

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-34

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 74
OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED
“WATER/SEWER UTILITY” AND SPECIFICALLY
SECTIONS 74-7, “SEWER USE CHARGES,
CONNECTION FEES, AND DEVELOPMENT
INSPECTION FEES AND
SECTION 74-14, “USER CHARGES”**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, and State of New Jersey that Chapter 74 of the Township Code entitled “Water/Sewer Utility” and specifically sections 74-7, “Sewer use charges, connection fees, and development inspection fees”, and Section 74-14 “User Charges” are hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

SECTION 1. The Township amends and supplements Chapter 74 of the Township Code entitled, Water/Sewer Utility”, in particular Section 74-7 entitled “Sewer Use, Connection Fees, and Development Inspection fees”, to implement, effective April 1, 2024, the user rates throughout Barnegat Township. The sewer user rates attached hereto and made a part herein are incorporated herein below.

74-7. Sewer use charges, Connection fees, and Development inspection fees.

- A. User charge.** There is hereby amends an annual user charge for each “Dwelling unit” or “equivalent dwelling unit” within the Barnegat Township Municipal Sewerage Collection System in the amount of four Hundred sixty four dollars (\$464.00) per annum. Sewer user charges shall be payable quarterly in the amount of one hundred sixteen dollars (\$116.00) in advance and no later than January 15th, April 15, July 15th and October 15th of each year.
- B. Connection Fee.** Unchanged.
- C. Development Inspection Fee.** Unchanged.
- D. Development Application Fee.** Unchanged

SECTION 2. The Township amends and supplements Chapter 74 of the Township Code entitled, “Water/Sewer Utility”, in particular Section 74-14 entitled “User Charges”, to implement for billing period of January, February, March and effective April 1, 2024, the user rates throughout Barnegat Township. The water user rates attached hereto and made a part herein are incorporated herein below.

74-14. User Charges.

A. All residential, commercial, industrial, institutional and governmental users shall be charged a minimum fee (except as provided by 74.14C) based upon the size of the meter and a uniform excess usage charge based upon gallons used. The minimum charges for each water user shall be based upon the size of the meter as follows:

- (1) Five eights (5/8) of an inch or three quarters (3/4) of an inch:
A minimum quarterly charge of fifty four dollars (\$54.00).
- (2) One (1) inch meter: A minimum quarterly charge of ninety Four dollars (\$94.00).
- (3) One and one-half (1 ½) inch meter: A minimum quarterly Charge of one hundred thirty seven dollars (\$137.00).
- (4) Two (2) inch meter: A minimum quarterly charge of one Hundred seventy nine dollars (\$179.00).
- (5) Three (3) inch meter: A minimum quarterly charge of two Hundred forty one dollars (\$241.00).
- (6) Four (4) inch meter: A minimum quarterly charge of two Hundred ninety eight (\$298.00).

B. Excess water usage charges: Unchanged.

C. Reduced rates for senior citizens and the permanently and totally Disabled. To implement for billing period of January, February, March and effective April 1, 2024, all residential users who meet the criteria established in N.J.S.A. 40A:31-10.1 shall be charged a reduced minimum fee based upon the size of the meter. The minimum charge for each qualified residential user shall be based upon the size of the meter as follows:

- (1) Five eights ($5/8$) of an inch or three quarter ($3/4$) of an inch: A Minimum quarterly charge of forty six dollars (\$46.00)
- (2) One (1) inch meter: A minimum quarterly charge of Eighty six dollars (\$86.00)
- (3) One and one-half ($1 \frac{1}{2}$) inch meter: A minimum quarterly charge of one hundred twenty nine dollars (\$129.00)
- (4) Two (2) inch meter: A minimum quarterly charge of One hundred seventy one dollars (\$171.00)
- (5) Three (3) inch meter: A minimum quarterly charge of One hundred seventy one dollars (\$171.00)
- (6) Four (4) inch meter: A minimum quarterly charge of One hundred seventy one dollars (\$171.00)

SECTION 3. Schedule A and B of this Chapter are hereby amended and established as follows:

**" SCHEDULE A" -
WATER/SEWER UTILITY SCHEDULE OF FEES**

TYPE OF FEE	AMENDED FEE	
METER CHARGES		
5/8" Meter	\$290.00	
1" Meter	\$450.00	
1-1/2" Meter	\$890.00	
2" Meter	UNCHANGED - DEVELOPER PURCHASES AND INSTALLS METER IN ACCORDANCE WITH BARNEGAT TWP. SPECS	
3" Meter		
4" Meter		
6" Meter		
8" Meter		
5/8" - 1- 1/2" Meter Re-Inspection Fee	\$50.00	
2" - 8" Meter Installation	\$150.00	
2" - 8" Meter Re-Inspection Fee	\$150.00	
METER BASE RATE CHARGES	COMMERCIAL	RESIDENTIAL
5/8" Meter	\$54.00	\$54.00
1" Meter	\$94.00	\$94.00
1 1/2 "Meter	\$137.00	\$137.00
2" Meter	\$179.00	\$179.00
3" Meter	\$241.00	\$179.00
4" Meter	\$298.00	\$179.00
6" Meter	\$370.00	
8" Meter	\$463.00	
10" Meter	\$576.00	
12" Meter	\$715.00	
SEWER FEE – ANNUAL FEE PER DWELLING UNIT	\$116.00/QUARTERLY	\$464.00/YEARLY
Cracked Freeze Plate	REPLACEMENT COST OF METER	
HYDRANT METER USE		
Connection Fee	\$100.00	
Meter Deposit	\$500.00	
FLOW TEST		
Fire Suppression System	\$250.00	
TURN ON/TURN OFF FEES		
Turn On - Regular Business Hours	\$50.00	
Turn Off - Regular Business Hours	\$50.00	
Turn On/turn Off Fees after Hours	\$175.00	
METER TESTING FEE		
Removal and transportation to and from testing facility	\$75.00	
CUT AND CAP INSPECTION		
Inspection of Utility Disconnect	\$125.00	
SERVICE CONNECTION FEES		
Water Connection Fee	\$1492.00	
Sewer Connection Fee	\$1474.00	
Water Tap Inspection	\$500.00	
Sewer Lateral Inspection	\$500.00	
Reconnection Fee - Water	\$400.00	
Reconnection Fee - Sewer	\$400.00	
Final Read Processing Fee	\$25.00	

SCHEDULE B					
WATER / SEWER UTILITY RATES					
METER SIZE RESIDENTIAL	0-15,000 MIN. CHARGE	15,001-25,000 PER/1000	25,001-50,000 PER/1000 GAL	50,001-100,000 PER/1000 GAL	100,001 AND UP PER/1000 GAL.
5/8" or 3/4"	\$54.00	\$1.19	\$2.37	\$3.56	\$4.74
1"	\$94.00	\$1.19	\$2.37	\$3.56	\$4.74
1 1/2"	\$137.00	\$1.19	\$2.37	\$3.56	\$4.74
2"	\$179.00	\$1.19	\$2.37	\$3.56	\$4.74
3"	\$179.00	\$1.19	\$2.37	\$3.56	\$4.74
4"	\$179.00	\$1.19	\$2.37	\$3.56	\$4.74

METER SIZE COMMERCIAL	0-15,000 MIN. CHARGE	15,001-25,000 PER/1000	25,001-50,000 PER/1000 GAL	50,001-100,000 PER/1000 GAL	100,001 AND UP PER/1000 GAL.
5/8" or 3/4"	\$54.00	\$1.19	\$2.37	\$4.43	\$5.92
1"	\$94.00	\$1.19	\$2.37	\$4.43	\$5.92
1 1/2"	\$137.00	\$1.49	\$2.99	\$4.43	\$5.92
2"	\$179.00	\$1.49	\$2.99	\$4.43	\$5.92
3"	\$241.00	\$1.49	\$2.99	\$4.43	\$5.92
4"	\$298.00	\$1.49	\$2.99	\$4.43	\$5.92
6"	\$370.00	\$1.49	\$2.99	\$4.43	\$5.92
8"	\$463.00	\$1.49	\$2.99	\$4.43	\$5.92
10"	\$576.00	\$1.49	\$2.99	\$4.43	\$5.92
12"	\$715.00	\$1.49	\$2.99	\$4.43	\$5.92

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by law.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed by the Township Committee on first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat on the **9th day of November, 2023, at 6:30 PM** and will be considered for second and final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee to be held on the **5th day of December, 2023, at 10:00 AM** at the Municipal Building located at 900 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, New Jersey, at which time and place any persons desiring to be heard upon the same will be given the opportunity to be so heard.

Donna M. Manno, RMC
Township Clerk