

**BOROUGH OF OAKLAND**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 23-CODE-935**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING  
CHAPTER XIII, SECTION 10 OF THE OAKLAND CODE,  
ENTITLED “FEE SCHEDULE” AND SECTION 13  
ENTITLED “CHARGES AND FEES”**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland operates a water and sewer system as a municipal utility which must be self-sustaining; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP has implemented PFAS standards which required the Borough to install and operate additional filtration units on our water system which generated significant capital and operating costs; and

WHEREAS, increases in the costs of goods and services for the water utility due to inflation and increases in costs associated with labor and various other contracted services have increased overall operating and capital expenses for the utility; and

WHEREAS, in the event of revenue shortfalls, rates must be raised in order to keep the utility solvent;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland as follows:

**Section I.** Chapter 13, Section 10.2 of the Borough of Oakland Code entitled “Minimum Charges” be and the same is hereby repealed and replaced with the following:

**§ 13-10.2 Minimum Charge.**

Effective January 1, 2024, each customer shall pay a minimum charge of \$57.00 per quarter on the account, which charge shall entitle the customer to utilize up to 6,000 gallons of water. In the event that a customer commences or ceases to require services, during such portion of a quarter that it would be inequitable to charge the full minimum quarterly charge, the aforesaid amount shall be prorated as nearly as possible at the rate of \$19.00 which entitled the user to 2,000 gallons of water per month. In any event, any customer owning a home in Oakland for a minimum of one year, using water supplied by the Borough, shall be required to pay a minimum of \$228.00 per year.

**Section II.** Chapter 13, Section 10.3 of the Borough of Oakland Code entitled “Water and Sewer - Fee Schedule - Charges Over Minimum” be and the same is hereby repealed and replaced with the following:

**§ 13-10.3 Charges Over Minimum.**

Effective January 1, 2024, customers who use in excess of 6,000 gallons per quarter shall pay, in addition to the minimum charge set forth in subsection **13-10.2**, the sum of \$4.50 for each 1,000 gallons used in a quarter above 6,000 gallons, up to 10,000 gallons; the sum of \$5.75 for each 1,000 gallons used in a quarter above 10,000 gallons up to 25,000 gallons; the sum of \$6.30 for each 1,000 gallons used in a quarter above 25,000 gallons up to 50,000 gallons; and the sum of \$7.95 for each 1,000 gallons used in a quarter above 50,000 gallons up to 100,000 gallons. For each 1,000 gallons used in a quarter above 100,000 gallons, the customer shall pay \$9.75 per 1,000 gallons.

**Section III.** All other parts, portions and provisions of Chapter 13 of the Borough of Oakland Code be and the same are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof. In the event of any such inconsistency, the terms of this Ordinance shall be deemed to govern.

**Section IV.** The terms of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable; should any part, portion or provision hereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional, said finding shall not affect any other part, portion or provision thereof.

**Section V.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

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Linda H. Schwager, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Wendi Seelin, Acting Borough Clerk

Date Adopted: