

**BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE  
SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1149 - 2025**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XVII, TITLED "SEWERS" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES  
SUBSECTION 1.27 TITLED "SEWER CHARGE"**

**WHEREAS** Chapter XVII, Titled "Sewers" of the revised general ordinances, Subsection 1.27 Titled "Sewer Charge" reads;

**17-1.27 Sewer Charge.**

*Each user of the sanitary sewer system shall pay an annual service charge as hereinafter set forth:*

*a..... Each single-family residence, apartment, condominium or individual dwelling unit*

*1. Borough Water Users .....*

*Service charges shall be comprised of two (2) components, i.e., (1) a fixed charge of three hundred twenty-five (\$325.00) dollars per year, plus, (2) a usage charge of \$0.00483 per gallon of annual water usage, as determined from the customer's fourth quarter water bill times four*

*2. Private Water Users.....*

*Service charges shall be comprised of two (2) components, i.e., (1) a fixed charge of three hundred twenty-five (\$325.00) dollars per year, plus (2) a usage charge of \$0.00483 per gallon of annual water usage, as determined from the fourth quarter reading of a water meter installed by the Borough at the customer's private water source times four.*

*b. Each business, institutional, commercial establishment or any other nonresidential user shall pay a minimum charge of one hundred fifty-five (\$155.00) dollars per quarter plus a charge of nineteen (\$19.00) dollars for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of actual water usage over ten thousand (10,000) gallons*

*c. Bulk user agreements will be required for all users whose average daily flows exceed 5,000 gallons per day (GPD) or whose requested allocated amount exceeds 5,000 gallons per day (GPD). Bulk users shall also be required to install and maintain appropriate flow meters. An accurate report of the daily flows and monthly average flows shall be delivered to the Borough Clerk on a monthly basis no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month for the previous month's flow unless otherwise stated in the applicable bulk user agreement. Meters and/or flow recording equipment shall be calibrated on a quarterly basis by a reputable service company approved by the Borough at the bulk user's cost. A report documenting the required calibration shall be submitted to the Borough Clerk no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month following the end of the quarter. The bulk user will also be required to enter into a bulk user agreement with the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone in a form approved by the Borough Attorney and the Borough Engineer.*

*Each bulk user shall be billed at the base rate of \$0.0190 per gallon of actual metered flow as follows:*

*1. For average monthly flow up to and including 25% of the allocated amount, the bulk user shall be charged for 25% of the allocated amount. (Base rate x 25% of Allocated Amount x 2.5 = Total Bill).*

2. *For average monthly flow greater than 25% and up to and including 50% of the allocated amount, the bulk user shall be charged for 50% of the allocated amount. (Base rate x 50% of Allocated Amount x 1.5 = Total Bill).*
  3. *For average monthly flow greater than 50% and up to and including 75% of the allocated amount, the bulk user shall be charged for 75% of the allocated amount. (Base rate x 75% of Allocated Amount x 1.17 = Total Bill).*
  4. *For average monthly flow greater than 75% and up to and including 100% of the allocated amount, the bulk user shall be charged for 100% of the allocated amount. (Base rate x 100% of Allocated Amount x 1.0 = Total Bill).*
- b. *In the absence of accurate daily flow reports, supported by the required calibration report, from a bulk user as required by paragraph c above, the user charge will be based on the maximum allowable average daily flow per the applicable bulk user agreement.*
- c. *Any bulk user exceeding the allocated amount shall be surcharged an additional 10% per gallon on amounts which so exceed the allocated amount.*

*Senior citizens shall be eligible for a 10% discount from the fixed portion of the sewer rate as set forth by resolution in accordance with the provisions of paragraph a above for their principal residence dwelling where they are actually residing. Senior citizens shall be eligible for such discount in the first quarter after they attain the age of 65 years and after they notify the sewer utility of such fact in writing.*

, and

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Sewer Chairman that a rate increase shall be implemented for the Calendar year 2025 and confirmed by the Finance Chairman, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone, in the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey, that Chapter XVII, Titled "Sewers" of the revised general ordinances, Subsection 1.27 Titled "Sewer Charge" is amended as follows:  
(Deletions ~~Crossed Out~~; Insertions in **Bold**)

**17-1.27 Sewer Charge.**

*Each user of the sanitary sewer system shall pay an annual service charge as hereinafter set forth:*

- a..... *Each single-family residence, apartment, condominium or individual dwelling unit*
1. *Borough Water Users .....*  
*Service charges shall be comprised of two (2) components, i.e., (1) a fixed charge of ~~three hundred twenty five (\$325.00)~~ **four hundred (\$400.00)** dollars per year, plus, (2) a usage charge of ~~\$0.00486~~ **0.00600** per gallon of annual water usage, as determined from the customer's fourth quarter water bill times four*
  2. *Private Water Users.....*  
*Service charges shall be comprised of two (2) components, i.e., (1) a fixed charge of ~~three hundred twenty five (\$325.00)~~ **four hundred (\$400.00)** dollars per year, plus (2) a usage charge of ~~\$0.00483~~ **0.00600** per gallon of annual water usage, as*

determined from the fourth quarter reading of a water meter installed by the Borough at the customer's private water source times four.

b. Each business, institutional, commercial establishment or any other nonresidential user shall pay a minimum charge of ~~one hundred fifty five (\$155.00)~~ **one hundred ninety-five (\$195.00)** dollars per quarter plus a charge of ~~nineteen (\$19.00)~~ **twenty three dollars and seventy five cents (\$23.75)** for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of actual water usage over ten thousand (10,000) gallons

c. Bulk user agreements will be required for all users whose average daily flows exceed 5,000 gallons per day (GPD) or whose requested allocated amount exceeds 5,000 gallons per day (GPD). Bulk users shall also be required to install and maintain appropriate flow meters. An accurate report of the daily flows and monthly average flows shall be delivered to the Borough Clerk on a monthly basis no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month for the previous month's flow unless otherwise stated in the applicable bulk user agreement. Meters and/or flow recording equipment shall be calibrated on a quarterly basis by a reputable service company approved by the Borough at the bulk user's cost. A report documenting the required calibration shall be submitted to the Borough Clerk no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month following the end of the quarter. The bulk user will also be required to enter into a bulk user agreement with the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone in a form approved by the Borough Attorney and the Borough Engineer.

Each bulk user shall be billed at the base rate of ~~\$0.0190~~ **0.0235** per gallon of actual metered flow as follows:

1. For average monthly flow up to and including 25% of the allocated amount, the bulk user shall be charged for 25% of the allocated amount. (Base rate x 25% of Allocated Amount x 2.5 = Total Bill).
  2. For average monthly flow greater than 25% and up to and including 50% of the allocated amount, the bulk user shall be charged for 50% of the allocated amount. (Base rate x 50% of Allocated Amount x 1.5 = Total Bill).
  3. For average monthly flow greater than 50% and up to and including 75% of the allocated amount, the bulk user shall be charged for 75% of the allocated amount. (Base rate x 75% of Allocated Amount x 1.17 = Total Bill).
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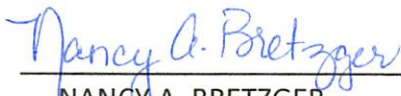
Introduced: March 4, 2025

Introduced	Seconded	Borough Council	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
		Jamie Murphy	X			
X		Eric L. Quartello	X			
	X	Sergio Silva	X			
		Julie Sueta	X			
		John Sweeney				X
		Jill Weible	X			

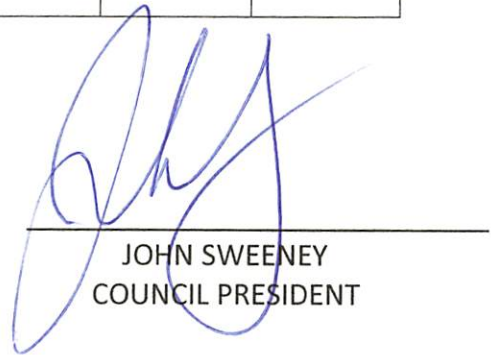
Adopted: March 25, 2025

Introduced	Seconded	Borough Council	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
		Jamie Murphy	X			
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		Sergio Silva	X			
		Julie Sueta	X			
		John Sweeney	X			
	X	Jill Weible	X			

Attest:



NANCY A. BRETZGER  
BOROUGH CLERK



JOHN SWEENEY  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT