

Ordinance No. 2009-#11

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
CHAPTER 18 - WATER - OF THE REVISED
ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF
RINGWOOD, VARIOUS SECTIONS INCLUDING
SECTION 18-9.1(d) ESTABLISHING NEW RATES
FOR WATER CONSUMPTION**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Ringwood, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that following Sections of Chapter 18 - WATER of the Revised Ordinances of the Borough of Ringwood are hereby amended and effective as of January 6, 2010:

Section 18-1.2 Definitions.

Service Pipe shall mean that portion of the pipe from the curb box to the water meter. "Service pipe" shall be type K copper of a size and quality as approved by the *Water Superintendent*.

Supply Pipe shall mean that portion of the pipe from the main to the curb box. "Supply pipe" shall be either type K copper or plastic water main pipe three-quarter (3/4) inch in diameter or larger and all fittings used must be Mueller or equal thereto and be of approved model *and approved by the Water Superintendent*.

Water Superintendent shall mean the Director of the Department of Public Works which Superintendent is hereby designated as a Superintendent of the Water Department.

Section 18-2.2 Interconnection with Private Source of Supply.

- a. Any consumer obtaining water supply from the Ringwood Borough Water Department shall be required to seal all existing wells or water sources that exist on their property.
- b. In the event that there are existing interconnections with a private source of water supply that exist before the effective date of this subsection,* those interconnections shall provide for proper backflow prevention devices. An acceptable backflow prevention device shall be considered a double gate valve and a check valve as approved by the *Water Superintendent*. Furthermore, all such backflow prevention devices shall be tested and certified in working condition at least once every year by a *New Jersey State certified backflow inspector*.

Section 18-3.1 Water Supplied through Meter; Meter Readings.

- b. A physical reading of each water meter *may be required* at least once per calendar year for water billing purposes.

Section 18-3.3 Inspection and Approval of Meters; Requirements; Responsibility for Damages, Fee.

- b. A meter opening of twelve (12) inches must be provided. As directed by the *Water Superintendent* for a meter installation, service pipes must have a gate valve *or a ball valve* on the inside of the building within two (2) feet of the place where it enters the building, and a stop and waste cock or valve on the outlet side of the meter. No outlet shall be permitted in the service pipe between the curb box and the meter.
- c. Meters are to be installed at the risk of the property owner, and such owner will be held responsible for any damage thereto including damage by frost *or freezing*.

e. Delete

Section 18-5.1 Duty of User to Maintain Service Pipes and Fixtures and Prevent Unnecessary Waste.

It shall be the duty of all persons who may be supplied with water from any Borough water main to maintain their house service pipes and all fixtures in good order and protected from frost *and freezing* at their own expense and shall prevent all unnecessary waste of water. It shall be the duty of each consumer having notice or knowledge of leaks in service pipes or supply pipes to his premises or to those occupied by him or under his control, forthwith to notify the Water Clerk. It shall also be his duty to keep the curb box exposed and in an accessible condition.

Section 18-8.1 Billing Period; Delinquent Bills.

d. All bills shall be made payable to the Borough of Ringwood.

g. If a payment is not made within *sixty (60) days* after due date, the water shall be shut off and not turned on again except on payment of arrears and a fee for turning the water on, as set forth in subsection 18-9.1.

Section 18-8.4 Payment of charges; Rates; Objections.

Where access to meters cannot be had during any meter reading period, the user will be required to pay a charge, calculated on the estimated *usage based upon actual consumption of previous year and quarter.*

Section 18-9.1 Charges for Water Service

- a. 1. For the turning on of water as set forth in Subsection 18-2.8 and 18-8.1 (each occasion).....
\$50.00
- 4. For temporary placement of a three-quarter (3/4) inch meter for the construction of a building as set forth in Subsection 18-2.4.....\$200.00
- 5. For testing the accuracy of a meter as set forth in Subsection 18-3.4.....\$75.00
- 6. *Cost of Meters*
 - 1/2"\$100.00
 - 3/4"\$150.00
 - 1"\$200.00
- 7. *For frozen meter replacement..... Call-out plus the cost of the meter and materials*

8. To have a water service frozen... ..Cost of call-out plus
\$50.00

9. Charge for meter touch pad removal or
damage.....\$100.00

10. Labor Rates

Regular
Time.....\$28.60
Overtime.....1.5 x
\$42.90
Overtime.....2 x
\$57.20
Overtime.....2.5 x
\$71.50

11. No. 6 of previous Ordinance.

c. 1. For setting of all meters plus the meter cost..
.....\$150.00

2. Delete

f. Connection Fee. Connection fee chargeable per service unit is *Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars*. Such charge shall be paid in full prior to installation of supply line to premises.

Section 18-9.1(d): Water Consumption Rates. There are hereby established the following water consumption rates as set forth in subsection 18-3.1:

QUARTER-ANNUAL WATER RATES

<u>TOTAL QUANTITY IN GALLONS/QUARTER</u>	<u>RATES/QUARTER</u>
0 to 5,000.....	\$33.80 (res. min.)
5,001 to 10,000.....	\$60.65 (res. min.)
Over 10,000.....	\$ 6.06 per 1,000 Gallons

MINIMUM QUARTER-ANNUAL CHARGE OTHER THAN RESIDENTIAL

¾ " and smaller.....	\$67.55
1".....	\$75.30
1 ½ ".....	\$89.30
2".....	\$114.85

Section 18-9.2 Emergency Water Call-Out.

An emergency water call-out shall be considered any call for service by a user pertaining to the Borough water system. If Borough employees are dispatched on an emergency water call-out and the problem is determined to be the responsibility of the property owner, the property owner shall be responsible for any costs incurred by the municipality in connection with said water call-out. These costs to be in accordance with payment provisions of the Labor Agreement between the Borough of Ringwood and *the current collective bargaining unit*. The property owner's responsibility in connection with water service extends from the property or curblin into the building being serviced. The property owner is also responsible for water service within the building.

Section 18-10.3 Summer Water Service. *Delete*

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