

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON**  
**County of Mercer**

**Ordinance No. 2008 - 1**

**AN ORDINANCE INCREASING RATES AND FEES CHARGED BY THE  
PENNINGTON BOROUGH WATER AND SEWER UTILITY, AND AMENDING THE  
CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON**

**WHEREAS**, the Pennington Borough Water and Sewer Utility continues to incur increased costs;

**WHEREAS**, Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington has determined that as a result of these increased costs the rates charged by the Utility for water and sewer services must be increased and the rates must be further differentiated for customers based on amount of usage;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington as follows:

**1. Section 206-1 of the Code of the Borough of Pennington, pertaining to base and usage charges, is hereby amended as follows:**

§ 206-1. Base and usage charges.

A. There are hereby established the following quarterly charges for water customers:

<u>Usage</u>		<u>First Excess Usage</u>	<u>Second Excess Usage</u>	<u>Third Excess Usage</u>	<u>Fourth Excess</u>
	<u>Block Charge</u>	<u>Block Charge</u>	<u>Block Charge</u>	<u>Block Charge</u>	<u>Block Charge</u>
[Base Charge]	<u>Base Charge</u>	4,001 – [100,000]	[More Than 100,000]	60,001 -	<u>More Than</u>
Meter Size (inches)	[Less Than] 4,000 Gallons or Less	20,000 Gallons (per 1,000 gallons)	20,001 – 60,000 Gallons (per 1,000 gallons)	100,000 Gallons (per 1,000 gallons)	100,000 Gallons (per 1,000 gallons)
Less than 1	\$[25.80] <u>26.60</u>	\$[6.05] <u>6.15</u>	<u>\$6.30</u>	<u>\$6.45</u>	\$[6.80] <u>7.05</u>
1	\$[39.40] <u>40.60</u>	\$[6.05] <u>6.15</u>	<u>\$6.30</u>	<u>\$6.45</u>	\$[6.80] <u>7.05</u>
2	\$[112.05] <u>115.40</u>	\$[6.05] <u>6.15</u>	<u>\$6.30</u>	<u>\$6.45</u>	\$[6.80] <u>7.05</u>
3	\$[251.30] <u>258.85</u>	\$[6.05] <u>6.15</u>	<u>\$6.30</u>	<u>\$6.45</u>	\$[6.80] <u>7.05</u>
4	\$[369.30] <u>380.40</u>	\$[6.05] <u>6.15</u>	<u>\$6.30</u>	<u>\$6.45</u>	\$[6.80] <u>7.05</u>
6	\$[690.10] <u>710.80</u>	\$[6.05] <u>6.15</u>	<u>\$6.30</u>	<u>\$6.45</u>	\$[6.80] <u>7.05</u>

NOTE: Usage charges are per one-thousand-gallon increments, or portion thereof.

B. There are hereby established the following quarterly charges for sewer customers:

<u>Usage</u>		<u>First Excess Usage</u>	<u>Second Excess Usage</u>	<u>Third Excess Usage</u>	<u>Fourth Excess</u>
	<u>Block Charge</u>	<u>Block Charge</u>	<u>Block Charge</u>	<u>Block Charge</u>	<u>Block Charge</u>
[Base Charge]	<u>Base Charge</u>	4,001 – 20,000	20,001 – 60,000 Gallons	60,001 -	<u>More Than</u>
Meter Size (inches)	[First Usage Less Than] 4,000 Gallons or Less	[more than 4,000] Gallons (per 1,000 gallons)	20,001 – 60,000 Gallons (per 1,000 gallons)	100,000 Gallons (per 1,000 gallons)	100,000 Gallons (per 1,000 gallons)
All sizes	\$[28.40] <u>29.25</u>	\$[6.40] <u>6.55</u> per 1,000 gallons	<u>\$6.60 per 1,000 gallons</u>	<u>\$6.65 per 1,000 gallons</u>	<u>\$6.65 per 1,000 gallons</u>

NOTE: Usage charges are per one-thousand-gallon increments, or portion thereof.

C. The minimum quarterly base charge for multiunit residential or multiunit commercial or a combination thereof serviced through a single water meter shall be determined by the product of the number of units by the minimum quarterly base charge of a one-inch meter, regardless of the size of the meter(s) that feed the units. [The second usage block charge for multiunit residential or multiunit commercial or a combination thereof serviced through a single water meter shall be applied to usage in excess of the product of the number of units by 100,000 gallons.]

D. Premises not discharging the entire volume of water into the sewers will be allowed a reduction in the charge, provided that the customer installs facilities, satisfactory to the borough, for measuring the volume of either discharged or nondischarged waste into the sewers.]

D. [E.] Sewage or other wastes containing unduly high concentrations of other substances which add to the operating costs of the sewage treatment works will be subject to a surcharge to be determined by the borough on the basis of the character and volume for such sewage and wastes. Where, in the opinion of the borough, sewage and other wastes of a deleterious character adversely affect the treatment processes, the borough reserves the right to require that such sewage and wastes be treated by the contributor to remove or neutralize the objectionable substances before discharge into the sewers.

E. [F.] Base and usage charges shall be due on March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1.

E. [G.] Premises introducing water into a permanent private pool may be allowed a reduction in the charge of sewer usage in an amount equal to the volume of water introduced into the pool. This will require the installation and rental of a temporary meter, as described further.

**2. Section 206-2 of the Code, pertaining to standby fees, is hereby amended as follows:**

§ 206-2. Standby fees.

A. There is hereby established a quarterly standby fee for private fire-protection systems regardless of the rate or quantity of that service as follows:

Size of Private Lines (inches)	Fee (per connection)
2	\$[115.40] <u>119.00</u>
4	\$[426.00] <u>439.00</u>
6	\$[880.40] <u>907.00</u>
8	\$[1,499.35] <u>1,545.00</u>

B. Customers who are late in making payment of the standby fee will be given notice as to their deficiency in payment, and a copy of this notice shall be sent to the customer's insurance carrier.

C. Standby fees shall be due on March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1.

**3. Section 206-3 of the Code, pertaining to connection fees, is hereby amended as follows:**

§ 206-3. Connection Fees.

A. There are hereby established the following standard connection fees:

(1) Standard water connection is \$[1,302] 1,341 .

(2) Standard sewer connection fee is \$[2,249] 2,316 .

B. Connection fees shall be paid by all persons connecting to the water and/or sewer system, based upon the product of the connection fee by the number of equivalent dwelling units, as determined and/or approved by the Superintendent of Public Works, or designated representative.

C. Any change in use or increase in the same use of any existing property or facility shall be subject to review and reevaluation of the water and sewer connection service and the number of equivalent dwelling units assigned to the project. Any increase in the number of equivalent dwelling units shall subject the applicant to additional connection fees.

D. Connection fees shall be due prior to the installation of the physical connection.

**4. Section 206-4 of the Code, pertaining to tapping fees, is hereby amended as follows:**

§ 206-4. Tapping fees.

A. There are hereby established tapping fees to cover the efforts required by the borough for new connections to the water and sewer system.

B. Water tapping fees.

(1) Water Type 1 (full service - full width) (30 feet or more): \$[2,725] 2,807 . Full service includes all inspection, excavation, bedding, backfill, pavement restoration, parts, equipment and labor to install a complete service connection to the curb stop located just beyond the curblineline. Service connections exceeding 60 feet or located within county roads will be assessed additional fees on a case-specific basis.

(2) Water Type 2 (full service - half width): \$[2,271] 2,339 . Full service includes all inspection, excavation, bedding, backfill, pavement restoration, parts, equipment and labor to install a complete service connection to the curb stop located just beyond the curblineline. Service connections located within county roads will be assessed additional fees on a case-specific basis.

(3) Water Type 3 (cut-in service): \$[758] 781 . Cut-in service includes only the physical tapping of the water main, including the corporation stop, equipment and labor. The applicant's plumber provides for the remainder of the service connection. Road opening and inspection fees apply.

Note: Taps one inch and smaller must be performed by the borough. Taps greater than one inch must be performed by the applicant's plumber.

C. Sewer tapping fees.

(1) Water Type 1 (full service - full width) (30 feet or more): \$[2,271] 2,339 . Full service includes all inspection, excavation, bedding, backfill, pavement restoration, parts, equipment and labor to install a complete lateral connection to the cleanout located just beyond the curblineline. Lateral connections exceeding 60 feet or located within county roads will be assessed additional fees on a case-specific basis.

- (2) Water Type 2 (full service - half width): \$[1,816] 1,870 . Full service includes all inspection, excavation, bedding, backfill, pavement, connection restoration, parts, equipment and labor to install a complete lateral connection to the cleanout located just beyond the curbline. Lateral connections located within county roads will be assessed additional fees on a case-specific basis.
- (3) Water Type 3 (cut-in service): \$[758] 781 . Cut-in service includes only the physical tapping of the sewer main, including the tee saddle, equipment and labor. The applicant's plumber provides for the remainder of the lateral connection. Road opening and inspection fees apply.

Note: Lateral taps greater than four inches must be performed by the applicant's plumber.

D. Tapping fees shall be due prior to the physical connection.

**5. Section 206-5 of the Code, pertaining to meter fees, is hereby amended as follows:**

§ 206-5. Meter fees.

A. Meters one inch or less in size shall be purchased from the borough. Meters greater than one inch are provided by the applicant and must be approved by the Superintendent of Public Works or designated representative.

Cost	Meter Size (inches)
\$[105.95] <u>109.15</u>	5/8 and 3/4
\$[204.35] <u>210.50</u>	1

B. Meter fees shall be due at the time of delivery of the meter.

**6. Section 206-6 of the Code, pertaining to inspection and field service fees, is hereby amended as follows:**

§ 206-6. Inspection and field service fees.

A. Inspection fees shall be as follows:

- (1) Service connections: \$[152] 157 .
- (2) Lateral connections: \$[152] 157 .
- (3) Certified construction cost, off-site improvements (escrow): [7.6] 7.8 %.

B. Equipment hourly rates shall be as follows:

- (1) Backhoe: \$[98.40] 101.35 .
- (2) Service truck: \$[59.05] 60.80 .
- (3) Dump truck: \$[59.05] 60.80 .
- (4) Parts: [167] 172 %.

Note: Includes the time required to mobilize to and demobilize from the site.

C. Labor hourly rates.

(1) Hourly rates shall be as follows:

- (a) Foreman: \$[78.80] 81.15 .
- (b) Operator: \$[57.55] 59.30 .
- (c) Laborer: \$[57.55] 59.30 .

Note: Includes the time required to mobilize and demobilize from the site.

(2) For overtime (OT), the following multipliers will be applied to the labor rates:

- (a) Work before 7:30 a.m.: 1.5.
- (b) Work after 3:30 p.m.: 1.5.
- (c) Work on Saturday and Sunday: 1.5.
- (d) Work on borough-recognized holidays: 2.0.
- (e) Continuous work in excess of 12 hours: 2.0.

- D. Line stopping fees shall be as follows:
  - (1) Nondisruptive or minor disruptive: \$[228] 235 .
  - (2) Major disruptive: \$[1,135] 1,169 .
- E. Temporary meter charges shall be as follows:
  - (1) Meter installations: \$[68.10] 70.15 .
  - (2) Rental (two week maximum): \$[37.80] 39.05 .
  - (3) Removal and recording: \$[68.10] 70.15 .
  - (4) Special billing: \$[22.75] 23.45 .

**7. Section 206-7 of the Code, pertaining to administrative fees, is hereby amended as follows:**

§ 206-7. Administrative fees.

Interest will be charged at the same rate as the interest on tax bills.

- A. Returned checks: \$20.00.
- B. Account closeout (shutoff): \$[55.00] 57.00 .
- C. Account setup (turn-on): \$[25.00] 26.00 .
- D. Nonquarterly or additional meter readings: \$[50.00] 52.00 . (On nonquarterly billings, if the reading is requested due to an actual error by the borough, the fee will be waived.)

**7. Section 206-8 of the Code, pertaining to application and review fees, is hereby amended as follows:**

§ 206-8. Application and review fees.

Application and review fees shall be as follows:

- A. Per EDU for first EDU: \$[15.15] 15.60 .
- B. Per EDU for subsequent EDU: \$[75.75] 78.00 .
- C. Request for availability of service: \$[60.60] 62.40 .
- D. Certified construction cost, off-site improvements (escrow): [3.1] 3.2 %.

**8. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as provided by law.**

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ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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