

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-032**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 98 OF THE CODE OF THE
BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE, NEW JERSEY
ENTITLED
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WATER RATES WITHIN THE BOROUGH
OF PARK RIDGE AND SO MUCH OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF
LAKE SERVICED BY THE PARK RIDGE WATER DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have received the recommendation of the Park Ridge Board of Public Works to implement a rate increase for the service of water within the Borough Park Ridge and so much of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake serviced by the Park Ridge Water Department; 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 with the Park Ridge Board of Public Works that this rate increase is in the best interest of the users of the water supply system; and

WHEREAS, the last water rate increase was implemented on April 1, 2024,

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

SECTION ONE: Chapter 98-2 of the Code of the Borough of Park Ridge is hereby amended to read as follows:

98-2 WATER RATES.

1. The following rates are hereby fixed for the sale of water by the Park Ridge Water Department within the Borough of Park Ridge and so much of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake as is serviced by the Borough of Park Ridge Water Department effective for all water bills rendered as of January 1, 2025:

2. Meter Service Rates. Whenever the term “fixed charge” is used in this Ordinance, said fixed charge shall be in addition to any applicable charges for water consumption:

A) General Meter Service. This rate shall be applicable to use of water supplied through meters.

a. Fixed Charge - does not include any water consumption.

Meter Size-Inches	Fixed Charge Per Quarter
5/8"	\$21.46
3/4"	\$32.21
1"	\$55.18
1 ¼ or 1 ½	\$110.35
2"	\$176.23
3"	\$330.99
4"	\$551.64
6"	\$1,103.27

b. Meter Rates – all water usage per quarter will be billed using a three (3) tier rate structure as follows:

Usage Rate per Thousand Gallons

- Tier 1 – Quarterly Usage less than or equal to 63,000 Gallons - \$5.60
- Tier 2 – Quarterly Usage between 63,000 Gallons and 135,000 Gallons - \$5.91
- Tier 3 – Quarterly Usage greater than 135,000 gallons - \$6.22

The usage rates above include the State Water Tax pursuant to L. 1983, c. 443.

B) General Metered Service - Senior Citizens. This rate shall be applied to use of water supplied through residential meters when the following criteria and conditions are met:

(1) Customer must be at least 65 years of age or totally disabled.

(2) Customer's household income which is that total income earned by all residents of that household is not to exceed thirty-five thousand (\$35,000) Dollars from all sources taxable and non-taxable, but not including Social Security.

(3) Customer must qualify for Senior Citizen State Tax Exemption of real property or for the state regulated Lifeline Program.

(4) All senior citizens to be recertified annually.

(5) The Chief Financial Officer shall be the enforcing agent.

Senior Citizen Rates shall be as follows:

1. Fixed Charge per quarter: \$10.73

2. Metered Rates – all water usage per quarter will be billed using a three (3) tier rate structure as follows:

Usage Rate per Thousand Gallons

- Tier 1 – Quarterly Usage less than or equal to 63,000 Gallons - \$2.80
- Tier 2 – Quarterly Usage between 63,000 Gallons and 135,000 Gallons - \$2.96
- Tier 3 – Quarterly Usage greater than 135,000 gallons - \$3.11

The usage rates above include the State Water Tax pursuant to L. 1983, c. 443.

C) Unmetered Service for Fire Protection. This rate shall be applicable to use of unmetered private fire service and shall be charged for each premise so serviced.

1. Rate: Per Year

4" Service	\$1,182.00
6" Service	\$2,505.00
8" Service	\$4,008.00
10" Service	\$4,915.00

Public and Private Fire Hydrant \$50.51

Maintenance of Private Facilities - At cost

D) Metered Hydrant Service Rates

1. Rate: \$5.77 per 1,000 gallons

2. Minimum Charge per year: \$250.00.

E) Replacement of Damaged Meters: Actual Cost including parts and labor.

F) Trouble Call-out (when problem is unrelated to service provided by the Park Ridge Water Department): Actual Cost including parts and labor.

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



KEITH J. MISCIAGNA, MAYOR

Attest:



Magdalena Giandomenico
Borough Clerk / Administrator