

MONROE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY

ORDINANCE NO.: O-1-2022-003

ORDINANCE OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
AMENDING CHAPTER 39 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
ENTITLED, "FEES"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Chapter 39 of the Code of the Township of Monroe is hereby amended as follows: (new text is in red and underlined, text to be deleted is ~~struck~~)

Chapter 39 FEES

- § 39-1. Title.
- § 39-2. Purpose.
- § 39-3. Fees enumerated.
- § 39-4. Board of Education exemption.

39-1. Title

This chapter shall be known as the "Codification of Fees and Costs of the Township of Monroe"

39-2. Purpose

This chapter is adopted in order to advise the citizens of the township, and any and all persons doing business with the township, of the various fees charged for services rendered by the departments of township government and to provide ready access to any and all such information.

39-3. Fees Enumerated

The following fees shall be charged by the township for services rendered or licenses or permits issued. All license fees shall be annual unless otherwise noted.

J. Monroe Township Utility Department fees and charges.

[Added 11-30-09 by Ord. No. O-11-2009-036; amended 3-7-11 by Ord. No. O-3-2011-005; 3-5-12 by Ord. No. O-12-2012-039; 3-4-13 by Ord. No. O-3-2013-002; 5-5-14 by Ord. No. O-5-2014-007; 6-2-15 by Ord. No. O-6-2015-009; 7-6-16 by Ord. No. O-6-2016-017; 7-2-18 by Ord. No. O-6-2018-019 by Ord. No. O-9-2018-032; 6-5-2019 by Ord. No. O-5-2019-016; 6-22-2020 by Ord. No. O-5-2020-010]

Part I. Sewer Service

Section A. Definitions.

A. "UNIT" shall be defined as follows:

1. Residential:

- (a) Each single-family dwelling.
- (b) Each single-family apartment dwelling in a multiple-family structure or structures.
- (c) For users, other than residential: including each tenant in a nonresidential building, an equivalent dwelling unit of sewage flow shall be deemed to equal gallons per day of sewage flow. Example: ~~155~~ 160 gal/day x 365 days = ~~56,575~~ 58,400 gal/year or ~~14,144~~ 14,600 gallons per quarter = one UNIT.

Section D. Sewer Connection Fees and Charges.

2. The connection fee for each unit shall be ~~\$3,347.00~~ \$3,201.00. Connection fees for single family homes not part of a real estate development are payable at the option of the applicant in two installments with the initial installment paid prior to the time of the connection and the second payment due within one year. Interest shall accrue and be due to the Utility Department at 1% per month on the unpaid balance. In the case where the system is under construction but not yet available for connection, connection fees can be paid at the option of the applicant in two (2) installments without interest.

Part ~~Pbrt~~ I. Water Service

Section A: Definitions:

A. "UNIT" shall be defined as follows:

1. Residential:
 - a) Each single-family dwelling.
 - b) Each single-family apartment dwelling in a multiple-family structure or structures.
2. Other than residential: includes each tenant in a nonresidential building, one equivalent dwelling unit of potable water shall equal ~~176~~ 172 gallons per day of estimated water consumption or fraction thereof. In a building with more than one tenant or occupant, each separate tenant or occupant shall be calculated separately. Example: ~~176~~ 172 gal/day x 365 days = ~~64,240~~ 62,780 gal/year = one unit.

Section I. Miscellaneous.

1. Turn on and turn off fees and final meter readings.

A charge of \$75 shall be made for each turn-off or turn-on during regular working hours. Any turn-on or ~~turn-off~~ turn-off required outside regular working hours shall be charged at \$102.50 each unless both turn-on and turn-off are scheduled two days in advance and no more than one hour apart. A minimum notice of seven days for each turn-off and/or turn-on must be given to the Utility Department. A penalty of \$50.00 shall be assessed for each scheduled ~~turn-on or turn-off~~ appointment that is cancelled upon arrival of the Utility Department personnel. Under no circumstances shall any person not authorized by the Utility Department open or close the curb stops or valves in any Utility Department water line.

The above fees shall also apply to each and every final water meter reading request and shall be payable as a part of the final water/sewer billing plus a \$25 administrative fee for a total final meter reading charge of \$100 (workday).

4. Hydrant Meter Rental

The use of water for building purposes, irrigation, or other construction, shall be metered at a hydrant to be determined by the Utility Department. At the time of application, the user shall pay submit a deposit for the meter as follows:

3/4" meter	\$500
3"	\$1,500

In addition, there shall be a ~~per~~ hydrant use fee of \$50 per month (~~contractor shall list all hydrants to be used~~) and a rental charge for the hydrant meter of \$100 per month or part thereof, payable monthly in advance. Each meter holder, by the 5th day of each month shall return the meter to the Utility Department for them to read.

If the meter holder fails to provide a meter reading by the date specified, then the meter will be confiscated by the Utility Department and the deposit will be forfeited. The charge for water usage will be made on the basis of Section C hereof. The application for such water services shall be made by the owner of the property on which said water is to be used. The Utility Department shall have its statutory lien on such property for the collection of said charges.

Section K. Potable Water Connection Fees and Charges.

2. The potable water connection fee for each equivalent unit shall be ~~\$3,271.00~~ \$2,968.00 and the irrigation connection fee using potable water with a separate meter shall be \$1,000.00 per equivalent unit. Connection fees for single family homes not part of a real estate development are payable at the option of the applicant in two (2) installments with the initial installation paid prior to the time of the connection and the second payment due within one year. Interest shall accrue and be due to the Utility Department at 1% per month on the unpaid balance. In case the system is under construction but not yet available for connection, connection fees can be paid at the option of the applicant in two (2)

installments without interest. In the case of real estate developers, the connection fees for the development shall be payable at the time of final approval.

- For a user other than residential with estimated potable water consumption in excess of ~~483~~ 172 gallons per day and/or 483 gallons per day for nonpotable irrigation water, then the connection fee shall be based on the number of units as defined in Subsection A(2) above. Fractional number of units shall be calculated to the next highest unit

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. 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 so adjudged and the remainder of the ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after final passage, adoption and publication as provided by law.

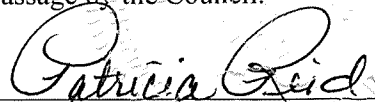
SO ORDAINED, as aforesaid.


MIRIAM COHEN, Council President

RECORDED VOTE – INTRODUCTION – January 5, 2022						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilwoman Cohen			X			
Councilman Dipierro			X			
Councilwoman Schneider		X	X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Councilman Van Dzura	X		X			

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 January 5, 2022. Said Ordinance will again be read and considered for final passage at the next scheduled meeting of the Monroe Township Council to be held on February 7, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. virtually via Zoom at <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/106827708>. 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.


PATRICIA REID, Township Clerk

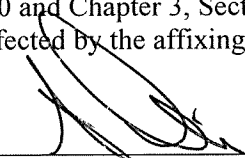
RECORDED VOTE – SECOND READING & FINAL ADOPTION– February 7, 2022						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilwoman Cohen			X			
Councilman Dipierro			X			
Councilwoman Schneider		X	X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Councilman Van Dzura	X		X			

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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.


STEPHEN DALINA, Mayor

Date signed: 2/8/2022