## VILLAGE OF SOUTH WILMINGTON GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

## ORDINANCE NO. 2025-08

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING WATER SERVICE RATES AND FEES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH WILMINGTON, ILLINOIS

> PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE SOUTH WILMINGTON VILLAGE BOARD THIS 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2025.

Published in Pamphlet Form by the authority of the Board of Trustees Village of South Wilmington, Grundy County, Illinois This 9th day of July, 2025. Christopher M. Dearth Law Offices of Christopher M. Dearth, P.C. 305 E. North Street Morris, IL 60450

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WHEREAS, the Village of South Wilmington has projected future expenses of maintaining and operating the public water supply system for the occupants of the Village;

WHEREAS, said expenses have increased dramatically and greatly exceed past expenses;

WHEREAS, the Village of South Wilmington Village Board has determined that it is reasonable and necessary to increase the water service rates and fees in anticipation of said expenses.

WHEREAS, the Village has the authority to adopt rates, fees and regulations that promote the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Village pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-139-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the South Wilmington Village Board finds that the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village will be served by amending the existing water service rates and fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH WILMINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

That the above recitals constitute the findings of the South Wilmington
 Village Board and are hereby restated and incorporated into the body of this
 Ordinance as though fully set forth herein.

- That Article X, Section 4, Subsection .060, Paragraph B, of the Village of South Wilmington Municipal Code is hereby amended and shall hereafter read as follows:
  - (B) All persons who are delinquent shall be notified by the Village Clerk, in writing, by first class U.S. Mail, postage pre-paid, that unless such arrearages are paid within five (5) days, that their water service will be terminated. Said notice shall contain a statement that said owner, occupants or other person in possession shall be entitled to an opportunity for a hearing before the Village President, Water Trustee or other authorized person as the Village President may hereafter appoint. In the event that the Village fails to receive a request for a hearing, said hearing shall be deemed waived. In addition, the notice identified above, five (5) days prior to the termination of service date, delinquent customers will be notified of the delinquency via red tag notice. The red tag shall be placed on the door of the delinquent residence, stating that water service will be disconnected on the date identified within the red tag and the customer shall have an opportunity for a hearing that they must initiate. Failure to receive a red tag shall not invalidate notice or delay termination of service. Any person or property owner who is notified by the Village pursuant to this paragraph shall also be subject and assessed a \$25.00 fee.
- All other existing ordinances related to water and sewer rates and fees shall remain in full force and effect.

- 4. In the event any Section, Paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional for any reason, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.
- 5. That the Village Clerk is hereby directed to publish a copy of this Ordinance in pamphlet form for a period of not less than ten (10) days, and to complete a Certificate of Posting consistent therewith.
- This Ordinance shall be effective from and following its passage, approval
  and publication as required by law.
- 7. Any Ordinances inconsistent of the terms and the provisions hereof are hereby repealed and revoked to the extent of any such inconsistency and the balance of the ordinances shall remain in effect.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of July, 2025.

Ayes:

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Nays: Abstain:

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Absent:

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NORMAN LARDI, Village President

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ATTEST:

TERRY SCHULTZ, Village Clerk