ORDINANCE NO. 2015-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2008-21 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ENTITLED "WATER AND SEWER UTILITY DEPARTMENT" FEES RELATING TO CHAPTER 13 OF THE TOWNSHIP'S CODE

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 13 of the Township Code of the Township of Ocean entitled "Water and Sewer Utility Department" shall be amended as follows:

13.03 Water and Sewer Rates Established

The following Sections are hereby amended as follows:

13.03.01 Sewer User Charge: Residential

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Quarterly fixed served charge:	$42.80	$42.80	$42.80	$42.80
Usage Fee Per 1,000 gallons:				
0-15,000 gallons	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
15,001-40,000 gallons	4.00	1.98	1.98	4.00
40,001 gallons and over	4.00			4.00

User Charge: Commercial: Minimum $96.30 Usage $7.01 per 1,000 except for all Laundromats and self-service car wash facilities which shall be charged $6.82 and $6.69 per 1,000 gallons respectively as measured by 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 be each user. The water meter shall be installed at a location approved by the Township of Ocean Department of Utilities.

User Charge: Industrial: $36.78 per 1,000 gallons of leachate.

Connection Fees: House Connection – Existing lateral to property - $2,247.00 per EDU (Equivalent Dwelling Unit)

No existing Lateral to Property - $2,247.00 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.

Subdivision/Development – Developer constructs sewer mains and service laterals - $2,247.00 per EDU.

COMMERCIAL SEWER CONNECTION FEE CALCULATION
Definition of Equivalent Dwelling Unit: Each commercial or nonresidential user whose estimated or actual water consumption does not exceed 165 gallons per day or 60,000 gallons per year. For connection fee calculation purposes, the number of units shall be calculated to the nearest tenth (1/10) unit, and multiplied by the single unit charge. The charges shall be subject to adjustment after one year of actual usage history has been established.

APPLICATION FEES:

Tentative Review – 1% of the estimated project costs; minimum fee $214.00
Preliminary Review – 1½% of estimated project cost; minimum fee $214.00
Final Review – 1% of estimated project cost; minimum fee of $214.00

INSPECTION FEES:

Lateral installation – $321.00 Inspection Escrow – Any charges beyond the $321.00 will be billed to the applicant. If the charges do not exceed $321.00 the balance will be returned to the applicant. Subdivision/Development – 5% of the estimated project cost.

ADDITIONAL FEES:

The applicant shall reimburse the Township of Ocean, Department of Utilities for all engineering, legal, environmental, consultant and other administrative costs incurred by the Utilities Department in connection with the review, inspection, acceptance or rejection of the Applicant's Utility Systems and conveyance of the same to the Utilities Department which are in excess of the application and inspection fees paid by the Applicant. Such additional fees shall be paid by the Applicant in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Township of Ocean, Department of Utilities' Rules and Regulations.

13.03.02 <u>Water User Charge: Residential</u>

Quarterly Fixed Service Charge	$/Unit	$34.24
Usage Fee (0-15,000 gallons)	$/1,000 gallons	$ 1.82
Usage Fee (15,001-40,000 gallons)	$/1,000 gallons	$ 3.77
Usage Fee (40,001-gallons and over)	$/1,000 gallons	$ 5.43

User Charge – Commercial

Minimum $64.20 per unit, per quarter due at the end of the Quarter.
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Connection Fees:

House Connection - $3,317.00 per EDU (Equivalent Dwelling Unit) – 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.

Subdivision/Development - $3,317 per EDU – Developer constructs water mains and service laterals.

COMMERCIAL WATER CONNECTION FEE CALCULATION

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Meter fees: $267.50 Radio Read Meter (5/8 x 3/4")
$374.50 Radio Read Meter (1" Meter)
Larger Meters Market Price

Property owner responsible for furnishing and installation of meter yoke and associated valving.

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SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held 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.

SECTION 5: This ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2016 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 of the Township of Ocean on first reading at the meeting held on the 12th day of November, 2015 at 6:30 pm or soon thereafter. The Ordinance will be considered for second and final reading at a meeting of the Township Committee which is scheduled for the 10th day of December, 2015 at 6:30 pm, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached, at the Municipal Building located at 50 Railroad Avenue, Waretown, NJ, at which time the public is invited to ask questions, raise objection or provide public comment with regard to the proposed adoption of this Ordinance.

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Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Municipal Clerk