

**VILLAGE OF WALWORTH
WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

Ordinance No. 2024-3

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2022-3 ADOPTING
SECTION 9-2-37, LEAD WATER LATERAL SERVICE REPLACEMENT,
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF WALWORTH**

Whereas, the risk of lead exposure from corroding lead drinking water lateral services is well documented; and

Whereas, the Village of Walworth has many privately-owned existing lead water service laterals which require replacement; and

Whereas, the Village of Walworth must meet the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource requirements for local compliance with the federal Lead and Copper Rule; and

Whereas, Title 9, Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances regarding water utility regulations currently does not require property owners to replace their lead water service lateral; and

Whereas, the Village of Walworth is responsible to providing safe drinking water to our residents, daycare centers, and schools; and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Walworth has determined that for the health and safety of the residents of the Village, particularly the children of the Village, that it is necessary to require the replacement of lead water service laterals.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Walworth, Wisconsin does hereby ordain as follows (strikethrough language to be deleted and bold and underlined language to be added):

1. That Title 9 – Public Utilities, Chapter 2 – Water Utility Regulations of the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Walworth shall be amended by creating and incorporating a new Section 9-2-37 to be entitled “*Lead Water Lateral Service Replacement*” to read as follows:

(a) Identification of Lead Water Service Lateral Lines.

- (1) Upon notice from the Utility, any persons or entity who owns, manages or otherwise exercises control over a property connected to the water distribution system shall allow the Utility to inspect the private water service lateral to determine the material of construction as authorized by Wisconsin State Statute 196.171.
- (2) The Utility shall create and maintain a record of the location of all identified lead service lines in the Village.

(3) For purposes of this Ordinance, lead water service lines shall also include galvanized water service lines in accordance with regulatory requirements.

(b) *Lead Water Service Lateral Replacement Requirement.* Owners, managers or persons exercising control over property within the Village of Walworth Water Utility system with a lead water service lateral shall replace the line in accordance with the following requirements:

- (1) All existing lead water service laterals connected to the distribution system shall be replaced with water service lines constructed of materials approved by the Director of Public Works.
- (2) The property owner shall, at the owner's expense, replace the lead water service lateral under a schedule established by the Utility.

(c) *Application and Scheduling.*

- (1) Owners, managers or persons otherwise exercising control over properties shall obtain from and submit to the Water Utility, in accordance with its service rules, an Application for Water Service which states an intention to replace the private lead water service lateral.
- (2) The Application for Water Service shall be filed no later than one week prior to replacement to allow for the coordination of replacement and inspection as necessary.
- (3) The Water Utility will notify customers at least ~~one (1) year~~ **30 days** prior to the date that their private lead water service lateral must be replaced to comply with this section.

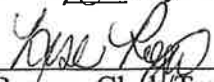
(d) *Authority to Discontinue Service.* As an alternative to any other methods provided for obtaining compliance with this section regarding replacement of the illegal private lead water service lateral, the Utility may, after at least thirty (30) days of giving notice, discontinue water service to such property served by illegal private lead water service lateral after reasonable opportunity has been given to make the appropriate replacement.

2. That this Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and publication in accordance with applicable State Statutes.

Adopted by the Village of Walworth Board of Trustees on this 10 day of June, 2024.



Louise Czaja, Village President



Lisa Rogers, Clerk/Treasurer