



Borough of Oakland  
Bergen County, New Jersey

**Resolution 20-266**

Water Usage Calculation Adjustment

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**WHEREAS**, in March of 2020, the Governor declared a State of Emergency and issued Executive orders prohibiting certain activities including non-essential contact between municipal employees and the general public, and;

**WHEREAS**, due to the Executive Orders it was determined that estimated meter reads should be used for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2020 water billing to eliminate the need for municipal employees to go to resident homes during the height of the pandemic, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Executive orders issued caused residents to work and school from home increasing domestic water consumption significantly over the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2019 that was used for the estimated meter reads, and;

**WHEREAS**, the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2020 actual meter reads included both the increase of usage from the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter not captured in the estimate as well as the increase in usage during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter due to on-going stay at home restrictions, and;

**WHEREAS**, the combined increases resulted in overage billings and higher variable rates for many users that would not have occurred at the same levels if actual meter reads had been possible for both the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters of 2020;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the variable rate for water billings for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters of 2020 be recalculated as follows and a credit applied to each water account for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2020 as appropriate:

- Total water used will be determined from the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2020 through the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2020 for each account for each billing cycle.
- The total amount will be divided by 2 to determine the average amount of water used during the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters of 2020.

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter bills will be re-run using the average water used.
- The difference between the actual bills already generated and the re-calculated bills will be applied as a credit on the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2020 water bill.

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LINDA H. SCHWAGER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Date Adopted: October 28, 2020

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LISA M. DUNCAN, BOROUGH CLERK

	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Biale						
Knapp						
Kulmala						
Pignatelli						
Talamini						
Van Eck						
Mayor Schwager						