

TOWNSHIP OF MANALAPAN  
ORDINANCE NO. 2016-11

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 234, "WATER", OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANALAPAN, PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE WATER SYSTEM RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Manalapan in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION ONE. Chapter 234, "Water", of the Code of the Township of Manalapan, Section 234-2, "Control of systems; payment of bills." subsection 234-2E., be and the same is hereby amended to read, in full, as follows:

- "E. Due date of bills. All bills for the furnishing of water shall be payable for the preceding quarter on the first day of March, June, September and December. ~~If bills are not paid on that date, a penalty of 1% will be added.~~ If bills are not paid within 60 days after the due date for the respective quarter, the water supply shall be discontinued and shall remain off until the total amount due, ~~including interest and a turnoff charge of \$5,~~ is paid~~made~~. The owner shall remain liable for all charges for buildings which are unoccupied, unless written notice of such unoccupancy is given at the time such building becomes unoccupied. A fee of \$75 shall be charged to turn service on during normal business hours and a fee of \$150 charged outside normal business hours."

SECTION TWO. Chapter 234, "Water", of the Code of the Township of Manalapan, Section 234-3, "Application for service." subsections 234-3B. and 234-3C., be and the same are hereby amended to read, in full, as follows:

- "B. Persons desiring the use of water for building construction shall make application according

to the provisions as herein provided. ~~Under no circumstances shall water for building construction be taken from the fire hydrant of the Township. A flat rate, depending upon the type and size of the building, will be made for water used in building construction, unless the Water Department shall require the water to be metered. The minimum flat rate charge for such building will be \$15 payable in advance.~~ The Township Committee reserves the right to regulate the purpose for which the water may be used during construction and shall require the water to be metered. ~~in which event~~ Meters shall be rented from the Water Department and charged for at regular rates for meters."

- "C. Main tapping and connection charge. The tapping of a main or connection to a main shall be paid for by the owner at no cost or expense to the Water Department or the Township. Tapping shall be done only by the Township's duly authorized representative. For each single-family residence tap or connection to a main up to one inch in diameter, there shall be a charge of \$519 and an inspection fee as established by the Township. For each tap over one inch in diameter, the fee shall be set by the Township Committee."  
~~[Amended 2-24-1999 by Ord. No. 99-01; 3-22-2006 by Ord. No. 2006-03]~~

SECTION THREE. Chapter 234, "Water", of the Code of the Township of Manalapan, Section 234-5, "Metering; water rates." subsection 234-5A., be and the same is hereby amended to read, in full, as follows:

- "A. All service lines shall be installed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations governing applications for permits and the design and construction of water supply systems in the Township. ~~such manner that a meter and yoke may be inserted at the point of entry to the~~

~~premises.~~ Valves shall be installed at ~~the~~this point of entry to the premises as follows:

- (1) Roundway tee stop on the street side of meter and yoke.
- (2) Globe valve with drain on the house side of meter and yoke. The Township will provide the meter and yoke, the cost thereof to be borne by the owner."

SECTION FOUR. Chapter 234, "Water", of the Code of the Township of Manalapan, Section 234-6, "Rates for property along Wilson Avenue and industrial site on Mt. Vernon Road." shall be amended to read, in full, as follows:

~~"§ 234-6. Rates for property along Wilson Avenue and industrial site on Mt. Vernon Road.~~

~~Upon the passage and publication of this section, all fees shall be processed and delivered to the Mt. Vernon industrial customer within the Township franchise area by the Englishtown Water Department at its approved rates. ~~article according to law, the following rates for potable water shall be applicable to the 14 property owners along Wilson Avenue.~~~~

- ~~A. Minimum charge per quarter for first 10,000 gallons of water.~~
- ~~B.—~~
- ~~C. Five eighths inch and 3/4 inch meter: \$60.~~
- ~~D.—~~
- ~~E. One inch meter: \$100.~~
- ~~F.—~~
- ~~G. One and one half inch meter: \$230.~~
- ~~H.—~~
- ~~I. Two inch meter: \$360.~~
- ~~J.—~~
- ~~K. In Addition to the minimum charge as provided, for all water drawn above the minimum used, there shall be charged quarterly the following rates: over 10,000 gallons, \$5.52 per thousand.~~
- ~~L.—~~
- ~~M. Upon the passage and publication of this article according to law, the industrial site located on Mt.~~

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~~Vernon Road shall be billed at a rate of \$6.55 per 1,000 gallons and a meter charge of \$100 per quarter."~~

SECTION FIVE. Chapter 234, "Water", of the Code of the Township of Manalapan, Section 234-8, "Water use suspensions or restrictions; discontinuation of service." subsection 234-8E., be and the same is hereby amended to read, in full, as follows:

"E. Should the occupant of the premises turn on the water or suffer or cause it to be turned on after it has been shut off at the curb by the Water Department, it shall be shut off again, the curb stop shall be sealed, and a charge of \$150 shall be made for the expense of shutting off the curb stop and turning it on again."

SECTION SIX. Chapter 234, "Water", of the Code of the Township of Manalapan, Section 234-8, "Water use suspensions or restrictions; discontinuation of service." subsection 234-8K., be and the same is hereby amended to read, in full, as follows:

"K. When requested by the owner or his agent, the Water Department shall discontinue service to a property either temporarily or permanently. ~~A turnoff charge of \$5 shall be made when the service is restored but in no event shall water be turned on until all water charges have been paid."~~

SECTION SEVEN. Chapter 234, "Water", of the Code of the Township of Manalapan, Section 234-8, "Water use suspensions or restrictions; discontinuation of service." subsections 234-8Q. and 234:8R, be and the same is hereby amended to read, in full, as follows:

~~"Q. Minimum charge for repairs in the vent that the Water Department is required to repair any meter, pipes or appurtenances affecting the water service of any consumer of the water system, the customer so affected shall be~~

~~required to pay a minimum charge of \$7.50 per hour for each Water Department employee required to perform the necessary repair service."~~

~~"QR. For any consumer of water from the Water Department of the Township of Manalapan requesting a meter reading for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not said meter is accurately functioning, a charge of \$15 shall be made for the testing of said meter. Said sum shall be retained by the Water Department of the Township of Manalapan if said test discloses that the meter is accurate. In the event that said test discloses that the meter is inaccurate, the \$15 shall be refunded to the consumer. When the accuracy of a meter is questioned, the Water Department will test it upon request, preferably in the presence of the customer. No charge will be made for such tests, provided that the customer has not made a request for a test within a period of twelve (12) months prior to such request. If a test is requested at an interval of less than twelve (12) months, a charge will be made for each such test. Whenever a water meter is found to be registering fast in excess of more than 1-1/2%, an adjustment of charges will be made to the customer account for the previous billing period."~~

SECTION EIGHT. Chapter 234, "Water", of the Code of the Township of Manalapan, Section 234-9, "Installations and extensions." subsection 234-9F., be and the same is hereby amended to read, in full, as follows:

"F. Extension of new mains. If an existing main adjoins a property in a real estate development and is of sufficient capacity for the additional amount of water required for such development, the charges for connecting the existing main to the mains of the development shall be set by the Township Committee by resolution. If the capacity of the existing main

is not adequate to supply the additional amount of water to be used in that development, the developer shall be responsible for the installation of a suitable main and other necessary equipment which may be installed only after review and approval of the extension by the Township Committee in conjunction with the Water Department officials. Any such extension of a new main shall not be undertaken unless and until the developer responsible for the same has entered into an agreement with the Township which shall include the terms and conditions relative to the method and cost of installation and other matters incidental to any such extension. Any such agreement shall be required to have included therein a provision requiring the developer to pay to the Township the sum of ~~\$519350~~ for each service connection to be made by the developer from the extended main."

SECTION NINE. Chapter 234, "Water", of the Code of the Township of Manalapan, Section 234-13, "Installation and maintenance of service lines." subsection 234-13C., be and the same is hereby amended to read, in full, as follows:

- "C. ~~Direct boiler connections. Where high pressure steam boilers or boiler feed pumps are connected directly with the service connection, depending upon the pressure in the mains for supplying such boilers or pumps, without intervening tank or receptacle, a check valve shall be placed in the feed pipe in addition to the controlling valve. Neither the Township nor the Water Department shall be responsible for any accidents or damage resulting from any direct connection from any cause whatsoever.~~All connections shall include a backflow prevention device(s) as defined at N.J.A.C. 7:10-1.3, and as specified at N.J.A.C. 7:10.3. The customer is solely responsible for all costs and expenses relating to the

installation, operation, maintenance, repair and replacement of the customer's water system, including the fire suppression system and backflow prevention device(s). The customer shall ensure that the water system complies with the applicable requirements of the Uniform Construction Code in effect at the time of system installation, including any applicable building, plumbing and fire protection subcodes; and shall ensure that the customer's water system is maintained in accordance with all applicable law so as to protect against backflow, back-siphonage and contamination of the potable water system."

SECTION TEN. All Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION ELEVEN. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other portion of this Ordinance be adjudged by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION TWELVE. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication according to law.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Ordinance published herewith was Introduced and approved at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Manalapan held on November 30, 2016 and will be further considered for final passage after a Public Hearing thereon before the Township Committee of the Township of Manalapan during a meeting to be held on December 14, 2016 at the Municipal Complex, 120 Route 522 and Taylors Mills Road, Manalapan, New Jersey at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached, or at any meeting to which that meeting may be adjourned, at which time any and all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard.

The proposed Ordinance in its entirety is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office and copies may be obtained without charge between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. A complete copy may also be obtained from the Manalapan Township web-site [www.mtnj.org](http://www.mtnj.org) by clicking on the Ordinance title listed on the Agenda posted for the Township Committee meeting of December 14, 2016.

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Regina Preteroti, RMC  
**Municipal Clerk**