

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-05**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 10 OF THE  
FERDINAND MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR SHUT OFF REQUIREMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Ferdinand has received information from its Water/Wastewater Superintendent advising that the Town of Ferdinand would benefit from the adoption of code provisions requiring proper shut offs and capping in instances where a structure is removed from the water or sewer system.

**WHEREAS**, after consideration of that advice, the Town Council has determined that it would be prudent to adopt such provisions because defects may jeopardize the health and well-being of the citizens of Ferdinand;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL:**

1. Section 10.60 "Proper Shut Off Procedures" of the Ferdinand Municipal Code is hereby added:

(1) Whenever there are instances where a property owner needs to remove the service connections to their structure or building, it is the responsibility of the property owner to see that service connections and appurtenant equipment have been removed or sealed and plugged in a safe manner. Sanitary sewer leads shall be capped at the property line by an approved material as per State plumbing code and method approved by the Wastewater superintendent. Domestic water service will be retired by shutting off the corporation stop at the water main, physically disconnecting the service line from the corporation stop, and also removal of the curb stop box. No water meters are to be removed by the property owner.

(2) Notice of any defects that are discovered after an inspection shall be provided to the property owner. Because said defects may jeopardize the health and well-being of the citizens of Ferdinand, the defects must be corrected within two (2) weeks of receipt of said notice, or sooner if required by the Water/Wastewater Superintendent. In addition, water service may be withheld or water service may be disconnected from such property until such time as the inspection required by this section is completed and any defects or improper connections found by such inspection have been corrected. Said corrections shall be at the owner's expense and to the satisfaction of the Water/Wastewater Superintendent, or the Superintendent's designee. In the event that the water service is disconnected, the reconnection fee may be waived by the Town of Ferdinand if the defect is corrected within a two (2) day time frame.

(3) The owner of any such property who fails or refuses to correct any defects found may be charged with an ordinance violation, and upon being found to have committed same, shall be liable for a fine in the sum of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00). Each day a violation continues after written notice to the owner for compliance with

this section shall constitute a separate offense. Such ordinance violations may be filed in Court, and in such event, upon being found to have committed the ordinance violation, the violator shall be responsible for court costs and attorney fees, if applicable.

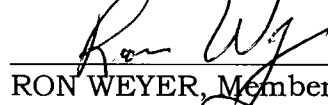
2. This Ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED this 21 day of March, 2023.

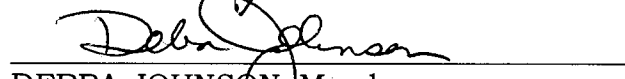
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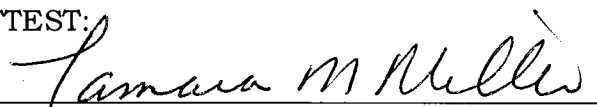


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