

TOWNSHIP OF WALL

ORDINANCE NO. 28-2022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 222 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL ENTITLED WATER AND SEWER

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Wall, in the County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Township operates its own water and sewer utility inclusive of the necessary maintenance, construction, and replacement of essential facilities, as well as the appropriate staff to manage the maintenance and billing operations; and,

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2022, the Township was notified by the South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority of an increase of \$557,155.91 to the Township's sewer charges for 2023, which is a 22.49% increase over the 2022 charges; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to the capital projects that the Township must implement from time to time to provide safe and reliable drinking water to its residential and business consumers, the Township has experienced increases in prices of materials and supplies due to COVID induced supply chain issues, while not increasing its own rates since 2019; and,

WHEREAS, Administrator Bertrand and Chief Financial Officer O'Hara recommended an amendment to Sections 7, 8, 11 and 40 of Chapter 222 "Water and Sewer" to allow for a 7.0% increase for the cost of services provided in the Township of Wall; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee, in consideration of the aforementioned issues as well as the fact that it has successfully maintained the current rates since 2019, concurs with the recommendations of Administrator Bertrand and CFO O'Hara and is desirous of amending Sections 7, 8, 11 and 40 of Chapter 222 to allow for a 7.0% increase for the costs of services provided in the Township of Wall; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Wall as follows:

SECTION ONE

Chapter 222, §7 of the Code of the Township of Wall is updated as per the following:

§ 222-7. Minimum charges.

There shall be due and payable an annual fee, referred to as a minimum charge, billed quarterly and payable pursuant to the payment schedule set forth in § 222-11 hereof, for water service for each building or house, store, apartment unit in a house, or building and each premises, house, trailer, mobile home, being served by the Township water supply system, as follows:

1. §222-7(A) is hereby amended for a five-eighths-inch-by-three-quarter-inch meter: from \$45.43 to \$48.61 per quarter for 6,000 gallons of water per quarterly meter reading cycle.
2. §222-7(B) is hereby amended for a three-quarter-inch meter: from \$49.97 to \$53.47 per quarter for 6,000 gallons of water per quarterly meter reading cycle.
3. §222-7(C) is hereby amended for a one-inch meter: from \$63.61 to \$68.06 per quarter for 6,000 gallons of water per quarterly meter reading cycle.
4. §222-7(D) is hereby amended for a one-and-one-half-inch meter: from \$81.76 to \$87.48 per quarter per 6,000 gallons of water per quarterly meter reading cycle.

5. §222-7(E) is hereby amended for a two-inch meter: from \$131.73 to \$140.95 per quarter for 6,000 gallons of water per quarterly meter reading cycle.
6. §222-7(F) is hereby amended for a three-inch meter: from \$499.69 to \$534.67 per quarter for 6,000 gallons of water per quarterly meter reading cycle.
7. §222-7(G) is hereby amended for a four-inch meter: from \$635.97 to \$680.49 per quarter for 6,000 gallons of water per quarterly meter reading cycle.
8. §222-7(H) is hereby amended for a six-inch meter: from \$953.95 to \$1,020.73 per quarter for 6,000 gallons of water per quarterly meter reading cycle.
9. §222-7(I) is hereby amended for an eight-inch meter: from \$1,317.36 to \$1,409.58 per quarter for 6,000 gallons of water per quarterly meter reading cycle.
10. §222-7(K) is hereby amended for multiple purposes such as apartment houses, other multiple family structures, assisted living or congregate care facilities, trailers, stores or other similar uses served by a single meter: from \$45.43 to \$48.61 and the quarterly minimum charge is hereby amended from \$45.43 to \$48.61.
11. §222-7(M) For office complexes or developments of more than one building: charge determined on the basis of one quarterly minimum per meter serving the complex or development, together with one quarterly minimum from \$45.43 to \$48.61.

SECTION TWO

Chapter 222, §8 of the Code of the Township of Wall is updated as per the following:

§ 222-8. Excess use charges.

- A.** Any water used in excess of the minimum gallonage aforesaid shall be billed to the owner or customer at the following graduated rates:

Amount of Water Used in Quarterly Meter Reading Cycle	Charge per 1,000 Gallons
First 6,000 gallons	Included with quarterly allowance
6,001 to 13,000 gallons	Change from \$5.57 to \$5.96 per 1,000 gallons or part thereof
13,001 to 25,000 gallons	Change from \$7.09 to \$7.59 per 1,000 gallons or part thereof
Over 25,000 gallons	Change from \$8.30 to \$8.88 per 1,000 gallons or part thereof

SECTION THREE

Chapter 222, §11 of the Code of the Township of Wall is updated as per the following:

§ 222-11. Billing for charges.

- B.** Each quarterly bill will contain the quarterly minimum water and sewer charges. In addition, each quarterly bill will contain or an adjusted/actual charge for excess water and sewer usage, on the following schedule:
1. Change from January to February: minimum/meter reading/adjusted.
 2. Change from April to May: minimum/meter reading/adjusted.
 3. Change from July to August: minimum/meter reading/adjusted.
 4. Change from October to November: minimum/meter reading/adjusted.

SECTION FOUR

Chapter 222, §40 of the Code of the Township of Wall is updated as per the following:

§ 222-40. Sewer rental charges.

1. The quarterly minimum rental charge for use of the Township's sewer collection system shall be changed from \$110.48 to \$118.21 per dwelling unit.
2. Excess sewerage use charge shall be changed from \$2.01 to \$2.15 per 1,000 gallons of water or any part thereof over the first 31,250 gallons of water consumed as recorded on the water meter installed for each house or other building or unit in each quarterly meter reading cycle. In case of commercial, industrial, public or multifamily users, the annual charge shall be based upon equivalent dwelling units. The following schedule shall constitute the basis for said charge.

SECTION FIVE

If any part of this Ordinance shall be deemed invalid by an administrative agency or court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the legality and enforceability of any other provision hereof.

SECTION SIX

All ordinances, policies and or procedures or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, but only however, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

SECTION SEVEN

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

Introduced: November 22, 2022

Adopted: December 14, 2022

Attest: _____
Roberta M. Lang, RMC
Township Clerk

Approve: _____
Kevin Orender
Mayor

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Adoption of this ordinance will amend Chapter 222 of the Township Code entitled water and sewer, specifically Sections 7, 8, 11 and 40 of Chapter 222 to allow for a 7.0% increase for the costs of services provided in the Township of Wall.

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was re-introduced and passed on first reading by the Township Committee of the Township of Wall on **November 22, 2022**, and will further be considered for final passage and adoption at the Wall Township Municipal Building, 2700 Allaire Road, Wall, New Jersey, on **December 14, 2022** at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached on the agenda, at which time and place all persons interested therein shall be given an opportunity to be heard, 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 in the Township of Wall, Town Hall, to the members of the general public who shall request the same or may be viewed on our website at www.wallnj.com.

Roberta M. Lang, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk