

**VILLAGE OF CHATHAM, ILLINOIS**

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ORDINANCE NO. 15- 04

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 50  
OF THE VILLAGE OF CHATHAM CODE OF ORDINANCES  
(LEAK ADJUSTMENT)**

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ADOPTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF CHATHAM, ILLINOIS  
THIS 10 DAY OF FEB, 2015

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Published in pamphlet form by the authority of the President and  
Board of Trustees of the Village of Chatham, Sangamon County,  
Illinois, this 10 day of FEB, 2015

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

**SECTION 1:** Section 51.020 is added to the Village of Chatham Code of Ordinances, to state as follows:

**51.020 RESIDENTIAL WATER LEAK ADJUSTMENT**

A. If a residential water customer has experienced a water leak that has caused an increase in the customer's water usage, the Village of Chatham may provide an adjustment to the customer's bill as long as the following criteria are met:

1. The leak has caused water usage to exceed more than twice the normal seasonal usage of the customer (taken as average usage of the last six full usage readings of the respective season, extrapolated as necessary for customers who have not resided in location for the appropriate time frame),
2. The leak has been repaired within 30 days of the earliest of either:
  - a. Notification by the Village of an excessive water usage, or
  - b. Mailing date of utility billing first containing the excessive usage,
3. The customer has requested the leak adjustment, in the form prescribed by the Village, and has provided proof of repair or inspection in the form of receipts, invoices, or sworn statement, confirmed by Village meter reading verification, and
4. Except as set forth in Subsection B (3), the customer has not received a water leak adjustment in the presiding 3 years.

B. The following water leak adjustments are available:

1. For Indoor leaks or other leaks when the water has discharged through the sanitary sewer system - 50% credit of charges for water usage in excess of the seasonal average, with no credit for sanitary sewer charges.

2. For Underground, external or other leaks when the water has not discharged through the sanitary sewer system - 50% credit of charges for water usage in excess of the seasonal average and up to 100% credit for sewer charges in excess of the seasonal average, to the extent such credit is approved by the Springfield Metro Sanitary District.

3. A credit of up to 100% for sewer charges in excess of the seasonal average usage is may be available for all confirmed and repaired underground/external leaks without regard to the 3-year limit, to the extent such credit is approved by the Springfield Metro Sanitary District.

Water leak credits are limited to a maximum of two billing periods.

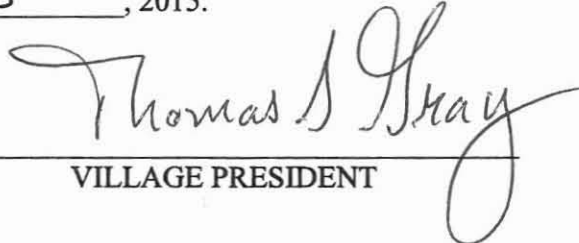
C. Seasonal usage is computed based on the following demand periods:

1. High-demand - Meter readings from April through September
2. Low-demand - Meter readings from October through March

D. A residential customer who has experienced increased usage but is unable to identify a specific leak source, may still qualify for the relief offered herein, provided the criteria in Subparagraph A are otherwise met and further provided that through meter readings, the Village is able to confirm the increase in consumption has ceased.

**SECTION 2:** This Ordinance is effective for all water bills measuring usage beginning in the month of August, 2014. The Clerk shall publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form and see to its inclusion in the next update of the Village of Chatham Code of Ordinances.

PASSED this 10 day of FEB, 2015.

  
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VILLAGE PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

  
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Village Clerk

AYES: 6 CLAYTON KIMSEY BOYLE HOLDEN  
FORMEA SCHATTEMAN  
NAYS: 0  
PASSED: 2-10-15  
APPROVED: 2-10-15  
ABSENT: 0



**ORDINANCE CERTIFICATE**

STATE OF ILLINOIS            )  
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COUNTY OF SANGAMON        )

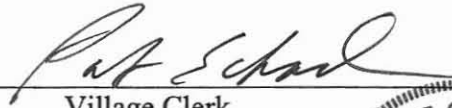
I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Village Clerk of the Village of Chatham, Sangamon County, Illinois.

I do further certify that the ordinance attached hereto is a full, true, and exact copy of Ordinance No. 15- 04, adopted by the President and Board of Trustees of said Village on the 10 day of FEB, 2015, said Ordinance being entitled:

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I do further certify that prior to the making of this certificate, the said Ordinance was spread at length upon the permanent records of said Village, where it now appears and remains.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said Village this 10 day of FEB, 2015.

  
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Village Clerk

