

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-033**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 55A OF THE CODE OF THE  
BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE, NEW JERSEY ENTITLED AN  
ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ELECTRIC RATES AND CREATING  
THEM IN CHAPTER 55A OF THE ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH  
OF PARK RIDGE**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council have been advised and based upon increases in the cost of power that the electric rates for all electric service in the Borough of Park Ridge have to be increased; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council have carefully considered these recommendations and reviewed all of the appropriate supporting documentation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council agree that this rate increase is in the best interest of the users of the electric supply system; and

**WHEREAS**, the last electric rate increase was implemented on May 1, 2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge as follows:

**Section I:** Chapter 55A of the Code of the Borough of Park Ridge is hereby amended to read as follows for all electric bills rendered as of January 1, 2025:

**Section II - Residential Service**

**a. Availability**

This service is available to the customers located on the Borough's distribution lines who desire service for household and other related uses in a single private dwelling or an individual dwelling unit in a multiple dwelling structure and its appurtenant detached buildings.

**b. Character of Service**

The service provided shall be alternating current, nominal frequency 60 hertz (cycles per second). Single phase: 120 volts, 2 wire; 120/208 volts, 3 wire; 120/240 volts, 3 wire; and three (3) phase: 120/240 volts, 4 wire or 120/208 volts, 4 wire.

**c. Billing**

The charges for electrical use are computed and billed on a bi-monthly basis for service taken.

**d. Monthly Rate**

Customer Charge..... \$6.85  
Energy Charge: All KWH..... \$0.16093  
The Adjustment Clause shall be applied to all KWH supplied under this rate.

**e. Minimum Monthly Charge**

The minimum charge shall be an amount equal to the customer charge but not less than six Dollars and eighty-five Cents (\$6.85).

**f. Payment Terms**

Bills are due payable when rendered. If unpaid at the end of twenty-five (25) days, the Board of Public Works reserve the right to terminate service following suitable written notice.

**g. Special Provisions**

(1) Owners of record of property within the Borough of Park Ridge shall not be required to pay a deposit. All others shall be required to pay a deposit based upon estimated bills which would accrue for two and one-half months' service. The Board of Public works shall have the right to increase the amount of a deposit if in its judgment such action is necessary.

**Section III – Rates for Electric Service – Heat**

**a. Availability**

This service is available to all customers located on the Borough's distribution lines and desiring services for household and other related uses in a single private dwelling, or an individual dwelling unit in a multiple dwelling structure, and its appurtenant detached buildings.

**b. Character of Service**

The type of service shall be alternating current, 60 cycle. Single phase: 120 volts, 2 wire; 120/208 volts, 3 wire; 120/240 volts, 3 wire; and three (3) phase: 120/240 volts, 4 wire or 120/208 volts, 4 wire.

**c. Billing**

All heating customers are billed monthly for electric usage.

**d. The Monthly Rate for Heat shall be:**

Customer Charge.....\$6.85  
Energy Charge: All KWH..... \$0.16093  
The Adjustment Clause shall be applied to all KWH supplied under this rate.

**e. Minimum Monthly Charge**

The minimum monthly charge shall be an amount equal to the customer charge per month but not less than six Dollars and eighty-five Cents (\$6.85).

**f. Payment Terms**

The bills are due when rendered. If the bill is not paid within twenty-five (25) days, The Board of Public Works reserves the right to terminate service following suitable written notice.

**g. Special Provisions**

(1) Owners of record of property within the Borough of Park Ridge shall not be required to pay a deposit. All tenants are required to pay a security deposit. Such deposit will be held until the premises are vacated and all final bills are paid in full. Interest on the deposit is applied to the account once a year. The Board of Public Works shall have the right to increase the amount of the deposit if in its judgment such action is necessary.

**Section IV – Senior Citizen, Lifeline and Disability Service**

**a. Applicability**

This rate shall be applicable to the use of service for private residential purposes when the following criteria and conditions are met:

- 1) Senior Citizens – Customers must be at least 65 years of age; of
- 2) Lifeline – Customer must be listed on the Schedule of eligible customers established by the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services pursuant to N.J.S.A 48:2-29.16; or
- 3) Disability – Customer must present a physician's certificate verifying customer's permanent and total disability of a copy of the Social Security Award Certificate form No. SS A-30 to demonstrate disability;
- 4) A customer who satisfies the criteria of subsection (1), (2) or (3) above and who meets all of the conditions of this subsection (4) shall be eligible for the appropriate rate.
  - A. Customer must have an income not to exceed the State of New Jersey tax-exemption qualification level from all sources, taxable and non-taxable, but not including Social Security; and



- B. Total income of all persons who reside in customer's household from all sourced, taxable and non-taxable, but not including Social Security shall not exceed Thirty-Five Thousand (\$35,000.00) Dollars per annum; and
- 5) The Chief Financial Officer shall be the enforcing agent and shall annually certify those residents eligible for the Senior Citizens, Lifeline and Disability Rate; and
- 6) The rate shall be effective only upon application to and approval by the Borough Tax Collector in its sole and complete discretion as to qualification hereunder.
- 7) Any of the above limits and qualifications may be modified or changed by proper resolution of the Board of Public Works on a showing of good cause.

**b. Character of Service**

Alternating current, 60 cycle. Single phase: 120/208 volts, 2 wire; 120/208 volts, 3 wire; 120/240 volts, 3 wire.

**c. Billing**

Charges are computed and billed bi-monthly for services taken.

**d. Monthly Rate**

Customer Charge.....	\$3.43
Energy Charge:	
First 500 KWH.....	\$0.09362
Over 500 KWH.....	\$0.16093

The Adjustment Clause shall be applied to all KWH supplied under this rate.

**e. Minimum Monthly Charge**

The Minimum Monthly Charge shall be an amount equal to the Customer Charge but not less than three Dollars and forty-three Cents (\$3.43).

**f. Payment Terms**

Bills are due and payable when rendered. If unpaid at the end of twenty-five (25) days, the Board of Public Works reserve the right to terminate service following suitable written notice.

**g. Special Provisions**

(1) Owners of record of property within the Borough of Park Ridge shall not be required to pay a deposit. All others shall be required to pay a deposit based upon estimated bills which would accrue for two and one-half months' services. The Board of Public Works shall have the right to increase the amount of a deposit if in its judgment such action is necessary.

**Section V – General Service**

**a. Availability**

Available to non-residential customers located on the Borough's Distribution Lines desiring electric service for general lighting and/or power service and whose annual average billing demand is not more than 100 KW. All such service shall be taken through one meter.

**b. Character of Service**

Alternating current, 60 cycle. Single phase: 120/240 volts, 3 wire; and three phase: 120/240 volts, 4 wire; 240 volts, 3 wire; or 120/208 volts, 4 wire and where existing facilities permit, 277/480 volts, 4 wire may be supplied.

**c. Billing**

Charges are computed and billed on a monthly basis with monthly payments for service taken.

**d. Monthly Rate**

The Customer's monthly bill shall be the sum of the demand and energy charges.

Customer Charges: Including first 3KW demand.....\$30.80  
Demand Charge: All KW above 3KW demand.....\$15.20  
Energy Charge: All KWH.....\$0.13309

The Adjustment Clause shall be applied to all KWH supplied under this rate.

**e. Minimum Monthly Charge**

The minimum monthly charge shall be an amount equal to the customer charge but not less than thirty Dollars and eighty Cents (\$30.80).

**f. Determination of Demand**

The Demand will be determined at the option of the Board of Public Works by estimate or by test at the time of maximum use or by Demand meter measurement. When measured by indicating meters the Demand shall be the highest fifteen (15) minutes Demand in kilowatts used during the month.

**Section VI – Large Power Service**

**a. Availability**

Availability to customers located on the Borough's Distribution Lines desiring electric service for general and/or power service and whose average annual billing demand is not less than 100 KW.

**b. Character of Service**

Alternating current, 60 cycle. Single phase: 120/240 volts, 3 wire; and three phase: 120/240 volts, 4 wire; 240 volts, 3 wire; or 120/208 volts, 4 wire and where existing facilities permit, 277/480 volts, 4 wire may be supplied

**c. Billing**

Charges are computed and billed on a monthly basis with monthly payments for service taken.

**d. Monthly Rate**

The customer's monthly bill shall be the sum of the demand and energy charges.

Demand Charge:  
All KW.....\$17.42  
Energy Charge: All KWH.....\$ 0.13048

The Adjustment Clause shall be applied to all KWH supplied under this rate.

**e. Minimum Monthly Charge**

The Minimum Monthly Charge shall be an amount equal to the Demand Charge but shall be equivalent to not less than twenty-five (25) KW of Demand.

**f. Determination of Demand**

The Demand shall be determined by recording or indication meters. When measured by indicating meters the Demand shall be the highest fifteen (15) minutes Demand in kilowatts used during the month.

**g. Payment Terms**

Bills are due and payable when rendered. If unpaid at the end of twenty-five (25) days, the Board of Public Works reserve the right to terminate service following suitable written notice.

**h. Special Provisions**

Owners of record of property within the Borough of Park Ridge shall not be required to pay a deposit. All others shall be required to pay a deposit based on at least two and a half times the estimated monthly bill. In no case shall a deposit be less than \$1,000.00.



**Section VII – Dusk to Dawn Floodlight Service**

**a. Availability**

This rate is available for private, non-municipal street, bridge, parks and outdoor lighting in the entire territory served by the Borough.

Flat Monthly Rate

<u>Type</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>(Per Month)</u>
LD	50	\$13.77
LD	100	\$25.61
LD	150	\$28.46
H.P.S	50	\$13.77
H.P.S	100	\$25.61
H.P.S	150	\$28.46
H.P.S	175	\$30.35
H.P.S	250	\$36.04
H.P.S	360	\$48.37
H.P.S	400	\$54.52
M.V.	100	\$19.45
M.V.	175	\$21.35
M.V.	250	\$27.51
M.V.	400	\$49.30
M.V.	1000	\$91.96
LED Floodlights	250Watt	\$26.32
LED Floodlights	400Watt	\$31.59

H.P.S = High Pressure Sodium      M.V. = Mercury Vapor      LD = LED

**Section VIII – Municipal Service**

**a. Availability**

Service to municipally owned buildings and fixtures, excluding street lights.

**b. Character of Service**

Variable; as required.

**c. Billing**

Charges are computed and billed bi-monthly for service taken.

**d. Monthly Rate**

Energy Charge: All KWH.....\$0.15903

The Adjustment Clause shall be applied to all KWH supplied under this rate.

**Section IX – Hall Lighting Service**

**a. Availability**

Available to commercial customers (non-residential) who request separate, minimal service to common areas, unoccupied or temporary structures.

**b. Character of Service**

Variable; as required. Service shall be separately metered and billed.

**c. Billing**

Charges are computed and billed bi-monthly for services taken.

**d. Monthly Rate**

Customer Charge.....\$6.85

Energy Charge.....\$0.17799

The Adjustment Clause shall be applied to all KWH supplied under this rate.

**e. Minimum Monthly Charge**

Six Dollars and eighty-five Cents (\$6.85) per month.

**f. Payment Terms**

Bills are due and payable when rendered. If unpaid at the end of twenty-five (25) days, the Board of Public Works reserves the right to terminate service following suitable written notice.

**Section X - Adjustment Clause**

An adjustment clause shall be applied to each kilowatt-hour (KWH) supplied under all rate schedules. This adjustment clause determined to the nearest \$0.00001 in accordance with the formula set forth below shall be applied to all kilowatt-hours supplied during the billing period. It shall be determined on an annual basis, but may be revised periodically during the course of the year by the Board of Public works upon a showing of good cause.

Effective January 1, 2025 the Power Adjustment Rate is \$.00685 (per KWH)

**Section XI – Miscellaneous Charges**

- Sewer Meter – \$10.27
- Cablevision Meter – \$58.89
- Temporary Flat Fee – \$30.80
- Reconnection Service – \$17.12
- Residential (Bi-Monthly) – \$13.70

**Section XII – Payment Terms**

Bills are due and payable when rendered. If unpaid at the end of twenty-five (25) days, the Board of Public Works reserves the right to terminate services following suitable written notice.

**a. Special Provisions**

Owners of record of property within the Borough of Park Ridge shall not be required to pay a deposit. All others shall be required to pay a deposit based on at least two and a half times the estimated monthly bill. In no case shall a deposit be less than \$300.00.

**Section XIII – Invalidity**

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other of this ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of this ordinance, but shall be confirmed in its effect to the section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other part of this ordinance directly involved in the controversy in which said judgment shall have been rendered and all other provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section XIV – Severability**

If any section, part of any section, or clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance. The governing body of the Borough of Park Ridge declares that it would have passed the Ordinance and each section and subsection, thereof, irrespective of the facts that one or more of the subsections, sentences, clauses or phrased may be declared unconstitutional of invalid.

**Section XV – Effective Date**

This ordinance shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law following final passage, adoption and publication in the manner prescribed by law.


Adopted 12/10/24 on roll call vote as follows:

	Introduced	Seconded	AYES	NAYES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Capilli				✓		
Ferguson			✓			
Goldsmith						✓
Hoffman				✓		
Metzdorf	✓		✓			
Mintz		✓	✓			

APPROVED:

  
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KEITH J. MISCIAGNA, MAYOR

Attest:

  
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Magdalena Giandomenico  
Borough Clerk / Administrator