

**RESOLUTION 2025-10**  
**VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, OHIO**  
**FIRST READING**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE WATER DEPARTMENT.**

**WHEREAS,** The Village of Buckeye Lake operates and maintains a water distribution system; and

**WHEREAS,** the Village of Buckeye Lake considers the safety and security of their residents to be extremely important; and

**WHEREAS,** placing water rules and regulations in effect will create a standard guideline for the water department to follow in their daily operations; and

**WHEREAS,** additional language is needed to update the abandonment/abatement rules.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Village of Buckeye Lake, Ohio:

**SECTION I:** That the Village of Buckeye Lake hereby amends Rule 16 of the Village of Buckeye Lake Water Department Rules and Regulations.

**SECTION II:** Rule 16: Water Abatement/Abandonment shall read as follows:

If property owners desire to have their water service abandoned, and are willing to commit themselves and future property owners to pay a new or additional connection charge at such time that water service is restored, they shall be required to execute a Water Service Abandonment Agreement.

If property owners desire not to pay the current minimum fee per month for service, they may choose to opt out of the payment by executing a Water Service Abandonment Agreement. Opting out shall require any future request for service to pay a new tap fee as required by the Village of Buckeye Lake Water Department.

Water customers requesting an Abatement of water service and fees shall first meet the following requirements before applying for abatement.

1. Have a current water customer account with Village of Buckeye Lake.
2. Property account must be in good standing with no past due balance.
3. Signed agreement for water service as legacy user or a tap fee paid active user.
4. Have paid water service minimum rates for at least 60 months.
5. Property has been vacant or water not used for at least 12 months.

Water service abated monthly rates are established based on the following rate breakdowns as approved by the water rate ordinance.

1. 12% of Operations Fee
2. Capital Improvements fee
3. Debt Service Fee
4. Asset Management Fee

Property owner that requests an abatement of water service shall agree to the following terms

to remain on an abatement program:

- Pay a \$50.00 Connection fee at time of connection/reconnection.
- Maintain account in a non-past due status.
- Agree to any payment terms set forth in the approved abatement agreement
- Un-paid balances of 90 days will result in termination of abatement agreement.
- Un-paid balances are subject to a property tax assessment being placed on the property.

Abatements under this rule only apply to Water Service rates and does not affect other charges for service that appear on water bills (i.e. Stormwater fees).

**SECTION III:** That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Samantha Torres, Clerk of Council

John Lemmon, President of Council

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Linda Goodman, Mayor