

**VILLAGE OF BELLFLOWER**  
**McLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MINUTES**  
**MARCH 13, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Allen Grussing called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the village office located at the Bellflower Community Center, 104 W Center Street, Bellflower.

The Meeting Notice and Agenda (copy attached) was posted on the Bellflower Community Center exterior bulletin board on March 11, 2024, at 12:45 p.m.

**BOARD ATTENDANCE**

Present: President Allen Grussing; Trustees Skee Aldrich, Teresa Drinkwater, Andrew Ellis, Steve Weiss, and Shane Zimmerman.

Absent: Trustee Lytel.

Six of seven board members were present, which formed a quorum.

*VILLAGE OFFICIALS PRESENT* – Clerk Herb Youngblood

*PUBLIC ATTENDANCE* – Paul Luther, Kevin Rumble, Christy Strutner.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kevin Rumble wants to plant two crabapple trees in Shorty Lykins Park. The trees will be accompanied by a memorial marker for his wife, Michelle Rumble, who served as village clerk from 1997 through 2005. Kevin will be responsible for all costs, planting and ongoing maintenance. The board expressed agreement with the plan. A JULIE request will be needed to locate utility lines. Trustee Zimmerman mentioned an old cistern is located somewhere within the park.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approve minutes of the regular meeting held on February 7, 2024.
  - b. Approve expenditures during the period of February 8, 204 through March 13, 2024.
- MOTION by Trustee Drinkwater to approve the foregoing consent agenda items. Seconded by Trustee Weiss. Voice vote: 5 yes; -0- no. Motion passed.

**POLICE ACTIVITIES**

- a. Personnel – Officer Ty Thornton will leave the force at the end of September 2024. Officer Jamie Lacey took a position in Hudson.
- b. New Vehicle – President Grussing was notified by Chad Walden, Village of Arrowsmith Mayor, that Downs would be purchasing a new police vehicle. No further details are known.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Repairs and Maintenance
  - 1) Buildings
    - a) Repair estimates (Community Center, Depot, Don Harden Field, Library) – Tim Brandt indicated the projects were not worth his time.
    - b) Community Center generator – The generator will provide emergency power to the cafeteria and village/township office. Bellflower Township has approved reimbursing the village for the installation cost of \$25,748. Additional costs that the village will incur include security fencing and annual generator maintenance. MOTION by Trustee Aldrich to proceed with installation. Seconded by Trustee Ellis. Roll call vote: Yes-

Trustees Aldrich, Drinkwater, Ellis, Weiss, and Zimmerman. No-None. Absent-Trustee Lytel. Vote summary: Yes (5), No (-0-), Absent (1). Motion passed.

- c) Community Center front sidewalk – Bellflower Township will discuss, at their April 2024 meeting, reimbursing the village for replacing the sidewalk and steps.
- b. Water
- 1) Lead service line inventory – 52% completed by customer online submission. The remaining service lines will be inspected by Mitch and Chad Yeadon.
- c. Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant – President Grussing confirmed the funds can be used for new construction, renovations, or both.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Action
- 1) MOTION by Trustee Ellis to approve Ordinance 2024-01 “An Ordinance Amending Bellflower Municipal Code Chapter 4 ‘Municipal Purchasing’”. Seconded by Trustee Weiss. Roll call vote: Yes-Trustees Aldrich, Drinkwater, Ellis, Weiss, and Zimmerman. No-None. Absent-Trustee Lytel. Vote summary: Yes (5), No (-0-), Absent (1). Motion passed.
  - 2) MOTION by Trustee Drinkwater to approve Ordinance 2024-02 “An Ordinance Establishing Standards for the Construction of Facilities on the Rights-of-Way”. Seconded by Trustee Ellis. Roll call vote: Yes-Trustees Aldrich, Drinkwater, Ellis, Weiss, and Zimmerman. No-None. Absent-Trustee Lytel. Vote summary: Yes (5), No (-0-), Absent (1). Motion passed.
  - 3) Annual Water Rate Review – an inflation review for the period March 2023 through January 2024 was distributed (copy attached). MOTION by Trustee Zimmerman to leave the monthly water billing rate at \$50.00 effective May 1, 2024. Seconded by Trustee Drinkwater. Voice vote: 5 yes; -0- no. Motion passed.
  - 4) Surplus Property Sale – no bids were submitted to purchase 201 W South St.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

### President Grussing

- Library operations – discussed Bellflower Township reimbursing the village annually for ½ the library operations cost during the prior fiscal year. Township residents comprise about half of library patrons. Will discuss at the April township meeting.
- Fireworks – July 4<sup>th</sup> contract received for \$5,000 as we requested, which will include two new finale cakes.
- Migrant Busing – McLean County Mayor’s Association consensus was to do nothing, as there is no way to enforce any ordinance. No migrant drop-offs have occurred in either Bloomington or Lexington, despite rumors to the contrary, according to the McLean County board chair and the Lexington mayor.
- Elections – all future elections will be held in the Community Center cafeteria.
- The former Matthew Bennett house at 110 N Vine St – Wells Fargo cleaned up yard debris, paid the water lien, and confirmed the property is in foreclosure.
- Regional Transportation and Housing – McLean County conducted a survey on housing requirements, but it was focused on Bloomington-Normal. They are now conducting a survey on transportation requirements, but unsure if it will help Bellflower.
- Community Center water fountains have been removed due to poor water quality in building lines.
- Parking line striper – check garage per Eston Ellis.

- Homeless supplies – dropped off at Library by McLean County. Narcan sprays will be given to the Bellflower Fire Protection District to supplement their medical supplies.
- Soda cooler in Don Harden Field concession stand – testing the accuracy of the temperature control.
- Eastern Illinois Foodbank will visit Bellflower on the last Wednesday of every month from 8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. and will park between the Library and Depot.
- Bellflower Bombers plan to use Don Harden Field a few times this summer.
- McLean County Regional Airport Authority board keeps rejecting board member names submitted by the McLean County board. Legal action will probably be required. Mayors are planning to attend their board meetings.
- Building Code enforcement officer – McLean County Mayor’s Association is working to identify an individual who could support smaller McLean County villages.
- Saybrook – Dollar General construction has started. The village received a Farnsworth estimate of \$1.5 million to construct a new pump house.

Trustee Zimmerman

- Considering a future Community Center cafeteria generator installation, the village should adopt policies/procedures for a cooling/heating center.
- FY24-25 Budget – include cost of GIS mapping water shutoffs and costs related to repairing/upgrading the backup well.

Trustee Drinkwater

- Easter egg hunt scheduled for Saturday, March 30, 9:30 a.m.
- July 4 – would like to change the parade route; no longer turn left from W Kleinbeck St onto State St, but instead proceed directly across State St at West Kleinbeck St.

Trustee Ellis

- Lawnmower service scheduled.
- Barking dogs are a nuisance during day, specifically at Jesse Fink and Jennie Jarboe houses.

Trustee Weiss – status of Barb Jenkins and the chestnut tree grove.

**ADJOURN**

President Grussing adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

**VILLAGE OF BELLFLOWER**  
**McLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**  
**MARCH 13, 2024**

The next regular meeting of the Village of Bellflower Board of Trustees will be held Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 7:00 p.m., in the **Village Office** at the Bellflower Community Center, 104 W Center Street, Bellflower.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approve minutes of the regular meeting held February 7, 2024
- Approve expenditures during the period February 8, 2024 through March 13, 2024

**POLICE ACTIVITIES**

- a. Personnel
- b. New vehicle

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Repairs and Maintenance
  - 1) Buildings
    - a. Repair estimates (Community Center, Depot, Don Harden Field, Library)
    - b. Community Center
      - i. Generator
      - ii. Front sidewalk
- b. Water
  - 1) Lead Service Line Inventory
- c. Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Action
  - 1) Ordinance 2024-01 “Amend Municipal Code Chapter 4 ‘Municipal Purchasing’”
  - 2) Ordinance 2024-02 “Construction of Facilities on Rights-of-Way”
  - 3) Annual water rate review
  - 4) Surplus Property Sale – open bids, if any, for 201 W South St

**BOARD REPORTS**

**ADJOURN**

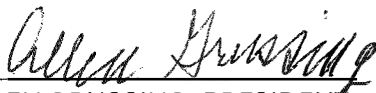
VILLAGE OF BELLFLOWER  
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FINANCIAL REPORT ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
FOR  
MARCH 13, 2024


I acknowledge that I have reviewed the following financial reports:

- Heartland Bank Account Reconciliations – 2/29/2024
- Illinois Funds Account Reconciliations – 2/29/2024
- Invoices paid 2/2024 GF and WF
- Invoices paid 3/2024 GF and WF
- QuickBooks Account Register (Heartland Bank and IL Funds) – 2/2024
- QuickBooks Balance Sheet – 3/13/2024
- QuickBooks Expenditures 2/8/2024 – 3/13/2024
- QuickBooks Fund Reports 5/1/2023 – 3/13/2024


  
ALLEN GRUSSING, PRESIDENT

  
SKEE ALDRICH, TRUSTEE

  
TERESA DRINKWATER, TRUSTEE

  
ANDREW ELLIS, TRUSTEE

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BART LYTEL, TRUSTEE

  
STEVE WEISS, TRUSTEE

  
SHANE ZIMMERMAN, TRUSTEE

**VILLAGE OF BELLFLOWER  
MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2024-01**

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING  
BELLFLOWER MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 4 “MUNICIPAL PURCHASING”**

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Allen D. Grussing, Village President

Village Trustees

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Herbert L. Youngblood, Village Clerk

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-01**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING  
BELLFLOWER MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 4 “MUNICIPAL PURCHASING”**

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/1-2-1, provides that the corporate authorities of each municipality may pass all ordinances and make all rules and regulations proper or necessary to carry into effect the powers granted to municipalities, with such fines or penalties as may be deemed proper; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bellflower Municipal Code (BMC) of 1975 (as amended) contains all ordinances in effect for the Village of Bellflower (the “Village”); and

**WHEREAS**, a review of Bellflower Municipal Code chapter 4 “Municipal Purchasing” reveals various policies and procedures which are not consistent with current municipal standards.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bellflower, McLean County, Illinois, as follows:

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals shall be and are hereby incorporated as findings of fact as if said recitals were fully set forth herein.

**Section 2.** Chapter 4 “Municipal Purchasing” of the Bellflower Municipal Code of 1975 (as amended) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

**Section 3.** A new Chapter 4 “Municipal Purchasing” of the Bellflower Municipal Code of 1975 (as amended) is hereby adopted in words and figures as shown below in Schedule A.

**Section 4.** Repeal of Conflicting Provisions. All ordinances, resolutions, and policies or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of the conflict, expressly repealed on the effective date of this Ordinance.

**Section 5.** Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance is ruled unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and each invalid provision or invalid application of this Ordinance is severable.

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**Section 6.** Publication. The clerk is directed by the corporate authorities to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its adoption, approval, and publication in accordance with 65 ILCS 5/1-2-4.

**ADOPTED** this 13th day of March 2024 by a roll call vote as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
Aldrich	X			
Drinkwater	X			
Ellis	X			
Lytel			X	
Weiss	X			
Zimmerman	X			
Grussing (to the extent that the President's vote may be needed)				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>1</b>	

**APPROVED** this 13th day of March 2024.

*Allen D. Grussing*

Allen D. Grussing, Village President  
Village of Bellflower

ATTEST:

*Herbert L. Youngblood*  
Herbert L. Youngblood, Village Clerk





## SCHEDULE A

### **BELLFLOWER MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 4 “MUNICIPAL PURCHASING”**

#### CHAPTER 4 – MUNICIPAL PURCHASING

##### 4.01 COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR PURCHASES OR CONTRACTS \$25,000 AND OVER

Any non-employment labor, lease, purchase of goods or services, sale of property, equipment or supplies, or public improvement which is not to be paid for in whole or in part by a special assessment or special taxation, when the expense or cost thereof will equal or exceed \$25,000, shall be constructed or purchased either: (1) by a contract let to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder after advertising for bids, in the manner prescribed herein, except that any such contract may be entered into by the proper officers without advertising for bids if authorized by a vote of two-thirds of all the trustees then holding office, or (2) in the following manner, if authorized by a vote of two-thirds of all the trustees then holding office, to-wit: the proper officers, to be prescribed by ordinance, shall make such purchase or shall superintend and cause such work or construction to be carried out, but all material costs which equal or exceed \$25,000 used in any construction work or public improvement shall be purchased by contract let to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the manner prescribed herein. Nothing contained herein shall apply to any contract with the federal government or any agency thereof. [ref. 65 ILCS 5/8-9-1 and 2]

##### 4.02 EXCEPTIONS TO COMPETITIVE BID REQUIREMENTS

Contracts which by their nature are not adaptable to award by competitive bidding, such as contracts for the services of individuals possessing a high degree of professional skill where the ability or fitness of the individual plays an important part (e.g., auditing; contracts for utility services such as water, heat, light, and telephone; purchasing of educational matter) shall not be subject to competitive bidding.

##### 4.03 PROCEDURES FOR PURCHASES OR CONTRACTS \$25,000 AND OVER

A. Publication. All proposals to purchase goods or award contracts valued at or exceeding \$25,000 shall be published once, at least ten days in advance of the date announced for the receiving of bids, in a newspaper of general circulation throughout the Village by the Clerk. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the Clerk from posting additional notices or advertising if requested by the Board of Trustees.

B. Advertisements for Bids. The advertisement for bids shall describe the character of the proposed contract, purchase, or improvement in sufficient detail to enable the bidders thereon to know what their obligations will be, either in the advertisement itself, or by reference to detailed plans and specifications on file in the office of the Clerk at the time of publication of the announcement. The advertisement shall also state the date, time and place assigned for the opening of bids, and the deadline for receiving such bids in the office of the Village Clerk.

C. Deposit on Bids. If specified in the bid advertisement, a good faith deposit, payable to the Village in the form of cash or a bank cashier / teller / certified check amounting to not more than 10 percent of the contract or purchase amount, may be required of each bidder on all bids that equal or exceed \$25,000.

D. Opening of Sealed Bids. All sealed bids shall be officially opened by the Board of Trustees. All opened bids shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Clerk.

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### **BELLFLOWER MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 4 “MUNICIPAL PURCHASING”**

E. Bid Award. The award of any purchase or contract that equals or exceeds \$25,000 shall be made by the Board of Trustees to the lowest or highest responsive and responsible bidder, depending on whether the Village is to expend or receive money.

#### 4.04 EMERGENCY PURCHASES OR CONTRACTS

In the event of an emergency affecting the public health, welfare or safety so declared by the Village President, a contract may be let, or a purchase made, to the extent necessary to resolve such emergency without public advertisement, in a sum less than \$25,000. The Village President shall file a notice of his authority for such expenditure in writing to the Clerk with a copy to the Board of Trustees and shall provide the date or time when the emergency shall terminate and shall name the person authorized to make such expenditure or contract and the amount or amounts to be expended.

#### 4.05 PURCHASES OR CONTRACTS VALUED AT LESS THAN \$25,000

A. Village President. The Village President may purchase goods and award contracts, where the value does not exceed \$1,500, to the highest or lowest responsive and responsible bidder, depending on whether the Village is expending or receiving money, without authorization by the Board of Trustees or procurement of bids as set forth in this chapter.

B. Village Credit Card Holders. Holders of a village credit card may purchase goods, where the value does not exceed their approved credit card limit, with prior authorization of the Village President. An approval to purchase does not require authorization by the Board of Trustees or procurement of bids as set forth in this chapter.

C. Authorized Village Personnel. The Village President may authorize specific village personnel to purchase goods from vendors who extend in-store credit to authorized customers. Any purchase where the total value exceeds \$500 must be preauthorized by the Village President. These purchases do not require authorization by the Board of Trustees or procurement of bids as set forth in this chapter.

D. All Other Purchases. Except for the situations described in chapter 4.05(A), (B), and (C) above, the Village President shall present a recommendation to the Board of Trustees for approval of all proposed purchases or contracts valued at less than \$25,000 together with supporting documentation sufficient for the board to approve the request or take such other action as may be required by law. Board approval of an expenditure, contract, or lease shall empower the Village President to purchase goods or execute a contract or lease on behalf of the Village. Board approval may impose other terms, conditions, directions, or restrictions.

E. Transaction Value Defined. The sum herein authorized to be expended shall constitute the total payment for such contract or purchase and shall not be expended as an installment or partial payment on a larger amount, nor shall it be expended in any manner to circumvent directly or indirectly the other provisions of this chapter providing for authorization or bidding when a larger sum is to be expended.

#### 4.06 CONTRACTS EXEMPT FROM PURCHASING REGULATIONS

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to local improvement contracts, special assessments, or to purchases or contracts otherwise specifically provided for in 30 ILCS 500/1-10.

**SCHEDULE A**

**BELLFLOWER MUNICIPAL CODE  
CHAPTER 4 “MUNICIPAL PURCHASING”**

**4.07 INVALID PURCHASES OR CONTRACTS**

Any purchase or contract executed in violation of this chapter shall be null and void as to the Village, and if public funds have been expended thereupon, the amount thereof may be recovered in the name of the Village.

**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION**

I, Herbert L. Youngblood, certify that I am the duly appointed village clerk of the Village of Bellflower, McLean County, Illinois.

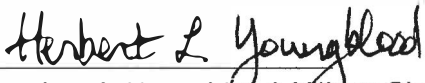
I further certify that on March 13, 2024, the Corporate Authorities of such municipality passed and approved Ordinance No. 2024-01, entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING  
BELLFLOWER MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 4 “MUNICIPAL PURCHASING”**

which provided by its terms that it should be published in accordance with the law.

The pamphlet form of Ordinance No. 2024-01 was published on March 13, 2024. Beginning on March 14, 2024, and continuing for at least ten days thereafter, a “Notice of Ordinance Publication” was posted on the exterior bulletin board of the Bellflower Community Center, where the village office is located, and on the Village of Bellflower website. The notice, a copy of which is attached hereto, announced the availability of the ordinance for public inspection, upon request, in the village office.

Dated at Bellflower, Illinois, this 25<sup>TH</sup> day of March 2024.

  
Herbert L. Youngblood, Village Clerk

**NOTICE OF ORDINANCE PUBLICATION**

I, Herbert L. Youngblood, certify that I am the duly appointed village clerk of the Village of Bellflower, McLean County, Illinois.

I further certify that on March 13, 2024, the Corporate Authorities of such municipality passed and approved Ordinance No. 2024-01, entitled:

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which is now available for public inspection, upon request, at the village office. Please contact the village clerk at 309-929-9059 to schedule an appointment to review the ordinance.

This notice shall be posted on the exterior bulletin board of the Bellflower Community Center, where the village office is located, and on the Village of Bellflower website beginning March 14, 2024 and continuing for at least ten days thereafter.

/s/ Herbert L. Youngblood, Village Clerk

**VILLAGE OF BELLFLOWER  
McLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-02**

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**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR THE  
CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES ON THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY**

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Allen D. Grussing, Village President

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McLean County, Illinois**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-02**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR THE  
CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES ON THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Bellflower (the “Village”) is an Illinois municipality in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village has the authority to adopt ordinances and to promulgate rules and regulations governing the use of public rights-of-way and that protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village uses the public rights-of-way within its corporate limits to provide essential public services to its residents and businesses, including traffic control signs and signals, water lines, and storm sewer; and

**WHEREAS**, other utility service providers, including electricity, telephone, natural gas, and internet, cable television and video service providers have placed, or from time to time may request to place, certain utility facilities in the public rights-of-way within the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, the public rights-of-way within the Village are a limited public resource held in trust by the Village for the benefit of its citizens and the Village has a custodial duty to ensure that the public rights-of-way are used, repaired and maintained in a manner that best serves the public interest; and

**WHEREAS**, the corporate authorities of the Village find and determine that it is necessary to and in the best interests of the public health, safety and general welfare to establish uniform standards and regulations for access to and use of the public rights-of-way in the Village by utility service providers and other persons and entities that desire to place structures, facilities or equipment in the public rights-of-way, so as to (i) prevent interference with the use of streets, sidewalks, alleys and other public ways and places by the Village and the general public, (ii) protect against visual and physical obstructions to vehicular and pedestrian traffic, (iii) prevent interference with the facilities and operations of the Village's utilities and of other utilities lawfully located in public rights-of-way or property, (iv) protect against environmental damage, including damage to trees, from the installation of utility facilities, (v) preserve the character of the neighborhoods in which facilities are installed, (vi) prevent visual blight, and (vii) assure the continued safe use and enjoyment of private properties adjacent to utility facilities locations; and

**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the provisions of (i) the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/1-1-1, *et seq.*, including, without limitation, Sections 11-20-5, 11-20-10, 11-42-11, 11-42-11.2, 11-80-1, 11-80-3, 11-80-6, 11-80-7, 11-80-8, 11-80-10, and 11-80-13; (ii) Section 4 of the Telephone Company Act, 220 ILCS 65/4; (iii) the Illinois Highway Code, including, without limitation, sections 7 and 9 thereof, 605 ILCS 5/1-101 *et seq.*; (iv) the Simplified Municipal Telecommunications Tax Act, 35 ILCS 636/1 *et seq.* and (v) the Cable and Video Competition Law of 2007, 220 ILCS 5/21-100 *et seq.*; and



**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance establishes generally applicable standards for construction on, over, above, along, upon, under, across, or within the public right-of-way, and for the use of and repair of the public right-of-way; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village hereby finds that it is in the best interest of the Village, the public and the utilities using the public rights-of-way to establish a comprehensive set of construction standards and requirements to achieve various beneficial goals, including, without limitation, enhancing the planning of new utility facilities; minimizing interference with, and damage to, rights-of-way and the streets, sidewalks, and other structures and improvements located in, on, over and above the rights-of-way; and reducing costs and expenses to the public.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bellflower as follows:

**Section 1. Recitals.** The facts and statements contained in the preambles to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as part of this Ordinance.

**Section 2. Adoption.** Chapter 5 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Bellflower shall be amended by the addition of Chapter 5, Division 5.20 that will read as follows:

\*\*\*\*\* BEGIN CODE AMENDMENT TEXT \*\*\*\*\*

**5.20 CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES ON THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY**

**A. Definitions.**

As used in this Division and unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the words and terms listed shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section. Any term not defined in this Section shall have the meaning ascribed to it in 92 Ill. Adm. Code § 530.30 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

“Applicant” - A person applying for a permit under this Division.

“Code” - The Municipal Code of the Village of Bellflower.

“Construction” or “Construct” - The installation, repair, maintenance, placement, alteration, enlargement, demolition, modification or abandonment in place of facilities.

“Disrupt the Right-of-Way” - For the purposes of this Division, any work that obstructs the right-of-way or causes a material adverse effect on the use of the right-of-way for its intended use. Such work may include, without limitation, the following: excavating or other cutting; placement (whether temporary or permanent) of materials, equipment, devices, or structures; damage to vegetation; and compaction or loosening of the soil, and shall not include the parking of vehicles or equipment in a manner that does not materially obstruct the flow of traffic on a highway.

“Engineer” - The Village President (Mayor) or his or her designee.

“Facility” - All structures, devices, objects, and materials (including, but not limited to, track and rails, wires, ducts, fiber optic cable, antennas, vaults, boxes, equipment enclosures, cabinets, pedestals, poles, conduits, grates, covers, pipes, cables, and appurtenances thereto) located on, over, above, along, upon, under, across, or within rights-of-way under this Division. For purposes of this Division, the term “facility” shall not include any facility owned or operated by the Village.

“Parkway” - Any portion of the right-of-way not improved by street or sidewalk.

“Permittee” - That entity to which a permit has been issued pursuant to Section 5.20.B of this Division.

“Restoration” - The repair of a right-of-way, highway, roadway, or other area disrupted by the construction of a facility.

“Right-of-Way” or “Rights-of-Way” - Any street, alley, other land or waterway, dedicated or commonly used for pedestrian or vehicular traffic or other similar purposes, including utility easements, in which the Village has the right and authority to authorize, regulate or permit the location of facilities other than those of the Village. “Right-of-way” or “Rights-of-way” shall not include any real or personal Village property that is not specifically described in the previous two sentences and shall not include Village buildings, fixtures and other structures or improvements, regardless of whether they are situated in the right-of-way.

“Utility” - The individual or entity owning or operating any facility as defined in this Division.

“Village” - The Village of Bellflower.

**B. Permit Required; Applications and Fees.**

1. **Permit Required.** No person shall construct (as defined in this Division) any facility on, over, above, along, upon, under, across, or within any Village right-of-way which (1) changes the location of the facility, (2) adds a new facility, (3) disrupts the right-of-way (as defined in this Division), or (4) materially increases the amount of area or space occupied by the facility on, over, above, along, under, across or within the right-of-way, without first filing an application with the Village Engineer and obtaining a permit from the Village therefor, except as otherwise provided in this Division. No permit shall be required for installation and maintenance of service connections to customers' premises where there will be no disruption of the right-of-way.

2. **Permit Application.** All applications for permits pursuant to this Division shall be filed on a form provided by the Village and shall be filed in such number of duplicate copies as the Village may designate. The applicant may designate those portions of its application materials that it reasonably believes contain proprietary or confidential information as "proprietary" or "confidential" by clearly marking each page of such materials accordingly.

3. **Minimum General Application Requirements.** The application shall be made by the utility or its duly authorized representative and shall contain, at a minimum, the following:

a) The utility's name, physical address, mailing address, telephone and fax numbers.

b) The applicant's name, physical and mailing address, if different than the utility, its telephone and fax numbers, e-mail address, and its interest in the work.

c) The names, addresses, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail addresses of all professional consultants, if any, advising the applicant with respect to the application.

d) A general description of the proposed work and the purposes and intent of the facility and the uses to which the facility will be put. The scope and detail of such description shall be appropriate to the nature and character of the work to be performed, with special emphasis on those matters likely to be affected or impacted by the work proposed.

e) Evidence that the utility has placed on file with the Village:

1) A written traffic control plan demonstrating the protective measures and devices that will be employed consistent with the Illinois Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, to prevent injury

or damage to persons or property and to minimize disruptions to efficient pedestrian and vehicular traffic; and

2) An emergency contingency plan which shall specify the nature of potential emergencies, including, without limitation, construction and hazardous materials emergencies, and the intended response by the applicant. The intended response shall include notification to the Village and shall promote protection of the safety and convenience of the public. Compliance with ICC regulations for emergency contingency plans constitutes compliance with this Section unless the Village finds that additional information or assurances are needed.

f) Drawings, plans and specifications showing the work proposed, including the certification of an engineer that such drawings, plans, and specifications comply with applicable codes, rules, and regulations.

g) Evidence of insurance as required in Section 5.20.E of this Division.

h) Evidence of posting of the security fund as required in Section 5.20.G of this Division.

4. **Applicant's Duty to Update Information.** Throughout the entire permit application review period and the construction period authorized by the permit, any amendments to information contained in a permit application shall be submitted by the utility in writing to the Village within thirty (30) days after the change necessitating the amendment.

5. **Application Fees.** Unless otherwise provided by franchise, license, or similar agreement, all applications for permits pursuant to this Division shall be accompanied by a fee in the amount of \$100. No application fee is required to be paid by any electricity utility that is paying the municipal electricity infrastructure maintenance fee pursuant to the Electricity Infrastructure Maintenance Fee Act.

### **C. Action on Permit Applications.**

1. **Village Review of Permit Applications.** Completed permit applications, containing all required documentation, shall be examined by the Village Engineer within a reasonable time after filing. If the application does not conform to the requirements of applicable ordinances, codes, laws, rules, and regulations, the Village Engineer shall reject such application in writing, stating the reasons therefor. If the Village Engineer is satisfied that the proposed work conforms to the requirements of this Division and applicable ordinances, codes, laws, rules, and regulations, the Village Engineer shall issue a permit therefor as soon as practicable. In all instances, it shall be the duty of the

applicant to demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Village Engineer, that the construction proposed under the application shall be in full compliance with the requirements of this Division.

**D. Effect of Permit.**

1. **Authority Granted; No Property Right or Other Interest Created.** A permit from the Village authorizes a permittee to undertake only certain activities in accordance with this Division on Village rights-of-way and does not create a property right or grant authority to the permittee to impinge upon the rights of others who may have an interest in the rights-of-way.

2. **Duration.** No permit issued under this Chapter shall be valid for a period longer than six (6) months unless construction is actually begun within that period and is thereafter diligently pursued to completion.

**E. Insurance.**

1. **Required Coverages and Limits.** Unless otherwise provided by franchise, license, or similar agreement, each utility occupying right-of-way or constructing any facility in the right-of-way shall secure and maintain the following liability insurance policies insuring the utility as named insured and naming the Village, and its elected and appointed officers, officials, agents, and employees as additional insureds on the policies listed in paragraphs a) and b) below:

a) Commercial general liability insurance, including premises-operations, explosion, collapse, and underground hazard (commonly referred to as “X,” “C,” and “U” coverages) and products-completed operations coverage with limits not less than:

1) Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for bodily injury or death to each person;

2) Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for property damage resulting from any one accident; and

3) Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for all other types of liability;

b) Automobile liability for owned, non-owned and hired vehicles with a combined single limit of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for personal injury and property damage for each accident;

c) Worker’s compensation with statutory limits; and

- d) Employer's liability insurance with limits of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per employee and per accident.

If the utility is not providing such insurance to protect the contractors and subcontractors performing the work, then such contractors and subcontractors shall comply with this Section.

2. **Excess or Umbrella Policies.** The coverages required by this Section may be in any combination of primary, excess, and umbrella policies. Any excess or umbrella policy must provide excess coverage over underlying insurance on a following-form basis such that when any loss covered by the primary policy exceeds the limits under the primary policy, the excess or umbrella policy becomes effective to cover such loss.

3. **Copies Required.** The utility shall provide copies of any of the policies required by this Section to the Village within ten (10) days following receipt of a written request therefor from the Village.

4. **Maintenance and Renewal of Required Coverages.** The insurance policies required by this Section shall contain the following endorsement:

"It is hereby understood and agreed that this policy may not be canceled nor the intention not to renew be stated until thirty (30) days after receipt by the Village, by registered mail or certified mail, return receipt requested, of a written notice addressed to the Village President of such intent to cancel or not to renew."

Within ten (10) days after receipt by the Village of said notice, and in no event later than ten (10) days prior to said cancellation, the utility shall obtain and furnish to the Village evidence of replacement insurance policies meeting the requirements of this Section.

5. **Self-Insurance.** A utility may self-insure all or a portion of the insurance coverage and limit requirements required by Subsection 1 of this Section. A utility that self-insures is not required, to the extent of such self-insurance, to comply with the requirement for the naming of additional insureds under Subsection 1, or the requirements of Subsections 2, 3 and 4 of this Section. A utility that elects to self-insure shall provide to the Village evidence sufficient to demonstrate its financial ability to self-insure the insurance coverage and limit requirements required under Subsection 1 of this Section, such as evidence that the utility is a "private self-insurer" under the Workers Compensation Act.

6. **Effect of Insurance and Self-Insurance on Utility's Liability.** The legal liability of the utility to the Village and any person for any of the matters that are the subject of the insurance policies or self-insurance required by this Section shall not be limited by such insurance policies or self-insurance or by the recovery of any amounts thereunder.

7. **Insurance Companies.** All insurance provided pursuant to this section shall be effected under valid and enforceable policies, issued by insurers legally able to conduct business with the licensee in the State of Illinois. All insurance carriers and surplus line carriers shall be rated "A-" or better and of a class size "X" or higher by A.M. Best Company.

**F. Indemnification.**

By occupying or constructing facilities in the right-of-way, a utility shall be deemed to agree to defend, indemnify and hold the Village and its elected and appointed officials and officers, employees, agents and representatives harmless from and against any and all injuries, claims, demands, judgments, damages, losses and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees and costs of suit or defense, arising out of, resulting from or alleged to arise out of or result from the negligent, careless or wrongful acts, omissions, failures to act or misconduct of the utility or its affiliates, officers, employees, agents, contractors or subcontractors in the construction of facilities or occupancy of the rights-of-way, and in providing or offering service over the facilities, whether such acts or omissions are authorized, allowed or prohibited by this Division or by a franchise, license, or similar agreement; provided, however, that the utility's indemnity obligations hereunder shall not apply to any injuries, claims, demands, judgments, damages, losses or expenses arising out of or resulting from the negligence, misconduct or breach of this Division by the Village, its officials, officers, employees, agents or representatives.

**G. Security.**

1. **Purpose.** The permittee shall establish a Security Fund in a form and in an amount as set forth in this Section. The Security Fund shall be continuously maintained in accordance with this Section at the permittee's sole cost and expense until the completion of the work authorized under the permit. The Security Fund shall serve as security for:

a) The faithful performance by the permittee of all the requirements of this Division;

b) Any expenditure, damage, or loss incurred by the Village occasioned by the permittee's failure to comply with any codes, rules, regulations, orders, permits and other directives of the Village issued pursuant to this Division; and

c) The payment by permittee of all liens and all damages, claims, costs, or expenses that the Village may pay or incur by reason of any action or non-performance by permittee in violation of this Division including, without limitation, any damage to public property or restoration work the permittee is required by this Division to perform that the Village must perform itself or have completed as a consequence solely of the permittee's failure to perform or

complete, and all other payments due the Village from the permittee pursuant to this Division or any other applicable law.

2. **Form.** The permittee shall provide the Security Fund to the Village in the form, at the permittee's election, of cash, a surety bond in a form acceptable to the Village, or an unconditional letter of credit in a form acceptable to the Village. Any surety bond or letter of credit provided pursuant to this Subsection shall, at a minimum:

- a) Provide that it will not be canceled without prior notice to the Village and the permittee;
- b) Not require the consent of the permittee prior to the collection by the Village of any amounts covered by it; and
- c) Shall provide a location convenient to the Village and within the State of Illinois at which it can be drawn.

3. **Amount.** The dollar amount of the Security Fund shall be sufficient to provide for the reasonably estimated cost to restore the right-of-way to at least as good a condition as that existing prior to the construction under the permit, as determined by the Village Engineer, and may also include reasonable, directly related costs that the Village estimates are likely to be incurred if the permittee fails to perform such restoration. Where the construction of facilities proposed under the permit will be performed in phases in multiple locations in the Village, with each phase consisting of construction of facilities in one location or a related group of locations, and where construction in another phase will not be undertaken prior to substantial completion of restoration in the previous phase or phases, the Village Engineer may, in the exercise of sound discretion, allow the permittee to post a single amount of security which shall be applicable to each phase of the construction under the permit. The amount of the Security Fund for phased construction shall be equal to the greatest amount that would have been required under the provisions of this Subsection 3 for any single phase.

4. **Withdrawals.** The Village, upon fourteen (14) days' advance written notice clearly stating the reason for, and its intention to exercise withdrawal rights under this Subsection, may withdraw an amount from the Security Fund, provided that the permittee has not reimbursed the Village for such amount within the fourteen (14) day notice period. Withdrawals may be made if the permittee:

- a) Fails to make any payment required to be made by the permittee hereunder;
- b) Fails to pay any liens relating to the facilities that are due and unpaid;



c) Fails to reimburse the Village for any damages, claims, costs or expenses which the Village has been compelled to pay or incur by reason of any action or non-performance by the permittee; or

d) Fails to comply with any provision of this Division that the Village determines can be remedied by an expenditure of an amount in the Security Fund.

5) **Replenishment.** Within fourteen (14) days after receipt of written notice from the Village that any amount has been withdrawn from the Security Fund, the permittee shall restore the Security Fund to the amount specified in Subsection 3 of this Section.

6) **Interest.** The permittee may request that any and all interest accrued on the amount in the Security Fund be returned to the permittee by the Village, upon written request for said withdrawal to the Village, provided that any such withdrawal does not reduce the Security Fund below the minimum balance required in Subsection 3 of this Section.

7) **Closing and Return of Security Fund.** Upon completion of the work authorized under the permit, the permittee shall be entitled to the return of the Security Fund, or such portion thereof as remains on deposit, within a reasonable time after account is taken for all offsets necessary to compensate the Village for failure by the permittee to comply with any provisions of this Division or other applicable law. In the event of any revocation of the permit, the Security Fund, and any and all accrued interest therein, shall become the property of the Village to the extent necessary to cover any reasonable costs, loss or damage incurred by the Village as a result of said revocation, provided that any amounts in excess of said costs, loss or damage shall be refunded to the permittee.

8) **Rights Not Limited.** The rights reserved to the Village with respect to the Security Fund are in addition to all other rights of the Village, whether reserved by this Division or otherwise authorized by law, and no action, proceeding or exercise of right with respect to said Security Fund shall affect any other right the Village may have. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Village shall not be entitled to a double monetary recovery with respect to any of its rights which may be infringed or otherwise violated.

#### **H. Permit Suspension and Revocation.**

1. **Village Right to Revoke Permit.** The Village may revoke or suspend a permit issued pursuant to this Division for one or more of the following reasons:

a) Fraudulent, false, misrepresenting, or materially incomplete statements in the permit application;

b) Non-compliance with this Division;

c) Permittee's physical presence or presence of permittee's facilities on, over, above, along, upon, under, across, or within the rights-of-way presents a direct or imminent threat to the public health, safety, or welfare; or

d) Permittee's failure to construct the facilities substantially in accordance with the permit and approved plans.

2. **Notice of Revocation or Suspension.** The Village shall send written notice of its intent to revoke or suspend a permit issued pursuant to this Division stating the reason or reasons for the revocation or suspension and the alternatives available to permittee under this Section 5.20.H.3.

3. **Permittee Alternatives Upon Receipt of Notice of Revocation or Suspension.** Upon receipt of a written notice of revocation or suspension from the Village, the permittee shall have the following options:

a) Immediately provide the Village with evidence that no cause exists for the revocation or suspension;

b) Immediately correct, to the satisfaction of the Village, the deficiencies stated in the written notice, providing written proof of such correction to the Village within five (5) working days after receipt of the written notice of revocation; or

c) Immediately remove the facilities located on, over, above, along, upon, under, across, or within the rights-of-way and restore the rights-of-way to the satisfaction of the Village providing written proof of such removal to the Village within ten (10) days after receipt of the written notice of revocation.

The Village may, in its discretion, for good cause shown, extend the time periods provided in this Subsection.

4. **Stop Work Order.** In addition to the issuance of a notice of revocation or suspension, the Village may issue a stop work order immediately upon discovery of any of the reasons for revocation set forth within Subsection 1 of this Section.

5. **Failure or Refusal of the Permittee to Comply.** If the permittee fails to comply with the provisions of Subsection 3 of this Section, the Village or its designee may, at the option of the Village: (1) correct the deficiencies; (2) upon not less than twenty (20) days' notice to the permittee, remove the subject facilities or equipment; or (3) after not less than thirty (30) days' notice to the permittee of failure to cure the non-compliance, deem them abandoned and property of the Village. The permittee shall be liable in all events to the Village for all costs of removal.

**I. General Construction Standards.**

1. **Standards and Principles.** All construction in the right-of-way shall be consistent with applicable ordinances, codes, laws rules and regulations, and commonly recognized and accepted traffic control and construction principles, sound engineering judgment and, where applicable, the principles and standards set forth in the following IDOT publications, as amended from time to time:

- a) Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction;
- b) Supplemental Specifications and Recurring Special Provisions;
- c) Highway Design Manual;
- d) Highway Standards Manual;
- e) Standard Specifications for Traffic Control Items;
- f) Illinois Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (92 Ill. Adm. Code § 545);
- g) Flagger’s Handbook; and
- h) Work Site Protection Manual for Daylight Maintenance Operations.

**J. Location of Facilities.**

1. **General Requirements.** In addition to location requirements applicable to specific types of utility facilities, all utility facilities, regardless of type, shall be subject to the general location requirements of this Subsection.

a) **No Interference with Village Facilities.** No utility facilities shall be placed in any location if the Village Engineer determines that the proposed location will require the relocation or displacement of any of the Village’s utility facilities or will otherwise interfere with the operation or maintenance of any of the Village’s utility facilities.

b) **Minimum Interference and Impact.** The proposed location shall cause only the minimum possible interference with the use of the right-of-way and shall cause only the minimum possible impact upon, and interference with the rights and reasonable convenience of property owners who adjoin said right-of-way.

c) **No Interference with Travel.** No utility facility shall be placed in any location that interferes with the usual travel on such right-of-way.

d) No Limitations on Visibility. No utility facility shall be placed in any location so as to limit visibility of or by users of the right-of-way.

e) Size of Utility Facilities. The proposed installation shall use the smallest suitable vaults, boxes, equipment enclosures, power pedestals, and/or cabinets then in use by the facility owner, regardless of location, for the particular application.

f) Minimum Cover of Underground Facilities. Cover shall be provided and maintained at least in the amount specified in the following table for minimum cover for the type of facility:

<b>TYPE OF FACILITY</b>	<b>MINIMUM COVER</b>
<b>Electric Lines</b>	<b>30 Inches (0.8 m)</b>
<b>Communication, Cable or Video Service Lines</b>	<b>18 to 24 Inches (0.6 m, as determined by Village)</b>
<b>Gas or Petroleum Products</b>	<b>30 Inches (0.8 m)</b>
<b>Water Line</b>	<b>Sufficient Cover to Provide Freeze Protection</b>
<b>Sanitary Sewer, Storm Sewer, or Drainage Line</b>	<b>Sufficient Cover to Provide Freeze Protection</b>

**K. Clean-up and Restoration.**

The utility shall remove all excess material and restore all turf and terrain and other property within ten (10) days after any portion of the rights-of-way are disturbed, damaged or destroyed due to construction or maintenance by the utility, all to the satisfaction of the Village. This includes restoration of entrances and side roads. Restoration of roadway surfaces shall be done using materials and methods approved by the Village Engineer. Such cleanup and repair may be required to consist of backfilling, regrading, reseeding, resodding, or any other requirement to restore the right-of-way to a condition substantially equivalent to that which existed prior to the commencement of the project. The time period provided in this Section may be extended by the Village Engineer for good cause shown.

**L. Penalties.**

Any person who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects or refuses to comply with any of the provisions of this Division shall be subject to a fine in accordance with the penalty provisions of this Code. There may be times when the Village will incur delays or other costs, including third party claims, because the utility will not or cannot perform its duties under its permit and this Division. Unless the utility shows that another allocation of the cost of undertaking the requested action is appropriate, the utility shall bear the Village's costs of

damages and its costs of installing, maintaining, modifying, relocating, or removing the facility that is the subject of the permit. No other administrative agency or commission may review or overrule a permit-related cost apportionment of the Village. Sanctions may be imposed upon a utility that does not pay the costs apportioned to it.

**M. Enforcement.**

Nothing in this Division shall be construed as limiting any additional or further remedies that the Village may have for enforcement of this Division.

**N. Severability.**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Division is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

\*\*\*\*\* END CODE AMENDMENT TEXT \*\*\*\*\*

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form.

**ADOPTED** this 13<sup>TH</sup> day of MARCH 2024 pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
<b>Aldrich</b>	X			
<b>Drinkwater</b>	X			
<b>Ellis</b>	X			
<b>Lytel</b>			X	
<b>Weiss</b>	X			
<b>Zimmerman</b>	X			
<b>Grussing (to the extent that the President's vote may be needed)</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>1</b>	

APPROVED this 13<sup>TH</sup> day of MARCH 2024.

*Allen D. Grussing*

ALLEN D. GRUSSING, Village President

**ATTEST:**

Filed in my office and published in pamphlet form

this 13<sup>TH</sup> day of MARCH 2024.

*Herbert L. Youngblood*

HERBERT L. YOUNGBLOOD, Village Clerk



**NOTICE OF ORDINANCE PUBLICATION**

I, Herbert L. Youngblood, certify that I am the duly appointed village clerk of the Village of Bellflower, McLean County, Illinois.

I further certify that on March 13, 2024, the Corporate Authorities of such municipality passed and approved Ordinance No. 2024-02, entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR THE  
CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES ON THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY**

which is now available for public inspection, upon request, at the village office. Please contact the village clerk at 309-929-9059 to schedule an appointment to review the ordinance.

This notice shall be posted on the exterior bulletin board of the Bellflower Community Center, where the village office is located, and on the Village of Bellflower website beginning March 14, 2024 and continuing for at least ten days thereafter.

/s/ Herbert L. Youngblood, Village Clerk

*Herbert L. Youngblood* 3/25/2024

POST BEGINNING 3/14/2024  
POST ENDING 3/24/2024

VILLAGE OF BELLFLOWER  
ANNUAL WATER RATE INFLATION REVIEW

CPI Inflation Calculator

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**About the CPI Inflation Calculator**

The CPI inflation calculator uses the [Consumer Price Index](#) for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) U.S. city average series for all items, not seasonally adjusted. [This data](#) represents changes in the prices of all goods and services purchased for consumption by urban households.

**RECOMMENDATION: Leave the monthly water billing rate at \$50 effective May 1, 2024.**