

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-010**

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE AMENDING
CHAPTER 56 OF THE PARK RIDGE BOROUGH CODE
ENTITLED
“ELECTRIC SERVICE REGULATIONS” TO ESTABLISH AN
ELECTRIC CONNECTION FEE SCHEDULE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S. § 40:62-13.2, in addition to rates, rents, or charges, the municipal governing body may impose a separate charge in the nature of a connection fee upon the owner or occupant of the property being connected to the municipal electric distribution system. The connection charges shall be uniform within each class of users and the amount thereof shall not exceed the actual cost of the physical connection plus an amount representing a fair payment towards the cost of the system and computed as set forth therein;

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works of the Borough of Park Ridge have recommended that the Borough amend Chapter 56 of the Park Ridge Borough Code entitled “Electric Service Regulations” to include an Electric Service Regulations connection fee schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works of the Borough of Park Ridge have recommended a connection fee in the amount of \$2,262 per equivalent dwelling unit for new or upgraded connections to the municipal electric distribution system, which number may be adjusted upon receipt by the Borough of Park Ridge of the final results of the study performed by Lerch, Vinci & Bliss, LLP, Certified Public Accountants and consultants to the Borough in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S. § 40:62-13.2.

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

SECTION 1: Chapter 56-20 of the Park Ridge Borough Code, entitled “Connection fee” is hereby created as follows:

§ Chapter 56-20

A. There shall be an Electric Service Regulations connection fee established in accordance with Chapter 62 of Title 40 of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey. This connection fee is in addition to the fees for department services set forth in Chapter 56 of the Borough Code. The electric connection fee is effective immediately and shall be:

(1) For single family dwelling units, \$2,262, and for each additional dwelling unit up to four dwelling units, \$2,262 per unit. For any multiple dwelling units in excess of four dwelling units, the BPW Engineer shall determine by accepted standards the number of units to be connected or added to an existing connection; where a unit equals an average annual consumption of 9,600 kWh.

(2) In the case of any building or portion thereof to be used for industrial, commercial, educational or other than dwelling purposes, the BPW Engineer shall determine by accepted standards the number of units to be connected or added to an existing connection; where a unit equals an average annual consumption of 9,600 kWh.

B. This fee shall, pursuant to statute, be recalculated at the end of each budget year and may be reset by ordinance of the Borough Council after public hearing, on a yearly basis. The revised connection fee may be imposed upon those who subsequently connect to the system in that budget year. The Electric Service Regulations connection fee shall be payable in full to the Borough of Park Ridge at the time a building electric connection permit is issued for connection to the municipal electric distribution system by the Borough of Park Ridge.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately following adoption.

Adopted 4/23/24 on roll call vote as follows:

	Introduced	Seconded	AYES	NAYES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Capilli		✓	✓			
Ferguson			✓			
Goldsmith					✓	
Hoffman			✓			
Metzdorf			✓			
Mintz	✓		✓			

APPROVED:



 JOHN FERGUSON, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Attest:



 Magdalena Giandomenico
 Borough Clerk / Administrator