

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 330, SECTION 20 OF THE REVISED
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WHARTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Wharton that Chapter 330: Water, Section 20: Billing and Collecting, Subsection H: Water Rates, Fees and Charges, of the revised general ordinances of the Borough of Wharton is hereby amended as follows:

§ 330-20. Billing and collecting.

H. Water rates, fees and charges. The following rates shall prevail and continue until changed, altered or amended by ordinance of the Borough Council.

- (1) Domestic, laundromat, industrial and lawn hydrants. [Amended 12-29-2025 by Ord. No. O-19-25]**
 - (a) Effective January 1, 2026, the domestic rate per 100 cubic feet shall be \$5.64.**
 - (b) Where there are multiple units, the minimum rate for such multiple units shall be the minimum rate of a single service meter multiplied by the number of units.**
 - (c) Effective January 1, 2026, the laundromat rate per 100 cubic feet shall be \$5.64 for the first 1,350 ccf; thereafter the rate is \$5.96 per 100 cubic feet.**
 - (d) Effective January 1, 2026, the industrial rate per 100 cubic feet is \$5.64 for the first 1,350 ccf; thereafter the rate is \$5.96 per 100 cubic feet. Both industrial rates are based upon the rate charged to the Borough by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority.**
 - (e) Lawn hydrant per quarter, in addition to metered water use: \$27.93.**
- (2) Private fire service charges. Annual charge based on diameter of service main furnished:**

| Service Main Diameter (inches) | Rate |
|---|--------------|
| 2 | \$100 |
| 2 1/2 | \$110 |
| 4 | \$200 |
| 6 | \$300 |
| 8 | \$350 |
| 10 | \$450 |
| 12 | \$500 |

- (3) **Public fire service. Annual charge per hydrant: \$150.**
- (4) **Tapping charges. Effective July 15, 2007, tapping of the main, the curbstop and box and the service line from the main to the property line, cost per connection shall be:**
 - (a) **For three-fourths-inch: \$1,500.**
 - (b) **One inch or larger: based on actual cost incurred, but not less than \$2,500.**
 - (c) **Supply pipe installation in county road and state highways: based on actual cost incurred, but not less than \$3,000.**
- (5) **Meter charges. Water meter installation and labor charges: actual cost, not less than:**

| Size (inches) | Rate |
|------------------|---------|
| 5/8 | \$307 |
| 3/4 | \$377 |
| 1 | \$462 |
| 1 1/2 | \$972 |
| 2 | \$1,127 |

- (6) **Miscellaneous charges:**
 - (a) **Turn on and/or off during hours of 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday: \$30 each.**
 - (b) **Turn on and/or off before or after business hours as stated in Subsection D(4)(f)[1] above, including weekends and Borough holidays: \$200 each.**
 - (c) **Turn off water illegally turned on: \$500.**
 - (d) **Unscheduled meter readings: \$50.**
 - (e) **Transfer fee for ownership changes: \$30.**
 - (f) **Returned checks: as set forth in the resolution annually adopted by the Borough.**
 - (g) **Meter test, payment for meter accuracy to within 3%, where test is at customer's request:**

| Size (inches) | Fee |
|------------------|--|
| 5/8 | \$75 |
| 3/4 | \$75 |
| 1 | \$75 |
| 1 1/2 and larger | Actual cost incurred but not less than \$100 |

(h) Quarterly meter maintenance charge:

| Meter Size (inches) | Charge |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| 5/8 | \$2.50 |
| 3/4 | \$3.50 |
| 1 | \$4.50 |
| 1 1/4 | \$5.50 |
| 1 1/2 | \$6.50 |
| 2 | \$7.50 |
| 3 | \$10 |
| 4 | \$15 |
| 6 | \$125 |

- (i) Meter repair for damaged meter: cost of repair or replacement, plus labor and material.**
 - (j) Illegal hydrant opening: \$1,000.**
 - (k) Service charge for restoration of service when service to a property has been discontinued due to nonpayment of water bill: \$100.**
 - (l) Mail fee for certified delinquent notices: price as set forth by the U.S. Postal Service.**
 - (m) Hydrant permit fee: \$100 (includes Borough provided hydrant meter) plus nominal water charges for water used.**
- (7) A connection charge, which shall be payable ~~in advance~~ at the time of building permit application, shall be made for the connection of each dwelling to the water system, which connection fee shall be established by the Borough Council as provided for by law. The water connection fee shall be based upon 100 gallons of daily usage. Connection fees shall be assessed based upon the water demand standard established by N.J.A.C. 5:21-5.3, otherwise known as "residential site improvement standards" found in table "Water Demand/Generation by Type/Size of Housing." Connection fees for facilities not included in table "Water Demand/Generation by Type/Size of Housing" shall be determined by the Borough Engineer based upon projected water demand utilizing water volume requirement established by N.J.A.C. 7:10-12.6.**
- I. For example. As of the writing of this ordinance (2019), residential site improvement standard shows a single-family detached home with three bedrooms has a daily demand of 320 gallons per day. Therefore, their connection fee would be 3.2 multiplied by the connection fee.**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent of such inconsistency.

This ordinance shall take effect on the noted effective dates after final passage and publication as required by law.

**First Reading: June 8, 2026
Second Reading: June 29, 2026**

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

ATTEST:

**Cheryl Muzzillo,
Borough Clerk**

**WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR**