

TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD  
ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
ORDINANCE #2024-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, ESSEX COUNTY, NEW  
JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 18, WATER, OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Fairfield desires to amend the Water Ordinance section of the Township Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Fairfield, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. §18-1, entitled "Water Supply and Distribution", §18-1.1, entitled "Existing Supply and Distribution Facilities", of the Township Code of the Township of Fairfield is hereby amended to read as follows: (All additions are shown in **bold italics with underlines**. The deletions are shown as ~~**strikeovers in bold italics**~~.)

~~{1969 Code § 73-2; Ord. No. 478}~~

The water supply and distribution facilities ~~that are serving the subdivision known as "Twin Pines, Section One," are hereby accepted~~ as part of the public water supply and distribution system of the Township ~~are~~ subject to the following conditions:

a. The Water Department shall be responsible for the **public** water supply ~~which includes within the capacity thereof, for the~~ water storage tanks and the pressure therein, for the mains by which ~~water it~~ is distributed ~~in throughout~~ the streets ~~in the development~~ and for the portion of water service pipes which run from the main to the ~~inner side of the curb in front of each lot therein and the curb stopcock, service valve and coupling and~~ curb box.

b. The owner of each lot ~~therein~~ shall be responsible for and shall maintain the balance of the water ~~service~~ connection ~~from building side of service valve~~, including the water meter ~~herein required~~. Water meters, however, shall remain the property of the Water Department of the Township of Fairfield.

~~e. As promptly after the effective date of this subsection as is practical, [1] the Water Department shall, at the expense of the owner, install and set in the building erected thereon, at the entrance of the water service pipes into the same, the water meter complying with the specifications for water meters contained in the construction specifications and standard construction details, as prepared by Charles G. Burns, Municipal Engineer, Township of Fairfield.~~

d. ~~The first billing for water consumed in each lot presently served by the facilities shall be for the period ending September 30, 1964, at the rate specified by subsection 18-2.4 and, if the owner has not paid the same, shall include the cost of supplying, installing and setting the meter which shall be the charges set forth in subsection 18-1.3.~~

**SECTION 2.** §18-1, entitled “Water Supply And Distribution”, §18-1.3b, entitled “Water Service Pipes; Specifications; Water Meter Charges; Final Meter Readings”, of the Township Code of the Township of Fairfield is hereby amended to read as follows:

b. All water meters shall be furnished by the Township at the following meter charges:

<b>Size (inches)</b>	<b>Charge</b>
5/8 inch x 3/4 inch	<del>\$295</del> <u>\$300</u>
1 inch	<del>375</del> <u>\$400</u>
1 1/2 inches	<del>625</del> <u>\$700</u>
2 inches	<del>800</del> <u>\$1,000</u>
3 inches	<del>1,250</del> <u>\$2,400</u>
4 inches	<del>1,975</del> <u>\$3,750</u>

**SECTION 3.** §18-1, entitled “Water Supply And Distribution”, §18-1.6a, entitled “Charges for Water Line Connections”, of the Township Code of the Township of Fairfield is hereby amended to read as follows:

Except as provided in subsection 18-1.4b the charges payable to the Water Department for tapping a water supply main providing and installing a water service pipe and its appurtenances to and including the curb box shall be those determined from time to time by the Mayor and Council by ordinance. Listed below is the particular schedule of fees and services:

<b>Size (inches)</b>	<b>Fee</b>
3/4-inch diameter	<del>\$450</del> <u>1,000</u>
1-inch diameter	<del>\$500</del> <u>1,200</u>
<del>1 1/2-inch diameter</del>	<del>\$600</del>
<del>2-inch diameter</del>	<del>\$700</del>
<del>8 x 4</del>	<del>\$850</del>
<del>12 x 4</del>	<del>\$950</del>

Size (inches)	Fee
<del>14</del> x 4	<del>\$975</del>
<del>8</del> x 6	<del>\$1,000</del>
<del>12</del> x 6	<del>\$1,000</del>
<del>14</del> x 6	<del>\$1,025</del>
<del>8</del> x 8	<del>\$1,100</del>
<del>12</del> x 8	<del>\$1,200</del>
<del>14</del> x 8	<del>\$1,250</del>

**SECTION 4.** §18-1, entitled “Water Supply And Distribution,” §18-1.9, entitled “Fire Hydrants”, of the Township Code of the Township of Fairfield is hereby amended to read as follows:

a. No one, except an authorized representative of the Water Department or of the Fairfield Fire Department, shall open any fire hydrant except with the prior approval of an authorized representative of the Water Department.

b. A fee of ~~\$1525~~ per year for fire protection shall be assessed to residential properties not connected to the Township's water supply where waterlines exist.

c. A fee of ~~\$2550~~ per quarter, per hydrant, shall be assessed to nonresidential property owners for the maintenance of any fire hydrant which may be located upon their property.

d. A fee of ~~\$75200~~ shall be assessed to any person, corporation or entity, which requests a hydrant flow test for insurance purposes. Said test shall only be done in the presence of Water Department personnel.

**SECTION 5.** §18-1, entitled “Water Supply And Distribution,” §18-1.9, entitled “Shutoff Cocks”, of the Township Code of the Township of Fairfield is hereby amended to read as follows:

No one, except an authorized representative of the Water Department, shall shut water off or turn it on at the curb shutoff cock. Should a representative of the water department be called in for a non-emergent or customer elected service disruption, then a fee of ~~\$1200~~ shall be charged for each function. This fee shall be charged separately for turn off/turn on function, unless both functions occur within a two-hour period.

**SECTION 6.** §18-2, entitled “Water Meters And Water Service,” §18-2.2, entitled “Meter Testing”, of the Township Code of the Township of Fairfield is hereby amended to read as follows:

Water meters shall be tested at regular intervals at no cost to the consumer, as prescribed by the New Jersey State Public Utilities Commission. If as a result of any test a meter is found to be incorrect or inaccurate, it shall be promptly repaired to an accurate condition or an accurate meter shall be substituted at no cost to the consumer. Any meter tested and found to be inaccurate by not more than 3% shall be considered accurate. Any consumer claiming his meter to be inaccurate may require it to be tested by written request to the Water Department. If upon test the meter shall be found to record the water consumed accurately or inaccurately by no more than 3%, the consumer shall be assessed a fee of ~~\$75~~150 for the cost of the required test, which sum, if not paid, shall be added to the next water rent billing.

**SECTION 7.** §18-2, entitled “Water Meters And Water Service,” §18-2.4 a and c, entitled “Water Service Charges”, of the Township Code of the Township of Fairfield is hereby amended to read as follows:

a. The quarterly charge for water consumed at the building or buildings on the premises served, as measured by the water meter, shall be as follows:

1. Zero to 15,000 gallons: ~~\$66.50~~ 73.25
2. Above 15,000 gallons: ~~\$5.65~~ \$6.25 for every additional 1,000 gallons.

c. The filing of residential swimming pools located within approximately 300 feet of an available water hydrant shall be performed by the Municipal Water Department at a flat fee to the owner or occupant in the amount of ~~\$210~~300 payable in advance.

**SECTION 8.** §18-2, entitled “Water Meters And Water Service,” §18-2.9c, entitled “Water Supply for Building Construction”, of the Township Code of the Township of Fairfield is hereby amended to read as follows:

Under no circumstances shall water be taken from any fire hydrant for building construction purposes. Any owner desiring that water from the public water supply system be available for building construction purposes, on a property to which a water service pipe has been laid to or beyond the inner side of the existing or future required location of street curbing may apply for such temporary service. After consideration of the type and size of the building or buildings being constructed, the Water Department shall determine whether the connection desired shall be metered or charged for by a flat fee, which shall not be less than ~~\$75~~150 per calendar quarter or

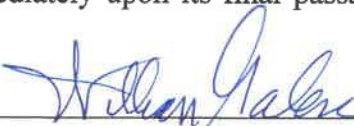
part thereof. Upon payment of the flat fee, or the installation of a suitable meter in a pit, the connection may be made to the existing water service pipe or any extension thereof. If a meter is required and installed, it shall be adequately protected from frost or otherwise. If it is damaged, the owner shall be responsible for the repair or replacement thereof. Metered water shall be paid for at the rates specified in subsection 18-2.4.

**SECTION 9.** All actions of the Township taken prior to the date of adoption hereof contemplated by this Ordinance are hereby ratified and approved.

**SECTION 10.** If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any remaining part thereof.

**SECTION 11.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances of the Township of Fairfield heretofore adopted that are inconsistent with any of the terms and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION 12.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.


  
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WILLIAM GALESE, Mayor

ATTEST:  


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DENISE D. CAFONE, Municipal Clerk

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was submitted in writing at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Fairfield, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, held on January 22, 2024 introduced and read by title and passed first reading and that said Governing Body will further consider the same for second reading and final passage thereof at a meeting that is to be held on February 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.; at the Municipal Building, 230 Fairfield Road, Fairfield, New Jersey, at which time and place a public hearing will be held thereon by the Governing Body and all persons and citizens of interest shall have an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

  
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DENISE D. CAFONE  
Municipal Clerk

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE ~ ORDINANCE #2024-02, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 18, WATER, OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilman Campisi  
**SECONDED BY:** Council President Cifelli  
**PUBLISHED:** January 25, 2024

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

GOVERNING BODY	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	NOT VOTING
COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOSEPH CIFELLI	X				
COUNCILMAN PETER CAMPISI	X				
COUNCILMAN JOHN LAFORGIA				X	
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL B. MCGLYNN				X	
MAYOR WILLIAM GALESE	X				

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:** February 12, 2024

**ADOPTED BY:** Councilman McGlynn  
**SECONDED BY:** Council President Cifelli  
**PUBLISHED:** February 15, 2024

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

GOVERNING BODY	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	NOT VOTING
COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOSEPH CIFELLI	X				
COUNCILMAN PETER CAMPISI	X				
COUNCILMAN JOHN LAFORGIA	X				
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL B. MCGLYNN	X				
MAYOR WILLIAM GALESE	X				