

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-9

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 400
ENTITLED "WATER AND SEWER"**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean and State of New Jersey (the "Township"), that the following provisions of Chapter 400 of the Township Code entitled "Water and Sewer" is amended and supplemented to read as follows:

SECTION 1:

§ 400-17 Residential sewer user charge.

A. Service and usage charges.

	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
Quarterly fixed service charge	\$51.70	\$51.70	\$51.70	\$51.70
Usage fee per 1,000 gallons				
0 to 15,000 gallons	\$4.83	\$4.83	\$4.83	\$4.83
15,001 to 40,000	\$4.83	\$4.83	\$4.83	\$4.83
40,001 gallons and over	\$4.83	\$2.39	\$2.39	\$4.83

B. User charge.

1. Commercial: minimum \$119.53; usage \$8.14 per 1,000 gallons ~~except for all laundromats and self-service car wash facilities, which shall be charged \$7.92 and \$7.77 per 1,000 gallons, respectively, as measured by a water meter installed as set forth below. Each commercial sewer user shall be required to install a water meter to record the volume of water consumed by each user. The water meter shall be installed at a location approved by the Township of Ocean Department of Utilities.~~

~~2. Industrial: \$42.73 per 1,000 gallons of leachate.~~

C. Connection fees: house connection, existing lateral to property: \$2,912 per EDU (equivalent dwelling unit). Affordable housing unit: \$1,456 per EDU (equivalent dwelling unit).

1. Unchanged.

D. No existing lateral to property: **\$2,912** per EDU, plus owner is responsible to arrange for and construct lateral by owner's contractor at owner's expense. Requires inspection by the Township of Ocean Department of Utilities Engineer.

E. Subdivision/Development, developer constructs sewer mains and service laterals: **\$2,912** per EDU.

F. Unchanged.

G. Unchanged.

H. Unchanged.

I. Unchanged.

J. The fees set forth in Section A, B, C, D, and E hereof shall increase on the following annual basis:

1. Residential sewer users:

Date	Increase
January 1, 2027	3%
January 1, 2028	3%
January 1, 2029	3%
January 1, 2030	2%

2. Commercial sewer users:

Date	Increase
January 1, 2027	4%
January 1, 2028	4%
January 1, 2029	4%
January 1, 2030	4%

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§ 400-18 Residential water usage charge.

Quarterly fixed service charge	\$/Unit	\$41.36
Usage fee (0 to 15,000 gallons)	\$/1,000 gallons	\$2.19
Usage fee (15,001 to 40,000 gallons)	\$/1,000 gallons	\$4.12
Usage fee (40,001 gallons and over)	\$/1,000 gallons	\$5.58

A. User charge, commercial:

1. Minimum of \$79.73 per unit, per quarter due at the end of the quarter.
2. Usage \$5.43 per 1,000 gallons.

B. Connection fees:

1. House connection: \$4,108 per EDU (equivalent dwelling unit); \$2,054 for affordable housing units; existing water service to property, Township of Ocean, Department of Utilities, shall provide a water service to any tax lot existing in 1992 which fronted an existing water main in 1992.
2. Unchanged.

C. Subdivision/Development: \$4,108 per EDU; Developer constructs water mains and sewer laterals.

D. The residential water rate set forth in Section A, B and C of this ordinance shall increase on an annual basis pursuant to the following schedule:

1. Residential water users:

Date	Increase
January 1, 2027	3%
January 1, 2028	3%
January 1, 2029	3%
January 1, 2030	2%

2. Commercial water users:

Date	Increase
January 1, 2027	4%
January 1, 2028	4%
January 1, 2029	4%
January 1, 2030	4%


SECTION 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a 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 hereof.

SECTION 4: This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by law.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed by the Township Committee on first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Ocean on the 17th day of March, 2026, and will be considered for second and final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee to be held on the 9th day of April, 2026, at 10:00 AM PM. at the Municipal Building located at 50 Railroad Avenue, Waretown, New Jersey, at which time and place any persons desiring to be heard upon the same will be given the opportunity to be so heard.


DIANE B. AMBROSIO, RMC, Clerk
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