

ORDINANCE #2026/9

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT TITLE 13 "PUBLIC SERVICES" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD

WHEREAS, the Borough of Freehold (the "Borough") is a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has undertaken a review and analysis of water meter fees and water and rates within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that in the interest of the health and safety of residents of the Borough of Freehold, it is necessary to establish an updated fee and rate schedule to reflect increased costs incurred by the Borough;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold as follows:

1. Water Service.

a. At the time of application for water services, the applicant shall pay the following meter fees:

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| For each three-fourths inch water service connection: | \$550.00 |
| For each one-inch water service connection: | \$750.00 |
| For each one and one-half-inch water service connection: | \$950.00 <u>\$1,735</u> |
| For each two-inch water service connection: | \$1,175.00 <u>\$1,975</u> |
| For each three-inch water service connection: | \$1,450.00 <u>\$2,445</u> |
| For each four-inch water service connection: | \$1,700.00 <u>\$4,100</u> |
| For each six-inch water service connection: | \$2,000.00 <u>\$7,000</u> |
| For each eight-inch water service connection: | \$2,500.00 <u>\$12,175</u> |

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| For each ten-inch water service connection: | \$3,000.00 <u>\$15,700</u> |
| For each twelve-inch water service connection: | \$4,000.00 |
| <u>For each register replacement</u> | <u>\$2,400.00</u> |

Automatic increase in fees; posting.

(1) All charges set forth in Subsection B shall be automatically increased 1.5% per annum, compounded on April 1 of every ensuing calendar year unless the Borough adopts a resolution within the first two months of a calendar year waiving the increase for that particular calendar year.

(2) A schedule of the current charges reflecting the annual increase, unless such increase is waived as provided above, shall be posted on the official Borough website and shall be available in the office of the Tax Collector. Failure of such schedule to be available at either or both locations shall not affect or negate any automatic increase provided for in this section.

13.04.080 Water and sewer rates and charges.

A. Rates for Water Usage. Residential and non-residential customers of the borough water system shall be charged for water consumption in accordance with the following schedule:

| Quarterly Minimum | Quarterly Allowance (Gallons) | <u>Surcharge over Minimum</u> | <u>Surcharge over Minimum</u> |
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| | | Surcharge per 1,000 Gallons | Gallons over Minimum |
| <u>\$41.24</u> | 6,000 | \$4.02 <u>\$5.03</u> | 6,001-30,000 |
| | | \$4.32 <u>\$5.62</u> | 30,001-50,000 |
| | | \$4.57 <u>\$6.17</u> | 50,001-100,000 |
| | | \$5.05 <u>\$7.58</u> | 100,001 and up |

B. Rates for Sewerage. Sewer rates are based upon the water consumed as metered and recorded by the borough water department. In the event that customers of the borough water and sewer department receive water service, the sewer rate will be based upon the actual amount of sewerage flow generated by that customer as measured by the borough. The sewer rate charge shall be determined by multiplying the water rate by a factor of ~~.335~~ .34 for borough sewer expenses and ~~2.20~~ 2.233 for Manasquan River Regional Sewer Authority expenses. There will be a minimum charge of ~~six dollars and forty cents (\$6.40)~~ eight dollars and fifty-four cents (\$8.54) for borough sewer expenses and a minimum charge of ~~forty-one dollars and thirty cents (\$41.30)~~ fifty-five dollars and nine cents (\$55.09) for Manasquan River Regional Sewer Authority expenses on a quarterly basis with a six thousand (6,000) gallon quarterly allowance.

A copy of the ordinance in its entirety shall be available for public inspection at the office of the Borough Clerk and on the municipal website www.freeholdboroughnj.gov.

Offered By: Rogers

Seconded By: Reich

Roll Call:

Ayes: DiBenedetto, Friedman, Jordan, Reich, Rogers, Shutzer

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ordinance #2026/9 was introduced at a meeting of the Freehold Borough Council in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey, held on March 2, 2026 and passed on first reading and that such Ordinance will be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting of said Mayor and Council to be held at the Municipal Building in said Borough, 30 Mechanic Street, on March 16, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. or at any meeting to which that meeting may be adjourned, at which time all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard.

Traci L. DiBenedetto, Municipal Clerk