

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO.: 24-01**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE WATER DEPARTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, TO FIX THE RATES AND PRICES TO BE CHARGED FOR THE USE OF WATER AND ESTABLISH RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION, SUPPLY, USE AND PROTECTION OF SAID WATER AND PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF CERTAIN SAID RULES AND REGULATIONS.

WHEREAS, due to an aggregate 10% increase in water consumption from bulk water supplier, Passaic Valley Water Commission, the following is necessary;

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council, of the Borough of Elmwood Park as follows:

Section 1: A fixed charge known as “the service charge,” will be made to each Consumer for each meter based on the size of the meter or connection regardless of the amount of water consumed as follows:

5/8 in. Meter (average 1 and 2 family homes)	\$62.25
¾ in. Meter	\$70.07
1 in. Meter	\$74.69
1 ½ in. Meter	\$80.89
2 in. Meter	\$82.46
3 in. Meter	\$118.17
4 in. Meter	\$139.92
6 in. Meter	\$180.26
Flush tank connection	\$57.56

Section 2: The following water rates and changes are hereby established for water supplied by the Department.

The minimum quarterly bill for metered service shall be “the service charge” entitling the consumer to 5,000 gallons of water per quarter. All water supplied through meters in excess of the minimum quarterly bill, shall be charged to each consumer at the rate of:

\$6.88 per 1,000 gallons over 5,000 gallons
\$8.12 per 1,000 gallons over 70,000 gallons
\$8.44 per 1,000 gallons over 150,000 gallons
\$9.08 per 1,000 gallons over 300,000 gallons

3 in. Service	\$248.93
4 in. Service	\$388.35
6 in. Service	\$711.98
8 in. Service	\$1118.17
10 in. Service	\$1394.03
12 in. Service	\$1867.03

The above schedule for stand by fire line and/or sprinkler connections shall be quarterly charges upon presentation of proper bills from the Water Department of the Borough of Elmwood Park.

Section 3:

The following are hereby established as charges for the installation, repair, replacement and other charges in connection with the operation of the Water Department of the Borough of Elmwood Park:

Turn on charge for non-payment of Water Bill	\$182.56
Water Meter Test (if meter found defective, waive fee) Depends on meter size	\$209.46 - \$371.62
A. Construction Water:	
One family dwelling per day.....	\$68.51
Two family dwelling per day.....	\$79.93
B. Water Connection.....	\$365.99
C. Hydrant Water:	
Flat rate per day.....	\$68.51
D. Certified mailing, each occurrence.....	\$25.00

E. Residential Meters: (5/8 in. – 1 in.)

- Re-install meter
- Register face
- New dial
- Broken glass
- New bottom
- New disc
- New register

Installation, replacement, and repair of existing meters shall be charged at actual current cost for labor and material incurred by the Water Department of the Borough of Elmwood Park and/or Passaic Valley Water Commission.

F. All commercial users having meters in excess of 3/4” must have them in working order at all times. In the event said meter is inoperative, and no attempt is made for repair/replacement of same, the existing estimated bill shall be tripled the existing estimated rate, upon the effective date of this ordinance. In the event no meter in excess of 3/4” exist, in addition to the tripled estimated bill, the landlord shall be required to purchase and install same upon written order of the Superintendent of Public Works.

Section 4: “In the event that payment for water charges is in arrears for 30 days from date of billing, the Borough shall send a delinquent notice regular mail, to the owner, occupier, user or responsible party being billed. After 60 days, a door tag shall be hand delivered to terminate water service. On the 67th day of non-payment from date of billing, water service will be terminated and not reinstated until all fees, penalties, are paid in full in cash.

\$178.99 turn on fee is made to the Borough of Elmwood Park.

Section 4b: “In the event that water charges are in the arrears, after 60 days, a door tag will be hand delivered to terminate water service and a fee of \$40.00 will be assessed on to the delinquent water bill.

Section 5: All unpaid water charges as of 12/31 of the present year shall become a Tax Lien on said premises

Section 6: All ordinance or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency. This shall take effect after final passage and publication as required by law.

Section 7: All billings as of February 1, 2024 and thereafter will be subject to said rate.

ATTEST: _____

Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

APPROVED: _____

Robert Colletti, Mayor

Introduced: January 18, 2024

Adopted: February 15, 2024