BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK ORDINACE NO. 2022-2060

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, <u>CHAPTER 328, "SEWER AND WATER"</u>"

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 328-17 of the "Code of the Borough of Highland Park" which provides for the care and protection of Borough-owned water meters is amended as follows: (brackets are deletions; underlined material is new)

§ Section 328-17 Care and protection of meters.

B. Where replacements, repairs or adjustments of any meter, whether owned by the Borough or not, become necessary due to the act, neglect or carelessness of the owner or occupant of any premises, any expense to the Department caused thereby shall be charged to and collected from the owner of such premises. In addition, the charge for a meter, size 5/8 inches, whether owned by the Borough or sold by the Borough to homeowners or plumbers for installing lawn sprinklers or other purposes, when replaced due to neglect, freezing or carelessness, shall be [\$100] \$300.

SECTION 2. Section 328-23 of the "Code of the Borough of Highland Park" shall have the water consumption rates increased as shown below and the relevant portions of the ordinance shall read as follows:

§ Section 328-23 Water consumption rates.

A. Rates. The rate charged for all water used by each consumer shall be as follows:

Usage Amount (cubic feet)	Rate
0 to 799	[\$40.88] <u>\$44.76</u> flat charge
800 to 999	[\$53.00] <u>\$58.04</u> flat charge
1,000 to 3,499	[\$66.21] <u>\$72.50</u> per 1,000 cubic feet
3,500 and up	[\$70.84] <u>\$77.57</u> per 1,000 cubic feet

- § Section 328-24 Service charges.
- C. Temporary water service during construction. The fee for a permit for temporary water service during construction [of a single-family frame house] shall be metered and charged [prevailing rates] \$80.00 per 1,000 cubic feet.
- J. Final water meter reading. The fee for final water meter readings shall be \$30.

K. Water shut off. The fee for the Borough to operate the water service line shut-off valve at the curb stop is \$50. The fee for an unscheduled emergency water shut off shall be \$150. In accordance with Section 328-11, the customer is responsible for the maintenance of the water service line from the water main to the building and as such the Borough is not responsible for any repairs that may be needed as a result of the shut-off.

SECTION 3. Section 328-38 of the "Code of the Borough of Highland Park" shall have the sewer rental rates increased as shown below and the relevant portions of the ordinance shall read as follows:

§ 328-38 Sanitary sewer rentals.

A. Rates. Sewer rental shall be paid quarterly for the use of the sanitary sewers connected to any premises or lot in the Borough of Highland Park, in accordance with the following rates and classifications:

(4) Rates. The rates charged for all sewer rentals for each consumer shall be as follows:

Usage Amount (cubic feet)	Rate
0 to 799	[\$32.55] <u>\$35.64</u> flat charge
800 to 999	[\$41.83] <u>\$45.80</u> flat charge
1,000 to 3,499	[\$50.61] <u>\$55.42</u> per 1,000 cubic feet
3,500 and up	[\$54.15] <u>\$59.29</u> per 1,000 cubic feet

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as provided for by law and shall further take effect as of the fourth quarter of 2022.

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ADOPTED: October 19, 2022

ATTEST:

APPROVED: October 19, 2022

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