

# City of Marion, Ohio

## TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF SANITATION SERVICES

### POLICY

Under § 943.02 RULES AND REGULATIONS, the Safety/Service Director is authorized and directed to make such rules, regulations and changes with reference to the handling, collection and disposal of domestic refuse, rubbish, household trash and other solid waste as may be necessary, proper or convenient to facilitate their collection and disposal. Further, as found under § 943.14 RESIDENTIAL SUBSCRIBER CHARGES, the Safety/Service Director shall adopt prudent measures to manage the funds for the all aspects of solid waste management as recited in *Chapter 943*.

In this regard, the city may temporarily suspend sanitation charges for rental or vacant properties that are unoccupied for a minimum of a three (3) consecutive calendar months. No consideration will be made for vacancy periods of less than three (3) full months. Listed are the requirements for suspending monthly sanitation charges for a period of three (3) months or longer:

The City of Marion currently has adopted monthly sanitation charges for residential customers. Service may be suspended and resumed for the next full month currently being billed by the city and will not be prorated nor credit given for a prior month billed.

**Example 1:** *Suspend sanitation for a period of October 15<sup>th</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup>. Billed for October and March in full. However, once the sanitation has been suspended and the occupy date entered into our system, should the dwelling be reoccupied prior to the return date, the customer will be billed for any remaining months in that period on the next bill.*

**Example 2:** *Suspend sanitation for a period of October 15<sup>th</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup>. Reoccupied on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Billed on next billing for January, February, and March.*

**Example 3:** *Suspend sanitation service from October 15<sup>th</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup> but return for a period of time around the end of December/beginning of January. No suspension because less than three (3) consecutive months at either end.*

**Example 4:** *Suspend sanitation service from October 15<sup>th</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup>. No one living in dwelling but daily/weekly restoration/renovation work underway. Water use is active. No suspension. Bill for all months. EXCEPTION -- A dumpster or roll-off container is*

placed at the dwelling for the entire suspension period. No domestic refuse or any refuse of any type maybe placed at the curb during the period and only rubbish other than domestic refuse maybe place in the construction dumpster during the limited period. The city requires that a signed copy of the container contract be submitted in accordance with the "30 day" notice provision as outlined below.

During this period of time when sanitation billing is suspended, there must be no significant consumption of water as reported by Aqua Ohio during the entire unoccupied period of the dwelling. "Significant" shall be defined as any water meter reading greater than one (1) which is equal to 100 cubic feet of water. Greater water usage will cause the city to back bill for sanitation services for all months. No adjustments will be given for water leaks unless notified by Aqua Ohio that there has been a reported leak and, further, Aqua Ohio is giving credit for that consumption.

The suspension billing program will require the party to complete a Request for Change of Service at least 30 days in advance of the unoccupied period. Parties that have been delinquent on payment of their City utility bills during the past twelve (12) months will not be eligible for this program. The City will not collect yard wastes or leaves at the residence during the suspension period. Sanitary sewer billing and storm water utility charges are unaffected by the suspension program.

Parties must provide a leave date and return date.

Mailing address and phone number of transitory residence.

Must be signed by party of record in City billing files.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_