# ORDINANCE NO. 2008-10

AN ORDINANCE OF PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY, AMENDING CHAPTER 26, PART 5, SECTION 26-502, SUBSECTION 4 ESTABLISHING THE TIME PERIOD FOR OVERDUE WATER BILLS BEFORE A CUSTOMER'S WATER SERVICE CAN BE TERMINATED

### ARTICLE I.

Chapter 26, Part 5, Section 26-502, Subsection 4 is hereby amended (revised) to read as follows:

# §26-502.

4. Failure to pay either usage, service, or minimum charges on any bill within ten (10) days after the gross bill becomes due shall be cause for termination of water service until payment is made of all outstanding charges for water service; provided, in no case shall the water supply be shut off until ten (10) days after written notice of an intention so to do has been mailed, by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the person liable for payment and a written notice has been posted at a main entrance to the premises where the water supply is to be shut off. If during such ten (10) day period the person liable for payment delivers to the Township a written statement which states under oath or affirmation that such statement is not executed for purpose of delay and that the person has a just defense to the claim for payment or to part of such claim, and sets forth the defense with specificity, the water supply shall not be shut off until such claim has been judicially determined. Any termination of service to a "landlord ratepayer", as that term is defined in the Utility Service Tenants Rights Act, shall comply with provisions of said Act, 68 P.S. Section 399.1 et. seq., as amended.

#### ARTICLE II.

Repealer. All ordinance or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

## ARTICLE III.

<u>Severability</u>. If any section, paragraph, sub-section, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than that portion specifically declared invalid.

#### ARTICLE IV.

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after final enactment.

# ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 17th day of June, A.D., 2008.

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