

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON  
COUNTY OF MERCER**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-6**

**AN ORDINANCE INCREASING RATES 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 (with deletions bracketed and new language underlined):**

§ 206-1. Base and usage charges.

Base and usage charges for water and sewer customers and related provisions are set forth in Section 98-41 of the Code.

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

| Meter Size (inches) | Base Charge<br>4,000 Gallons or Less<br><br>[From] To<br>(Percent Change) | First Excess Usage Block Charge<br>4,001-20,000 Gallons (per 1,000 Gallons)<br>[From] To<br>(Percent Change) | Second Excess Usage Block Charge<br>20,001-60,000 Gallons (per 1,000 Gallons)<br>[From] To<br>(Percent Change) | Third Excess Usage Block Charge<br>60,001-200,000 Gallons (per 1,000 Gallons)<br>[From] To<br>(Percent Change) | Fourth Excess Usage Block Charge<br>More than 200,000 Gallons (per 1,000 Gallons)<br>[From] To<br>(Percent Change) |
|---------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| Less than 1         | \$29.66<br>(+2.0%)  | \$6.99<br>(+2.0%)  | \$7.41<br>(+2.0%)  | \$8.14<br>(+2.0%)  | \$9.52<br>(+2.0%)  |
| 1                   | \$45.28<br>(+2.0%)  | \$6.99<br>(+2.0%)  | \$7.41<br>(+2.0%)  | \$8.14<br>(+2.0%)  | \$9.52<br>(+2.0%)  |
| 2                   | \$129.36<br>(+2.0%)   | \$6.99<br>(+2.0%)  | \$7.41<br>(+2.0%)  | \$8.14<br>(+2.0%)  | \$9.52<br>(+2.0%)  |
| 3                   | \$288.57<br>(+2.0%)   | \$6.99<br>(+2.0%)  | \$7.41<br>(+2.0%)  | \$8.14<br>(+2.0%)  | \$9.52<br>(+2.0%)  |
| 4                   | \$424.09<br>(+2.0%)   | \$6.99<br>(+2.0%)  | \$7.41<br>(+2.0%)  | \$8.14<br>(+2.0%)  | \$9.52<br>(+2.0%)  |
| 6                   | \$792.43<br>(+2.0%)   | \$6.99<br>(+2.0%)  | \$7.41<br>(+2.0%)  | \$8.14<br>(+2.0%)  | \$9.52<br>(+2.0%)  |

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

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

| Base Charge<br>4,000 Gallons or Less<br><br>[From] To<br>(Percent Change) | First Excess Usage Block Charge<br>4,001-20,000 Gallons (per 1,000 Gallons)<br>[From] To<br>(Percent Change) | Second Excess Usage Block Charge<br>20,001-60,000 Gallons (per 1,000 Gallons)<br>[From] To<br>(Percent Change) | Third Excess Usage Block Charge<br>60,001-200,000 Gallons (per 1,000 Gallons)<br>[From] To<br>(Percent Change) | Fourth Excess Usage Block Charge<br>More than 200,000 Gallons (per 1,000 Gallons)<br>[From] To<br>(Percent Change) |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| \$32.86<br>(+2.0%)  | \$7.46<br>(+2.0%)  | \$7.98<br>(+2.0%)  | \$8.57<br>(+2.0%)  | \$9.23<br>(+2.0%)  |

NOTE: Usage charges are per one-thousand-gallon increment, 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 feeds the units.

D. 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. Base and usage charges shall be due on March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1.

F. 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 in conformance with the Borough Code.]

**2. Section 98-41 of the Code, concerning water and sewer charges, is hereby amended as follows:**

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

| Meter Size (inches) | Base Charge<br>4,000 Gallons or Less<br><br>[From] To<br>(Percent Change) | First Excess Usage Block Charge<br>4,001-20,000 Gallons (per 1,000 Gallons)<br>[From] To<br>(Percent Change) | Second Excess Usage Block Charge<br>20,001-60,000 Gallons (per 1,000 Gallons)<br>[From] To<br>(Percent Change) | Third Excess Usage Block Charge<br>60,001-200,000 Gallons (per 1,000 Gallons)<br>[From] To<br>(Percent Change) | Fourth Excess Usage Block Charge<br>More than 200,000 Gallons (per 1,000 Gallons)<br>[From] To<br>(Percent Change) |
|---------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| Less than 1         | [\$29.66] <u>\$30.40</u><br>(+[2]2.5%)                                    | [\$6.99] <u>\$7.16</u><br>(+[2]2.5%)   | [\$7.41] <u>\$7.60</u><br>(+[2]2.5%)   | [\$8.14] <u>\$8.34</u><br>(+[2]2.5%)   | [\$9.52] <u>\$9.76</u><br>(+[2]2.5%)   |
| 1                   | [\$45.28] <u>\$46.41</u><br>(+[2]2.5%)                                    | [\$6.99] <u>\$7.16</u><br>(+[2]2.5%)   | [\$7.41] <u>\$7.60</u><br>(+[2]2.5%)   | [\$8.14] <u>\$8.34</u><br>(+[2]2.5%)   | [\$9.52] <u>\$9.76</u><br>(+[2]2.5%)   |
| 2                   | [\$129.36] <u>\$132.59</u><br>(+[2]2.5%)                                  | [\$6.99] <u>\$7.16</u><br>(+[2]2.5%)   | [\$7.41] <u>\$7.60</u><br>(+[2]2.5%)   | [\$8.14] <u>\$8.34</u><br>(+[2]2.5%)   | [\$9.52] <u>\$9.76</u><br>(+[2]2.5%)   |
| 3                   | [\$288.57] <u>\$295.78</u><br>(+[2]2.5%)                                  | [\$6.99] <u>\$7.16</u><br>(+[2]2.5%)   | [\$7.41] <u>\$7.60</u><br>(+[2]2.5%)   | [\$8.14] <u>\$8.34</u><br>(+[2]2.5%)   | [\$9.52] <u>\$9.76</u><br>(+[2]2.5%)   |
| 4                   | [\$424.09] <u>\$434.69</u><br>(+[2]2.5%)                                  | [\$6.99] <u>\$7.16</u><br>(+[2]2.5%)   | [\$7.41] <u>\$7.60</u><br>(+[2]2.5%)   | [\$8.14] <u>\$8.34</u><br>(+[2]2.5%)   | [\$9.52] <u>\$9.76</u><br>(+[2]2.5%)   |
| 6                   | [\$792.43] <u>\$812.24</u><br>(+[2]2.5%)                                  | [\$6.99] <u>\$7.16</u><br>(+[2]2.5%)   | [\$7.41] <u>\$7.60</u><br>(+[2]2.5%)   | [\$8.14] <u>\$8.34</u><br>(+[2]2.5%)   | [\$9.52] <u>\$9.76</u><br>(+[2]2.5%)   |

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

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|---|--|--|--|--|
| [\$32.86] <u>\$34.50</u><br>(+[2]5.0%)                                    | [\$7.46] <u>\$7.83</u><br>(+[2]5.0%)   | [\$7.98] <u>\$8.38</u><br>(+[2]5.0%)   | [\$8.57] <u>\$9.00</u><br>(+[2]5.0%)   | [\$9.23] <u>\$9.69</u><br>(+[2]5.0%)   |

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E. Base and usage charges shall be due on March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1, except in 2017 the billing date for the first quarter water/sewer bills is extended to April 3, 2017 and the due date for the first quarter water/sewer bills is extended to May 1, 2017.

F. 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 in conformance with the Borough Code.

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

Introduced: March 6, 2017

Advertised: March 10, 2017

Public Hearing: March 20, 2017

Adoption: March 20, 2017

Final Publication: March 24, 2017

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Elizabeth Sterling, Borough Clerk

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Anthony Persichilli, Mayor