

# Ordinance

No. 14-2017

## AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 387, WATER, SECTION 7, SCHEDULE OF RATES OF THE BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE CODE BOOK (WATER)

*BE IT ORDAINED* by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Westville, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey, that Chapter 387, Water, Section 7, is hereby amended as follows:

**Section 1.** Chapter 387, Water, Section 7(A), Schedule of Rates is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. Rates for residential, commercial and industrial property within or without the Borough of Westville shall be and are hereby established as follows:

Type of Use	Minimum Quarterly Charge 2017	Minimum Quarterly Charge Effective 2018	Minimum Quarterly Charge Effective 2019	Minimum Quarterly Charge Effective 2020
Individual private dwellings and churches	\$80	\$96	\$110	\$125
Multiple dwellings and apartments (each apartment or dwelling unit)	\$80	\$96	\$110	\$125
Dwelling and business combination (each unit)	\$80	\$96	\$110	\$125
Service stations	\$95	\$110	\$125	\$140
Taprooms, bars and restaurants	\$95	\$110	\$125	\$140
Baker shops	\$95	\$110	\$125	\$140
Stores and business properties (each unit)	\$95	\$110	\$125	\$140
Firehouses, post offices, railroad stations, veterans and service post clubs and	\$95	\$110	\$125	\$140

school houses				
Industrial, manufacturing and commercial buildings	\$195	\$215	\$230	\$245

**Section 2.** Chapter 387, Water, Section 7(B), Schedule of Rates is hereby amended to read as follows:

B. The quarterly gallonage allowance for each water service connection or building meters up to and including 1 1/2 inches shall be 10,000 gallons for single unit, 15,000 gallons for duplex, 20,000 gallons for triplex, and 25,000 gallons for fourplex. The quarterly gallonage allowance for those water service connections or building for meters above 1 1/2 inches shall be 50,000 gallons. Excess over those gallonage amounts shall be billed as follows:

Gallonage	Billing Amount Per 1,000 Gallons
10,001 to 20,000	\$5.14
20,001 to 30,000	\$6.36
30,001 to 40,000	\$7.02
40,001 to 50,000	\$7.48
50,001 to 60,000	\$7.58
60,001 to 70,000	\$8.23
70,001 to 80,000	\$8.43
80,001 to 90,000	\$8.64
90,001 to 100,000	\$8.89
Excess of 100,000	\$9.36

**Section 3.** Chapter 387, Water, Section 7(C), Schedule of Rates, is hereby amended to read as follows:

C. The Borough of Westville desires to reduce the rate of delinquency and cost of subsequent collection proceedings for the payment of municipal taxes, assessments and other municipal charges; and the Borough of Westville desires to encourage timely payment of such municipal taxes, assessments and other municipal charges by offering taxpayers a rate of discount to the excess gallonage rate over 300,000 in the amount

of \$1 per 1,000 gallons, provided that all municipal taxes, assessments and other municipal charges are current, and provided that the bill for water charges is timely paid pursuant to §118-7E; and the rate of discount for excess gallonage over 300,000 gallons in the amount of \$1 per 1,000 gallons will promote timely payment of municipal taxes, assessments, and other municipal charges for the general good and financial welfare of the Borough. Therefore, based on the above, the Borough of Westville hereby adopts a rate of discount in the amount of \$1 per 1,000 gallons in excess of 300,000 gallons for water consumption, effective commencing January 1, 1998, such discount to be applied only upon the compliance of the property owner with all of the above conditions.

**Section 4.** Chapter 387, Water, Section 7D), Schedule of Rates, is hereby amended to read as follows:

D. A turn-off charge of \$50 and a turn-on charge of \$50 shall be made each time it is necessary to turn off a service at the curb.

**Section 5.** Chapter 387, Water, Section 7(E), Schedule of Rates, is hereby amended to read as follows:

E. All bills shall be rendered on a quarterly basis, that is, on January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 of each year, and shall be delinquent after the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month of billing.

**Section 6.** Chapter 387, Water, Schedule 7(F), Schedule of Rates, is hereby read as follows:

F. Bills remaining unpaid for the period of 10 days after they are rendered shall be charged interest at the rate of 8% per annum until such payment is made, and when such bill or the accumulation of bills is in excess of \$1,500, then interest shall be charged at the rate of 18% per annum until such bill or bills are paid. In computing the outstanding bills, such computation shall include all outstanding and unpaid sewer bills or bills which shall be added to the unpaid water bills to determine the limit of \$1,500.00.

**Section 7.** Chapter 37, Water, Section 7(G), Schedule of Rates, is hereby amended to read as follows:

G. Exceptions to individual dwellings. Senior citizens (age 65 or over) and disabled persons having an annual income not in excess of \$20,000 and who fulfill the other qualifying criteria and limitations as provided in N.J.S.A. 54:28.4 et seq., which

provides senior citizens real estate tax deductions, and such senior citizen owns and resides in a single-family dwelling house, shall be charged a reduced annual rate of \$55 per quarter. Qualification determinations for the reduced rate provided for in this senior citizen exemption shall be made in accordance with the standards in effect for determining real estate tax deductions under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:4-8-40 et seq. and as said section shall from time to time together with any applicable regulations promulgated thereunder with the noted exception of the income limitation being raised to \$20,000 in accordance with this ordinance amendment..

**Section 8. Repealer**

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

**Section 9. Severability:**

Each section of this Ordinance is an independent section, and the holding of any section or part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective, shall not be deemed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any other sections or parts hereof.

**Section 10. Effective date:**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

*Introduced: October 9, 2017*

*Adopted: November 13, 2017*

**BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE**

**Russell W. Welsh, Jr.  
MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

**Kathleen Carroll  
DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK**