

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, SOMERSET COUNTY  
ORDINANCE NO. 4439-24**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, MORE PARTICULARLY CHAPTER 384, WATER**

**SUMMARY**

An ordinance amending Chapter 384, Water, more particularly, Tapping; Leaks; Quarterly Consumption Charges; Fire Line Service Charges; Curb Connection Tap Fee; Meter Required for every Building; Meter Testing and After Hours Emergencies.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Franklin, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, Chapter 384, Water is hereby amended as follows:

**SECTION I**

**CHAPTER 384. WATER**

**ARTICLE IV. Water Rates and Meter Charges**

**§384-12. Quarterly consumption charges.**

The rates for water to water users in the Township shall, for users of such water be as follows:

- A. All gallonage as of ~~April 1, 2023~~ July 1, 2024: ~~\$6.51~~ 7.812 per 1,000 gallons.
- B. Minimum charge per quarter effective ~~April 1, 2023~~ July 1, 2024:

Meter Size (inches)	Minimum Charge (per quarter)
5/8 – 3/4	<del>\$65.10</del> <u>\$78.12</u>
1	<del>\$156.24</del> <u>\$187.49</u>
1¼	<del>\$195.30</del> <u>\$234.36</u>
1½	<del>\$312.48</del> <u>\$374.98</u>
2	<del>\$390.60</del> <u>\$468.72</u>
3	<del>\$585.90</del> <u>\$703.08</u>
4	<del>\$781.20</del> <u>\$937.44</u>
6	<del>\$1,347.57</del> <u>\$1,617.08</u>
8	<del>\$1,953.00</del> <u>\$2,343.60</u>
10	<del>\$3,255.00</del> <u>\$3,906.00</u>

**Article V. Other Charges and Fees**

**§384-18. Fire line service charges.**

There shall be a charge for fire service as follows:

- A. Private fire hydrants (on a metered or unmetered service line) located on private property: quarterly charge of \$250 for each such fire hydrant. The charge is for fire service only. The owner is responsible for the maintenance and repair of said hydrants.
- B. Private fire line service charges (on a metered or unmetered service line): For each fire line service connection based on the size of line entering the building, a minimum quarterly service charge shall be made as follows:

Service Size (inches)	Effective <del>4-1-2023</del> <u>7-1-2024</u>
2 or smaller	<del>\$271.70</del> <u>\$326.04</u>
4	<del>\$529.18</del> <u>\$635.02</u>
6	<del>\$758.51</del> <u>\$910.21</u>
8	<del>\$987.80</del> <u>\$1,185.36</u>
10	<del>\$1,217.10</del> <u>\$1,460.52</u>
12	<del>\$1,446.39</del> <u>\$1,735.67</u>

**§384-20. Meter charges.**

- A. The schedule of charges for meters shall be as follows:

<b>Meter Size and Description</b>	5/8 x ¾ with connection
<b>Meter Price</b>	\$320
<b>Installation Inspection</b>	\$75
<b>Total</b>	\$395

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- B. For meters greater than 5/8 inch by 3/4 inch, the charge for the meter shall be computed on the basis of the cost of the meter, plus a surcharge of 35%. In addition, the installation and inspection charge of \$75 shall also apply and be included in the cost.
- C. The fee for water meter final inspection or reread inspection shall be \$45 per service.
- D. Customers of the system shall be charged a monthly facility service charge in accordance with the size of each meter as follows:

Minimum charge per quarter effective July 1, 2024

<u>Meter Size (inches)</u>	<u>Meter Charge (per quarter)</u>
<u>5/8 – 3/4</u>	<u>\$4.00</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>\$5.05</u>
<u>1-1/4</u>	<u>\$6.25</u>
<u>1-1/2</u>	<u>\$16.00</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>\$26.40</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>\$32.65</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>\$52.21</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>\$114.55</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>\$144.37</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>\$257.25</u>

**SECTION II**

Each clause, section or subsection of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate provision to the intent that if any such clause, section or subsection should be declared invalid, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected.

**SECTION III**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed as to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION IV**

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication according to law.

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This is a true copy of an ordinance adopted by the Township Council, Township of Franklin, Somerset County, New Jersey.

Introduced: 04/23/2024  
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 Public Hearing: 05/14/2024  
 Adoption: 05/14/2024  
 Published: 05/20/2024  
 Effective: 06/10/2024

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Ann Marie McCarthy, RMC, MMC, Township Clerk