



BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE NEW JERSEY



ORDINANCE NO. 11-2017

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 95 AND 136 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND AMENDING THE PROVISIONS CONCERNING CONNECTION TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Riverdale, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 95 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Riverdale, "Fees", Article XI, which shall be re-titled, "Water and Sewer Fees," and shall be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE XI. Water and Sewer Fees.

§ 95-14. Water and sewer fees.

A. Connection fees.

1. Water. The fee for a connection to the public water supply shall be \$1,500.
2. Sewer. The fee for a connection to the sanitary sewer system shall be \$4,000 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit ("EDU"). Every dwelling unit, either single or multi-family, shall be considered one (1) EDU. The determination of EDU for connections other than dwelling units shall be based upon the design flow rate utilizing the design criteria suggested by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection or such other established and reliable sources, including but not limited to N.J.A.C. 7:14A-23.3 using a single EDU flow rate of 300 gallons per day and rounded to the next highest EDU. The minimum connection fee shall be the fee for one (1) EDU.

B. Application fee for connection to the public sewer.

1. Application fees for residential users shall be \$250 per residential unit. This is in addition to the connection fees.
2. Application fees for nonresidential users shall be \$500 per user. This is in addition to any connection and/or allocation fees.

C. Sewer user fees shall be as follows:

1. The fee for all users, except for those whose sanitary sewer service requires the use of a sewer pump station, the rate shall be \$14 per 1,000 gallons of water supplied.
2. Residential dwellings (each multifamily unit shall be deemed a separate unit) and other uses requiring an allocation of 300 gallons or less per day: \$480 per year.
3. All uses requiring an allocation of greater than 300 gallons per day: the rate shall be determined based upon the amount of water supplied by the water system of the Borough as determined by an average of the meter readings of the fourth and first quarters. The rate shall be \$14 per thousand gallons of water supplied, with a minimum of \$480 per year.

D. Water user fees The following rents, rates and charges are hereby established for water supplied by the Borough.



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1. Fixed charge.
 - a. The fixed charge established herein shall be payable in four installments billed quarterly. The fixed charge for all residential meters shall be \$80 per year. Multifamily structures without individual unit meters shall be billed \$80 per year per each individual unit.
 - b. The fixed charge for all nonresidential meters shall be based on meter size and is established as follows:

Meter Size (inches)	Fixed Annual Rate
1 1/2 and 2	\$400
3 and 4	\$1,232
6	\$1,760
8	\$2,464
12	\$3,520

- c. User fees apply to each meter. Non-dwelling and common area meters are considered nonresidential. Residential use is limited to those meters servicing a dwelling unit.
2. Meter charge.
 - a. The meter charge for any fraction of 1,000 gallons shall be \$3.90. Billing shall occur four times per year on a quarterly basis.
 - b. Those meters serviced by the Passaic Valley Water Commission Pump House on Mathews Avenue shall also incur a surcharge of \$0.60 per 1,000 gallons for electric charges related to water service.
 - c. The meter charge for any multifamily complex with more than 20 units which are not individually metered shall be \$3.40 for any fraction of 1,000 gallons. Billing shall occur four times per year on a quarterly basis.
3. All rents, rates and charges not paid within 30 days of billing shall be subject to an interest charge of 8% per annum.
4. The water rate for senior citizens (those persons who qualify for a senior citizen real property tax abatement) shall be \$96 per year in total.
5. The owner of any house, building or lot shall be liable for the payment of any rents, charges and costs for the use of water by such owner or by the occupier and for the installation purchase price, repair and testing of any water meter, water service, connections, appliances or parts, and renewals thereof, heretofore or hereafter furnished by the Borough. The rent, charges and costs, including interest, shall be a lien upon such house, tenement, building or lot until paid in full.
6. Water shall be shut off from any house, tenement, building or lot if any required payments are more than 30 days late. Notice of the Borough's intention to shut off water shall be given to the owner or occupier of the affected premises at least 15 days prior to shutting off the water. Notice shall be given to the name and address as it appears on the account.
7. Where a water service connection has been permitted for a fire sprinkler system, the charge shall be \$250 per quarter payable as provided above and subject to the above terms regarding late payment and discontinuance of water service.
8. There shall be a charge of \$300 per year per hydrant connected to the public water system.
9. Bulk water shall be sold at a rate established by contract.



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Section 2. Chapter 136 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Riverdale, Section 136-19 shall be re-titled, "Connection to the sanitary sewer system", and shall be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

§ 136-19. Connection to the sanitary sewer system.

A. Permit required.

1. No unauthorized person shall uncover, make any connection with or opening into, use, alter or disturb any building sewer lateral or any public sewer or appurtenance thereof without first obtaining a written permit from the Borough and, where applicable, from the PRBRSA and the TBA.
2. Permit application.

There shall be three classes of permits:

- i. Residential dwellings. (Each multifamily unit shall be deemed a separate dwelling.
 - ii. Commercial.
 - iii. Industrial.
3. Applications for permits to connect to the public sewer shall be on forms provided by the Borough. The Sewer Engineer may require supplemental plans, documents or information. Signing of the application shall constitute assent to the provisions of this article and the schedule of usage fees.

B. Connection fee

1. No permit shall issue until the connection fee set forth in Chapter 95 has been paid.
2. The connection fee for residential connections to the public sanitary sewer system made within twelve (12) months of notification of availability of the sewer line may be paid, at the option of the owner, by equal payments over a ten-year period. The payment of the connection fee over a ten-year period shall be conditioned upon the property owner executing documents securing the payment to the Borough as is determined by the Borough Attorney to be necessary. After the twelve-month period, the connection fees must be paid in full at the time of connection.

C. Mandatory connection to the sanitary sewer system.

1. All commercial, industrial, or residential properties with contain three (3) or more dwelling units shall connect to the sanitary sewer system within two years after being notified by the Health Officer of the availability of a public sewer within 100 feet of the property line.
2. All single or two family residential properties shall be required to connect to the sanitary sewer system, after being notified by the Health Officer of the availability of a public sewer within 100 feet of the property line, upon transfer of ownership of the property or upon failure of an individual sanitary sewerage system serving the property.

Section 3. If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid in any Court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this Ordinance, except so far as the section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.



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Section 4. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

Adopted this ____ day of
_____, 2017.

A. J. Jalloh, Clerk

Paul M. Carelli, Mayor

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

The ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Borough of Riverdale, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, held on June 28, 2017. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at Borough Hall, in the Borough on July 26, 2017 at 7:30 o'clock p.m., and during the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's office to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

Abubakar Jalloh, Borough Clerk