

VILLAGE OF LOCKLAND, OHIO
ORDINANCE # 2026 - 12

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1040: WATER, REGARDING
CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

- WHEREAS,** Utility services in the Village of Lockland are provided directly by the Village, including water, sewer and refuse (garbage); and
- WHEREAS,** Minimum bills for access to all utility services in addition to readings, usage, and services charges, are billed together on a bi-monthly basis; and
- WHEREAS,** the Council of the Village of Lockland has determined it is appropriate to allow for such payments by credit card; and
- WHEREAS,** Chapter 1040 should incorporate the terms of such payment arrangement as the utility services are jointly billed; and now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Lockland, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION I Chapter 1040 of the Village of Lockland Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to add the following Section 1040.09:

1040.09 METHOD OF PAYMENT ACCEPTED FOR UTILITY

- (a) The Village may accept credit card payments for water service and any other utility billed together by the Village. The acceptance of credit cards shall be consistent with any and all credit card merchant agreement(s) entered into by the Village and active at the time of the transaction.
- (b) Additional fees associated with credit card payments shall not exceed the actual costs of processing a credit card transaction under the applicable merchant agreement, which fee shall be added to the amount due to the Village in such cases and may also be paid by credit card. The Village shall provide clear notice at the point of transaction that such fees will be added to payments made by credit card.

SECTION II All other portions of Chapter 1040 shall hereby remain as written.

SECTION III This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary to preserve the health, safety and general welfare of the Village of Lockland and its citizens. The reason for said emergency is the need to allow an alternative method of payment for Utility/Water costs, including the terms of fees charged therein, as soon as possible. Therefore, this ordinance shall become effective immediately

Passed this 9th day of March, 2026.



Mayor Mark Mason, Village of Lockland

Attested: 
Kathy Pittman, Clerk Treasurer