

REQUESTED BY:
STEINBECK-GREATHOUSE

LAW DEPARTMENT
DRAFT NO. 0260A

TITLE

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
AUDITOR TO WRITE OFF OUTSTANDING AND
UNCOLLECTABLE UTILITY ACCOUNTS ON
BEHALF OF THE CITY.

ORDINANCE NO. 13132/2022

WHEREAS, the City of Warren makes good faith effort at collecting on debts owed to it for unpaid water, sewer and Sanitation utility accounts; and,

WHEREAS, circumstances are such that some debts are deemed uncollectable due to either the size of the account, a bankruptcy filing, or the disappearance of the debtor/customer; and,

WHEREAS, it is prudent business practice for the City both to pursue the collection of unpaid utility accounts and also decide when to halt pursuit of those water, sewer and sanitation utility accounts and to write off those debts as uncollectable; and,

WHEREAS, the utility accounts deemed to be uncollectable and written off will be reviewed by, and the process approved by City Council; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Warren, State of Ohio:

Section 1: The city shall continue to pursue the collection of debts it is owed from unpaid sewer, water and sanitation utility accounts.

Section 2: The Finance Department and the Director, or his designee, have the discretion to pursue collection which may include utilizing the Law Director for legal collection and may write-off the debts that the office has deemed to be uncollectable subject to Section 3.

Section 3: Prior to writing off the debts as uncollectable the Finance Department will present the information to Council at a regular meeting, which will then approve/disapprove of the process by simple majority roll call vote.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force as early as allowed by law.

Passed in Council this 8TH day of June, 2022.

SIGNED: [Signature]
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: [Signature]
CLERK

FILED WITH THE MAYOR: 6-8-22

DATE APPROVED: 6-8-22

[Signature]
MAYOR, CITY OF WARREN, OHIO