

**MONROE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY**

**ORDINANCE NO.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDINANCE OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
GRANTING AUTHORIZATION  
TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR  
TO ENTER INTO LIMITED INSTALLMENT AGREEMENTS FOR THE  
PAYMENT OF WATER AND SANITARY SEWER CONNECTION FEES**

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**WHEREAS**, Residents of the Township of Monroe are required to connect to the Township's water and sanitary sewer systems when those services become available; and

**WHEREAS**, Residents are required to pay to the Township connection fees for those services; and

**WHEREAS**, the lump sum payment of connection fees may cause some Residents of the Township an undue economic hardship; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township desires to reduce the economic burden of its Residents by granting the Township's Utility Department the authority to enter into installment payment plans not to exceed sixty (60) months with Township residents who owe less than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in sanitary sewer and water connection fees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council has determined that the Business Administrator for the Township of Monroe should be authorized by the Township to review and installment payment plans;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Monroe Township Business Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into an installment agreement with any owner of real property in the Township of Monroe to pay sanitary sewer and water service connection fees in installments for a period not to exceed sixty (60) months where those fees, in aggregate, are less than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), .
2. All agreements entered into by the Monroe Township Utility Department, pursuant to this Ordinance, shall set forth in the agreement an interest rate accruing on the outstanding balance in an amount not more than the annual interest rate, or less than one percent (1%) below the annual interest rate, charged by the MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT for delinquent accounts.
3. Where the MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT has entered into an installment agreement, pursuant to this Ordinance, but failed to make payments, the unpaid balance and accrued interest shall be a lien on the owner's real property.
4. The Business Administrator for the Township of Monroe is authorized to execute, on behalf of the Township of Monroe, installment agreements complying with this Ordinance.
5. Amounts in excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) shall require approval of the Monroe Township Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that if any section, subdivision, sentence, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, this Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication, as provided by law.

**SO ORDAINED**, as aforesaid.

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GERALD W. TAMBURRO, Council President

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Monroe Township Council held on December 1, 2014. Said Ordinance will again be read and considered for final passage at a Special Meeting of the Monroe Township Council to be held on December 29, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Monroe Township Municipal Building, 1 Municipal Plaza, Monroe Township, New Jersey, 08831. At said time and place all persons having an interest in the foregoing Ordinance will be granted an opportunity to be heard concerning the same prior to consideration for final passage by the Council.

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SHARON DOERFLER, Township Clerk

**MAYORAL APPROVAL**

By virtue of the Optional Municipal Charter Law of 1950 and Chapter 3, Section 19 of the Code of the Township of Monroe, my approval of this Ordinance is effected by the affixing of my signature hereto.

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RICHARD PUCCI, Mayor

DATE SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_