

**ALPHA BOROUGH**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-12**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA TO AMEND**  
**CHAPTER 403 OF THE BOROUGH WATER AND SEWERS CODE**  
**TO AMEND REQUIRED FEES**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpha has dedicated in excess of six million dollars of the past decade for capital and other improvements to ensure the integrity of its water and sewer infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous to provide a mechanism to distribute the cost of said infrastructure in an equitable manner; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Alpha Borough Mayor and Council, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. §403-3B is amended to include the term Equivalent Unit (EU) which is defined as follows: The unit which uses an average daily flow of 150 gallons of water.
2. §403-16 a is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:
  - A. All service shall, at the direction of the Director subject to the ultimate control of the Borough Council, be through a water meter of a standard approved by said Council. Meters of the size of 3/4 inch shall be furnished by the Department of Public Works. Meters larger than 3/4 inch shall be furnished by the property owner. For all multi-family residential development, the property owner is solely responsible for any and all water meter(s). The property owner shall be responsible for installing the water meter and all costs to accomplish the same. All installations of meters are subject to inspection by the Department of Public Works, and the water will not be turned on until the installation is deemed acceptable and all applicable fees have been paid.
3. 403-24 is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

**403-24 Charges for Curb Service**

- A. Residential Water Service - A water connection fee in the amount of \$3,500 and an application fee of \$100 shall be imposed on all new residential hookups unless said connection is for an affordable housing unit. In such an instance the connection fee shall be \$1,750. For any multi-family building construction, the connection fee shall be payable for each residential unit. This fee shall be nonrefundable and payable at the time the request for water tap-in application is filed.

- B. Non-Residential Water Service – An application fee of \$100 and a water connection fee shall be imposed on all new non-residential hookups. The water connection fee shall be calculated as follows:

Divide the estimated daily flow, in gallons, by the average daily flow per equivalent unit as defined in Code Section 403-3 to determine the number of Equivalent Units, rounded down to the nearest whole number.

Multiply the number of equivalent units by \$3500 per unit to determine the total water connection fee.

This fee shall be nonrefundable and payable at the time the request for water tap-in application is filed.

- B. §403-54 is amended to include the term Equivalent Unit (EU) which is defined as follows: The unit which produces an average daily flow of 120 gallons of wastewater.

- C. 403-55 is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

#### 403-55 Permit and Connection Fee Required

- A. No person shall uncover, connect with, make any opening into or use, alter or disturb in any manner any sewer or the sanitary sewer system of said Borough without first obtaining a written permit from the Borough Engineer and paying the required connection fee as defined below. Such permit shall be issued upon first obtaining a written application therefor and upon prior approval of the plans and profiles by the Borough Engineer or the Borough Director of Public Works for any connection to the sanitary sewer system. Three copies of the plans and profiles of any proposed connection shall be forwarded to the Borough Engineer or Director of Public Works for review and approval prior to the issuance of the permit.
- B. Residential Sewer Service - A sewer connection fee in the amount of \$3,800 and an application fee of \$100 shall be imposed on all new residential hookups unless said connection is for an affordable housing unit. In such an instance the connection fee shall be \$1,900. For any multi-family building construction, the connection fee shall be payable for each residential unit. This fee shall be nonrefundable and payable at the time the request for sewer tap-in application is filed.
- C. Non-Residential Sewer Service – An application fee of \$100 and a sewer connection fee shall be imposed on all new non-residential hookups. The sewer connection fee shall be calculated as follows:
- Divide the estimated daily flow, in gallons, by the average daily flow per equivalent unit as defined in Code Section 403-54 to determine the number of Equivalent Units, rounded down to the nearest whole number.
- Multiply the number of equivalent units by \$3800 per unit to determine the total sewer connection fee.

This fee shall be nonrefundable and payable at the time the request for sewer tap-in application is filed.

**CERTIFICATION**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September at 7:00 p.m. and was passed on final reading after public hearing thereon at a regular meeting of the Alpha Council of the Borough of Alpha held in the Council Chambers, Alpha Municipal Bldg., 1001 East Blvd., Alpha New Jersey on October 10, 2023 and shall take effect according to the law.

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Melissa Sims, Assistant Municipal Clerk  
*Witness my hand and seal of the Borough of Alpha  
this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.*