# BOROUGH OF LONGPORT COUNTY OF ATLANTIC STATE OF NEW JERSEY

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2017-05**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 144-SEWERS AND WATER
OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LONGPORT ATLANTIC COUNTY NEW JERSEY
AS IT RELATES TO SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

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

SECTION I: Paragraph 144-29. Meters is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

144.29 Meters and Sprinkler Systems.

#### A. Meters.

- (1) All new water service systems shall be metered at, or before, the time that the water service is activated for use. No separate water services or meters will be permitted for lawn sprinkler systems
- (2) The Borough will furnish suitable water meters and read-out equipment and, once properly installed and approved, will maintain the same.
- (3) A stopcock or gate valve shall be placed on the water service line on the street side of, and as close to the actual meter location as possible. A suitable stopcock or valve shall also be placed on the building side of the meter within the meter box or as permitted by the Water and Sewer Superintendent.

### B. Lawn and Landscaping Sprinkler Systems.

- (1) Each property containing a lawn sprinkler system connected to the Municipal Water System shall be registered with the Municipal Building Department and shall receive a Registration Number. All new lawn landscaping sprinkler systems shall be equipped with an automatic rain sensor device or switch that will override the irrigation cycle of the automatic lawn sprinkler system when 1/4 inch of rain has occurred. All existing lawn and landscaping sprinkler systems not having such automatic rain sensor device or switch shall have such device installed and certified and the sprinkler system registered not later than **December 31, 2017**.
- (2) Every lawn and landscaping sprinkler system shall contain a controller programmed in accordance with the requirements of Subchapter 144-2C. Time Restrictions.
- (3) Every property having a lawn and landscaping sprinkler system shall provide certification from either the Property Owner or Licensed Landscaping Company maintaining the sprinkler system on behalf of the Property Owner to the Building Department not later than June 1 of each year that said system contains an automatic rain sensor device or switch which is operational in conformance with this Chapter and that the controller has been programmed to comply with Subchapter 144-2C. Said certification shall indicate the name of the property owner, property address and Company responsible for said maintenance of the sprinkler system. Certifications for multiple properties from the same Licensed Landscaper or Maintenance Company is acceptable provided that the Registartion Number assigned to each property is so noted in the Certification.

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

## ORDINANCE 2017-05 AMENDING CHAPTER 144- SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

1<sup>st</sup> Reading/Introduction: 2-22-17 Publication: 2-27-2017

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