

RESOLUTION NO. _____
A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR
PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL 344 AND SENATE BILL 228
LIMITING RECOVERY OF RATE-CASE EXPENSES FOR
CERTAIN WATER WORKS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL
SYSTEM COMPANIES

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the residents of the (County/ City/ Town/ Village/ Township) of SHALERSVILLE TWP., PORTAGE CTY. have been subjected to excessive rate increases for water (and sewer if appropriate) in recent years; and

WHEREAS, Representatives Goyal and Harris have proposed House Bill 344 and Senators Goodman and Hughes have proposed Senate Bill 228, which are bills that limit the recovery of rate-case expenses from consumers for certain water works and sewage disposal system companies; and

WHEREAS, the bills would put reasonable limits on the fees publicly owned water works and sewage disposal companies may charge their customers for rate-case expenses; and

WHEREAS, the bills represent an important effort to keep water (and sewer rates if appropriate) reasonable for economic development and to create communities that are affordable to live in; and

WHEREAS, current law allows water works and sewage disposal companies to pass on one hundred percent (100%) of their rate case expenses including legal fees, research costs, rate-related study costs, and more; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 344 and Senate Bill 228 apply only to companies who serve 15,000 or more customers; and

WHEREAS, the bills would involve approximately 145,000 Ohio customers receiving water and sewage disposal services from companies which would be affected by these bills; and

WHEREAS, (Ohio American Water Company) or (Aqua, Ohio) serves the (County/ City/ Town/ Village/ Township) of SHALERSVILLE TWP., PORTAGE CTY. affected by these bills; and

WHEREAS, the residents of (County/ City/ Town/ Village/ Township) of SHALERSVILLE TWP., PORTAGE CTY. are positively impacted by passage of House Bill 344 and Senate Bill 228.

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the (County/ City/ Town/ Village/ Township) of SHALERSVILLE TWP., PORTAGE CTY. County, Ohio that the following Resolution be, and it hereby is, adopted: