POINT PLEASANT BOROUGH

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-01

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL, BOROUGH OF POINT PLEASANT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER X ENTITLED “WATER AND SEWER UTILITY” AS IT AFFECTS WATER AND SEWER RATES AND CHARGES

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Point Pleasant, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

 **SECTION 1.** Section 10-2.2 entitled “Rates and Charges Established” is hereby amended to delete subsections b and c and to insert in their place and stead the following:

b. Sewer and water ready to serve charges shall be set at twenty-four ($24.00) dollars for water and fifty-five ($55.00) dollars for sewer, per quarter per service unit, effective March 1, 2020.

 Water $24.00
 Sewer $55.00
 Total $79.00

c. Sewer usage billing shall be minimally on a quarterly basis. Those homeowners who wish to install a second water meter, in order to not be charged for sewage flow based upon water usage which is not intended to be deposited into the sewer (i.e. outside the house gardening, filling of pool, car washing, etc.) may install a second water meter, for the charge as established in subsection [10-4.5](https://www.ecode360.com/34510244#34510244) herein. No second tap fee will be required for those homeowners who wish to install a second water meter to monitor water usage which is not deposited into the sewer system, and therefore not part of a sewer charge to the owner. However, the second water meter will be installed by the homeowner, and inspected after an appropriate application is made to the Department of Public Works, in such a manner so that the second water meter will meter only water utilized for outside the home purposes which is not intended to and which does not become deposited into the sewer system. The owner shall be charged a connection fee of forty ($40.00) dollars for the second water meter.

 **SECTION 2.** Section 10-3 entitled “Method of Payment” is hereby amended to delete subsection d, and to insert in its place and stead the following:

d. Failure to Pay Beyond Ninety (90) Days. Failure to pay billed water and sewer usage charges for a period of ninety (90) days beyond the due date may result in the water service furnished to the delinquent user being shut-off from any house, tenement, building or lot where the same is connected and water shall not again be supplied until the arrearages, with interest and penalties, together with a water shut-off fee of forty ($40.00) dollars and a water turn-on fee of forty ($40.00) dollars, shall have been fully paid. Water shall not be shut-off unless a delinquent notice is forwarded, by ordinary mail, to the delinquent user at the billing address at least thirty (30) days prior to shut-off.

 **SECTION 3.** Section 10-4.4 entitled “Meters; Installation: Out of Order or Incorrect Meters; Discontinued Service” is hereby amended to delete subsection c, d and g, and to insert in their place and stead the following:

c. If, in his opinion, the owner of any premises believes his meter to be incorrect, he/she may make application to the Department of Public Works to have it tested. The meter will then be removed and tested for accuracy. If found to be correct or running slow, the charge for the test will be one hundred ($100.00) dollars. If, however the meter is found to be running fast, same will be corrected or replaced at no charge to the owner.

d. When premises are to be unoccupied and water service discontinued for a period of time, the meter is to be removed if it is subject to damage as a result of the discontinuance. Application for such removal must be made to the Department of Public Works at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance. The charge for turning water off and removing the meter will be forty ($40.00) dollars. The charge for turning water on will be forty ($40.00) dollars. The charge for removing and storing the water meter will be fifty ($50.00) dollars. The charge for either turning water on or off without removal or replacement of the meter will be forty ($40.00) dollars. Temporary disconnections will not excuse owners from service unit charges. The charge to relocate an ARB box for new siding/fences/shrubs, etc., or installation of a box for the second meter will be twenty-five ($25.00) dollars.

g. If any meter or outside register is damaged same shall be repaired or replaced at the expense of the account holder. Repairs will no longer be done by the Borough.

 **SECTION 4.** Section 10-4.5 entitled “Cost of Taps and Meters” is hereby amended to delete subsection a, b and c, and to insert in their place and stead the following:

a. The fee schedule for the provision of water taps including meters is hereby established as follows:

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| **SIZE** | **FEE** |
| ¾” (with 5/8”meter) | $1,250.00 |
| 1” (with 5/8” meter) | $1,300.00 |
| 1” (with 1” meter)  | $1,525.00 |
| 1 ½” (with 1 ½” meter) | $3,200.00 |
| 2” (with 2” meter) | $4,150.00 |

[b.](https://www.ecode360.com/34510245#34510245)The fee range for the provision of meters only is hereby established as follows:

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| **SIZE** | **FEE** |
| 5/8”meter | $400.00 |
| 1” meter | $525.00 |
| 1.5 meter  | $1,000.00 |
| 2” meter | $2,300.00 |

 An additional one hundred thirty-nine ($139.00) dollars shall be charged if a manual read is not possible and radio read equipment is necessary.

[c.](https://www.ecode360.com/34510248#34510248) (Section is herein removed)

 **SECTION 5.** Section 10-4.6 entitled “Miscellaneous Additional Charges” is hereby amended to delete subsection a, b and c, and to insert in their place and stead the following:

a. Water meter jacket – forty ($40.00) dollars.

b. Utilize below dash search equipment to trace a customer water use – twenty-five ($25.00) dollars.

c. Check for leaks as a result of high bill complaints – fifty ($50.00) dollars.

d. Disconnect water and/or sewer service for demolition (curb or street) – three hundred fifty ($350.00) dollars.

e. Water meter reading for closing of title, mortgage refinances, rental, etc., shall be as follows:

1. Thirty ($30.00) dollars if forty-eight (48) hour notice is given to the Borough.

2. Sixty ($60.00) dollar fee if less than forty-eight (48) hour notice is given to the Borough.

f. Emergency turn offs – two hundred fifty ($250.00) dollars minimum call-out charge plus twenty-five ($25.00) dollars per hour for each hour over four (4).

 **SECTION 6**. Section 10-12 entitled “Sewer Regulations” is hereby amended to delete subsection f, number 1 and to insert in its place and stead the following:

1. Two hundred fifty ($250.00) dollar minimum call-out charge plus twenty-five ($25.00) dollars per hour charge for any time over four (4) hours, presuming that the need for the service rendered by the Department is a result of homeowner negligence or error.

 **SECTION 7**. All ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 8.** 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 9.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication in an official newspaper of the Borough, as required by and in conformance with law.

**NOTICE**

 **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed by the Borough Council of the Borough of Point Pleasant Borough on first reading at a meeting held on the **10th day of February, 2020, at 7:30 p.m.** The Ordinance will be considered for second and final reading at a meeting of the Borough Council which is scheduled for the **24th day of February, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached, at the Municipal Building located at 2233 Bridge Avenue, Point Pleasant, New Jersey, at which time the public is invited to ask questions, raise objections, or provide public comment with regard to the proposed adoption of this Ordinance.

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

 **PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ordinance published herewith has been finally adopted by the Borough of Point Pleasant, in the County of Ocean, New Jersey on February 24, 2020 and this ordinance shall take effect upon publication in an official newspaper of the Borough, as required by and in conformance with law.**

**ATTESTED TO BY: APPROVED:**

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**ANTOINETTE JONES, RMC, CMR,** **ROBERT A. SABOSIK,**

**CLERK MAYOR**