

**ORDINANCE NO. 221-20**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 917.06 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEDINA, OHIO BY REPEALING SECTION 917.06(b), AND WAIVING UTILITY BILL PENALTIES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2020; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS:** That Section 917.06 of the codified ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio presently reads as follows:

**917.06 LATE PAYMENT PENALTY.**

(a) A ten percent (10%) penalty shall be added to the outstanding balance of any utility bill not paid on time. The penalty shall be assessed to the outstanding balance of any account not paid by month-end due date. Month-end due date shall be determined by the Director of Finance. (Ord. 56-96. Passed 3-25-96.)

(b) Penalties under Sections 917.06(a) and 941.09 for the months of March through June of 2020 shall be waived due to COVID-19.

**WHEREAS:** Due to Postal Service delays related to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic it is necessary to waive the ten percent (10%) penalty imposed in accordance with Sections 917.06 (a) and 941.09 for the month of December, 2020.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEDINA, OHIO:**

- SEC. 1:** That Subsection (b) of Section 917.06 is hereby repealed.
- SEC. 2:** That the late payment penalty imposed in accordance with Sections 917.06(a) and 941.09 of the codified ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio shall be waived for the month of December, 2020.
- SEC. 3:** That commencing January 1, 2021, section (a) of Ordinances 917.06 and 941.09 shall be effective and applicable to all Medina City residents in its entirety.
- SEC. 4:** That it is 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 any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.
- SEC. 5:** That this Ordinance shall be considered an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the further reason due to the current COVID-19 pandemic and the time sensitive nature of this issue; wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and signature by the Mayor.

**PASSED:** December 14, 2020

**SIGNED:** John M. Coyne, III  
President of Council

**ATTEST:** Kathy Patton  
Clerk of Council

**APPROVED:** December 15, 2020

**SIGNED:** Dennis Hanwell  
Mayor