

Village of Mantua, Ohio  
**ORDINANCE 2014-25**  
*(amended)*

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 941.17(n) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, RELATING TO INSTALLATION OF WATER METERS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Mantua Finance and Service Committees have recommended various amendments to Section 941.17(n) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Mantua, relating to installation of water meters and related equipment.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it Ordained by the Council of the Village of Mantua, Portage County, Ohio, two-thirds or more of the members elected thereto concurring, that:

**SECTION 1:** Existing Section 941.17(n) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Mantua is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 2:** Section 941.17(n) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Mantua is hereby enacted as set forth in "Exhibit A", attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**SECTION 3:** All other provisions of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Mantua shall remain in full force and effect, including the remaining provisions of Section 941.17.

**SECTION 4:** It is hereby 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 action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 5:** This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, necessary to establish a policy relating to installation and repair of water meters and related equipment at the earliest possible time, and shall take effect immediately upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Mantua Village Council, and to further ensure the health, safety, and morals of the Village of Mantua.

PASSED IN Council this 20th day of May, 2014.

ATTEST:

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Linda Clark, Mayor

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Jenny August, Clerk

I hereby certify the above Ordinance was posted at the five (5) public notice locations in the Village of Mantua, Ohio, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

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Jenny August, Clerk

Approved as to Legal Form:

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Michele Stuck, Solicitor

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**“EXHIBIT A”**

- (n) Meters.
- (1) Meters and registers shall be maintained on all water service connections in use and such meters shall be installed prior to delivery of water through such connections. All meters and registers located on service connections shall be installed by and at the expense of the property owner and inspected by the Village Administrator or his authorized representative. Meters shall be located either in vaults or near the curb line or in a location determined to be satisfactory by the Village Administrator. Meters shall not be permitted to be installed in cold (unheated) cellars or other inaccessible places. Meters shall register and be read in cubic feet.
  - (2) A water meter vault shall be installed to house the water meter serving mobile homes, other portable or mobile structures, structures providing inadequate protection of the service line or meter against freezing or structures where no acceptable and easily accessible meter location is available.
  - (3) The expense of the meters and registers shall be borne by the owner as set forth in Section 941.17(s), herein.
  - (4) Existing meters and registers that do not meet the specifications of the Village Administrator shall be repaired by an authorized repair center and/or replaced at the expense of the owner with installation/re-installation inspected by the Village Administrator, and title thereto assigned to the Village. Where there is an existing approved meter that will accommodate a remote register, said register may be required to be installed by qualified personnel and approved by the Village Administrator at the expense of the owner and title thereto be assigned to the Village.
  - (5) New connections shall be provided with meters and remote registers by the Village Administrator at the expense of the owner and title thereto assigned to the Village.
  - (6) The property owner shall maintain a passage way to the meter and any associated remote register and keep the same accessible for reading at all times. Installation of a remote register shall not relieve the owner from the requirements to maintain access to the meter. Meters or remote registers found to be inaccessible in the judgment of the Village Administrator shall be cleared or relocated by and at the cost of the property owner within fourteen 14 days of notification do to so by the Village Administrator. Should the property owner fail to make the meter/register accessible within the required time, the Village Administrator may cause the work to be done by a licensed/registered plumber and shall recover the costs thereof from the property owner by inclusion in the next regular water and sewer billing, by legal action, or by any other remedy available by which water and sewer charges may be collected.
  - (7) All service pipe must be provided with an approved stop and waste valve where the pipe enters the building. Such valve must be easily accessible and installed so that water can be shut off and drained from all pipes and meters.
  - (8) All service larger than three-fourths (3/4) of an inch in diameter must have a shut off on each side of the meter so that the meter may be removed without draining all pipes in the building.
  - (9) Installation of backflow preventors or check valves may be required in meter vaults or other approved locations as required by State or local codes.