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MAYOR PEDERSEN ANNOUNCES WATER, SEWER AND TRASH FEE AMNESTY Program For Overdue Fees Runs Through September 30

Franklin Park, IL – The Village Board of Trustees recently passed an ordinance to create an amnesty program to help residents and business owners settle delinquent water, sewer or garbage removal bills.

"We understand that these are difficult economic times for many of our citizens and that they may have fallen behind in their water, sewer and garbage removal payments," stated Mayor Barrett Pedersen. "It is the Board's intention to work with these residents and business owners to develop a payment plan that works for them and that will also allow the Village to recoup this revenue."

For a limited time only, the Village is negotiating payment plans for anyone behind in their payments and will also reduce and or waive penalties in proportion to what the resident or owner pays toward their balance. Officials stress that this offer will only be available through September 30 and that residents and business owners with delinquent accounts should not delay in contacting the Village to set-up a payment plan that accommodates their special circumstance.

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"It is important for residents and property owners with unpaid balances to contact the Village to either make payments or establish a payment program before the amnesty period expires," said Pedersen. "Those who do not do so will run the risk of having their service terminated and will face additional fees and penalties when they attempt to have their service reinstated."

Please note that his amnesty plan is not open to residents or property owners who have previously entered into a payment plan with the Village and then failed to honor their agreement.

Anyone interested in taking advantage of the Village's amnesty program should contact Cindy Sliwinski at 847-671-8252.

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