

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN CODE BY INCREASING FINES AND ADDING CRIMINAL PROSECUTION DIRECTIONS FOR TAMPERING WITH WATER METERS OR METER PITS**

**WHEREAS**, the Town council of the Town of Cloverdale, Indiana (the "Town Council") has experienced a number of unauthorized incidents of tampering with water meter pits and the unauthorized use of water without payment therefore, and;

**WHEREAS**, the costs associated with these incidents and water usage without payment increases the costs to other users of the water utility unfairly:

**BE IT ADOPTED**

That Section 9-11 (b) of the Town Code be amended to substantially increase the fine for the above improper conduct and add direction to the Town Marshal in dealing with repeat offenders. .

Section 9-11 (b) to read as follows:

**Section § 9-11**

- b. Persons in violation of this article shall be subject to a fine of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250) for a first offense. Subsequent events will be subject to a criminal investigation by the Town Marshal and, if appropriate, the Town Council requests that criminal charges be filed. Any court action required to enforce this ordinance will include court costs and reasonable attorney fees.

This ordinance supersedes and replaces any rule regulation or ordinance that conflicts with its provisions.

All remaining provisions in Section 9 remain in full force and effect.

This ordinance is effective as of the date of passage and publication as required by law.

**ADOPTED and PASSED** on this 22 day of April, 2014.

TOWN COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF CLOVERDALE, INDIANA

  
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President

  
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Clerk-Treasurer

ATTEST:

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