

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-015**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 98 OF THE CODE OF THE
BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE, NEW JERSEY
ENTITLED
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WATER RATES AND SECURITY
DEPOSITS FOR THE SERVICE OF WATER 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 establish a fixed charge and security deposit for an 8” meter 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 these rates are in the best interest of the users of the water supply system; and

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 (new text is **bolded and underlined**):

98-2 WATER RATES.

A. 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:

B. 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:

(1) 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"	\$22.75
3/4"	\$34.15
1"	\$58.50
1 ¼ or 1 ½	\$116.98
2"	\$186.81
3"	\$350.85
4"	\$584.74
6"	\$1,169.47
<u>8"</u>	<u>\$1,820.00</u>

(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 - \$5.94

Tier 2 – Quarterly Usage between 63,000 Gallons and 135,000 Gallons - \$6.27

Tier 3 – Quarterly Usage greater than 135,000 gallons - \$6.60

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

SECTION TWO: Chapter 98-3 of the Code of the Borough of Park Ridge is hereby amended to read as follows (new text is **bolded and underlined**):

98-3 PAYMENT TERM AND SECURITY DEPOSITS.

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:

Meter Size-Inches	Fee
5/8, 3/4, 1, 1 1/2"	\$300
2"	\$1,000
3"	\$2,500
4"	\$5,000
6"	\$7,000
<u>8"</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>

SECTION THREE: All other sections and subsections of Chapter 98-2 and Chapter 98-3 of the Code of the Borough of Park Ridge not specifically amended by this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

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

Adopted 4/28/26 on roll call vote as follows:


	Introduced	Seconded	AYES	NAYES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Cozzi			✓			
Fenwick			✓			
Goldsmith		✓	✓			
Hoffman			✓			
Metzdorf	✓		✓			
Mintz			✓			

APPROVED:



KEITH J. MISCIAGNA, MAYOR

Attest:



Magdalena Giandomenico
Borough Clerk / Administrator