## BOROUGH OF LONGPORT COUNTY OF ATLANTIC STATE OF NEW JERSEY

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2017-04**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 144-SEWERS AND WATER
OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LONGPORT ATLANTIC COUNTY NEW JERSEY
AS IT RELATES TO METER TESTS, ADJUSTMENTS AND MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES

## BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF LONGPORT that:

SECTION I: Paragraphs A. and B of Subsection 144-30 Meter Test and Adjustment is changed to read as follows:

A. Request Tests. The Borough will make a test of the accuracy of a water meter upon the request of a customer to the Sewer and Water Department, provided the request is made not more than once per calendar year. A Report giving the results of such test will be provided to the Customer, and a record of such test shall also be kept on file in the Sewer and Water Department. For this testing, the Borough will require a payment of \$100.00 in advance to cover the cost of personnel required to pull said meter and perform the required flow test.

B. Adjustment. Should the results of the flow test indicate that the meter is within a 3% tolerance, the \$100.00 charge will not be refunded. If the meter does not calibrate within the 3% tolerance or has an error in registration, the Sewer and Water Bill will be corrected accordingly and the \$100.00 charge will be refunded to the Sewer and Water Account. For customers requesting to have their bill reviewed by staff due to plumbing repairs or emergency failures at the home, without having the meter tested, a non refundable charge of \$25.00 shall be paid in advance. Such reviews and any adjustments shall be at the discretion of the Sewer and Water Department Supervisor.

SECTION II: Subparagraph (2) of Paragraph F. in Subsection 144-30 is changed to read as follows:

(2) A non refundable charge of \$25.00 shall be paid in advance for the Property Owner to request the Sewer and Water Department to turn off the water service during normal Public Works Department working hours, Monday through Friday, excluding Holidays. A non refundable charge of \$25.00 shall also be added to the Sewer and Water Account should the Borough turn off the water service due to nonpayment of the Sewer and Water Bill or for violation under any other rules of this Chapter. Under such circumstances, the water service shall not be resumed until the violation is eliminated and any outstanding amounts and fines, including the \$25.00 charge is paid. If the water service is turned off by the Water and Sewer Department in an emergency situation, such as a water service break, or at the request of the Customer after normal Public Works working hours or on a Saturday, Sunday, or Holiday, a nonrefundable charge of \$100.00 shall be paid in advance or charged to the Water and Sewer Account in the case of an emergency.

**SECTION III:** All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, to the extent of such inconsistencies, are hereby repealed. Should any section, subsection, clause, or portion of this Ordinance be adjudged by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction as invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION IV: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as required by Law.

1st Reading/Introduction: 2-22-17 Publication: 2-27-2017 RECORD OF GOVERNING BODY VOTE ON 1ST READING MOT. SEC. AYE NAY N.V A.B. COMMISSION X **RUSSO** X X **LEEDS** LAWLER 3-22-2017 Publication 3-27-2017 RECORD OF GOVERNING BODY VOTE ON FINAL 3-25-17 **PASSAGE** MOT. COMMISSION AYE NAY N.V A.B. SEC. XX**RUSSO** XX XX **LEEDS** XX XX LAWLER SEC-Second X-Indicates Vote **NV-Not Voting** AB-Absent **MOT-Motion** 

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