

**VILLAGE OF LODA
IROQUOIS COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

ORDINANCE 2021-07

**AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO TAMPERING WITH VILLAGE
WATER SYSTEM AND AMENDING CHAPTER 4-2 BY ADDING
THERETO ADDITIONAL SECTIONS TO BE ENUMERATED AS
SECTIONS 4-2-3, 4-2-4, 4-2-5 AND 4-2-6**

Be it ordained by the President and Village Board of the Village of Loda, that the Village Code of the Village of Loda be amended and more specifically, that Chapter 2 of Article 4 be and is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1:

That Chapter 2 of Article 4 of the Village Code be amended to add thereto an additional sections to be enumerated as 4-2-3, 4-2-4, 4-2-5 and 4-2-6 to read in word and figures as follows:

4-2-3: Water System Tampering

All installation, repair, and maintenance of city water lines and meters shall be done by employees and contractors of the Village or with the consent and under the supervision of village officials. Any tampering, interference or other work done on village water lines or meters is prohibited and shall be a violation of this ordinance.

4-2-4: Penalty

Any person, firm, corporation or other entity violating the provisions of 4-2-3 shall be fined not less than \$500 and not more than \$750. Where there is a continuing violation of the ordinances of the Village relating to water usage, each day said violation continues shall constitute a separate offense and shall be subject to said penalty. In addition thereto, any violator of said ordinance shall be subject to a charge for any cost incurred by the city to repair any damage to the water system. All cost of the city for such repair or to correct such tampering may be added to the water bill and the minimum fine of \$500 may be also added to the water billing. Where a reconnection is appropriate, a reconnection fee of \$100 shall be imposed and may be added to the water bill.

4-2-5: Right to Appeal

Should such fine and costs be imposed as part of the water billing, the person or entity subject to such fines shall have a 15 day notice before termination water service if such fine and costs remain unpaid and shall have the right to contest the decision of the water department officials in imposition of said fine by bringing the question of that imposition to the village board.

4-2-6: Further Enforcement

In addition to the said enforcement by water department billing, a complaint may be filed with the circuit court seeking the imposition of the full fine here and above set forth and the village right to seek injunctive relief to correct any violations of this ordinance.

SECTION 2:

That all prior ordinances in conflict here whether here by repeal but otherwise to remain in full force and effect .

SECTION 3:

This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage, adoption and posting as provided by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on the 11 day of August, 2021

APPROVED:

Carol Arseneau
Carol Arseneau, Village President

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ATTEST:

Regina Ptacek
Regina Ptacek, Village Clerk