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ORDINANCE NO. 2024-3

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
ESTABLISHING ARTICLE VI ENTITLED
“TEMPORARY USE OF WATER HYDRANT
METERS” IN SECTION 400-33 OF THE TOWNSHIP
CODE**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean and State of New Jersey, that Chapter 400 of the Township Code entitled “Water and Sewer” is hereby amended and supplemented to establish new Article VI entitled “Temporary Use of Water Hydrant Meters” which shall read as follows:

SECTION 1.

ARTICLE VI. Temporary Use of Water Hydrant Meters

§400-33

A. Each developer of property located within the Township is required to use a hydrant meter equipped with reduced pressure sone backflow preventer and support stand. Each developer must pay the Township, in addition to water usage charges, a daily rental fee of \$100 per day for the use of the hydrant meter. The Township Water and Sewer Utility Department shall provide such a meter upon the request of the developer. The developer shall be responsible for the condition of the meter and the costs of any necessary repairs.

B. Rental Deposit. Upon the developer submitting documentation, as required by the Water and Sewer Department, for the rental of a hydrant meter, the developer shall post a rental deposit of \$1,000. The deposit shall be returned to the developer after the meter is returned and there is no damage or repair necessary to repair or replace the meter. Upon submission of the application to the Township, the developer

shall also pay a one-time set up fee of \$100 to have the Township Water and Sewer Department set up the meter.

C. Each developer shall be responsible for instructing all contractors and subcontractors performing work at the property being developed to use a designated hydrant equipped with a meter and backflow preventer.

D. The Township shall read the hydrant meters issued to developers on a quarterly basis and shall bill the developers for water usage in accordance with the commercial residential usage charge per 1,000 gallons pursuant to Section 400-18 of the Township Code.

E. While in use, the hydrant meters shall be secured by the developer or contractor responsible therefore with locks and chains.

F. During the winter months, or at times when freezing temperatures are anticipated, the developer and/or contractor shall remove the hydrant meters from the hydrants after each use to prevent freezing damage to the meter.

G. Any person that violates the section of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of up to \$500 per violation.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by law.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed by the Township Committee on first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Ocean on the 19th day of March, 2024, and will be considered for second and final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee to be held on the 4th day of April 2024 at 9:00 am. at the Municipal Building located at 50 Railroad Avenue, Waretown, New Jersey, at which time and place any persons desiring to be heard upon the same will be given the opportunity to be so heard.


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