

**CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 01-2009**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE CODE
OF THE CITY OF VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS, MICHIGAN.**

THE CITY OF VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS ORDAINS:

That the Ordinance Code of the City of Village of Douglas, Michigan, is hereby amended by adding Sections 30.03 through 30.09 to Chapter 30 to read as follows.

Sec. 30.03 Preamble.

Pursuant to Act 399 of the Public Acts of 1984, as amended, MCLA 211.44, et seq., a property tax administration fee and late fees and interest on delinquent taxes are hereby adopted.

Sec. 30.04 Purpose of the property tax administration fee.

The property tax administration fee shall be used solely to offset costs incurred by the city in assessing property values; in collecting property tax levies; in the review and appeal of assessments, and such other purposes as shall be authorized pursuant to Act 399 of the Public Acts of 1984, as amended.

Sec. 30.05 Adoption of property tax administration fee; effective date.

For real and personal property ad valorem taxes levied effective July 1 and December 1 of each year or on such dates as shall be subsequently authorized by statute and/or Charter, the city treasurer shall add a property tax administration fee of one (1) percent computed on the aggregate amount of real and personal property taxes collected and due. This authorization for the imposition of a property tax administration fee shall be valid for all levies that become a lien after the adoption of this ordinance.

Sec. 30.06 Late penalty charge and interest.

On real and personal property taxes paid after February 14 and prior to March 1 of each succeeding year, the city treasurer shall add an additional three (3) percent late penalty charge on all taxes paid after February 14 and before March 1. An additional one (1) percent interest shall be imposed on all taxes that are unpaid on the first day of each month following the summer collection due date of September 14 and the winter collection due date of February 14. This authorization for the imposition of a late penalty charge and interest shall be valid for all levies that become a lien after the adoption of this ordinance. The amendment of this section shall not affect the collection and enforceability of the one (1) percent property tax administration fee and a three (3) percent late penalty charge imposed pursuant to this Chapter prior to its amendment.

Sec. 30.07 Property tax administration fee and late penalty fee; lien and collection.

The property tax administration fees, late penalty fees, and accrued interest as established by this Chapter, and as previously established by ordinance, shall become a lien and enforced in the same manner as delinquent, real and personal property taxes pursuant to statute and Charter.

Sec. 30.08 Collection of delinquent taxes.

The collection procedure for delinquent taxes pursuant to Chapter 10 of the Charter is hereby reaffirmed and shall be collected in accordance with the provisions set forth therein.

Sec. 30.09 Validity.

(a) Severability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Chapter shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Chapter which shall continue in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this Chapter are hereby declared to be severable.

(b) Savings clause. This Chapter shall not effect violations of any other ordinance, code, resolution, or regulation of the city existing prior to the effective date hereof, and any such violation shall be governed and shall continue to be punishable to the full extent of the law under the provisions of those ordinances, codes, resolutions, or regulations in effect at the time the violation was committed.

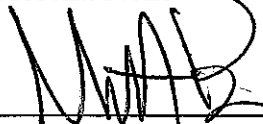
Ordinance Offered by: Councilperson Waddell

Ordinance Supported by: Councilperson Harvath

Ayes: Bailey, Balmer, Harvath, Hoexter, Sapita, Urquhart, Waddell


Nays: None

Absent: None



Matt Balmer, Mayor

January 05, 2009
Date



Jean E. Neve, Clerk

January 05, 2009
Date

Ordinance Adoption Date: January 05, 2009

Ordinance Effective Date: February 1, 2009 (20 days after adoption and publication).