

MONROE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY

ORDINANCE NO.: O-6-2026-010

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

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**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**

**§ 39-2. Fees enumerated by Department.**

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.

**N. Monroe Township Utility Department fees and charges.**

**N1. Rate Schedule.**

**Part I. Sewer Service.**

**Section A. Definitions.**

(h) 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: ~~171~~ **169** gal/day x 365 days = ~~62,415~~ **61,685** gal/year or ~~15,604~~ **15,421** gallons per quarter = one UNIT.

**Section D. Sewer Connection Fees and Charges.**

**B.** The connection fee for each unit shall be ~~\$3,781~~ **\$4,018**. 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 installments without interest.

In the case of real estate developers, the connection fees for any development of 10 or less units shall be payable at the time of final approval.

In any single-family home development of more than 10 units, connection fees for the first 10 units shall be payable at the time of final approval with the balance of connection fees payable in groups of 10 units at a time in advance of the building permit. For townhome, condominium or apartment unit construction, connection fees shall be payable prior to start of any work on each individual structure.

**C.** For a user other than residential with estimated sewage flows in excess of ~~171~~ **169** gallons per day, the connection fee shall be based on the number of units as defined in Subsection A(1)(c) above. Fractional number of units shall be calculated to the next- highest unit.

**Part II. Water Service**

**Section A. Definitions:**

2. Other than residential: includes each tenant in a nonresidential building, one equivalent dwelling unit of potable water shall equal ~~173~~ **171** 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: ~~173~~ **171** gal/day x 365 days = ~~63,145~~ **62,415** gal/year or ~~15,786~~ **15,604** gallons per quarter= one unit.

Section L. Potable Water Connection Fees and Charges.

B. The potable water connection fee for each equivalent unit shall be \$~~3,241~~ **\$3,437**, and the irrigation connection fee using potable water with a separate meter shall be \$1,000 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 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 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.

In any development of more than 10 units, connection fees for the first 10 units shall be payable at the time of final approval with the balance of connection fees payable in groups of 10 units at a time in advance of the building permit.

All new structures constructed within the Utility Department's potable water system shall use this system for on-site irrigation unless prior approved by the Utility Department due to a limited water supply. All outside hose bibs on any new structure shall use a separate irrigation service and meter for outside watering needs where available and appropriate backflow devices installed and tested.

C. For a user other than residential with estimated potable water consumption in excess of ~~473~~ **171** 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.

Repealer

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

Severability

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.

Effective Date

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

SO ORDAINED, as aforesaid.

RUPA P. SIEGEL, Council President

| RECORDED VOTE – INTRODUCTION – June 29, 2026 |        |        |     |     |         |        |
|----------------------------------------------|--------|--------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| COUNCIL                                      | MOTION | SECOND | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| Councilwoman Cohen                           | X      |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman Dipierro                          |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman Van Dzura                         |        |        |     |     |         | X      |
| Council V. President Markel                  |        | X      | X   |     |         |        |
| Council President Siegel                     |        |        | 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 June 29, 2026. 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 August 3, 2026 at 6:30 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.

CHRISTINE ROBBINS, Township Clerk

| RECORDED VOTE – SECOND READING & FINAL ADOPTION – August 3, 2026 |        |        |     |     |         |        |
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| COUNCIL                                                          | MOTION | SECOND | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| Councilwoman Cohen                                               |        |        |     |     |         |        |
| Councilman Dipierro                                              |        |        |     |     |         |        |
| Councilman Van Dzura                                             |        |        |     |     |         |        |
| Council V. President Markel                                      |        |        |     |     |         |        |
| Council President Siegel                                         |        |        |     |     |         |        |

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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.

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STEPHEN DALINA, Mayor

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_