

MAPLE SHADE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 2023-10

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTERS 160 AND 200 OF THE MAPLE SHADE TOWNSHIP CODE TO ESTABLISH SEWER AND WATER SERVICE RATES AND CONNECTION FEES FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2023 THROUGH 2027

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Maple Shade, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey as follows:

The rate changes are effective the third billing quarter of the noted year and remains fixed until the third quarter of the subsequent year.

SECTION I.

The Township Council hereby amends Chapter 160 “Sewers” of the Township Code at Section 160-3 B as follows:

§ 160-3 Connection Permit: Application; Fees; Street Opening Permit

B. The initial fees for the right to connect directly or indirectly to the Township sanitary sewer system shall include a connection charge or fee per unit, as well as fees for application, review and inspection of the work to be accomplished by the applicant in keeping with the Township's rules and regulations. The following fees shall be paid in connection with the making of said application:

- (1) Connection fees.
 - (a) Residential.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Single family	\$5,000.00
Residential Apartment	\$3,500.00

(b) Non-residential. All classes of users other than residential shall pay a connection charge upon their estimated daily sewage flow as determined by the Township Engineer. The charge per gallon per day of sewage flow will be \$17.00 per gallon. In no case shall the connection charge be less than the charge for a one-family residential unit. (In cases where dormitory-style sleeping quarters are provided, the total number of dwelling units shall be determined by the total authorized occupancy capacity of the facility divided by two.)

(Section 160-3B (c) remains as written)

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SECTION II.

The Township Council hereby amends Section 160-6 is as follows:

§ 160- 6 Sewer service fees

A. The yearly rate or rental for the use of the sewers shall be as follows:

(1) **Minimum Quarterly Charge:** There shall be a minimum quarterly charge for usage of 5,000 gallons or less per quarter for all residential and commercial users. The rates are set forth below. The minimum quarterly charge for multi-unit residential units (three or more units) serviced through a single water meter shall be determined by the number of units times the minimum residential quarterly charge. The minimum quarterly charge for senior citizens shall be discounted by 10%. For purposes of this section, a "senior citizen" is a person 65 years or older and who qualifies for the appropriate deduction pursuant to the local property tax laws.

Water Meter Size	2023 Rate Q3 & Q4	2024 Rate	2025 Rate	2026 Rate	2027 Rate
Residential					
5/8" or 3/4"	\$ 88.00	\$ 91.50	\$ 95.00	\$ 99.00	\$ 103.00
Commercial					
5/8" or 3/4"	\$ 113.50	\$ 118.00	\$ 122.50	\$ 127.50	\$ 132.50
1"	\$ 214.00	\$ 222.50	\$ 231.50	\$ 241.00	\$ 250.00
1 1/2"	\$ 242.50	\$ 252.00	\$ 262.00	\$ 272.50	\$ 283.50
2"	\$ 516.00	\$ 536.50	\$ 558.00	\$ 580.50	\$ 603.50
3"	\$1,037.50	\$1,078.50	\$1,121.50	\$1,166.50	\$1,213.00
4"	\$2,115.50	\$2,200.00	\$2,288.00	\$2,379.50	\$2,474.50
6"	\$2,600.00	\$2,704.00	\$2,812.00	\$2,924.50	\$3,041.50

(2) **Excess sewerage use.** Excess sewerage use over and above the quarterly allowance shall be at the following rates:

Water Usage Rate (Gallons)	2023 Rate Q3 & Q4	2024 Rate	2025 Rate	2026 Rate	2027 Rate
Residential					
0-5,000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5,001 – 20,000	\$6.35	\$6.60	\$6.85	\$7.10	\$7.40

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20,001 – 40,000	\$7.25	\$7.55	\$7.85	\$8.15	\$8.50
40,000 Plus	\$8.00	\$8.30	\$8.65	\$9.00	\$9.35

Commercial

0-5,000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5,001 – 20,000	\$6.35	\$6.60	\$6.85	\$7.10	\$7.40
20,001 – 40,000	\$7.25	\$7.55	\$7.85	\$8.15	\$8.50
40,000 Plus	\$8.00	\$8.30	\$8.65	\$9.00	\$9.35

(3) The above minimum quarterly charges shall be effective as of the third quarter billing for 2023. The above excess sewerage use shall be applied to water meter readings used to generate bills for third quarter billing, regardless of when the water may have been consumed.

(4) Summer allowance for water not discharged into the sewer system.

(a) Prior to the computation of the sewer bill for a single-family residential user during the summer months, the water consumption reading for that quarter shall be reduced by 10% to reflect water usage not discharged into the sanitary sewer system.

(b) As an alternative to Subsection A(5)(a) above, all classes of users within an existing utility account may, at their own cost and expense, request the Township to install an additional water meter to measure water consumption for those uses where water is not discharged into the sewer system, such as lawn sprinkler systems. Upon installation of the meter and creation of the additional water account, a reading of the additional meter shall be taken each quarter and a bill issued for the actual water consumed. If a quarterly reading indicates no consumption for the given period, the minimum quarterly charge provided in § 200-24 of the Township Code shall be charged.

(5) Any property owner not connected to the Township water system, but connected to the township sewer system shall be charged for sewerage service in accordance with the water consumption figures provided to the Township from either a water company or a water meter system approved by the Township Tax Collector. Said water meter consumption figures shall be provided to the Township Tax Collector every quarter upon demand.

B. Whenever any premises uses water for an industrial or commercial purpose in such a manner that the water so used or any portion thereof is not discharged into the sewerage system of the Township, the quantity of water so used and not discharged into the Township's sewerage system shall be excluded in determining the sewer service charge for said premises; provided, however, that the quantity of water so used and not discharged into the Township's sewerage system is measured by a separate device or devices, meter or meters approved by the Township and installed by the owner or occupant of the premises without cost to the Township and in a manner satisfactory to the Township; and provided further that the water used on said premises and discharged into the Township's sewerage system is also measured separately by an approved meter. The additional sewer service charge for said premises shall be computed on the basis of 40% of the charge for water furnished to said premises and discharged into the Township's sewerage system.

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C. Payment.

(1) All of the sewer rentals or rates or charges provided herein shall be payable to the Tax Collector on a quarterly basis and, if not paid within 30 days from the billing date, shall become delinquent and shall bear interest thereon at a rate similar to the rate charged for delinquent taxes in the Township and shall become a lien on the property and shall be collectible as in the case of other municipal taxes, charges or liens.

(2) All of the sewer rentals or rates or charges provided herein for users located outside the territorial boundaries of the Township of Maple Shade shall be payable to the Collector of Taxes on a quarterly basis and, if not paid within 30 days from the billing date, shall become delinquent and shall bear interest thereon at a rate similar to the rate charged for delinquent taxes in the Township. At the time the charges become delinquent, sewer service may be discontinued.

(3) Sewer service may also be shut off in accordance with the procedures set forth in § 200-18B and C which are established with respect to water service.

SECTION III.

Chapter 200 “Water” at Section 200-3 is hereby amended as follows:

§200-3 Water Service Fees

A. The initial fees for the right to connect directly or indirectly, to the Township's potable water system shall include a connection charge or fee per unit, as well as for application, review and inspection of work to be accomplished by the applicant in keeping with the Township's rules and regulations. These fees are as follows:

- (1) Connection fees.
 - (a) Residential.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Single family	\$3,600.00
Residential Apartment	\$2,520.00

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(b) Other than residential. All classes of users other than residential shall pay a connection charge based upon their estimated daily water usage as determined by the Township Engineer. The charge per gallon per day of water usage will be \$12.00. In no case shall the connection charge be less than the charge for a one-family residential unit. (In cases where dormitory sleeping quarters are provided, the total number of dwelling units shall be determined by the total authorized occupancy capacity of the facility divided by two.)

(c) Water Service Irrigation:

<u>Service line</u>	<u>Fee</u>
1" connection	\$ 2,268.00
1.5" connection	\$ 5,103.00
2" connection	\$ 9,072.00
3" connection	\$19,440.00
4" connection	\$36,298.00

All other subsections shall remain as written.

SECTION IV.

Section 200-24 is hereby amended as follows:

§ 200-24 Water Rates

A. The yearly rate or rental for water service shall be as follows:

- (1) Minimum Quarterly Charge: There shall be a minimum quarterly charge for usage of 5,000 gallons or less per quarter for all residential and commercial users. The rates are set forth below. The minimum quarterly charge for multi-unit residential units (three or more units) serviced through a single water meter shall be determined by the number of units times the minimum residential quarterly charge.

Water Meter Size	2023 Rate Q3 & Q4	2024 Rate	2025 Rate	2026 Rate	2027 Rate
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Residential 5/8" or 3/4"	\$ 27.50	\$ 28.50	\$ 29.50	\$ 30.50	\$ 31.50
Commercial 5/8" or 3/4"	\$ 90.00	\$ 93.50	\$ 97.00	\$ 101.00	\$ 105.00
1"	\$ 169.50	\$ 176.50	\$ 183.50	\$ 191.00	\$ 198.50
1 1/2"	\$ 188.00	\$ 195.50	\$ 203.50	\$ 211.50	\$ 220.00

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2"	\$ 410.00	\$ 426.50	\$ 443.50	\$ 461.00	\$ 479.50
3"	\$ 837.00	\$ 870.50	\$ 905.50	\$ 941.50	\$ 979.00
4"	\$1,693.00	\$1,760.50	\$1,831.00	\$1,904.00	\$1,980.00
6"	\$2,146.50	\$2,232.50	\$2,322.00	\$2,415.00	\$2,511.50

(2) Excess water use. Excess water use over and above the quarterly allowance shall be at the following rates:

Water Usage Rate (Gallons)	2023 Rate Q3 & Q4	2024 Rate	2025 Rate	2026 Rate	2027 Rate
<u>Residential</u>					
0-5,000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5,001 – 20,000	\$6.35	\$6.60	\$6.85	\$7.10	\$7.40
20,001 – 40,000	\$7.25	\$7.55	\$7.85	\$8.15	\$8.50
40,000 – 75,000	\$8.00	\$8.30	\$8.65	\$9.00	\$9.35
75,000 Plus	\$8.00	\$8.30	\$8.65	\$9.00	\$9.35
<u>Commercial</u>					
0-5,000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5,001 – 20,000	\$6.35	\$6.60	\$6.85	\$7.10	\$7.40
20,001 – 40,000	\$7.25	\$7.55	\$7.85	\$8.15	\$8.50
40,000 – 75,000	\$8.00	\$8.30	\$8.65	\$9.00	\$9.35
75,000 Plus	\$8.00	\$8.30	\$8.65	\$9.00	\$9.35

B. The minimum quarterly charges set forth above shall be applied as of the third quarter billing for 2023. The excess water consumption rates shall be applied to water meter readings used to generate bills for the third quarter billing, regardless of when the water may have been consumed.

SECTION V.

Section 200-25 shall be amended as follows:

§200-25 Annual Fees for Fire Service Fees for fire service are as follows:

A. Private fire service.

<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Unmetered</u>	<u>Metered</u>
Private fire hydrant	\$ 205	\$ 73

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2" fire service line	\$ 275	\$ 94
3" fire service line	\$ 430	\$135
4" fire service line	\$ 625	\$208
6" fire service line	\$ 1080	\$333
8" fire service line	\$1535	\$468

(2) In addition to the above, an annual charge will also be applied in the amount \$1.20 per sprinkler head for unmetered and \$.45 for metered systems.

(3) The above charges shall be effective as of the third quarter billing for 2023.

SECTION VI.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

SECTION VII.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION VIII.

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Introduction: May 11, 2023

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Nunes		x	x			
Schmidt			x			
Volpe	x		x			
Wiest			x			
Kauffman			x			

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Maple Shade Township Council at a meeting held on June 8, 2023

Andrea T. McVeigh, RMC

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