BOROUGH OF OAKLAND
ORDINANCE NO. 18-CODE-779

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING
THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE
BOROUGH OF OAKLAND CHAPTER XIII, SECTION 10
ENTITLED "WATER AND SEWER 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, 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:

Chapter 13-10.2 entitled "Water and Sewer - Fee Schedule - Minimum Charge" be and the same is hereby repealed and replaced with the following:

Section 1.

13-10.2 Minimum Charge.

Effective January 1, 2019 each customer shall pay a minimum charge of Thirty-seven Dollars Twenty-nine Cents ($37.29) per quarter on the account, which charge shall entitle the customer to utilize up to six thousand (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 Twelve Dollars Nineteen Cents ($12.19) which entitled the user to two thousand (2,000) gallons of water per month. In any event, any customer owning a home in Oakland for a minimum of one (1) year, using water supplied by the Borough, shall be required to pay a minimum of One Hundred Forty-six Dollars and Twenty-four Cents ($146.24) per year.

Section 2.

13-10.3 Charges Over Minimum. Effective January 1, 2019, customers who use in excess of six thousand (6,000) gallons per quarter shall pay, in addition to the minimum charge set forth in Section 13-10.2, the sum of Three Dollars Sixty-three Cents ($3.63) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons used in a quarter above six thousand (6,000) gallons, up to ten thousand (10,000) gallons; the sum of Four Dollars Sixty-one Cents ($4.61) for each
one thousand gallons used in a quarter above ten thousand (10,000) gallons up to
twenty-five thousand (25,000) gallons; the sum of Five Dollars and Eleven Cents ($5.11)
for each one thousand gallons used in a quarter above twenty-five thousand (25,000)
gallons up to fifty thousand (50,000) gallons; and the sum of Six Dollars Forty-nine Cents
($6.49) for each one thousand gallons used in a quarter above fifty thousand (50,000)
gallons up to one hundred thousand (100,000) gallons. For each one thousand (1,000)
gallons used in a quarter above one hundred thousand (100,000) gallons, the customer
shall pay Seven Dollars Eighty-six Cents ($7.86) per one thousand (1,000) gallons.

Section 3.

13-13.1 Schedule of Fees.

The following fees, rents or other charges for the use of such municipal public utility are
hereby prescribed, which fees, rents or other charges are hereby deemed proper and necessary:

a. A connection fee in the sum of five hundred ($500.00) dollars shall be payable to
the Borough at the time a building sewer permit is issued for the connection of a
building to the sewer system of the Borough.

b. Fees charged for residential use are as follows:

1. Effective January 1, 2019, the annual service charge for the use of the
sanitary sewer system of the Borough for each single-family residential
unit and for each unit within a multi-family structure shall be One
Thousand Seventy-one Dollars and Sixty-one Cents ($1,071.61) as a base
charge, plus Eleven Dollars and Fifty-one Cents ($11.51) per thousand
gallons of the quantity of potable water used by each residential unit as
billed by the Water Department of the Borough of Oakland. The quantity
of potable water shall be determined by adding the amount of water
consumed during the last quarter of the second year preceding and the first
quarter of the year immediately preceding and multiplying the sum of
those two (2) quarters by two (2) to arrive at an annual consumption
amount.

2. Whenever a new sewer connection is made to the sanitary sewer during the
year, the annual service charge shall be apportioned pro rata.

c. The fees charged for commercial use shall be as follows: Effective January 1,
2019, the service charge for the use of the sanitary sewer system by commercial
establishments shall be a base charged of One Thousand Seventy-one Dollars and
Sixty-one Cents ($1,071.61) per year, plus Eleven Dollars and Fifty-one Cents
($11.51) per thousand gallons of the quantity of the potable water used by said
commercial establishment as billed by the Borough of Oakland. The quantity of
potable water shall be determined by adding the amount of water consumed during the last quarter of the second year preceding and the first quarter of the year immediately preceding and multiplying the sum of those two (2) quarters by two (2) to arrive at an annual consumption amount.

Section 4. All other parts, portions and provisions of Chapter XIII of the Borough of Oakland Revised General Ordinances which are not inconsistent herewith, are ratified and confirmed. In the event of any such inconsistencies, the terms and provision of this Ordinance shall govern.

Section 5. Should any part, portion or provision of this ordinance be held unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any other part thereof.

Section 6. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 7. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication and final passage according to law.

ATTEST:

Linda H. Schwager, Mayor

Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk

This is to certify that this is a true copy as adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland at a meeting held on December 19, 2018

Borough Clerk