

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

DATE _____

NUMBER 26-2024

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 88, "FEES", ARTICLE I, "FEES DERIVED FROM CODE PROVISIONS", SECTION 88-1, "SCHEDULE OF FEES" SETTING RATES AND FEES FOR THE USE OF THE WATER/SEWER SYSTEM AS INITIALLY ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE NO. 58-2013 AND AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 29-2017 AND 43-2021.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township that Chapter 88 "Fees", Article I, "Fees Derived from Code Provisions", Section 88-1, "Schedule of Fees" of the Code of the City of Orange Township is hereby amended to read as follows:

§88-1 Schedule of Fees.

Chapter 203, Water and Sewer

User fees are established as follows:

A. The minimum quarterly charge for water shall be per meter size as follows:

Meter Size (inches)	Allowance per Quarter (cubic feet)	Amended Minimum Charge Per Quarter
5/8	1,000	\$69.40
3/4	1,000	\$104.11
1	1,000	\$173.51
1½	1,000	\$347.01
2	1,000	\$555.22
3	1,000	\$1,041.04
4	1,000	\$1,735.07
6	1,000	\$3,470.14

B. Usage. All usage for water in excess of the quarterly allowances as reflected above, is to be billed as follows:

<u>Existing</u>	<u>Amended</u>
\$59.83 per 1,000 cubic feet	\$69.40 per 1,000 cubic feet

C. The minimum quarterly charge for sewer shall be \$66.00 regardless of meter size. Included in the minimum, each user shall be allowed up to 2,500 cubic feet based upon water usage.



D. Usage. All usage for sewer over and above the minimum allowance of 2,500 cubic feet per quarter is to be billed as follows:

Existing

\$61.44 per 1,000 cubic feet

E. Municipal and Public Buildings. The city desires to provide certain reduced water and sewer billing charges for public buildings, such as municipal buildings and schools. There shall be a reduction in the quarterly water and sewer charges which is charged to or collected from the owner of the buildings. The amount of the reduction will be 25% less than the amount fixed by the City Ordinance.

F. Calculation of usage. The Water and Sewer utility will assess user fees based on actual water usage as reported by the appropriate water/sewer purveyor. However, should the user have a separate discharge meter in place, the sewer usage will be calculated as the actual flow discharged into the system. Water meters certified in writing from the appropriate water purveyor as used solely for the purpose of metering water usage of irrigation systems and swimming pools shall be exempt from excess sewer usage charge. Such certification must identify the separate account number assigned to the meter, meter location, property owners name and billing address. Exempt meters under this provision must be recertified annually to the City. The cost of certifying exempt water meters will be the responsibility of the respective property owner.

G. Appeals. Users who believe that either flow or classification has been improperly calculated may appeal by submitting written documentation to the City Tax Collector.

H. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage publication according to law.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and approval in accordance with applicable law.

Adopted:

Joyce Lanier
Municipal Clerk

Tency A. Eason
Council President

Approved:

Dwayne D. Warren
Mayor

Statement

Purpose: To protect the safety and welfare of the public.

Fiscal Impact: Increase Water and Sewer System Usage Fees for the City of Orange Township.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-2024

REGULAR MEETING – May 21, 2024

MOTION TO ADOPT: Coley

SECOND: Montague, III

YEAS: Hilbert, Coley, Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten & Council President Eason

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENCES: None

PUBLIC HEARING– SECOND READING: June 18, 2024