to time as may be found expeditious or necessary.

<u>Section 10</u>: For violation of any of the foregoing rules or for the nonpayment of water bills, the Village reserves the right to turn off the water after giving a five (5) day notice of its intention to do so, and after the water has been turned off from any service pipe on account of nonpayment of water bills or violation of rules, the same will not be turned on until all delinquent bills and penalties are paid, together with the expense of turning off and on such meter, which will

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be Fifteen (\$15.00) Dollars, and no water will be furnished to any person who is indebted to the Village on account of water consumed, material or repairs.

<u>Section 11</u>: Any person who shall violate any of the rules and regulations provided for in this Ordinance representing the regulations for consumers of water and plumbers shall, upon conviction, in addition to the enforcement of the forfeiture and liabilities therein contained, pay a fine of not less than Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars nor more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars."

Section 2: The following Sections are hereby added to said Ordinance No. 70-7:

> <u>Section 13</u>: The invalidity of any section, clause, sentence or provision of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other party of this Ordinance which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

<u>Section 14</u>: In the event of any increase in rates or charges for water sold or to be sold to the Village by any supplier from which the Village purchases water, commencing ten (10) days after receipt by the Village of written notice from such supplier of such increase, rates for water as set forth in Section 5 of this Ordinance shall be increased in the same percentage that such increase bears to the last base water charge to the Village immediately prior to such increase as follows:

Such Increase = % x Existing Rate Last Base Water Charge Immediately Prior to Such Increase

Section 15: This Ordinance shall be effective upon passage,

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PASSED, 1982	
PUBLISHED, 1982	▶
ATTEST :	President, Board of Trustees Village of Chatham
Dousia J. Healinger	
Village Clerk	

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approval and publication as provided by law."