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## AN ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY AMENDING ORDINANCE 2018-64 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ALTERATION OF ESTABLISHED PROCEDURE IN CHARGING LATE AND DELINQUENT CHARGES AND TERMINATING WATER SERVICE DURING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

WHEREAS it has become best practice of PUCO (Public Utilities Commission of Ohio), Columbia Gas, American Electric Power and other utility companies to not disconnect utilities and/or accumulate late fees to delinquent accounts during the COVID-19 outbreak;

NOW THEREFORE be it ordained by the Council of the Village of West Lafayette, State of Ohio as follows:

SECTION I: That the Village Administrator is hereby authorized to temporarily disregard Section 662.01(b) and Section 662.01(d) of Ordinance 2018-64 until the COVID-19 outbreak de-escalates, determined by the Village Administrator in coordination with local and State Health Departments' best practice recommendations.

SECTION II: That this ordinance shall be and is hereby declared to be an emergency measure for the reason that the citizens of the Village of West Lafayette has been directly affected by the COVID-19 outbreak and to preserve the health, welfare and safety of the citizens of West Lafayette, Ohio and shall take effect immediately upon passage by Council and signing of the Mayor.

Passed on this 23 day of Marca, 2020

Stephen R. Bordenkircher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Bourne, Fiscal Officer