

**BOROUGH OF CAPE MAY POINT
COUNTY OF CAPE MAY
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE NO. 13-2024

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 146, ARTICLE II (“WATER”) OF THE
CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CAPE MAY POINT**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Cape May Point, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 146 “Water and Sewer Utility” of the Code of the Borough of Cape May Point be and is hereby amended as follows (deletions in ~~strikethrough~~ and additions in underline):

Section 1.

146-16 METERED SERVICE FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS.

a. Metered service for residential, commercial, and industrial customers shall be:

1. Minimum water charge for equivalent dwelling unit: ~~\$110 per calendar quarter, payable quarterly beginning in the third quarter of 2021, for 26,000 gallons per year minimum water consumption allowance.~~ \$120 per calendar quarter beginning on July 1, 2024. Refer to 146-59.b for the chart of equivalent dwelling units.
2. Excess Water Charge: ~~Beginning in the third quarter of 2021, in addition to the minimum annual water charge set forth above, a charge will be made for all water use registered by the meter in excess of the minimum allowable usage of 6,500 gallons per quarter at the rate of \$11.05 per 1,000 gallons or a fraction thereof used for all customers. Beginning in January 2025 and reoccurring annually thereafter, the excess water charge shall increase by 2% per year in order for the Borough to offset increased costs for the supply of potable water to the Borough.~~ Beginning on July 1, 2024, the charge for all water use registered by the meter in excess of 6,500 gallons per quarter, shall be \$12.00 per 1,000 gallons or a fraction thereof used for all customers.
3. ~~Minimum Water Charge Annual Percentage Increase. On the first of January beginning in 2025² and reoccurring annually thereafter, the minimum water charge for residential, commercial and industrial customers shall increase by 12% per year in order for the Borough to offset increased costs for the supply of potable water to the Borough. This rate increase shall also apply to churches operating in the summer months.~~ Minimum Water Charge and Excess Water Charge Annual

Percentage Increase: Beginning on January 1, 2025, and recurring annually thereafter, the rates and charges in 146-16.a(1) and (2) above shall increase by the Federal CPI for All Urban Consumers for the prior 12-month period, to keep pace with contractual annual increases in the bulk water rate charged by the City of Cape May. This rate increase shall also apply to churches operating in the summer months.

4. Special Water Meter Requests. Written application may be made to the Superintendent for the installation of special water meters for swimming pools, air conditioners, sprinklers and similar uses not discharging the entire volume of water into the sanitary sewer system, and the volume of water flowing through special meters shall not be subject to sewer rental. The entire cost of the meter and the installation of the meter shall be borne by the applicant. The fee is \$1,415 to include parts to be supplied by the Borough. All water use registered by this meter will be charged at a rate of ~~\$14.05~~ \$12.00 per 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof, along with a quarterly fee of \$30. The excess water charge increase in section 146-16.a(3) above shall apply.
 - b. Churches operating in the summer months shall be charged ~~\$14.05~~ \$12.00 per 1,000 gallons or a fraction thereof, as registered by the meter. There is no minimum ~~required~~ or an excess category. These accounts will be invoiced as a consumption account. The Marianist Family Retreat Center and ~~St. Mary's Convent~~ Cape May Point Science Center are handled as part of the overall residential system of billing. The provisions set forth in ~~146-16a2 and a4~~ 146-16.a(3) and (4), above, shall apply to churches as set forth herein. ~~The rate increase set forth in Paragrah 3, above, shall also apply to churches operating in the summer months.~~

Section 2. All other ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency. Should any portion of this Ordinance be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or repeal the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after passage and publication, according to law.

Final Adoption	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Busch	X		X			
Moffatt			X			
vanHeeswyk		X	X			

ATTEST:

Elaine L. Wallace, Borough Clerk

Catherine Busch, Commissioner

Robert Moffatt, Mayor

Anita vanHeeswyk, Commissioner

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