

VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO
ORDINANCE 2022-23

**REPEALING SECTION 1040.12 "UTILITY ROUND UP FUND" AND ENACTING NEW
SECTION 1040.12 ENTITLED "UTILITY ROUND UP PROGRAM"**

WHEREAS, the Village of Yellow Springs accepts payments from customers for each of its utilities, and

WHEREAS, Council for the Village of Yellow Springs, through Ordinance 2018-34 established a fund whereby utility customers can choose to overpay their utility bills by rounding their payments up to a whole dollar amount and such overpayments are then allocated to a designated fund with monies held for the benefit of qualifying utility customers of the Village who are in need and who request financial assistance in paying a delinquent utility bill, and

WHEREAS, Section 1040.12 establishes the program whereby funds may be administered,

**NOW, THEREFORE, COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO
HEREBY ORDAINS THAT:**

Section 1. The Utility Round Up Program is hereby amended as shown in Exhibit A.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest time allowed by law.

Signed: _____

Brian Housh, President of Council

Passed: 6-21-2022

Attest: _____

Judith Kintner, Clerk of Council

Roll Call: Housh __Y__ MacQueen __Y__ Stokes __Y__
 Brown __Y__ DeVore Leonard __Y__

EXHIBIT A

1040.12 Utility Round Up Program

- (a) The Village hereby creates a Utility Round Up Program for the purpose assisting qualified Village utility customers.
- (b) Village Council, is hereby authorized to review and amend the procedures by which the program is administered as needed.
- (c) To be eligible for the program, a customer must:
 - 1. Be a residential customer of Village utility services. Commercial customers are not eligible.
 - 2. Be under threat of disconnection of utility services due to non-payment.
 - 3. Agree to go on a payment plan for up to six (6) months for the remaining balance of the past due amount, and adhere to that plan. Failure to adhere to the plan may result in ineligibility for future assistance from the Utility Round Up Program. This requirement shall be waived if written documentation prohibiting participation in a payment plan is provided by a landlord.
 - 4. Must not have received assistance from the Utility Round Up Program within the last six (6) months.
 - 5. A maximum award of \$400 per customer per request is permitted.
 - 6. Applications must be received by the Village Utility Office no later than noon the 20th day of each month to ensure consideration for that month.
- (d) Current procedures are maintained on file with the Village Utility Office.