

ORDINANCE NO. 6-2022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 79 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST HANOVER AS IT RELATES TO WATER CHARGES

WHEREAS, the Township of East Hanover Water and Sewer Utility is designed to be self-sustaining, funded by fees paid by users in direct proportion to such use; and

WHEREAS, an emergency had arisen with respect to purchase of water from NJ American and with no adequate provision made in the 2021 Water/Sewer Budget for the aforesaid purpose which amount totaled \$330,000; and

WHEREAS, such emergency was caused by the failure of the East Hanover Water Well Pump #2 located at 8 Melanie Lane which triggered the purchase of supplementary water from NJ American; and

WHEREAS, all other operating costs have also significantly increased over the same period due to increased maintenance required by an aging system; and

WHEREAS, such cost increases place the Utility in danger of failing to generate revenue sufficient to cover its expenses, including necessary capital outlay to upgrade pumping stations and transmission lines; and

WHEREAS, the Township Finance Officer analyzes the increase in appropriations and revenues on annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the Township last raised the tiered rates for water consumption on July 1, 1994.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of East Hanover in the County of Morris, New Jersey, that Chapter 79, Section 14 – Sub-Section A of the Code of the Township of East Hanover be and the same is hereby amended and supplemented with sub-section A., Paragraphs 1 through 3, as follows:

9-14. Fees under Chapter [123, Sewers] 159, Water and Sewer Utility

(A.) The rents, rates and charges for water supplied by the Township to any premises are hereby established in accord with the following schedule:

(1.) Residential Users

Gallons per Quarter	Rate (per 1,000 gallons)
0 to 18,000	1.25 (minimum \$22.50)
18,001 to 40,000	2.28
40,001 to 60,000	2.60
60,001 to 80,000	3.58
80,001 to 100,000	4.55
100,001 to 120,000	5.53
120,001 to 150,000	6.83
150,001 to 200,000	8.13
Over 200,000	9.75

(2.) Commercial Users

Gallons per Quarter	Rate (per 1,000 gallons)
0 to 18,000	1.75 (minimum \$31.50)
18,001 to 40,000	2.45
40,001 to 60,000	2.80
60,001 to 80,000	3.85
80,001 to 100,000	4.90
100,001 to 120,000	5.95
120,001 to 150,000	7.35
150,001 to 200,000	8.75
Over 200,000	10.50

(3.) Effective July 1, 2022, the Township's Chief Financial Officer shall annually review during the budget process the increase in appropriations of the Township of East Hanover Water Utility and adjust, if necessary, the rates shown in Section A-1 and A-2 above to recover those incremental costs by increasing the rates then currently in effect in an amount no greater than the annually adopted appropriation cap ordinance in order to preserve the financial integrity of the East Hanover Water-Sewer Utility.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, any ordinance or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, this Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication in accordance with applicable law.

Attest:

TOWNSHIP OF EAST HANOVER

Felicia A. McDonald, R.M.C.
Deputy Township Clerk

Joseph Pannullo, Mayor

Introduced: May 2, 2022
Adopted: June 6, 2022

I, Felicia A. McDonald, R.M.C., Deputy Township Clerk of the Township of East Hanover, County of Morris, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Township Council at a duly convened meeting held on June 6, 2022.

Felicia A. McDonald, R.M.C.
Deputy Township Clerk

Councilman DeMaio
Councilwoman Jandoli
Councilman Martorelli
Council President Brokaw
Mayor Pannullo

YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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