

ORDINANCE #24-10

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 73 ENTITLED “FEES” AND CHAPTER 142 ENTITLED
 “REGULATIONS” OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON, COUNTY OF
 HUNTERDON, AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY REGARDING WATER CAPACITY
 RESERVATIONS

WHEREAS, the Water Committee of the Town of Clinton has recommended to the Mayor and Council that Chapter 73 of the Code of the Town of Clinton be amended as follows;

1. Increasing the fee for a water service tap installation for a service line less than two inches in diameter to \$5,000
2. Adding service fees for emergency and fire protection connections.

WHEREAS, the Water Committee has also recommended amending regulations of the Water Department found in Chapter 142 of the Code accordingly

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton, the County of Hunterdon as follows:

Section 1. Section 73-3(F) of the Code of the Town of Clinton regarding Water Supply System Fees is hereby amended as follows (additions noted in bold italic *thus* and deletions noted in strikethrough ~~thus~~):

F. Water supply systems.

Activity	Fee
Filing application and plans for a permit to locate and construct an individual system	\$10.00
Filing application and plans for a permit to alter an existing individual system	\$10.00
Issuance of a permit to locate and construct or alter an individual water supply	\$15.00
Each reinspection of an individual water supply or part thereof caused by failure of permittee to locate and construct or alter the system in accordance with terms of the permit or terms of the Individual and Semipublic Water Supply Code	\$15.00
Water, temporary discontinuance	
Turned off	Normal hours \$50 Off hours \$150 (3 hours minimum overtime)
Turned on	Normal Hours \$50 Off hours \$150 (3 hours minimum overtime)
Unauthorized operation of water system components (including water meters)	Maximum of \$1,250/occurrence

Activity	Fee
Testing of meter due to consumer complaint (if meter is found to register against the consumer by more than 3% inaccuracy — no charge)	\$50
Special meter reading	Normal hours \$50 Off hours \$150 (3 hours minimum overtime)
Water rates	As per rates on file in Town Clerk's office

Water Department	Fee
Water main connection	
Service connection fee	As per rates on file in Town Clerk's office and subject to any reductions and/or credits provided for in § 142-1G(1)(f)
Water service tap installation fee, service line not exceeding <i>less than</i> 2-inch diameter	\$3,700 \$5,000 (plus any extraordinary charges for service connections as indicated in § 142-9, if applicable)
Service line larger than 2-inch diameter <i>or greater</i> (water service tap installation shall be performed by applicant)	Cost of inspections by the Water Department or its agent (\$2,500 initial escrow; to be replenished as necessary/as advised by the Water Department)
Meter pits (if required)	To be paid by the property owner(s)
Field service charges repairs (to a leak for a customer or for a contractor)	
<i>Emergency Interconnection Fee</i>	<i>One (1) day of potable water demand in addition to a fixed fee of one (1) service unit as indicated in § 142-1(L)</i>
<i>Fire Protection</i>	<i>One (1) day of potable water demand in addition to a fixed fee of one (1) service unit as indicated in § 142-1(M)</i>
Equipment hourly rates:	
Backhoe	\$88
Dump truck	\$52
Service truck	\$52
All parts	115% of the price of the part
Labor shall be as follows: The current rate in which the Collective Bargaining Agreement stipulates, including time and a half for all non-regular business hours.	

Water Department	Fee
Water Reservation Application	
Activity	Fee
Small project water reservation application/extension	\$250
Small project will serve letter request	\$100
Small project will serve letter extension request (per occurrence)	\$50
Large project water reservation application/extension	\$1,500
Large project will serve letter request	\$250
Large project will serve letter extension request (per occurrence)	\$125

Section 2. Section 142-1 entitled “Regulations” is hereby amended by adding subsections (L) and (M) as follows:

L. Emergency Interconnection Fee

- (1) An emergency interconnection is defined as a service connection used for the purpose of an emergency event, to supply the applicant with water for a temporary duration.
- (2) Emergency interconnection fee shall be due at the time of connection as indicated in Chapter **73**, Fees, and shall be computed in the following manner:
 - (a) Consumption charge equivalent to 1-Day billing of the applicant’s estimated potable water demand in addition to a connection fee of 1-service unit as provided in § **142-1G(1)**.

M. Fire Protection Connection Fee

- (1) Fire protection connection is defined as a service connection used for the purpose of fire suppression for a finite duration.
- (2) Fire Protection connection fee shall be due at the time of connection as indicated in Chapter **73**, Fees, and shall be computed in the following manner:
 - (a) Consumption charge equivalent to 1-Day billing of the applicant’s estimated potable water demand in addition to a connection fee of 1-service unit as provided in § **142-1G(1)**.

Section 3. Section 142-1(G)(3) of the Code of the Town of Clinton entitled, “Water Service Tap Installation Fee,” is hereby amended as follows (additions noted in bold italic *thus* and deletions noted in strikethrough ~~thus~~):

- (3) Water service tap installation fee.

(a) Water service taps ~~not exceeding~~ *less than* two inches in diameter shall be installed by the Town of Clinton Water Department. The service tap installation fee shall be as indicated in Chapter 73, Fees.

[1] Additional charges, as indicated in § 142-9. Extraordinary charges for service connections, shall be paid by owner or applicant, where applicable.

(b) Water service taps ~~larger than~~ two inches *or greater* in diameter shall be performed under the supervision of the Water Department Superintendent or his agent. It shall be the owner's or applicant's responsibility to hire a private contractor to perform the installation at the owner's or applicant's expense.

[1] Owner or applicant shall be responsible for reasonable inspection fees, and shall post with the Town of Clinton an initial inspection escrow in the amount set forth in Chapter 73, Fees. Owner or Applicant shall be advised of any anticipated shortage in escrow account of inspection fees, and shall post and pay such fees in escrow and as determined by the Water Department before any further inspection shall be conducted or final approval granted.

[2] Where a road opening permit is required by local municipal ordinance, owner or applicant shall be responsible to secure the road opening permit.

SECTION 3. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed as to such inconsistencies.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A copy of this Ordinance will be published in the Hunterdon Review edition of May 15, 2024. A public hearing will be held June 12, 2024.