**ORDINANCE # 2020-01**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GILMORE CITY, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO TEMPORARY VACANCY**

**BE IT ENACTED** by the City Council of the City of Gilmore City, Iowa:

**SECTION 1. SECTION MODIFIED.**  Section 92.02 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gilmore City, Iowa, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

**92.10 TEMPORARY VACANCY.** A property owner may request water service be temporarily discontinued and shut off at the curb valve, by the City, when the property is expected to be vacant for an extended period of time. Beginning November 1st, 2020, all surcharges, assessments and minimum rate charges for water, water debt, service line, garbage and gas (if applicable) shall remain in effect for all residents, No exceptions. If curbside valve shut-off is requested, when service is to be restored, a service fee of $10.00 for Water and $10.00 for Sewer shall be required to cover the cost of suspending and resuming water/sewer service. Payment will be put on the resident’s next bill at the time the customer requests services of water/sewer or gas service to be turned back on. The City will not drain pipes or pull meters for temporary vacancies. Property owner shall notify the City within 24 hours of their return to have service restored.

**SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.** If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 3. WHEN EFFECTIVE.** This Ordinance shall be in effect November 1, 2020 after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Council the \_\_\_12th\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_October\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2020\_\_\_\_, and approved this \_\_12th\_\_\_\_ day of\_\_October\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2020\_\_\_\_.

1st Reading: \_\_\_10-12-2020\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2nd Reading: \_\_\_\_\_11-9-2020\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3rd & Final Reading: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_WAIVED\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Lowell Johnson, Mayor

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Melissa Ubben, City Clerk