

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-14

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26, PART 1, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF DOYLESTOWN PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF WATER SERVICE WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF DOYLESTOWN

WHEREAS, Chapter 24, Subchapter A of the Pennsylvania Borough Code authorizes the Borough Council of Doylestown Borough (the “Borough Council”) to make regulations as may be necessary for the provision of water service to the Borough;

WHEREAS, Chapter 26 of the Doylestown Borough Code of Ordinances regulates water service, including rates for service;

WHEREAS, Doylestown Borough has determined that the proposed rate changes are necessary for the provision of water service to Borough residents;

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments have been advertised, considered, and reviewed in accordance with the requirements of Pennsylvania law;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, be it **ENACTED** and **ORDAINED** by the Borough Council of Doylestown Borough, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

I. Chapter 26, Part 1, Section 103 of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Doylestown, which regulates water meter rates, is hereby AMENDED by STRIKING Subsections 1.A(1) and (2) in their entirety, REPLACING them with the following:

(1) With respect to meters that service no more than one consumer unit, the quarterly base charge for the use, during that quarter, of up to 3,000 gallons of water provided through service shall be determined by the meter size, in accordance with the schedule provided below in subsections (a) through (e). For meters that service more than one consumer unit, said base charge shall be equal to the number of consumer units serviced by the meter multiplied by the quarterly base charge determined by the meter size in accordance with the schedule provided below in subsections (a) through (e); the gallon allowance for such meter shall be equal to 3,000 multiplied by the number of consumer units.

(a) For a meter that is less than 1.5", the base charge will be \$31.77 for each quarter, or any portion thereof;

(b) For a meter that is at least 1.5" but less than 2", the base charge will be \$33.40 for each quarter, or any portion thereof;

(c) For a meter that is at least 2" but less than 3", the base charge will be \$36.62 for each quarter; or any portion thereof;

(d) For a meter that is at least 3" but less than 4", the base charge will be \$38.23 for each quarter, or any portion thereof; or

(e) For a meter that is 4" or more, the base charge will be \$39.85 for each quarter, or any portion thereof.

(2) For use in excess of the maximum allowance identified in Section (1) above, the rate for each meter, regardless of the number of consumer units serviced shall be:

(a) Per 1,000 gallons for quarterly usage between 3,001 gallons and 20,000 gallons: \$4.74; and

(b) Per 1,000 gallons for quarterly usage in excess of 20,000 gallons: \$5.92.

II. Partial Repealer

All other provisions of the Borough's Code of Ordinances, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect. All other Ordinances or provisions of the Borough's Code of Ordinances inconsistent herewith or in conflict with any of the terms hereof are hereby, to the extent of said inconsistencies or conflicts, specifically repealed.

III. Severability

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any section, clause, sentence, part or provision thereof shall be held illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining sections, clauses, sentences, parts or provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Borough Council that this Ordinance would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional section, clause, sentence or part of a provision had not been included herein.

IV. Effective Date

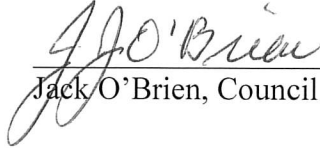
All provisions of this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect beginning January 1, 2024.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 18th day of December, 2023.

[Signatures to follow]

DOYLESTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

By:




Jack O'Brien, Council President

Approved:



Elnora West, Mayor

Attest:



Borough Secretary