

ORDINANCE NO. 2020 - 267

BOROUGH OF AVONDALE
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE AVONDALE BOROUGH CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO UPDATE ORDINANCE NO. 2019 – 263 TO INCREASE WATER RATES BY 1% AND TO REDUCE TAPPING FEES APPLICABLE TO WATER AND SEWER SERVICES AS PROVIDED TO BOROUGH RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS, AND TO INCORPORATE THOSE REVISIONS INTO THE “AVONDALE BOROUGH WATER, SEWER, AND TRASH SERVICES – RATE AND RULES – 2019”.

WHEREAS, Avondale Borough Council has determined, with the input of the Borough Engineer, that certain adjustments should be made to water rates and to the amount of tapping fees required for both water and sewer; and

WHEREAS, Avondale Borough Council has determined to increase water rates by approximately 1% and has further determined to substantially decrease tapping fees for both water and sewer based upon revised calculations provided by the Borough Engineer as set forth in detail below.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF AVONDALE, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO FURTHER AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2019-263 AND THE AVONDALE BOROUGH CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The “Avondale Borough Water, Sewer and Trash Services – Rates and Rules – 2019” (including its appendices) is amended as set forth below and shall be updated to reflect such revisions:

A. Section A. Water Supply Services Fees and Charges. Subsections 1 through 3 (consisting of pages 1 and 2) shall be removed and replaced with new Subsections 1 through 3 reflecting an increase of approximately 1% in water rates as shown in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and incorporated herein.

B. Section E. Operational Rules and Regulations, and Tapping Fees. is hereby amended to further amend Ordinance No. 240 referenced therein to reduce

Sewer Tapping Fees for each Dwelling Unit to \$4,486.00, and to reduce Water Tapping Fees for each Dwelling Unit to \$4,835.00. The calculations by the Borough Engineer as support for such reductions is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

C. This Ordinance, with exhibits, shall be listed and included as a new Appendix No. 5 under Section E. Operational Rules and Regulations, and Tapping Fees.

SECTION 2. All other ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof, conflicting with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections, or parts hereof. It is hereby declared as the intent of Borough Council that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be effective upon enactment as by law provided.

PASSED by Borough Council this 21st day of April, 2020.

BY:



William D. Shore, President

APPROVED this 21st day of April, 2020.

BY:

Doris Howell, Mayor (Resigned)

ENACTED this 21st day of April, 2020.

BY:



Rebecca Brownback, Borough Manager/Secretary

I HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the said Ordinance duly adopted at a regular meeting of Borough Council held on the 21st day of April, 2020.

BY: _____
Rebecca Brownback, Borough Manager/Secretary

EXHIBIT A

A. WATER SUPPLY SERVICES FEES AND CHARGES

1. RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

The rates for metered residential water consumption shall be as follows:

- A. Zero (0) gallons to twenty thousand (20,000) gallons per quarter:
~~\$3.993.95~~ per 1,000 gallons
- B. Twenty thousand and one (20,001) gallons to forty thousand (40,000) gallons per quarter: ~~\$4.774.72~~ per 1,000 gallons
- C. Over forty thousand and one (40,001) gallons per quarter:
~~\$5.175.12~~ per 1,000 gallons

A minimum charge, for each active residential metered service connection, to the Borough's water supply system shall be ~~\$19.9519.75~~ per quarter if the preceding rate-based consumption charges would be less. A service charge for each inactive residential metered service connection shall be in the same amount of ~~\$19.9519.75~~, which shall be in lieu of the minimum charge, for any service connection that has been terminated. Such service charge shall be due and payable each quarter until service is restored or service is permitted to be discontinued and capacity relinquished in accordance with the rules governing such discontinuance.

2. NON-RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

- A. The base rate for non-residential metered water consumption, for each quarter, shall be ~~\$3.993.83~~ per 1,000 gallons, plus twenty (20%) percent of the non-residential customer's average quarterly metered water consumption from the immediately preceding calendar year. Provided, however, that if quarterly meter readings are not available for the immediately preceding calendar year, the rate shall be one hundred and twenty (120%) percent of the base rate which shall be applied to the metered water consumption for the quarter being billed.
- B. A minimum charge, for each active, non-residential metered service connection, to the Borough's water supply system, shall be ~~\$19.9519.75~~ per quarter, if the preceding rate-based consumption charges would be less. A service charge for each inactive non-residential metered service connection shall be in the same amount of ~~\$19.9519.75~~, which shall be in lieu of the minimum charge, for any service connection that has been terminated. Such service charge shall be due and payable each quarter until service is restored or service is permitted to be discontinued and

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capacity relinquished in accordance with the rules governing such discontinuance.

3. MISCELLANEOUS WATER FEES & CHARGES

- A. Customer requested water service (curb stop) Turn-Off or Turn-On Fee\$30.00
- B. Existing customer requesting meter installation or removal.....\$100.00
- C. Replacement and/or repair of frozen or damaged meter (plus the Borough's cost of material, parts, replacement meter and/or bottom plate)\$85.00
- D. Returned Check or Uncollected Payment Fee.....\$50.00
For any returned check (e.g., for insufficient funds, closed account or uncollected funds) or any other payment which is not with good funds collected by the Borough.
- E. Meter Test Fee.....\$55.00
Customer requesting meter to be tested; fee refunded if meter is not reading within accepted tolerances
- ~~F. Bulk Water Sales (filling tank trucks).....\$50.00/truck load~~
- ~~G.F.~~ Delinquent Shut-Off Fee.....\$65.00
Water service turned off for non-payment of invoice.
- ~~H.G.~~ Delinquent Turn-On Fee.....\$65.00
Water service turned on after delinquent payment made or payment agreement made.
- ~~I.H.~~ Tapping fees and related connection fees are established by separate ordinances and resolutions on file at the Borough offices or attached as appendices hereto.

4. FIRE SERVICE RELATED FEES & CHARGES

- A. Sprinkler and Hose Service.

For each fire service line an annual charge shall be paid according to the following table:

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<u>Line Size</u>	<u>Annual Charge</u>
2.0 in	\$200.50
3.0 in	\$430.00
4.0 in	\$845.00
6.0 in	\$1,709.00
8.0 in	\$2,757.00
10.0 in	\$3,530.00
12.0 in	\$4,190.00

B. Fire Hydrant Service.

Each Fire Hydrant \$275.00 annually

EXHIBIT B

SEWER CALCULATIONS

Capacity Part:

$$\$4,420,778 / 381,750 \text{ gallons} = \$11.58/\text{gallon}$$

$$\text{Gallon per EDU} = 345.60$$

$$\text{Capacity Part of Tapping Fee per EDU} = 345.60(\$11.58) = \$4,002$$

Collection Part:

$$\$534,655 / 381,750 = \$1.40$$

$$\text{Gallon per EDU} = 345.60$$

$$\text{Collection Part of Tapping Fee per EDU} = 345.60(\$1.40) = \$484$$

Therefore, total capacity and collection tapping fee = **\$4,486 per EDU**

This represents a slightly less than 40% decrease from the current tapping fee of \$7,392.00 per EDU.

EXHIBIT B

WATER CALCULATIONS

<u>CAPACITY PART</u>	<u>TRENDED ORIGINAL COST</u>
CAPITAL COST	\$2,216,565
LESS: OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL ON DEBT	0
ELIGIBLE CAPITAL COST	\$2,216,565
TOTAL SYSTEM CAPACITY IN GALLONS	371,720
CAPACITY PART TAPPING FEE PER GALLON	\$5.96
GALLONS PER EDU (1)	249.6
CAPACITY PART TAPPING FEE PER EDU	\$1,488
<u>DISTRIBUTION PART</u>	
CAPITAL COST	\$5,033,352
LESS: OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL ON DEBT	0
ELIGIBLE CAPITAL COST	\$5,033,352
TOTAL SYSTEM CAPACITY IN GALLONS	371,720
DISTRIBUTION PART TAPPING FEE PER GALLON	\$13.41
GALLONS PER EDU (1)	249.6
DISTRIBUTION PART TAPPING FEE PER EDU	\$3,347
TOTAL CAPACITY AND DISTRIBUTION TAPPING FEE PER GALLON	\$19.37
TOTAL CAPACITY AND DISTRIBUTION TAPPING FEE PER EDU	\$4,835

(1) BASED ON 3.84 PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD (2010 CENSUS) AND 65 GALLONS PER DAY