

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-11**

**An Ordinance of the Township of Florence Amending Section 140-43 and 140-48  
of the Code of the Township of Florence Establishing Water and Sewer Rates  
within the Township of Florence**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 140 of the Code of The Township of Florence, entitled Water and Sewer, sets forth, in Section 140-43 and 140-48 the fees relating to water and sewer use in the Township of Florence, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council has determined that it is necessary that the fees should be amended.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Florence that:

**Section 1.** Chapter 140 (Water and Sewer), Article VI (Rate Schedule), Section 43 (Hydrants), and 48 (Fees and charges for semiannual use), of the Code of the Township of Florence is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 140-43        Hydrants

C.        Use. Only persons authorized by the Township shall take water from any public fire hydrant, except for purposes or for use of the Fire Department in case of fire. No public hydrant shall be used for sprinkling streets, flushing sewers, or gutters, or for any other than fire purposes, except with the written approval and consent of the Township. A permit for water usage shall be purchased in advance at the Municipal Building at a cost of \$5.41 per 1,000 gallons. The permit will allow for a sixty-day usage period and will expire at the end of that period. The only hydrant in Florence Township that shall be utilized for obtaining water is located at the Florence Township Wastewater Treatment Facility at 1500 West Front Street. The permittee shall sign in at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for each hydrant usage. Hydrants in other areas of Florence Township may be used only with written consent from the Florence Township Water and Sewer Department.

§ 140-48.        Fees and charges for semiannual use.

A.        Minimum water meter rates for every person who is a citizen and resident of this township of the age of 65 or more years or less than 65 years of age who is permanently and totally disabled, as defined in N.J.S.A. 54:4-8.40(b) shall be for 9,000 gallons of water or less. Minimum water meter rates for all other residential, commercial and industrial users shall be for 12,000 gallons of water or less.

(1) Residential customers: \$52.27; provided, however, that every person, a citizen and resident of this township of the age of 65 or more years or less than 65 years of age who is permanently and totally disabled, as defined in N.J.S.A. 54:4-8.40(b), shall be entitled to a credit of \$24.77 against the minimum water rate. If there is a dispute about residency for purpose of receiving said credit, then the property owner must produce a valid New Jersey drivers license substantiating a Florence Township address to receive the credit. The said credit applies to residential properties only; however, it shall not apply to residential properties which are rental properties and in which tenants reside.

(2) Commercial and industrial customers:

| Size of Meter (inches) | Fee      |
|------------------------|----------|
| ¾ to 1 ½               | \$ 52.27 |
| 1 ½                    | 53.46    |
| 2                      | 77.22    |
| 3                      | 109.56   |
| 4                      | 218.46   |
| 5                      | 328.68   |
| 6                      | 420.84   |
| 8                      | 642.91   |

B. Water charges per 1,000 gallons shall be as follows:

(1) All flow in excess of the minimum, as defined, shall be charged at a rate of \$5.41 per 1,000 gallons. For all commercial and industrial users who exceed 12,000,000 million gallons of usage in a quarter, the full excess rate shall be \$4.47 per 1,000 gallons. For all commercial and industrial users who exceed 28,000,000 million gallons of usage in a quarter, the full excess rate shall be \$4.01 per 1,000 gallons.

C. The rate, as indicated, shall be multiplied by the number of dwelling units or business, commercial or industrial units combined.

D. For users without sewer pretreatment facilities, the sewer charges and rates shall be 120% of the water charges, with a minimum charge of \$62.73 per quarter; provided, however, that every person a citizen and resident of this township of the age of 65 or more years or less than 65 years of age who is permanently and totally disabled, as defined in N.J.S.A. 54:4-8.40(b), shall be entitled to a credit of \$29.73 against the minimum sewer rate. If there is a dispute about residency, then the property owner must produce a valid New Jersey drives license substantiating a Florence Township address to receive the credit. The said credit applies to residential properties only; however, it shall not apply to residential properties which are rental properties and in which tenants reside. In

the case of the Florence Tollgate Condominium, the sewer charges and rates shall be based on water consumption as evidenced by the eight-inch main water meter located at the entrance of the complex at Ninth Street, less the water consumption for the four heater boilers as calculated on the two water meters servicing the boilers at the complex as the water consumed by the heater boilers is not discharged into the Florence Township sewage treatment system.

E. Users with sewerage pretreatment facilities which have been approved by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) shall install a sewer effluent meter, which meter and the location of its installation shall be approved by the Water and Sewer Engineer. Effluent meters shall be maintained at the owner's expense and shall be calibrated on a quarterly basis, proof of which shall be provided to the Township Superintendent of the Water and Sewer Department. Users with NJDEP-approved sewer pretreatment facilities shall be assessed at a rate of \$4.80 per 1,000 gallons of effluent discharge into the Florence Township sewerage treatment system. Users with sewer pretreatment facilities shall be billed on a quarterly basis. For commercial users without pre-treatment facilities who use more than 28,000,000 gallons per quarter, the excess rate shall be charged at a rate of \$6.18 per 1,000 gallons.

F. For residential users not serviced by public water, the sewer charges and rates shall be \$90.74 per quarter; provided, however, that every person a citizen and resident of this township of the age of 65 or more years or less than 65 years of age who is permanently and totally disabled, as defined in N.J.S.A. 54:4-8.40(b), shall be entitled to a credit of \$34.39 against their sewer rate. Said credit applies to residential properties only; however, it shall not apply to residential properties which are rental properties and in which tenants reside.

G. For commercial sanitary sewer users not serviced by public water, the sewer charges and rates shall be a minimum of \$62.73 per quarter. Water usage in excess of 12,000 gallons per quarter shall be charged a rate of \$6.49 per 1,000 gallons. The commercial business must have a water meter on its well water line, which is accessible for reading by the Florence Township Water Department. The commercial user must maintain the water meter in working order. If a problem with the meter is detected, then the Water Department may require the commercial user to test the meter and certify it for accuracy. All costs of the meter test and any required replacements shall be the responsibility of the commercial user. Whenever the Water Department determines that a meter is not functioning properly, the minimum quarterly charge shall be fixed as \$150.00 per quarter. Failure to replace or repair any defective meter within 30 days after notification shall result in a surcharge of \$250.00 per month or part thereof.

H. For sprinkler systems, property owners with sprinkler systems will be charged and billed quarterly for water usage only, with no minimum billing. All flow shall be charged at a rate of \$5.41 per 1,000 gallons.

I. Separate industrial effluent discharges of cooling or process water must be approved by the Township of Florence. Further, the company must obtain a New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NJPDES) permit from the State of New Jersey. All effluent discharges of this type must be individually authorized, with applicable conditions by the Township Council of the Township of Florence and the Water and Sewer Director. Process or cooling water must comply with all testing limits and parameters defined by the Township of Florence and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP). If effluent discharges do not at any time comply with said testing parameters, then the Township of Florence has the right to immediately terminate the connection to the public wastewater system. An increase in sludge production attributable to said effluent is considered to be an adverse impact on the wastewater treatment facility, and will result in termination of the public connection and charges to the responsible company for all additional municipal hauling and disposal costs. All effluent discharges operating under this section shall be monitored and billed with a sewer flow meter, and said meter type must be approved by the Water and Sewer Director. The costs to purchase and install the meter, along with all future maintenance, calibration, and/or replacement of the meter shall be the responsibility of the discharge party. Effluent in under this section or category shall be billed quarterly at a rate of \$ 9.73 per thousand gallons.

**Section 2.** If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof.

**Section 3.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Township of Florence heretofore adopted that are inconsistent with any of the terms and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 4.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and the revised rates shall be reflected in the August, 2012 billings for all classes. Notice of adoption shall be published as provided by law.

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Jerry Sandusky  
President - Township Council

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JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC  
Township Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE**

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**Take Notice** that the Ordinance identified above which amends the Florence Township Code to increase the excess water and sewer rates and sprinkler water usage by 5%; rounds off the minimum charge by 1 cent and establishes credits in each defined category has been adopted on first reading by the Township Council of the Township of Florence, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, held on March 21, 2012. It will be considered for final passage after public hearing to be held on April 4, 2012, at 8:00 P.M. in the Municipal Complex, Council Chambers, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey.

The Ordinance provides that it will take effect immediately upon adoption and that the Rates will be reflected in the August 2012 billings.

Copies of the full ordinance are on file with the Township Clerk of the Township of Florence in the Municipal Complex. Copies may be obtained on request and a copy is posted on the municipal bulletin board in the Municipal Complex at 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey.

Joy M. Weiler, RMC/MMC  
Township Clerk