

TOWNSHIP OF CHIKAMING  
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NO. 19  
(Adopted May 7, 1970)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 13, ENTITLED: " AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 1 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CHIKAMING, BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN; TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT, ENLARGEMENT AND EXTENSION OF THE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM FOR SAID DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SALE OF REVENUE BONDS TO DEFRAY THE COST THEREOF AND THE REFUNDING OF THE OUTSTANDING WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS ISSUED BY SAID TOWNSHIP UNDER DATE OF MAY 1ST, 1951; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RETIREMENT AND SECURITY OF THE BONDS TO BE ISSUED HEREUNDER; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE TO SAID SYSTEM AND SAID BONDS."

THE TOWNSHIP OF CHIKAMING, BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN,  
ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 10 of Ordinance No. 13 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 10. The operation, maintenance and management of the system shall be under the immediate supervision and control of the Township Board or of such officers or Board as shall be designated or created by the Township Board and subject to its control.

It is hereby declared unlawful for any unauthorized person, firm or corporation to turn on or turn off the water to any premises served by the system or to remove, replace or in any way interfere with any water meter in the system or in any other way to interfere with any property of the water system. Employees of the Chikaming Township water system are the only persons authorized to turn on or turn off any water service or to remove or replace any water meter. The user who seeks to have water turned on or turned off to any premises or wants a water

meter installed or removed, shall make all such applications directly to the Clerk of the water system. The Clerk, after collecting all charges, penalties and deposits, if any, required, shall give a written order to the water department personnel authorizing the service to be performed as requested by the user.

Penalties: Any person, firm or corporation who violates or fails, neglects or refuses to comply with, or resists the enforcement of any of the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00 or by imprisonment in the County Jail for not more than ninety (90) days, or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court, together with the cost of prosecution, and the Court may provide that the offender, on failure to pay such fine and costs, may be imprisoned for any time not exceeding ninety (90) days.

Section 2. The last paragraph of Section 11 of Ordinance 13 is hereby amended to read as follows:

A renter's service deposit of \$25.00 shall also be made for each connection where water is furnished the renter of the property served. Such deposits hereafter made, together with those previously made, shall be held in trust for the depositors by the Township which shall not be required to pay interest thereon. In the event the depositors cease to rent the premises, the deposit shall be returned to him after deducting any unpaid charges.

Section 3. Section 12 of Ordinance 13 is hereby amended to read

as follows:

Section 12. No free service shall be furnished by the system to the Township or any person, firm or corporation, public or private, or to any public agency or instrumentality. Charges for services rendered by the system (except in the case of the minimum charge for seasonal customers) shall be billed and collected monthly and shall be due and payable when billed. If not paid on or before the 25th day of the month in which billed, such charges shall be deemed delinquent, and a penalty of 10% shall be added thereto. If such delinquency shall continue for 30 days, then all service furnished by the system to such premises shall be discontinued. When service shall have been discontinued, whether for non-payment of charges or otherwise, a charge of \$5.00 shall be made for the final meter reading and disconnection. Premises shall not be reconnected unless all unpaid charges, including penalties, are paid in full, plus a reconnection charge of \$5.00.

Section 4. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be effective on the 16th day of June, 1970.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of

Ordinance 19 of Chikaming Township, Berrien County, Michigan,  
adopted on the 7th day of May, 1970.

  
Lena Abrahamsen, Clerk-Chikaming Township

A motion that the aforesaid Ordinance number 19 be enacted was  
made by Abrahamsen and supported by Sperry.

The names of the Township Board members and their vote on the  
foregoing Ordinance were as follows:

YES: Harrington, Meier, Seeder, Sperry, Abrahamsen.

No: None.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was published in the  
Herald Press newspaper of St. Joseph, Michigan, on the 16th day of May,  
1970.

  
Lena Abrahamsen, Clerk-Chikaming Township