

Intro: 1/27/26
Adopted: 3/9/2026

**TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD
ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, ESSEX
COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 18, WATER, OF THE
TOWNSHIP CODE**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Fairfield desires to amend the Water Ordinance section of the Township Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Fairfield, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. §18-2, entitled “Water Meters And Water Service”, §18-2.4, entitled “Water Service Charges”, of the Township Code of the Township of Fairfield is hereby amended to read as follows: (All additions are shown in ***bold italics with underlines***. The deletions are shown as ***strikeovers in bold italics.***)

- a. The quarterly charges for water consumed at the building or buildings on the premises served, as measured by the water meter, shall be as follows:
 1. Zero to 15,000 gallons: ~~\$80.75~~***88.75***.
 2. Above 15,000 gallons: ~~\$7.00~~***7.70*** for every additional 1,000 gallons.
- b. Billings for water consumed at each building shall be determined by the Water Department.
- c. The filling of residential swimming pools located within approximately 300 feet of an available water hydrant shall be performed by the Municipal Water Department at a flat fee to the owner or occupant in the amount of \$300 payable in advance.

SECTION 2. §18-1.3c, entitled “Water Service Pipes; Specifications; Water Meter Charges; Final Meter Readings” is hereby amended to read as follows:

- c. Final meter readings must be requested through the water/sewer billing department 24 hours in advance of the requested final reading date. A fee of ~~\$1075~~ shall be charged for each final meter reading requested.

SECTION 3. §18-3-5, entitled “Sprinkler System Connection” is hereby amended to read as follows:

When, in the judgment of the Water Department, it is practical, private fire service connections may be allowed for sprinkler systems on approved property, for which a flat or metered rate, at

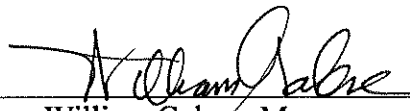
the option of the Water Department, shall be charged, subject to special contract and special rules and regulations governing such service as may be determined by the Department. Unless and until modified by the Mayor and Council, by resolution, a charge of ~~\$115~~125 per quarter shall be made for each such sprinkler system connection, and if the flat quarterly charge or the metered charge for the water used therein shall not be paid within 30 days of presentation, the Water Department may shut off the water supply.

SECTION 4. All actions of the Township taken prior to the date of adoption hereof contemplated by this Ordinance are hereby ratified and approved.


SECTION 5. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any remaining part thereof.

SECTION 6. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances of the Township of Fairfield heretofore adopted that are inconsistent with any of the terms and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law, and the rate changes shall take effect as of January 1, 2026.


William Galese, Mayor

ATTEST:


Denise D. Cafone, Municipal Clerk

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was submitted in writing at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Fairfield, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, held on January 27, 2026 introduced and read by title and passed first reading and that said Governing Body will further consider the same for second reading and final passage thereof at a meeting that is to be held on February 23, 2026 at 7:00pm at the Municipal Building, 230 Fairfield Road, Fairfield, New Jersey, at which time and place a public hearing will be held thereon by the Governing Body and all persons and citizens of interest shall have an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

DENISE D. CAFONE, MUNICIPAL CLERK

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

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ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 18, WATER, OF THE
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INTRODUCED BY:

SECONDED BY:

PUBLISHED: February 5, 2026

ROLL CALL VOTE

GOVERNING BODY	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	NOT VOTING
COUNCILPRESIDENT MICHAEL B MCGLYNN	X				
COUNCILMAN PETER CAMPISI	X				
COUNCILMAN JOHN LAFORGIA	X				
COUNCILMAN JOSEPH CIFELLI				X	
MAYOR WILLIAM GALESE	x				

2ND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING: public hearing was scheduled for February 23, 2026, meeting was postponed to March 9, 2026 and readvertised

ADOPTED BY:

Councilman Campisi

SECONDED BY:

Councilman Cifelli

PUBLISHED:

March 9, 2026 posted to township website www.fairfieldnj.org/publicnotices

ROLL CALL VOTE

GOVERNING BODY	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	NOT VOTING
COUNCILPRESIDENT MICHAEL B. MCGLYNN	X				
COUNCILMAN PETER CAMPISI	X				
COUNCILMAN JOHN LAFORGIA	X				
COUNCILMAN JOSEPH CIFELLI	X				
MAYOR WILLIAM GALESE	x				