## Village of Crooksville, Perry County, Ohio

## ORDINANCE NO. <u>2706</u>

## AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2455 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF CROOKSVILLE FIXING AND ESTABLISHING WATER AND SEWER RATES

Whereas, the Village of Crooksville, by its Water and Sewage Department, provides water and sewage utility service for the Village of Crooksville and surrounding areas; and

Whereas, on April 15, 2013, the Village of Crooksville passed Ordinance No. 2455 Fixing and Establishing Water and Sewer Rates, and Repealing and Replacing All Previous Water and Sewer Rate Ordinances, in accordance with an expert study and recommendation that determined rates necessary and appropriate in order to maintain the Water and Sewage Department's sustainability; and

Whereas, upon review of current operations and revenue, as well as consideration of certain cost-saving improvements completed, the Council of the Village of Crooksville has determined that the three percent (3%) automatic increase in rates called for by Ordinance No. 2455 can be waived for its customers in 2022, as it was in 2017 by Ordinance No. 2583, as it was in 2018 by Ordinance No. 2607, with no change to that Ordinance in 2019, as it was in 2020 by Ordinance No. 2671, and as it was in 2021 by Ordinance 2021-21, without jeopardizing the Village's ability to manage and pay the expenses of obtaining and providing water supply for its water customers, conducting and managing its water system, conducting and managing its sewage system, and of operating, billing, compliance, improvements and other water and sewage system expenses.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT, AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED** by the Village of Crooksville, Perry County, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. Section 2.c, Section 3.c, Section 4.c., and Section 5.e. of Ordinance No. 2455 of the Ordinances of the Village of Crooksville are hereby AMENDED to the following extent and ONLY to the following extent: the annual increase in monthly minimum charges and additional monthly fees is WAIVED for the year 2022. Monthly minimum charges and additional monthly fees shall NOT each increase by three percent (3%) in the year 2022.

Section 2. This amending ordinance shall affect only the sections as noted, in only the year noted, and shall not affect any other portion of Ordinance No. 2455 as a whole.

<u>Section 3.</u> This Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest date allowed by law, with the waiver of increase in rates retroactively effective on January 1, 2022.			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading:	February 7, 2022 February 21, 2022 March 7, 2022	J	<u> </u>
Passed:	March 7, 2022		·
ATTESTED:			Chris Mohler, Mayor
Marilyn Horner, Fiscal Officer			

## **Posting Certification**

Marilyn Horner, Fiscal Officer