

ORDINANCE NO. 26-12

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
AMENDING CHAPTER A263, FEES,
OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rockaway have determined that a need exists for certain fees charged under Chapter A263, Fees, Section A263-1, Fees established, of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Rockaway to be added or amended in order to reflect the actual costs of the relevant services; and

WHEREAS, the water rates were last amended in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are authorized to charge and collect said water service charges pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:14B-21.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rockaway, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the following amendments be made to Chapter A263, Fees, Section A263-1, Fees established, as follows:

Section I

1. Subsections N (1) (c) is hereby repealed in entirety and modified to read as follows:

"N. Chapter 247, Water.

(1) Article I, General Regulations

(c) Fee for turning off water service so that property owner may make repairs and then turning service back on: \$63.18 during normal business hours when scheduled with 48 hours' notice. If the request to turn off water service during normal business hours is made with less than 48 hours' notice, the fee increases to \$128.70. If the water service must be turned off and/or on outside of normal business hours and an emergency call-out is required, there will be a charge of \$89.60 per hour per employee with a minimum charge of three hours per employee.

2. Subsections N (1) (d) [1] [a], [1] [b], and [4] are hereby repealed in entirety and modified to read as follows:

"N. Chapter 247, Water.

(1) Article I, General Regulations

(d) Rates.

[1] The following minimum charges and rates per quarter-annually based upon the cubic feet used for all customers of the water utility system of the Borough of Rockaway shall be:

[a] For the first 1,300 cubic feet: minimum charge of \$97.11.

[b] All water consumed over and above 1,300 cubic feet, in addition to the minimum fee of \$97.11 for the first 1,300 cubic feet, shall be charged at the rate and according to the amount consumed as follows:

Amount (cubic feet)	Fee
Next 1,300 in excess of the first 1,300	\$10.47 per 130 cubic feet per quarter
Next 1,300 in excess of the first 2,600	\$11.00 per 130 cubic feet per quarter
Next 1,300 in excess	\$11.93 per

of the first 3,900	130 cubic feet per quarter
Next 1,300 in excess of the first 5,200	\$12.58 per 130 cubic feet per quarter
In excess of the first 6,500	\$13.22 per 130 cubic feet per quarter.

[4] Multiple units on a single meter. The owner of the building shall be charged a minimum quarterly charge of \$97.11, multiplied by the number of units serviced by that one meter."

3. Subsections N(1)(d)[2] and N(1)[2] are hereby repealed in their entirety and modified to read as follows:

N. Chapter 247, Water.

(1) Article I, General Regulations

(d) Rates.

[2] Annual private fire service charges shall be as follows:

Fire Line (inches)	Quarterly Fee	Weekday Annual Fee	Turn On/Off	Weekend/ Evening/ Holiday Turn On/Off
2 or less	\$93.60	\$374.40	\$35	\$50
2 ½	\$108.23	\$432.92	\$35	\$50
3	\$124.31	\$497.24	\$35	\$50
4	\$138.94	\$555.76	\$35	\$50
6	\$155.03	\$620.12	\$35	\$50
8	\$187.20	\$748.80	\$35	\$50
10	\$234.00	\$936.00	\$35	\$50
12	\$321.75	\$1,287	\$35	\$50

[3] Private hydrants or hydrants outside of the municipal boundaries: \$274.95.

Section II

1. Subsections J (4)(b), (4)(c) and (4)(d) are hereby repealed in their entirety and modified to read as follows:

“J. Sewers.

- (4) The sanitary sewer user charge for discharging sewage into the sanitary sewer system and subsequently into the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority (RVRSA) sewer system shall be based as follows:
 - (b) Second, a flat fee of \$57.50 per quarter per unit will be charged, regardless of water consumption; however, if the water account is inactive, there will be no sanitary sewer user charge.
 - (c) Third, a service charge based upon water consumption of \$0.0084 per cubic foot will be charged to pay for all costs determined in Subsection J(4)(a) above.
 - (d) Multiple units on a single meter. The owner of the property shall be charged a minimum quarterly charge of \$57.50, multiplied by the number of units serviced by that one meter.

Section III

1. This Ordinance may be renumbered for codification purposes.

- 2. All Ordinances of the Borough of Rockaway which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
- 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.
- 4. This Ordinance shall take effect July 1, 2026.

DATE: June 11, 2026

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY

ATTEST: Kimberly Cuspilich, Borough Clerk

BY: Thomas Mulligan, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Kimberly Cuspilich, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Rockaway, in the County of Morris, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance introduced by the Mayor and Council at a meeting held on June 11, 2026.

Kimberly Cuspilich, RMC
Borough Clerk