

ORDINANCE 2015-O-10

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING §50.132
OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF WINTHROP HARBOR**

WHEREAS, The Village Board finds that discharging of water from sump pumps onto public sidewalks causes premature failure of the sidewalks and creates unreasonably slippery conditions in diverse weather conditions, and

WHEREAS, the Village already has certain regulations in place governing the discharge of sump water, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that modifying those regulations to prohibit discharge upon public sidewalks is in the public's interest from the standpoint of conserving tax dollars and promoting public safety,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Village of Winthrop Harbor, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: Section 50.132 of the Winthrop Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended and shall hereafter read as follows (additions underlined, deletions ~~stricken~~):

§ 50.132 NEIGHBORING AND PUBLIC PROPERTIES.

(A) No person shall cause to have any part of his property graded, land-filled, or elevated in such a manner that surface water collected upon said property drains upon neighboring properties, whether occupied or not. Suitable facilities must be provided either to drain such water into existing storm sewers, with village permission, or in areas of the village where storm sewers are not installed, into natural terrain drainage as may be recommended by the Village Engineer.

(B) Water discharged from a basement or crawl space sump pump must be so piped into a storm sewer, if available, or otherwise suitably channeled into a discharge pit located on the immediate property so as not to constitute a flooding danger to contiguous or surrounding properties, whether occupied or not. This pit shall be installed at a minimum distance equal to 35 feet from any R.O.W. line or drainage easement. The pit shall be a minimum of six feet long x six feet deep excavation, backfilled with washed stone (1 to 2 inch gradation), to within four inches of the proposed finished grade. Filter fabric shall cover the stone with four inches of topsoil and seed. A four foot long vertical (four inch or six inches in diameter) perforated pipe with open grate shall be installed at the lowest finished grade elevation of the pit to provide relief for excess flowage. In no event shall a direct (pipe) discharge to any village drainage ditch or

easement be allowed. Under no circumstances shall any person install or maintain a sump pump discharge which empties onto any public sidewalk. Artificial lakes, ponds, reservoirs, cisterns, swimming pools, or other similar permanent or semipermanent collectors and retainers of water must be piped and equipped with suitable drainage facilities as to present no flooding danger to neighboring properties in the event of filling excessively by rains or when purposely drained.

SECTION TWO: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WINTHROP HARBOR, ILLINOIS, ON THIS 7TH DAY OF APRIL, 2015.

APPROVED:

ROBERT D. LOY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JANA J. LEE, VILLAGE CLERK

AYES: Braden, Hargett, Marabella, McCarthy, Robards, Weiss

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

FIRST READING: Waived April 7, 2015

SECOND READING: Waived April 7, 2015

ORDINANCE PASSED: April 7, 2015