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BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
ORDINANCE NO. 2014-006

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 98 OF THE CODE OF THE
BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE TO ESTABLISH PAYMENT TERMS AND
SECURITY DEPOSITS FOR PARK RIDGE WATER DEPARTMENT
CUSTOMERS IN PARK RIDGE & WOODCLIFF LAKE**

WHEREAS, the Park Ridge Board of Public Works has recommended that the Mayor and Council adopt various amendments to Chapter 98 of the Borough Code; and

WHEREAS, the Park Ridge Board of Public Works has determined that from time to time commercial users have either been late or defaulted on their obligations and the present security structure does not allow for adequate compensation to the Water Department for non-payment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works seeks to protect all water customers by providing for security deposits, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge wish to amend the Park Ridge Borough Code to include the provisions recommended by the Board of Public Works,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION ONE. Chapter 98 of the Code of the Borough of Park Ridge is hereby amended to include the following new Section 98-3 entitled Payment Terms and Security Deposits.

"SECTION 98-3. PAYMENT TERMS AND SECURITY DEPOSITS.

A. PAYMENT TERMS. Bills are due and payable when rendered. If unpaid at the end of twenty (20) days, a ten (10) day grace period will be allowed. Following the 30th day, the grace period will no longer be applicable and interest shall accrue from the first day of delinquency, retroactive to day 21, at a rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 and 18% per annum for any amount over \$1,500.00. Additionally, the Board of Public Works reserves the right to terminate service following suitable written notice.

B. SHUT OFFS.

1) Customers who are delinquent sixty (60) days or more from the billing due date are subject to discontinuation of services.

2) Customers whose service is disconnected will be charged a shut off fee of \$75.00. There will be no reconnect fee during the Park Ridge Water Department's normal business hours of 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

3) Customers will be charged a \$150.00 reconnection fee during non-business hours, prior to 7:30am and after 3pm Monday through Friday.

C. SECURITY DEPOSITS-RESIDENTIAL USERS. Owners on record of property within the Borough of Park Ridge shall not be required to pay a deposit. All tenants within the Borough of Park Ridge and all Woodcliff Lake residents shall be required to pay a deposit as follows:

\$200.00 (Tenants and Woodcliff Lake Residents)
\$400.00 (Residents with a lawn sprinkling system)
\$100.00 Senior Citizen, Lifeline and Disability

D. SECURITY DEPOSITS- COMMERCIAL USERS. All new commercial users within the Boroughs of Park Ridge and Woodcliff Lake shall be required to pay a deposit based on meter size as follows:

5/8", 3/4", 1", 1 1/2"	\$ 300.00
2"	\$1,000.00
3"	\$2,500.00
4"	\$5,000.00
6"	\$7,000.00

E. SECURITY DEPOSITS HELD ON ACCOUNT. Security deposits must be paid in full when an account is opened. Failure to pay said security deposit within three (3) business days shall result in discontinuation of service. 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 when payable. The Board of Public Works shall have the right to increase the amount of a deposit if in its judgment such action is necessary.

F. DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS. All Residential and Commercial users, both owner and tenant whose account becomes thirty (30) days or more delinquent shall be subject to an increase in deposit based upon an estimated billing which would accrue for three months' services calculated using the highest quarterly billing from the preceding twelve (12) month period. If services have not been in effect for twelve (12) months, then an average would be calculated based upon time occupied."

SECTION TWO: Invalidity. All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Borough of Park Ridge which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION THREE: Severability. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. Should any section, paragraph, subparagraph, provision, sentence, or part hereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional, said finding shall not affect any other section, paragraph, subparagraph, provision, sentence, or part thereof and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION FOUR: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately following final passage, adoption and publication as provided by law.

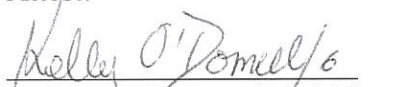
Adopted 2/25/14 on roll call vote as follows:

	Introduced	Seconded	AYES	NAYES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Hopper			✓			
Bosi	✓		✓			
Galdi		✓	✓			
Oppelt			✓			
Bertini			✓			
Cangialosi			✓			

APPROVED:


TERENCE P. MAGUIRE, MAYOR

Attest:


Kelley R. O'Donnell, RMC
Borough Clerk / Administrator