

RESOLUTION NO. 75 -2007
INTRODUCED BY: Mayor and All of Council

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE QUARTERLY CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARGE IMPOSED BY THE CITY OF CLEVELAND ON WATER BILLS.

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Richmond Heights receive water service from the City of Cleveland Division of Water; and

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2007, the City of Cleveland has instituted a new rate structure (actual consumption charge plus quarterly customer service charge) that it believes will more accurately reflect the actual cost of services and help recover lost revenues from a drop in consumption over the past decade; and

WHEREAS, as part of the new rate structure, the City of Cleveland is charging a Seven Dollar (\$7.00) quarterly customer service charge through 2010 to all consumers of Cleveland Water in order to cover costs for meter reading, bill generation, collections processing, and core customer service functions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond Heights has many residents on fixed incomes who will be affected by the increase in rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: The Mayor and this Council hereby oppose the increase in water rates by the City of Cleveland and urges the City of Cleveland to eliminate the Seven Dollar (\$7.00) quarterly customer service charge.

Section 2: The Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Mayor of the City of Cleveland, all members of the Cleveland City Council, the Cleveland Director of Public Utilities and the Cleveland Water Commissioner.

Section 3: This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution have been taken at open meetings of this Council; and that deliberations of this Council and of its committees, resulting in such formal action, took place in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all statutory requirements including the requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4: This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____

Daniel J. Ursu, Mayor

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____

Betsy Traben
Clerk of Council

David H. Roche
President of Council