



LORAIN CITY COUNCIL

Committee Agenda

Monday, June 22, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m.

STREETS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE, Mr. Thornsberry, Chm.

Discussion regarding the following proposed amendments to various sections of Chapter 911 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances:

- a. ___ Ord. amending Sec. 911.216 – Delivery of bills & Sec. 911.217 – Charges for Water/Sewer are a lien against the property.
- b. ___ Ord. creating Section 913.058 – TV Inspection of Existing Sanitary Lateral by City.
- c. ___ Ord. amending Section 911.112 – Water Turn-On.
- d. ___ Ord. amending Section 911.230 – Sewer Only Accounts.
- e. ___ Ord. amending Section 911.302 – Regulatory Capital Improvement Compliance Charge.
- f. ___ Ord. amending Section 911.503, Section 911.504, Section 911.505 and Section 911.507 (Utilities Dept.).
- g. ___ Ord. amending Section 911.517, Section 911.518 and Section 911.519 (Utilities Dept.).
- h. ___ Ord. amending Section 911.307 – Exceptions to the water rates.
- i. ___ Ord. amending Section 911.207 – Time Limits on Payments.
- j. ___ Ord. amending Section 911.212 – Service Charge for Bad Checks.
- k. ___ Ord. amending Section 911.214 – Final Bills.
- l. ___ Ord. amending Section 911.222 – Water/Sewer may be refused delinquent persons.
- m. ___ Ord. amending Section 911.290 – Addendum: Listing of Charges.
- n. ___ Ord. amending Sec. 911.700 – Application for Fire Protection System Service; Sec. 911.701 – Changes in Fire Protection System; Sec. 911.722 – Fire Line Service Section; Sec. 911.726 – Detector Meter; Sec. 911.727- Detector Meterflow.
- o. ___ Ord. amending Sec. 911.670 – Disconnecting Services & Repairing Breaks; Sec. 911.671 – Procedure for Disconnecting Services & Repairing Breaks; Sec. 911.672 – Discontinuance of Service.



CITY OF LORAIN

City Council Committee Meeting

a.

Meeting Date: 06/22/2026

Submitted by: Joe Carbonaro, Utilities Director

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION OR LEGISLATION TITLE

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
SECTION 911.216 – DELIVERY OF BILLS &
SECTION 911.217 – CHARGES FOR WATER/SEWER ARE A LIEN AGAINST THE PROPERTY**

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Lorain Utilities Department to ensure clarity when it comes to the Lorain Codified Ordinances;

WHEREAS, Section 911.216 & 911.217 were last updated in 1996 and are in need of updating to provide a clear explanation(s);

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

Passage

Admin Only

___ Ord. amending Sec. 911.216 – Delivery of bills & Sec. 911.217 – Charges for Water/Sewer are a lien against the property.

Attachments

Ordinance

VOTE ON PASSAGE					
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Springowski			Torres		
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ORDINANCE NO.

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WHEREAS, Section 911.216 & 911.217 were last updated in 1996 and are in need of updating to provide a clear explanation(s);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LORAIN, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION I: DELIVER OF BILLS

Section 911.216 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances currently reads as follows:

When bills are sent or delivered to premises supplied with water, the occupant shall pay the bill if he is the customer or if not, return the bill to the Department of Utilities accompanied by a statement as to why the bill is being returned. Failure to receive the bill shall not relieve any person of their obligation to pay the bill, provided that failure to receive a bill was through no fault or neglect of the Department of Utilities. (Ord. 167-96. Passed 9-16-96.)

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CHARGES FOR WATER/SEWER ARE A LIEN AGAINST THE PROPERTY

Section 911.217 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances currently reads as follows:

(a) All charges for water/sewer are assessed against the property to which the service is rendered and are a lien against such property collectable as other liens and taxes.

(b) The lien list will be completed as deemed necessary. The lien list will be forwarded to the County through the City Auditor. Once submitted, the list must remain unchanged save for legal or court directives. After the lien list is submitted, all references and payments are to be made to the County.

(c) Failure to investigate such charges and services does not relieve the new owner of debt of such charges against said property and shall be cause for the Department of Utilities to refuse water/sewer service to said property until all charges against said property are paid in full. (Ord. 167-96. Passed 9-16-96.)

SECTION II: That Section(s) 911.216 & 911.217 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances **Shall be amended to read as follows:**

911.216 DELIVERY OF BILLS

When bills are sent and/or delivered to premises supplied with water, the occupant and/or property owner shall pay the bill if they are the customer or if not, return the bill to the Department of Utilities accompanied by a statement explaining why the bill is being returned. Failure to receive the bill shall not relieve any person of their obligation to pay the amount due on the bill, provided that the failure to receive a bill was through no fault or neglect of the Department of Utilities.

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911.217 CHARGES FOR WATER/SEWER ARE A LIEN AGAINST THE PROPERTY

(a) All charges for water/sewer are assessed against the property to which the service is rendered and are a lien against such property collectable as other liens and taxes.

(b) The lien list will be completed as deemed necessary. The lien list will be forwarded to the County through the City Auditor. Once submitted, the list must remain unchanged save for legal or court directives. After the lien list is submitted, all references and payments are to be made to the County.

(c) Failure to investigate such charges and services does not relieve the new owner of debt of such charges against said property and shall be cause for the Department of Utilities to refuse water/sewer service to said property until all charges against said property are paid in full.

(d) Properties that have a lien placed and water service terminated, shall not receive water service reinstatement until a minimum of 50% of the lien amount is paid to the County Auditor's office which in turn will be remitted to the Utilities Department of the City of Lorain. Receipt shall be provided to the City of Lorain Utilities Department prior to water service being turned back on. Any other fees associated with the reinstatement of water service shall remain in effect.

SECTION III: That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____ **CLERK**

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____, 2026

MAYOR



CITY OF LORAIN

City Council Committee Meeting

b.

Meeting Date: 06/22/2026

Submitted by: Joe Carbonaro, Utilities Director

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION OR LEGISLATION TITLE

AN ORDINANCE CREATING

SECTION 913.058 – TV INSPECTION OF EXISTING SANITARY LATERAL BY CITY

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

WHEREAS, a review of the current Lorain Codified Ordinances does not accurately specify the procedure for a customer requested Sanitary Sewer Lateral Inspection conducted by the Utilities Department Sewer Sub-Department, and;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Lorain Utilities Department to ensure clarity when it comes to updating the Lorain Codified Ordinances, and;

WHEREAS, Section 913.058 has been reserved for future legislation and shall be known from this point forward as “TV Inspection of Existing Sanitary Lateral by City”.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

Passage

Admin Only

___ Ord. creating Section 913.058 – TV Inspection of Existing Sanitary Lateral by City.

Attachments

Ordinance

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WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Lorain Utilities Department to ensure clarity when it comes to updating the Lorain Codified Ordinances, and;

WHEREAS, Section 913.058 has been reserved for future legislation and shall be known from this point forward as “TV Inspection of Existing Sanitary Lateral by City”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LORAIN, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION I: TV INSPECTION OF EXISTING SANITARY LATERAL BY CITY

Section 913.058 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances will from this time forward read as follows:

- (a) The City of Lorain Sewer Department can be requested to inspect the sanitary sewer lateral (non-emergency) of a property via method of CCTV. The property owner shall be the only individual able to make the request to the Sewer Department, who shall then provide the necessary information such as date and time in which the work can occur.
 - a. For a property owner to request an inspection, they will contact an Accounts Representative who can collect their information and provide details to the Sewer Department personnel. The owner does not need to be present for the inspection to occur.
- (b) The property shall be assessed a Lateral Inspection Fee of one hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$175) on their Utility Bill, to cover the cost of equipment used to perform the inspection, and to be paid at the time of their next due date of their Utility Bill.
 - a. If it is found that the cause for the inspection was a blockage or break in the portion of the lateral found to be the responsibility of the City of Lorain Utilities Department (Codified Ordinance(s) 913.032 & 913.057). The Inspection Fee shall be reversed and removed from the Utility Bill.

SECTION II: That, it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council; and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22, Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION III: That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____ **CLERK**

APPROVED: _____, 2026

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

MAYOR



CITY OF LORAIN

City Council Committee Meeting

c.

Meeting Date: 06/22/2026

Submitted by: Joe Carbonaro, Utilities Director

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION OR LEGISLATION TITLE

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
SECTION 911.112 – WATER TURN-ON**

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Lorain Utilities Department to ensure clarity when it comes to the Lorain Codified Ordinances;

WHEREAS, Section 911.112 was last updated in 2002 and is in need of updating to reflect cost of services;

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

Passage

Admin Only

___ Ord. amending Section 911.112 – Water Turn-On.

Attachments

Ordinance

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ORDINANCE NO.

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SECTION 911.112 – WATER TURN-ON**

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WHEREAS, Section 911.112 was last updated in 2002 and is in need of updating to reflect cost of services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LORAIN, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION I: WATER TURN-ON

Section 911.112 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances currently reads as follows:

The supply of water turned off under Section [911.111](#) will not be turned on again until the cause of the turn-off has been removed and all charges, including a turn-on charge has been paid. The turn-on charge during regular working hours is \$25.00 (\$12.50 to Water Funds; \$12.50 to Water Pollution Control Funds). The turn-on charge after working hours if \$45.00 (\$22.50 to Water Funds; \$22.50 to Water Pollution Control Funds). Water to a premises shall be turned on only by employees of the Division of Water when turned off for any of the reasons set forth in Section [911.111](#). (Ord. 192-02. Passed 11-18-02.)

SECTION II: That Section(s) 911.112 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances **Shall be amended to read as follows:**

911.112 WATER TURN-ON

The supply of water turned off under Section [911.111](#) will not be turned on again until the cause of the turn-off has been removed and all charges, including a turn-on charge has been paid. The turn-on charge during regular working hours shall be \$50.00 (\$25.00 to Water Works Funds; \$25.00 to Water Pollution Control Funds). The turn-on charge after working hours shall be \$100 (\$50 to Water Works Funds; \$50 to Water Pollution Control Funds). The curb stop that requires operation for water service to a premise shall be operated/turned only by employees of the Utilities Department (Section 911.403) when turned off for any of the reasons set forth in Section [911.111](#).

SECTION III: That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____ **CLERK**

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____, 2026

MAYOR



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d.

Meeting Date: 06/22/2026

Submitted by: Joe Carbonaro, Utilities Director

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION OR LEGISLATION TITLE

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
SECTION 911.230 – SEWER ONLY ACCOUNTS**

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Lorain Utilities Department to ensure clarity when it comes to the Lorain Codified Ordinances;

WHEREAS, Section 911.230 was last updated in 1996 and is in need of updating;

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

Passage

Admin Only

___ Ord. amending Section 911.230 – Sewer Only Accounts.

Attachments

Ordinance

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WHEREAS, Section 911.230 was last updated in 1996 and is in need of updating;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LORAIN, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION I: SEWER ONLY ACCOUNTS

Section 911.230 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances currently reads as follows:

(a) An application for sewer service must be made at the Department of Utilities. The customer will pay sewer service charges that will be determined by the Director of Utilities.

(b) The customer will be billed monthly or quarterly for the sewer service as determined by the Director of Utilities. The billing will be at the same time that the water and sewer bills are due in the location of the customer.

(Ord. 167-96. Passed 9-16-96.)

SECTION II: That Section(s) 911.230 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances **Shall be amended to read as follows:**

911.230 SEWER ONLY ACCOUNTS

(a) An application for sewer service must be made to the Department of Utilities. The customer shall pay sewer service charges that will be determined by the Utilities Department. Charges for sewer service will be based on the amount of volume of water used through a customer's water meter as provided by the water service provider.

(b) The customer shall be billed monthly or quarterly for the sewer service as determined by the Director of Utilities. The billing will be at the same time that the water and sewer bills are due in the location of the customer.

SECTION III: That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____, 2026

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____ **CLERK**

APPROVED: _____, 2026

MAYOR



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e.

Meeting Date: 06/22/2026

Submitted by: Joe Carbonaro, Utilities Director

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION OR LEGISLATION TITLE

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
SECTION 911.302 – REGULATORY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMPLIANCE CHARGE**

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Lorain Utilities Department to ensure clarity when it comes to the Lorain Codified Ordinances;

WHEREAS, Section 911.302 was last updated in 2017 and is in need of further updating to ensure clarification;

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

Passage

Admin Only

___ Ord. amending Section 911.302 – Regulatory Capital Improvement Compliance Charge.

Attachments

Ordinance

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ORDINANCE NO.

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SECTION 911.302 – REGULATORY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMPLIANCE CHARGE**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Lorain Utilities Department to ensure clarity when it comes to the Lorain Codified Ordinances;

WHEREAS, Section 911.302 was last updated in 2017 and is in need of further updating to ensure clarification;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LORAIN, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION I: REGULATORY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMPLIANCE CHARGE

Section 911.302 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances currently reads as follows:

All consumers supplied with water by the City shall be charged a monthly Regulatory Capital Improvement Compliance Charge based on the size of their meter. The Regulatory Capital Improvement Compliance Charge shall be part of the rates as determined in Section [911.303](#). (Ord. 103-17. Passed 10-2-17.)

SECTION II: That Section(s) 911.112 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances **Shall be amended to read as follows:**

911.302 WATER FIXED CHARGE

All premises/properties supplied with water by the Utilities Department, Water Purification Plant of the City of Lorain shall be assessed a monthly fixed charge as set forth by the Director of Public Safety & Service based on the size of their water meter that services their premise/property. The Water Fixed Charge shall be part of the rates as determined in Section [911.303](#).

SECTION III: That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____ **CLERK**

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____, 2026

MAYOR



CITY OF LORAIN

City Council Committee Meeting

f.

Meeting Date: 06/22/2026

Submitted by: Joe Carbonaro, Utilities Director

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION OR LEGISLATION TITLE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING

SECTION 911.503 – ENTERING PROPERTIES FOR OPERATION OF METERING SYSTEMS;

SECTION 911.504 – ACCESS TO PROPERTY FOR OPERATION OF METERING SYSTEMS;

SECTION 911.505 – NUMBER OF METERS ALLOWED;

SECTION 911.507 – INSTALLATION OF METERS BY DIVISION OF WATER ONLY

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Lorain Utilities Department to ensure clarity when it comes to the Lorain Codified Ordinances;

WHEREAS, Section(s) 911.503, 911.504, & 911.507 were last updated in 1996 and Section 911.505 was last updated in 2005 and all are in need of updating to provide clear explanation(s);

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

Passage

Admin Only

____ Ord. amending Section 911.503, Section 911.504, Section 911.505 and Section 911.507 (Utilities Dept.).

Attachments

Ordinance

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ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING

**SECTION 911.503 – ENTERING PROPERTIES FOR OPERATION OF METERING SYSTEMS;
SECTION 911.504 – ACCESS TO PROPERTY FOR OPERATION OF METERING SYSTEMS;
SECTION 911.505 – NUMBER OF METERS ALLOWED;
SECTION 911.507 – INSTALLATION OF METERS BY DIVISION OF WATER ONLY**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Lorain Utilities Department to ensure clarity when it comes to the Lorain Codified Ordinances;

WHEREAS, Section(s) 911.503, 911.504, & 911.507 were last updated in 1996 and Section 911.505 was last updated in 2005 and all are in need of updating to provide clear explanation(s);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LORAIN, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION I: ENTERING PROPERTIES FOR OPERATION OF METERING SYSTEMS

Section 911.503 of the Lorain Codified Ordinance currently reads as follows:

The Director of Public Service or his appointed agents are authorized to enter all properties served with water by the Division of Water for the purpose of installing, reading and maintaining the metering system.

(Ord. 167-96. Passed 9-16-96.)

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ACCESS TO PROPERTY FOR OPERATION OF METERING SYSTEMS

Section 911.504 of the Lorain Codified Ordinance currently reads as follows:

(a) Water service may be terminated for failure of a customer to provide access to the property for the purpose of installing, reading or maintaining the metering system after being given notice and reasonable time to comply with such notice.

(b) The property owner shall pay the appropriate service termination and resumption charges as specified in Section [911.207](#) for denying access to the Director of Public Service or his agents for the purpose of installing, reading and maintaining the metering system.

(Ord. 167-96. Passed 9-16-96.)

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NUMBER OF METERS ALLOWED

Section 911.505 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances currently reads as follows:

No more than one meter shall be used per premise served by a single service. Where there is multiple occupancy on one premise such as a duplex, each side shall have a meter in a separate line from the second shutoff to the second meter. The owner of the premise shall pay as stated in Section [911.524](#) for manifold, additional shutoff and meter in duplex or similar multiple occupancy premise.

A second meter may be installed upon approval of the Director of Utilities for the purpose of monitoring pond, irrigation, or pool use water. The meter and waterline are subject to inspection by Utilities Department staff upon notice to the owner of the residence. An inspection fee will be assessed for each inspection. Customers must petition the director in writing to request a second meter. Customers with second meters installed shall not be subject to provisions of summer sewer averaging. (Ord. 42-05. Passed 3-7-05.)

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INSTALLATION OF METERS BY DIVISION OF WATER ONLY

Section 911.507 of the Lorain Codified Ordinance currently reads as follows:

The water metering system will be installed by the Division of Water or their duly authorized representatives. This system will include the water meter, remote register and necessary wire to connect the remote register to the meter.

(Ord. 167-96. Passed 9-16-96.)

SECTION II: That Section(s) 911.503, 911.504, 911.505, & 911.507 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances **shall be amended to read as follows:**

911.503 ENTERING PROPERTIES FOR OPERATION OF METERING SYSTEMS

The Director of **Utilities** or his appointed agents/**personnel** are authorized to enter all properties served with water by the **Utilities Department of the City of Lorain** for the purpose of, **including but not limited to**, installing, **inspecting**, reading, and maintaining the **water** metering system.

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911.504 ACCESS TO PROPERTY FOR OPERATION OF METERING SYSTEMS

(a) Water service may be terminated for failure of a customer to provide access to the property for the purpose of, **including but not limited to**, installing, **inspecting**, reading, or maintaining the **water** metering system after **have** being given **advanced** notice and a reasonable **timeframe** to comply with such notice.

(b) The property owner shall pay the appropriate service termination (**turn-off**) and resumption (**turn-on**) charges as specified in Section [911.207](#) for denying and/or **not providing** access to the Director of **Utilities** or his **appointed agents/personnel** for the purpose of, **including but not limited to**, installing, **inspecting**, reading, and maintaining the metering system.

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911.505 NUMBER OF METERS ALLOWED

No more than one (1) meter shall be used per premise served by a single water service. Where there are multiple occupancies at one premise such as a duplex, each side shall have a meter on a completely separate water service tap from the water main to their own curb stop to their meter. The owner of the premise shall pay as stated in Section(s) 911.524 & 911.405 for all required charges necessary for duplex or similar multiple occupancy premise(s).

A second meter may be installed upon approval of the Director of Utilities for the purpose of monitoring pond, irrigation, or pool use water. The meter and waterline are subject to inspection by Utilities Department staff upon notice to the owner of the residence. An inspection fee will be assessed for each inspection. Customers shall submit a request in writing to the Utilities Department the second meter. Customers with second meters installed shall not be subject to the provisions of summer sewer discount.

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911.507 INSTALLATION OF METERS BY DIVISION OF WATER ONLY

The water metering system shall be installed by the Utilities Department or their duly authorized representative(s). This system will include the water meter, remote register and necessary wire to connect the remote register to the meter as well as any other equipment/materials deemed necessary.

SECTION III: That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____ **CLERK**

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____, 2026

MAYOR



CITY OF LORAIN

City Council Committee Meeting

g.

Meeting Date: 06/22/2026

Submitted by: Joe Carbonaro, Utilities Director

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION OR LEGISLATION TITLE

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
SECTION 911.517 – ALL WATER MUST BE METERED;
SECTION 911.518 – METER TO BE FURNISHED BY CITY;
SECTION 911.519 – REPLACEMENT OF METERS;**

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Lorain Utilities Department to ensure clarity when it comes to the Lorain Codified Ordinances;

WHEREAS, Section 911.517 was last updated in 1996, Section 911.518 was last updated in 2005, and Section 911.519 was last updated in 1996 and all are in need of updating to provide a clear explanation(s);

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

Passage

Admin Only

___ Ord. amending Section 911.517, Section 911.518 and Section 911.519 (Utilities Dept.).

Attachments

Ordinance

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ORDINANCE NO.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
SECTION 911.517 – ALL WATER MUST BE METERED;
SECTION 911.518 – METER TO BE FURNISHED BY CITY;
SECTION 911.519 – REPLACEMENT OF METERS;**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Lorain Utilities Department to ensure clarity when it comes to the Lorain Codified Ordinances;

WHEREAS, Section 911.517 was last updated in 1996, Section 911.518 was last updated in 2005, and Section 911.519 was last updated in 1996 and all are in need of updating to provide a clear explanation(s);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LORAIN, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION I: ALL WATER MUST BE METERED

Section 911.517 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances currently reads as follows:

No person shall consume or make use of water supplied by the Division of Water of the City of Lorain for any purpose whatsoever, except as hereinafter provided unless such water shall have passed through a meter supplied by the Division of Water. All meters shall be provided and installed by the City. The customer will be billed for installation cost as provided by Section [911.524](#). The size of the meter to be installed shall be requested by the owner and approved by the City on the basis of estimated use requirements.
(Ord. 167-96. Passed 9-16-96.)

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METER TO BE FURNISHED BY CITY

Section 911.518 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances currently reads as follows:

All water meters used for all purposes, or for vessels moored during the winter season, shall be furnished by the Division of Water of the City of Lorain.
(Ord. 42-05. Passed 3-7-05.)

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REPLACEMENT OF METERS

Section 911.519 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances currently reads as follows:

The Utilities Department, Division of Water, has the right to replace any of its meters it deems necessary and cannot be held responsible for damage to service lines caused by such work if reasonable care is exercised. Notice to replace inferior meters will constitute reasonable care.
(Ord. 167-96. Passed 9-16-96.)

SECTION II: That Section(s) 911.517, 911.518, & 911.519 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances
Shall be amended to read as follows:

911.517 ALL WATER MUST BE METERED

No person shall consume or make use of water supplied by the Utilities Department, Water Purification Plant of the City of Lorain for any purpose whatsoever, except as hereinafter provided unless such water shall have passed through a meter supplied and/or approved by the Utilities Department. All meters shall be provided and installed by the City, unless otherwise approved by the Director of Utilities. The customer shall be billed for the installation cost as provided in Section 911.524. The size of the meter to be installed shall be requested by the owner and approved by the City on the basis of estimated use requirements.

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911.518 METER TO BE FURNISHED BY CITY

All water meters used for any and all purposes of potable water, or for vessels moored during the winter season, shall be furnished by the Utilities Department of the City of Lorain.

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911.519 REPLACEMENT OF METERS

The Utilities Department has the right to replace any of its water meters it deems necessary and cannot nor shall not be held responsible for damage to service lines caused by such work if reasonable care is exercised. Notice to replace inferior meters will constitute reasonable care.

SECTION III: That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____ **CLERK**

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____, 2026

MAYOR



CITY OF LORAIN

City Council Committee Meeting

h.

Meeting Date: 06/22/2026

Submitted by: Joe Carbonaro, Utilities Director

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION OR LEGISLATION TITLE

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
SECTION 911.307 – EXCEPTIONS TO THE WATER RATES**

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Lorain Utilities Department to ensure clarity when it comes to the Lorain Codified Ordinances;

WHEREAS, Section 911.307 was last updated in 2017 and is in need of further updating to ensure clarification;

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

Passage

Admin Only

___ Ord. amending Section 911.307 – Exceptions to the water rates.

Attachments

Ordinance

Application

Former Application (2022)

VOTE ON PASSAGE					
	AYE	NAY		AYE	NAY
Springowski			Torres		
Dimacchia			Gonzalez		
Fallis			Arroyo		
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Carter			Arredondo		

ORDINANCE NO.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
SECTION 911.307 – EXCEPTIONS TO THE WATER RATES**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Lorain Utilities Department to ensure clarity when it comes to the Lorain Codified Ordinances;

WHEREAS, Section 911.307 was last updated in 2017 and is in need of further updating to ensure clarification;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LORAIN, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION I: EXCEPTIONS TO THE WATER RATES

Section 911.307 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances currently reads as follows:

- (a) Any person residing inside the City limits who:
- (1) Is sixty-five (65) years of age or older or permanently and totally disabled as established by the Social Security Administration and verified by a physician's medical certificate; and
 - (2) Is the owner of the residence inside City limits being serviced and can only be applied to the property that the applicant lives in; and
 - (3) Is the head of his or her household; and
 - (4) Has a total household income that falls below 110% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines; household income shall include income of all residents living at the property.

Shall be entitled to a discounted water rates as established in Section [911.303](#) on the basis of 100 cubic feet of water used, provided, however, that this rate shall not be available to that part of the household's usage which exceeds 400 cubic feet in any month; nor shall these rates be available where a member of the household has earnings above 110% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

(b) To be eligible for the discounted rates provided for in this section a person must submit an application furnished by the Department of Utilities, which application must be approved by the Director of Public Safety/Service. (Ord. 103-17. Passed 10-2-17.)

SECTION II: That Section(s) 911.112 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances **Shall be amended to read as follows:**

911.307 AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM FOR WATER RATES

- (a) Any customer residing inside the Corporate Limits of the City of Lorain who:
- (1) Is sixty-five (65) years of age or older or is permanently and totally disabled as established by the Social Security Administration and verified by a physician's medical certificate; and
 - (2) Is the owner of the residence inside the Corporate Limits of the City of Lorain being serviced and can only be applied to the property that the applicant lives in; and
 - (3) Is the head of his or her household; and

(4) Has a total household income that falls below 110% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines; household income shall include income of all residents living at the property.

Should the customer meet these requirements, they shall be entitled to a discounted water rate as established in Section [911.303](#) on the basis of 100 cubic feet of water used, provided, however, that this rate shall not be available to that part of the household's usage which exceeds 600 cubic feet in any month; nor shall these rates be available where any member of the household has earnings above 110% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

(b) To be eligible for the discounted rates provided for in this section a person must submit an application to the Department of Utilities, which application must be approved by the Director of Public Safety/Service or their designee.

SECTION III: That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____ **CLERK**

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____, 2026

MAYOR



The City of Lorain, Ohio UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Joseph A. Carbonaro
Director of Utilities

Application for Lorain Utilities Department Affordability Program (Codified Ordinance 911.307)

Account Number: _____ Three Digit Code: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Social Security #: _____ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Do you own your home? Yes No Type of Property: ___Single___Duplex___Condo

Number of Persons Residing at this Residence: _____

List All Other Person(s) in your Household Eighteen (18) Years of Age or Older

Name	Age	Social Security #
1:		
2:		
3:		
4:		

Adjusted Gross Income, including Social Security; other Retirement Pension and/or Annuity; all Interest and Dividends from sources must be included.

Applicant's Income: _____

Other Household Income: _____

Total Household Income: _____

These rates shall not be available where the members of the household have earnings above the federal poverty guidelines. See below for further details.

Application is accompanied with a doctor's certification and or certification or proof by Social Security Administration and/or Veteran's Administration? _____Yes_____No

By signing this application, I authorize the City Auditor and/or Director of Utilities or their designee to examine any financial records that relate to income earned by the applicant as stated on this application. No discount of water rates shall be made to any person convicted of violating Section 911.307 of City Ordinance #42-80 for a period of three (3) years following conviction.

"I do declare under penalties of perjury that information given on this application, including my accompanying statements and data has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true, correct and complete return report."

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

For the most up-to-date information on the Federal Poverty Limits and Guideline, please refer to the Department of Housing & Human Service website: [ASPE | Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation \(www.aspe.hhs.gov\)](https://www.aspe.hhs.gov) or ([detailed-guidelines-2026.pdf](#))



City of Lorain

Application for Golden Age and Disability Discount for Water and Sewer Bills

Account Number: _____ Three Digit Number: _____
 Applicant's Name: _____
 Address: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone Number: _____ SS#: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Do you own your home? Yes No Type of Property: Single Duplex Condo

Number of Persons Residing at this Residence: _____

List All Other Person(s) in your Household Eighteen (18) Years of Age or Older

	Name	Age	Social Security #
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____

Adjusted gross income, including old age benefit social security, other retirement pension or annuity; all interest and dividends from whatever source must be included.

Applicant's Income: _____
 Other Household Income: _____
 Total Household Income: _____

These rates shall not be available where the members of the household have earnings above the federal poverty guideline. See below for further details.

Application is accompanied with a doctor's certification and or certification or proof by Social Security Administration and/or Veteran's Administration? Yes No

By signing this application, I authorize the City Auditor or Director of Utilities to examine any financial records that relate to income earned by the applicant as stated on this application. No discount of water rates shall be made to any person convicted of violating Section 911:307 of City Ordinance #42-80 for a period of three (3) years following conviction. No discount of water rates shall be made to any person convicted of violating Section 913.307 of City Ordinance #42-80 for a period of three (3) years following conviction.

"I do declare under penalties of perjury that information given on this application, including my accompanying statements and data has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true, correct and complete return report."

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

**CITY OF LORAIN, OHIO UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
1106 FIRST ST LORAIN OH 44052
440-204-2500**

Re: Qualification for Golden Age and Disabled Discount

To Whom It May Concern:

The Lorain Utilities Department offers a discounted rate to any person who:

1. Is sixty-five (65) years of age or older or is totally disabled as established by the Social Security Administration or Veteran's Administration and verified by a physician's medical certificate; and
2. Is the owner of the residence inside the City limits being serviced and can only be applied to the property that the applicant lives in; and
3. Is the head of his or her household; and
4. Can provide a copy of his or her most current Federal Form 1040 or other valid proof of income.
5. Has a total income of that falls below 110% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, to include the income of all other residents living at the property. (Total household income must include old age benefits, Social Security benefits, other retirement pension or annuity: all interest or dividends from whatever source must be included; disability benefits and includes the income of all other residents living at the property.)

THESE RATES SHALL NOT BE AVAILABLE WHERE ALL MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD HAVE COMBINED EARNINGS ABOVE 110% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES.

If you have any questions or need help filling out this form, please come to our office at 1106 First ST or call 204-2500, Option 3. We advise not calling during the first week of each month due to high call volume.

Lorain Utilities Department

MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF INCOME

2022 POVERTY GUIDELINES

PERSONS IN FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD

110%
GUIDELINE

1	\$14,949
2	\$20,141
3	\$25,333
4	\$30,525
5	\$35,717
6	\$40,909
7	\$46,101
8	\$51,293

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,598 for each additional person.

Eligibility for discount must be below listed total income.



CITY OF LORAIN

City Council Committee Meeting

i.

Meeting Date: 06/22/2026

Submitted by: Joe Carbonaro, Utilities Director

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION OR LEGISLATION TITLE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
SECTION 911.207 – TIME LIMIT ON PAYMENTS

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

Ordinance to amend 911.207 by including more detailed language. No fee changes

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

Send to June 22nd Committee

Admin Only

___ Ord. amending Section 911.207 – Time Limits on Payments.

Attachments

Ordinance

VOTE ON PASSAGE					
	AYE	NAY		AYE	NAY
Springowski			Torres		
Dimacchia			Gonzalez		
Fallis			Arroyo		
Drwal			Bearer		
Kempton			Thornsberry		
Carter			Arredondo		

ORDINANCE NO.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
SECTION 911.207 – TIME LIMIT ON PAYMENTS**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Lorain Utilities Department to ensure clarity when it comes to the Lorain Codified Ordinances;

WHEREAS, Section 911.207 was last updated over various years and is in need of updating to reflect cost of services and ensure consistency across Codified Ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LORAIN, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION I: TIME LIMIT ON PAYMENTS

Section 911.207 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances currently reads as follows:

(a) If bills payable monthly are not paid within seventeen (17) days after the billing date, a ten percent (10%) late charge will be added to the current bill charges only.

(Ord. 99-22. Passed 6-20-22.)

(b) In cases of all accounts, after sixty days the account is considered delinquent. A red bill of notification of the delinquency will be mailed. Water service may be discontinued at any time after mailing the red delinquent bill. Water service shall be discontinued and water shall not thereafter be turned on again until the bill is paid in full or partial payments are arranged with the Credit Counselor (see Section [913.209](#)). If the water is turned off, the turn on charge shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) [twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to Water Funds; twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to Water Pollution Control Funds].

(Ord. 42-05. Passed 3-7-05.)

(c) Bills for repairs, or other charges stipulated in these rules and regulations will be processed in the same manner, with the same periods for payment, as set forth herein for bills for water/sewer service supplied.

(d) If a tenant's landlord is responsible for the bill, the tenant should contact both his/her landlord and the Utilities Department immediately. A tenant has the right to continuous water/sewer service so long as the tenant pays the current month's bill every month by the seventh of each month. The tenant also has the right to a hearing. If the tenant asks for a hearing within seven days of the date of this notice, his/her water will not be shut off until after the hearing. The tenant may request a hearing concerning the following issues:

- (1) Dispute of the amount due.
- (2) Suffering from financial hardship.
- (3) Suffering from medical hardship.
- (4) Some other good cause.

(Ord. 167-96. Passed 9-16-96.)

Shall be amended to read as follows:

911.207 TIME LIMIT ON PAYMENTS

(a) If bills payable monthly are not paid within seventeen (17) days after the billing date, a ten percent (10%) late charge will be added to the current bill charges only.

~~(Ord. 99-22. Passed 6-20-22.)~~

(b) In cases of all accounts, after sixty (60) days the account shall be considered delinquent. A red bill of notification of the delinquency will be mailed. Water service may be discontinued at any time after mailing the red delinquent bill. Water service shall be discontinued, and water shall not thereafter be turned on again until the bill is paid in full or other arrangements for payment are arranged with the Utilities Department (i.e. Payment Plan (Section 911.202)). If the water is turned off, charges for reinstatement of service shall follow charges outlined in Section 911.112 of the Codified Ordinances.

~~(Ord. 42-05. Passed 3-7-05.)~~

(c) Bills for repairs, or other charges stipulated in these rules and regulations will be processed in the same manner, with the same periods for payment, as set forth herein for bills for water/sewer service supplied.

(d) If a tenant's landlord is responsible for the bill, the tenant should contact both his/her landlord and the Utilities Department immediately. A tenant has the right to continuous water/sewer service so long as the tenant pays the current month's bill every month by the **seventeenth (17th)** of each month. The tenant also has the right to a hearing. If the tenant asks for a hearing within seven (7) **calendar** days of the date of this notice, his/her water will not be shut off until after the **conclusion of the** hearing. The tenant may request a hearing concerning the following issues:

- (1) Dispute of the amount due.
- (2) Suffering from financial hardship.
- (3) Suffering from medical hardship.
- (4) **Other cause approved by the Director of Utilities or their Designee**

SECTION II: That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____, 2026

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____ **CLERK**

APPROVED: _____, 2026

MAYOR



CITY OF LORAIN

City Council Committee Meeting

j.

Meeting Date: 06/22/2026

Submitted by: Joe Carbonaro, Utilities Director

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION OR LEGISLATION TITLE

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
SECTION 911.212 – SERVICE CHARGE FOR BAD CHECKS**

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

Adjusting service charge for bad checks that were submitted to the Utilities Department. Increasing from \$30 to \$50

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

Send to Committee on June 22nd

Admin Only

___ Ord. amending Section 911.212 – Service Charge for Bad Checks.

Attachments

Ordinance

VOTE ON PASSAGE					
	AYE	NAY		AYE	NAY
Springowski			Torres		
Dimacchia			Gonzalez		
Fallis			Arroyo		
Drwal			Bearer		
Kempton			Thornsberry		
Carter			Arredondo		

ORDINANCE NO.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
SECTION 911.212 – SERVICE CHARGE FOR BAD CHECKS**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Lorain Utilities Department to ensure clarity when it comes to the Lorain Codified Ordinances;

WHEREAS, Section 911.212 was last updated in 2005 is in need of updating to reflect cost of services and ensure consistency across Codified Ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LORAIN, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION I: SERVICE CHARGE FOR BAD CHECKS

Section 911.212 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances currently reads as follows:

There will be a thirty dollar (\$30.00) service charge [fifteen dollars (\$15.00) to Water Funds; fifteen dollars (\$15.00) to Water Pollution Control Funds] on all checks that are returned with insufficient funds, stop payment, account closed, or any other reason the check is not honored. (Ord. 42-05. Passed 3-7-05.)

Shall be amended to read as follows:

911.212 SERVICE CHARGE FOR BAD CHECKS

There will be a fifty-dollar (\$50.00) service charge [twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to Water Funds; twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to Water Pollution Control Funds] on all checks that are returned with insufficient funds, stop payment, account closed, or any other reason the check is not honored.

SECTION II: That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____ **CLERK**

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____, 2026

MAYOR



CITY OF LORAIN

City Council Committee Meeting

k.

Meeting Date: 06/22/2026

Submitted by: Joe Carbonaro, Utilities Director

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION OR LEGISLATION TITLE

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
SECTION 911.214 – FINAL BILLS**

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

Adjustments to Section related to Final Bills for service from Utilities Department. Changes include simplifying language, reducing unnecessary verbiage, adjustment of fees for failure of a new occupant to sign up for service from \$30 to \$150, clarifying turn off requests, and specification of what happens to charges when a final bill goes unpaid.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

Send to Committee on June 22nd

Admin Only

___ Ord. amending Section 911.214 – Final Bills.

Attachments

Ordinance

VOTE ON PASSAGE					
	AYE	NAY		AYE	NAY
Springowski			Torres		
Dimacchia			Gonzalez		
Fallis			Arroyo		
Drwal			Bearer		
Kempton			Thornsberry		
Carter			Arredondo		

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 911.214 – FINAL BILLS

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Lorain Utilities Department to ensure clarity when it comes to the Lorain Codified Ordinances;

WHEREAS, Section 911.207 was last updated over various years and is in need of updating to reflect cost of services and ensure consistency across Codified Ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LORAIN, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION I: FINAL BILLS

Section 911.214 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances currently reads as follows:

(a) Customers wishing to terminate their water/sewer service contract may do so by notifying the Billing Office in person or by phone at least one business day in advance. Customers wishing to terminate water service fire contracts must do so in writing. When the Department of Utilities is notified that the customer wishes to terminate the service, a work order will be prepared to secure a reading from the master meter which will be used to prepare a final bill, stating thereon all the charges required to be paid by the customer. Customers having a master meter inside their properties must provide access to such for the final reading. If access is denied, the water service will be terminated until access is arranged.

If the customer fails to be home on the pre-arranged day, a thirty-five dollar (\$35.00) service charge [seventeen dollars and fifty cents (\$17.50) to Water Funds; seventeen dollars and fifty cents (\$17.50) to Water Pollution Control Funds] will be added to the billing for a return trip by the Meter Reader. On the same day, if an after-hour call is made, the charge will be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) [fifty dollars (\$50.00) to Water Funds; fifty dollars (\$50.00) to Water Pollution Control Funds].

(b) Change of Account Read. A new occupant can change the account into his name in person or by notarized card sent from the Utilities Department.

If a new occupant fails to notify the Department of Utilities of the change of account, he will be fined thirty dollars (\$30.00) [fifteen dollars (\$15.00) to Water Funds; fifteen dollars (\$15.00) to Water Pollution Control Funds] for failure to do so. When the work order requesting a read from the meter is not secured, the Water Service Representative will leave a notice stating the he was not able to secure the read and water was discontinued. If a second trip has to be made on the same day, a fifty dollar (\$50.00) turn on charge [twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to Water Funds; twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to Water Pollution Control Funds] will be incurred and collected. If not, a reinstatement of service can be scheduled with one day's notice. A work order will be held for the duration of history on screen to allow time for the individual to request the water be turned back on, at which time the reading will be indicated on the work order and processed as usual. If request for a turn on is not received before closing for the month, the order will be sent back, etc.

(c) Turn Offs. Requests will be made either by phone or by the individual personally. Listed on the work order will be the telephone caller's name, the date called, the date the service is being requested, and whether a.m. or p.m. The Meter Reader will make the call for the turn off at the

date requested and if the premises is not open so the meter can be read or removed, he will leave a card saying "the service was turned off-please call office to reschedule." If, on the second day, he does not gain entrance and read the meter so a final bill can be processed, the water will be turned off, or left off until such time as a read from the meter can be obtained, the work order processed, and the customer billed for a missing meter. If later entrance is provided and the meter is removed and bill for the missing meter is canceled, the final bill will be processed and in addition, the customer will be charged thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) [seventeen dollars and fifty cents (\$17.50) to Water Funds; seventeen dollars and fifty cents (\$17.50) to Water Pollution Control Funds] for the extra service. (Ord. 42-05. Passed 3-7-05.)

(d) New Meter Settings - New Construction. When a contractor fails to notify the Department of Utilities for an appointment to set meter prior to occupancy in a home, building or new construction, said party shall be fined thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) [seventeen dollars and fifty cents (\$17.50) to Water Funds; seventeen dollars and fifty cents (\$17.50) to Water Pollution Control Funds] and be charged double the estimated water consumption from date of occupancy. If the amount is not collected from the contractor, the contractor is liable for payment of said charges.

If the Water Service Representative is not able to gain entrance, he will leave. If, on the second try, he cannot gain entrance, the water will be turned off and a notice left that the water is off and that a new request for service must be made. When this request is received by the Department of Utilities, a scheduled appointment will be made. If, during this period the wiring for remote meters is found to be incorrect, the deficiencies will be noted and the customer informed. If these are not corrected, the water will be turned off. In either case, the customer will be charged thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) [seventeen dollars and fifty cents (\$17.50) to Water Funds; seventeen dollars and fifty cents (\$17.50) to Water Pollution Control Funds] for a turn on when the third call is made. (Ord. 174-09. Passed 12-7-09.)

Shall be amended to read as follows:

911.214 FINAL BILLS

(a) Customers wishing to terminate their water/sewer service contract may do so by notifying the Utilities Department in person or by phone at least one (1) business day in advance of requested termination. Customers wishing to terminate water service fire contracts are required to do so in writing. When the Utilities Department is notified that the customer wishes to terminate the service, a work order will be prepared to secure a reading from the master meter which will be used to prepare a final bill, stating thereon all the charges required to be paid by the customer. Customers having a master meter inside their properties must provide access to such for the final reading. If access is denied, the water service will be terminated until access is arranged and provided. Property owners shall be the only ones able to arrange for termination.

If the customer fails to be home on the pre-arranged appointment day/time, a fifty dollar (\$50.00) service charge [twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to Water Funds; twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to Water Pollution Control Funds] will be added to the Utility Bill. On the same day, if an after-hours call is made, the charge will be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) [fifty dollars (\$50.00) to Water Funds; fifty dollars (\$50.00) to Water Pollution Control Funds].

(b) Change of Account Read. A new occupant can change the account into their name in person or by completing a "New Owner Form" received from the Utilities Department via email or standard mail.

If a new occupant fails to notify the Utilities Department of the change of account, they shall be assessed one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) [seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) to Water Funds;

seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) to Water Pollution Control Funds) for failure to do so. This shall stay in affect each month in which the infraction occurs and will be assessed on the Utility Bill of the property. When the work order requesting a read from the meter is not secured, the Service Representative will leave a notice stating they were not able to secure the read and the water service has been discontinued. If a second trip has to be made on the same day, a fifty dollar (\$50.00) turn on charge [twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to Water Funds; twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to Water Pollution Control Funds] will be assessed. If not, a reinstatement of service can be scheduled with a minimum of one (1) day's notice. A work order will be held for the duration of history on screen to allow time for the individual to request the water be turned back on, at which time the reading will be indicated on the work order and processed as usual. If request for a turn-on is not received before closing for the month, the order will be sent back, etc.

(c) Turn Offs. Requests shall be made either by phone or in-person, by the property owner. The owner or a representative of the owner (older than eighteen (18) years of age) shall be on premises to verify the water has been turned off inside the property. Listed on the work order will be the telephone caller's name, the date called, the date the service is being requested, and whether a.m. or p.m. The Meter Reader will make the A call will be made for the turn off at the date requested and if the premises is not open so the meter can be read or removed, he will leave a card saying "the service was turned off please call office to reschedule." If, on the second day, entrance is unable to be made to read the meter, he does not gain entrance and read the meter so a final bill can be processed, the water will be turned off, or left off until such time as a read from the meter can be obtained. the work order processed, and The customer shall be billed for a missing meter. If entrance is provided at a later date and the meter is able to be removed and the charge for the missing meter is removed from the account, the final bill will be processed and in addition, the customer will be assessed seventy five dollars (\$75.00) [thirty seven dollars and fifty cents (\$37.50) to Water Funds; thirty seven dollars and fifty cents (\$37.50) to Water Pollution Control Funds] for the extra service.

(d) New Meter Settings - New Construction. When a contractor fails to notify the Utilities Department for an appointment to set a meter prior to occupancy in a home, building or new construction, said party shall be fined one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) [seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) to Water Funds; seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) to Water Pollution Control Funds] each month the Utilities Department is not notified and be charged double the estimated water consumption from date of occupancy. If the amount is not collected from the contractor, the owner shall be held liable for payment of said charges.

—If the Water Service Representative is not able to gain entrance, he will leave. If, on the second try, he cannot gain entrance, the water will be turned off and a notice left that the water is off and that a new request for service must be made. When this request is received by the Department of Utilities, a scheduled appointment will be made. If, during this period the wiring for remote meters is found to be incorrect, the deficiencies will be noted and the customer informed. If these are not corrected, the water will be turned off. In either case, the customer will be charged thirty five dollars (\$35.00) [seventeen dollars and fifty cents (\$17.50) to Water Funds; seventeen dollars and fifty cents (\$17.50) to Water Pollution Control Funds] for a turn on when the third call is made.

(e) Transfer of Unpaid Final Bill Amounts. When a new owner signs up for service with the Utilities Department, they shall assume responsibility for any and all unpaid water charges and fees associated with the property.

SECTION II: That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____, 2026

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____ **CLERK**

APPROVED: _____, 2026

MAYOR



CITY OF LORAIN

City Council Committee Meeting

I.

Meeting Date: 06/22/2026

Submitted by: Joe Carbonaro, Utilities Director

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION OR LEGISLATION TITLE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING

SECTION 911.222 – WATER/SEWER MAY BE REFUSED DELINQUENT PERSONS

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

Adjustment of language for delinquent properties that all have the same owner. No fee changes

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

Send to Committee on June 22nd

Admin Only

___ Ord. amending Section 911.222 – Water/Sewer may be refused delinquent persons.

Attachments

Ordinance

VOTE ON PASSAGE					
	AYE	NAY		AYE	NAY
Springowski			Torres		
Dimacchia			Gonzalez		
Fallis			Arroyo		
Drwal			Bearer		
Kempton			Thornsberry		
Carter			Arredondo		

ORDINANCE NO.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
SECTION 911.222 – WATER/SEWER MAY BE REFUSED DELINQUENT PERSONS**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Lorain Utilities Department to ensure clarity when it comes to the Lorain Codified Ordinances;

WHEREAS, Section 911.222 was last updated in 2005.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LORAIN, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION I: WATER/SEWER MAY BE REFUSED DELINQUENT PERSONS

Section 911.222 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances currently reads as follows:

No water shall be supplied to any premises, the owner of which is delinquent in the payment of water/sewer bills or who is indebted to the Department of Utilities for materials, supplies or work done or in any other manner, until that indebtedness is paid, whether the indebtedness was incurred at the premises for which service is applied or at any other place within the service area. The Department of Utilities reserves the right to shut off the water from any premise owned by a person so delinquent upon giving five days notice. The delivery of such notice to the premises is to be considered sufficient notification. It will not be turned on until all delinquencies have been paid, together with a charge of fifty dollars (\$50.00) [twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to Water Funds; twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to Water Pollution Control Funds] to defray the expense of turning on the water.

(Ord. 42-05. Passed 3-7-05.)

Shall be amended to read as follows:

911.222 WATER/SEWER MAY BE REFUSED DELINQUENT PERSONS

No water **service** shall be supplied to any premises **of which the property owner of said premises** is delinquent in the payment of water/sewer bills or who is indebted to the Department of Utilities for materials, supplies or work done or in any other manner, until that indebtedness is paid **in full**, whether the indebtedness was incurred at the premises for which service is applied or at any other **premises owned by the same property owner and is supplied a water/sewer bill from the City of Lorain Utilities Department**. The Utilities Department reserves the right to shut off the water **service for** any premise owned by a person so delinquent upon giving five (5) days notice. The delivery of such notice to the premises is to be considered sufficient **and adequate** notification. **Water service shall** not be turned on until all delinquencies **for all premises have been paid in full**, together with a charge of fifty dollars (\$50.00) [twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to Water Funds; twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to Water Pollution Control Funds] **assessed to each account delinquent** to defray the expense of turning on the water **for each premise serve**.

SECTION II: That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____ **CLERK**

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____, 2026

MAYOR



CITY OF LORAIN

City Council Committee Meeting

m.

Meeting Date: 06/22/2026

Submitted by: Joe Carbonaro, Utilities Director

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION OR LEGISLATION TITLE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING

SECTION 911.290 – ADDENDUM: LISTING OF CHARGES

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

Clarification, simplification, and adjustment of table listed in this section to coordinate with other sections called out in table. Fee changes reflected are those undertaken in appropriately listed sections.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

Send to Committee on June 22nd

Admin Only

___ Ord. amending Section 911.290 – Addendum: Listing of Charges.

Attachments

Ordinance

VOTE ON PASSAGE					
	AYE	NAY		AYE	NAY
Springowski			Torres		
Dimacchia			Gonzalez		
Fallis			Arroyo		
Drwal			Bearer		
Kempton			Thornsberry		
Carter			Arredondo		

ORDINANCE NO.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
SECTION 911.290 – ADDENDUM: LISTING OF CHARGES**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Lorain Utilities Department to ensure clarity when it comes to the Lorain Codified Ordinances;

WHEREAS, Section 911.290 was last updated in 2005 and is in need of updating to reflect accurate costs of providing services as those reflected in other sections of the Codified Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LORAIN, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION I: ADDENDUM: LISTING OF CHARGES

Section 911.290 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances currently reads as follows:

As per Ohio Revised Code Sections 743.02, 743.03 and 743.04:

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|---|--|
| (a) Section 911.207 Turn on charge | \$50.00
(\$25.00 Water; \$25.00 WPC) |
| Section 911.212 Service Charge | for |
| (b) Bad Checks. | \$30.00
(\$15.00 Water; \$15.00 WPC) |
| (c) Section 911.214 | |
| Failure to be home for pre-arranged appointment | \$35.00
(\$17.50 Water; \$17.50 WPC) |
| After hour charge | \$100.00
(\$50.00 Water; \$50.00 WPC) |
| Failure to notify office of new occupant | \$30.00
(\$15.00 Water; \$15.00 WPC) |
| Turn on charge | \$50.00
(\$25.00 Water; \$25.00 WPC) |
| Extra service charge | \$35.00
(\$17.50 Water; \$17.50 WPC) |
| New meter setting - new construction:
Failure to notify Utilities Department | \$30.00
(\$15.00 Water; \$15.00 WPC) |
| Second attempt to gain entrance | \$35.00
(\$17.50 Water; \$17.50 WPC) |
| (d) Section 911.222 Turn on charge. | \$50.00
(\$25.00 Water; \$25.00 WPC) |
| (e) Section 911.229 Seasonal Accounts.
Reactivation charge | \$50.00
(\$25.00 Water; \$25.00 WPC) |
- (Ord. 42-05. Passed 3-7-05.)

Shall be amended to read as follows:

911.290 ADDENDUM: LISTING OF CHARGES

a)	Section 911.112 – Turn On Charge	\$50.00 (\$25 Water; \$25 WPC)
	Section 911.112 – Turn On Charge After Hours	\$100 (\$50 Water; \$50 WPC)
b)	Section 911.212 – Service Charge for Bad Checks	\$50.00 (\$25 Water; \$25 WPC)
c)	Section 911.214 – Failure to Be Home for Appointment	\$50.00 (\$25 Water; \$25 WPC)
	Section 911.214 – After Hours Call for Final Reading	\$100 (\$50 Water; \$50 WPC)
	Section 911.214 – Failure to Notify of New Occupancy	\$150 (\$75 Water; \$75 WPC) per month
	Section 911.214 – Turn On Charge for New Account	\$50.00 (\$25 Water; \$25 WPC)
	Section 911.214 – Extra Service Charge	\$75.00 (\$37.50 Water; \$37.50 WPC)
	Section 911.214 – New Meter Setting for New Construction; Failure to Notify	\$150 (\$75 Water; \$75 WPC) per month
d)	Section 911.222 – Turn On Charge	\$50.00 (\$25 Water, \$25 WPC)
e)	Section 911.229 – Seasonal Accounts; Reactivation Charge	\$50.00 (\$25 Water; \$25 WPC)

SECTION II: That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____ **CLERK**

APPROVED: _____, 2026

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

MAYOR



CITY OF LORAIN

City Council Committee Meeting

n.

Meeting Date: 06/22/2026

Submitted by: Joe Carbonaro, Utilities Director

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION OR LEGISLATION TITLE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING

SECTION 911.700 – APPLICATION FOR FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM SERVICE

SECTION 911.701 – CHANGES IN FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM

SECTION 911.722 – FIRE LINE SERVICE

SECTION 911.726 – DETECTOR METER

SECTION 911.727 - DETECTOR METERFLOW

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

Adjustment of language throughout the multiple sections. Fire Line Service fees changed to reflect cost of service and market conditions. Penalty for illegitimate flow through meter of fire line placed at \$100

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

Send to Committee on June 22nd

Admin Only

___ Ord. amending Sec. 911.700 – Application for Fire Protection System Service; Sec. 911.701 – Changes in Fire Protection System; Sec. 911.722 – Fire Line Service Section; Sec. 911.726 – Detector Meter; Sec. 911.727- Detector Meterflow.

Attachments

Ordinance

VOTE ON PASSAGE					
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ORDINANCE NO.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
SECTION 911.700 – APPLICATION FOR FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM SERVICE
SECTION 911.701 – CHANGES IN FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM
SECTION 911.722 – FIRE LINE SERVICE
SECTION 911.726 – DETECTOR METER
SECTION 911.727 DETECTOR METERFLOW**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Lorain Utilities Department to ensure clarity when it comes to the Lorain Codified Ordinances;

WHEREAS, Section 911.700, 911.70, 911.726, & 911.727 were last updated in 1996 and are in need of updating to ensure clarification;

WHEREAS, Section 911.722 was last updated in 2005 and is in need of updating as cost of service has increased and needs to be properly reflected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LORAIN, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION I: APPLICATION FOR FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM SERVICE

Section 911.700 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances currently reads as follows:

- (a) Application for fire protection service must be secured from the Fire Chief for approval,
- (b) Upon written approval from the Fire Chief, application for a fire protection system service connection to the Division of Water distribution system must be made at the office of the Division of Water, in accordance with Section [911.404](#). All information called for on the form shall be furnished, including number of private hydrants on system, if any.
(Ord. 167-96. Passed 9-16-96.)

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Section 911.701 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances currently reads as follows:

CHANGES IN FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM

- (a) No changes, alterations or extensions of any fire protection system shall be made without first securing approval from the Chief of the Fire Department and the Division of Water. Application for same shall be made in writing to the Chief of the Fire Department and the Director of Utilities and submitted to the Division of Water prior to starting work.
- (b) Plans and Specifications to Be Furnished. Detailed plans and specifications of the fire protection system shall be furnished and approved by the Chief of the Fire Department and the Division of Water before service will be granted. When requested by the Chief of the Fire Department and the Division of Water, plans and specifications shall be furnished for fire protection systems that are now in use within thirty days after notice for him to do so.
- (c) Materials shall be as elsewhere specified herein under "Services".
(Ord. 167-96. Passed 9-16-96.)

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Section 911.722 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances currently reads as follows:

FIRE LINE SERVICE

The following charges shall be made:

Size of Service:	2"	3"	4"	6"	8"	10"
Rate per Month:	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$40.00	\$70.00	\$100.00

In all cases, the City shall install fire line detector meters (Section [911.726](#)) at the same cost as stated in Section [911.524](#). Then the only charge will be thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per year inspection. Any repairs to meters shall be made by the Division of Water and charged to the property owner. Thirty percent (30%) will be added on all services outside the City. All tap and service connection charges as stated in Section [911.405](#) shall apply. All rules and regulations for taps and service connections of Section [911.400](#) to Section [911.419](#) shall apply. All meter service charges as stated in Section [911.524](#) shall apply. All rules and regulations for meter service of Section [911.500](#) to Section [911.533](#) shall apply.

(Ord. 42-05. Passed 3-7-05.)

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Section 911.726 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances currently reads as follows:

DETECTOR METER

All fire protection lines at the point where they enter the building shall contain an approved EPA backflow preventer with pretapped bases as per specifications of the Division of Water Engineering. All the valves, meters, and fittings shall be supplied and installed by the owner.

(Ord. 167-96. Passed 9-16-96.)

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Section 911.727 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances currently reads as follows:

DETECTOR METER FLOW

Any flow through a detector meter shall be billed to the customer plus a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) penalty. Any second violation of fire line usage shall be just cause to terminate service until the illegal connection is removed and an additional one hundred dollar (\$100.00) penalty is paid.

(Ord. 167-96. Passed 9-16-96.)

SECTION II: That Section(s) 911.700, 911.701, 911.722, 911.726, & 911.727 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances **Shall be amended to read as follows:**

911.700 APPLICATION FOR FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM SERVICE

- (a) Application for fire protection service must be secured, in writing, from the Chief of the Fire Department for approval,
- (b) Upon written approval from the Chief of the Fire Department, application for a fire protection system service connection to the Utilities Department shall be made, in accordance with Section 911.404. All information called for on the form shall be furnished, including the number of private hydrants on system, if any.

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911.701 CHANGES IN FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM

- (a) No changes, alterations or extensions of any fire protection system shall be made without first securing approval from the Chief of the Fire Department and second the Utilities Department. Application for changes, alterations, and/or extensions shall be made simultaneously in writing to the Chief of the Fire Department and the Director of Utilities and submitted prior to starting work.
- (b) ~~Plans and Specifications to Be Furnished.~~ Detailed plans and specifications of the fire protection system shall be furnished and approved firstly by the Chief of the Fire Department and secondly by the City of Lorain Engineering Department and Utilities Department before service will be granted. When requested by the Chief of the Fire Department and/or the Utilities Department, plans and specifications shall be furnished for fire protection systems that are now in use within thirty days after notice for them to do so.
- (c) ~~Materials shall be as elsewhere specified herein under "Services".~~

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911.722 FIRE LINE SERVICE

The following charges shall be made:

Size of Water Service:	2"	3"	4"	6"	8"	10"
Rate per Month:	\$36.00	\$58.50	\$90.00	\$148.50	\$301.50	\$450.00

(Shall be 50% of Water Service Fixed Charge for Meter Size & adjust accordingly should changes occur to the charge)

In all cases, the owner shall contact the Utilities Department to schedule an installation for a meter to be installed on the fire line (Section 911.726) at the same cost as stated in Section 911.524. ~~Then the only charge will be thirty five dollars (\$35.00) per year inspection.~~ Any repairs to fire line meters shall be made by the owner or their contractor. Thirty percent (30%) will be added on all services outside the City that are provided potable water from the City of Lorain Water Purification Plant. All tap and service connection charges as stated in Section 911.405 shall apply. All rules and regulations for taps and service connections of Section 911.400 to Section 911.419 shall apply. All meter service charges as stated in

Section [911.524](#) shall apply. All rules and regulations for meter service of Section [911.500](#) to Section [911.533](#) shall apply.

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911.726 FIRE LINE DETECTOR METER

All fire protection lines, at the point where they enter the structure/building, shall contain an approved EPA backflow device with pre-tapped bases as per specifications of the Utilities Department and Engineering Department of the City of Lorain. All the necessary valves, meters, and fittings shall be supplied and installed by the owner. Once installed, the assembly shall be inspected and approved by the Utilities Department.

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911.727 FIRE LINE DETECTOR METER FLOW

Any unnecessary and illegitimate flow through a properly installed detector meter shall incur a one-hundred dollar (\$100.00) penalty. Any second or subsequent violation of unnecessary and illegitimate fire line usage shall be just cause to terminate service until the illegal connection is removed and a penalty of two-hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) is paid.

SECTION III: That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____ **CLERK**

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____, 2026

MAYOR



CITY OF LORAIN

City Council Committee Meeting

o.

Meeting Date: 06/22/2026

Submitted by: Joe Carbonaro, Utilities Director

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION OR LEGISLATION TITLE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING

SECTION 911.670 – DISCONNECTING SERVICES AND REPAIRING BREAKS

SECTION 911.671 – PROCEDURE FOR DISCONNECTING SERVICES AND REPAIRING BREAKS

SECTION 911.672 – DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

Adjustment to language to update and clarify sections from 1996. Fee increase of after-hours turn off from \$100 to \$250 for cost of service

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

Send to Committee on June 22nd

Admin Only

___ Ord. amending Sec. 911.670 – Disconnecting Services & Repairing Breaks; Sec. 911.671 – Procedure for Disconnecting Services & Repairing Breaks; Sec. 911.672 – Discontinuance of Service.

Attachments

Ordinance

VOTE ON PASSAGE					
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ORDINANCE NO.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
SECTION 911.670 – DISCONNECTING SERVICES AND REPAIRING BREAKS
SECTION 911.671 – PROCEDURE FOR DISCONNECTING SERVICES AND
REPAIRING BREAKS
SECTION 911.672 – DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Lorain Utilities Department to ensure clarity when it comes to the Lorain Codified Ordinances;

WHEREAS, All Sections were last updated in 1996 and are being updated to reflect current costs of service by the Utilities Department as well as clarification of language and procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LORAIN, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION I: DISCONNECTION OF SERVICES AND REPAIRING BREAKS

Section 911.670 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances currently reads as follows:

No contractor is permitted to disconnect services and repair breaks on mains in connection with the installation of sewers, etc., without prior notice to the Division of Water. All work is to be continued with an Inspector from the Division of Water present. The cost of the Inspector shall be borne by the contractor.

(Ord. 167-96. Passed 9-16-96.)

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PROCEDURE FOR DISCONNECTING SERVICES AND REPAIRING BREAKS

Section 911.671 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances currently reads as follows:

The procedures to be followed where contractors are permitted to disconnect services and repair breaks on mains in connection with the installation of sewer, etc. shall be as follows:

(a) Services.

(1) Contractor to disconnect services when using a construction box, roll services out of the way and reconnect the service when past.

(2) All service lines are to be plugged and capped to prevent contamination.

(3) Customer is to be notified by the contractor, prior to the disconnect and is to be served with water by hose if service is to be disrupted more than two hours, if this is agreeable with the customer.

(4) The Division of Water is to be notified and all services, whether they were disconnected or not, are to be inspected and approved prior to backfilling. The full circumference of the service pipe is to be available for inspection.

(5) Any services that are backfilled prior to inspection shall be uncovered either by the contractor or the Division of Water and inspected at the contractor's cost.

(6) The contractor shall be charged for all expenses incurred by the Division of Water on this work, including inspection, correction of faulty installation, damage to piping and meters due to foreign material, and other necessary work.

(7) The contractor shall have in full force and effect the necessary insurance, bond and shall save the City harmless from any action arising from said repairs.

(b) Water Mains.

(1) When a water MAIN has to be removed, for the contractor's convenience, the Division of Water will remove and reinstall the MAIN at the contractor's expense, or the contractor may be permitted to perform the work under the direct supervision of qualified Division of Water personnel, as determined by the Director of Utilities or his authorized representative.

(2) When a MAIN has been broken by a contractor, the following procedures shall be followed by the contractor:

A. The Division of Water shall be immediately notified.

B. The water can then be shut off by the contractor.

C. The affected customers shall be immediately notified by the contractor.

D. A sump hole shall be dug below the break so that when the sump is pumped out the dirty water will drain out of the break.

E. Valves shall be cracked on either side of the break and the line flushed out into the sump prior to repairs.

F. The contractor may make the repair in a manner and with materials approved by the Division of Water. However at the time the repairs are being made, the Division of Water must have an inspector on the job to supervise the repair work.

G. The contractor shall be billed for all Division of Water costs.

H. The contractor shall have in full force and effect the necessary insurance, bond and shall save the City harmless from any action arising from said repairs.

(Ord. 167-96. Passed 9-16-96.)

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DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE

Section 911.672 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances currently reads as follows:

(a) When any person or persons and/or contractors shall require a discontinuance of service, it shall be the understanding of this Department that the request shall mean that the water will be turned off at the curb box and any further work required shall be the responsibility of the contractor as aforementioned in Sections [911.670](#) and [911.671](#).

(Ord. 167-96. Passed 9-16-96.)

(b) In the event that the customer requires a discontinuance of service after normal working hours of the Division of Water, a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each service call will be billed to the customer.

(Ord. 42-05. Passed 3-7-05.)

Shall be amended to read as follows:

SECTION 911.670 DISCONNECTION OF SERVICES AND REPAIRING BREAKS

No contractor is permitted to disconnect services and repair breaks on mains in connection with the installation of sewers, etc., without prior notice and approval of the Utilities Department. All work is to be continued with an Inspector from the Utilities Department and/or Engineering Department present. The cost of the Inspector shall be borne by the contractor at a sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250). This amount shall be collected upon completion of work and paid at the Utilities Department Billing Office.

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SECTION 911.671 PROCEDURE FOR DISCONNECTING SERVICES AND REPAIRING BREAKS

The procedures to be followed where contractors are permitted to disconnect services and repair breaks on mains in connection with the installation of sewer, etc. shall be as follows:

(a) Services.

(1) Contractor to disconnect services when using a construction box, roll services out of the way and reconnect the service when past.

(2) All service lines are to be plugged and capped to prevent contamination.

(3) Customer is to be notified by the contractor, prior to the disconnect and is to be served with water by hose if service is to be disrupted more than two (2) hours, if this is agreeable with the customer.

(4) The Utilities Department is to be notified and all services, whether they were disconnected or not, are to be inspected and approved prior to backfilling. The full circumference of the service pipe is to be available for inspection.

(5) Any services that are backfilled prior to inspection shall be uncovered either by the contractor or the Utilities Department and inspected at the contractor's cost.

(6) The contractor shall be charged for all expenses incurred by the Utilities Department on this work, including inspection, correction of faulty installation, damage to piping and meters due to foreign material, and other necessary work.

(7) The contractor shall have in full force and effect the necessary insurance, bond and shall save the City harmless from any action arising from said repairs.

(b) Water Mains.

(1) When a Water Main has to be removed, for the contractor's convenience, the Utilities Department will remove and reinstall the Water Main at the contractor's expense, or the contractor may be permitted to perform the work under the direct supervision of qualified Utilities Department personnel, as determined by the Director of Utilities or his authorized representative.

(2) When a Water Main has been broken by a contractor, the following procedures shall be followed by the contractor:

A. The Utilities Department shall be immediately notified.

B. The water can then be shut off by the contractor.

C. The affected customers shall be immediately notified by the contractor.

D. A sump hole shall be dug below the break so that when the sump is pumped out the dirty water will drain out of the break.

E. Valves shall be cracked on either side of the break and the line flushed out into the sump prior to repairs.

F. The contractor may make the repair in a manner and with materials approved by the Utilities Department. However, at the time the repairs are being made, the Utilities Department shall have an inspector on the job to supervise the repair work.

G. The contractor shall be billed for all Utilities Department costs and expenses.

H. The contractor shall have in full force and effect the necessary insurance, bond and shall save the City harmless from any action arising from said repairs.

911.672 DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE

(a) When any person or persons and/or contractors shall require a discontinuance of service, it shall be the understanding of the Utilities Department that the request shall mean that the water service will be turned off at the curb stop/box and any further work required shall be the responsibility of the owner and/ or contractor as referred to in Sections 911.670 and 911.671.

(b) In the event that the customer requires a discontinuance of water service after normal working hours of the Utilities Department Division of Water, a fee of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) for each service call shall be billed to the customer and reflected on their next Utility Bill.

SECTION II: That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____, 2026

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____ **CLERK**

APPROVED: _____, 2026

MAYOR