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ORDINANCE SERIES 2014 ORDINANCE NO. <u>14-08</u>

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 13 OF THE CODE OF EMMITSBURG ENTITLED PUBLIC SERVICES

BE IT RESOLVED, ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Emmitsburg, Maryland, pursuant to the authority granted to them by the laws of Maryland and the Charter of the Town of Emmitsburg, that Title 13; Section 13.04 Water System as follows.

The amended section of this regulation reads as follows with new wording indicated in **BOLD, CAPITAL** letters and deleted words in strike out.

TITLE 13 - PUBLIC SERVICES

Chapter 13.04 - Water System

13.04.030 Water Rates

D. Unusually Excessive Water Use. In the event that a meter reading reflects an unusually high water usage, whereas the bill is more than 25% higher in that quarter for the last three years, which is due to a broken pipe, leak or other malfunction in the plumbing system on the property, then the Town may allow for a first and only occurrence during a three (3) year period beginning with said request, a reduction in the amount of the water and sewer bill. In order to be granted the reduction, the property owner must submit a written request to the town manager for the reduction and state the nature of the cause of the high water usage and the action taken to correct and resolve the problem. The revised bill will be established as based upon the average of the water usage for the property for the same quarter during the three previous years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ENACTED AND ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect on the date on which the Mayor approves the Ordinance after passing by the Board of Commissioners or on the date on which the Board of Commissioners pass the Ordinance over the veto of the Mayor.

PASSED this 15th day of September, 2014 by a vote of 5 for, 0 against, 0 absent, and 0 abstain.

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ATTEST:

EMMITSBURG BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: Cathy Willets, Town Clerk

Timothy O'Donnell, President

MAYOR

____X__APPROVED _____VETOED

this 15th day of September, 2014.

Donald N. Briggs, Mayor

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance has been posted as required by Chapter 2.04 of the Emmitsburg Municipal Code.

Date: 10/1/14

Cathy Willets, Town Clerk