

**TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK
ORDINANCE 25-15**

**Ordinance Amending Chapter 352, Water Utility, Subsection 352-22, Water rates and fees;
bulk water, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of North Brunswick**

WHEREAS, the Township of North Brunswick maintains a self-liquidating Water Utility to provide essential water service to its residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Township to periodically review and adjust the rate schedule to ensure sufficient revenues to support operations, maintenance, and long-term infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, based on a review of the FY2026 Water Utility Budget and future capital needs, the Township has determined that a rate adjustment is warranted for consumption fees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 352, Section 352-22 of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick be and is hereby amended as follows:

§ 352-22 Water rates and fees; bulk water.

- A. Consumption rates from 2016 through 2019 consisted of a stepped billing approach based on a customer's overall quarterly consumption. Customers were charged one of three rates, established based on overall quarterly consumption, per every 748 gallons (previous per 100 cubic square feet) of water.

For meter readings after July 1, 2020, the charge for new meters installed are calculated upon the rate established per gallon of metered water consumption, based upon the schedule set forth below on a monthly basis. In instances where water meters do not measure flow in gallons, the following conversion is used to estimate water consumption: 1 cubic foot = 7.48 gallons.

Rate changes provided below go into effect based upon the bill period date, not when the meter was last read or consumption used.

Example: July 1, 2020 Supporting Formula for 0-3,000 gallons:
1 Cubic foot is equal to 7.48 US fluid gallons
Quarterly Rate is billed per 100 Gallons
2024 Rate \$3.344 ÷ 748 conversion = \$.004471 per Gallon

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Monthly Water Rates Based on Water Consumption Rate per 748 Gallons			
Rate Period	0 to 3,000 Gal	3,001 to 9,000 Gal	More than 9,001 Gal
July 1, 2020	\$2.928	\$5.270	\$5.856
January 1, 2022	\$3.031	\$5.455	\$6.061
July 1, 2022	\$3.137	\$5.646	\$6.273
July 1, 2023	\$3.247	\$5.843	\$6.493
July 1, 2024	\$3.344	\$6.018	\$6.688
<u>July 1, 2025</u>	<u>\$3.5781</u>	<u>\$6.439</u>	<u>\$7.156</u>

Monthly Rates Based on Water Consumption Range Rate per 1 Gallon (Gal)			
Effective date	0 to 3,000 Gal	3,001 to 9,000 Gal	More than 9,001 Gal
July 1, 2020	\$0.003915	\$0.007046	\$0.007829
July 1, 2021	\$0.004052	\$0.007293	\$0.008103
January 1, 2022	\$0.004052	\$0.007293	\$0.008103
July 1, 2022	\$0.004194	\$0.007548	\$0.008387
July 1, 2023	\$0.004341	\$0.007812	\$0.008680
July 1, 2024	\$0.004471	\$0.008045	\$0.008941
<u>July 1, 2025</u>	<u>\$0.004784</u>	<u>\$0.008608</u>	<u>\$0.009567</u>

B. The Monthly rate for fire service lines will be \$10.00 per month.

C. Additional meters for irrigation or fire service at a property connected in accordance with this chapter shall be billed monthly based on actual water usage recorded by that meter. The rate shall be the same as specified in Subsection A of this section.

D. Connection fees. The following connection fees shall be collected at the time the construction permit is issued:

(1) Residential properties. The applicant shall pay a connection charge of \$2,100 at the time of the application for each service connection to the Utility water system.

(2) Commercial and industrial properties. Connection fees on connections made by owners of commercial and industrial properties shall be based on the schedule of fees as set forth below for each building unit connected based on the size of connection:

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Service Pipe Diameter in Inches	Rate
1	\$2,200
1 1/2	\$6,000
2	\$15,000
3	\$25,000
4	\$50,000
6	\$80,000
8	\$100,000
10	\$150,000
12	\$200,000

- E. Under the Township Green initiative, each account that is signed up to receive monthly billing electronically and also is signed up within the meter reporting system (currently Watersmart), shall receive a \$3.00-month credit. The \$3.00 credit shall be capped per account. To be eligible, no hard copy shall be mailed, including copies under a landlord/tenant agreement.
- F. Should a meter be damaged, show evidence of being tampered with or disconnected, an evaluation fee of \$1,000.00 for review of the account shall be assessed to the property owner.
- G. Once a meter is reconnected, water loss charges will be calculated based on the measured volume of lost water at the current rate per gallon and shall be assessed to the property owner under the account billing.
- H. In accordance with New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) requirements, customers who meet the criteria for routine testing and volunteer to be a testing site shall receive a \$25.00 credit in July for the previous January to June compliance period and a \$25.00 credit in January for the previous July to December compliance period.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective; and

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that 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 passage and publication in accordance with applicable law.

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the “Ordinance amending “Chapter 352 Water Utility” of the code of the Township of North Brunswick.

Ronald H. Gordon, Township Attorney
(Approved as to legal form)