

BOROUGH OF FORD CITY

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FORD CITY, ARMSTRONG COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; IMPOSITION OF WATER RATES; FEES; GARBAGE RATES; WHEN PAYMENT FOR SERVICES IS DUE; APPLICATION OF MONIES RECEIVED; NEW CUSTOMER FEE; CHARGES FOR REINSTALLING METERS; NEW METERS; APPLICATION FOR CONNECTION; FUTURE CHANGES IN FEES AND CHARGES ARE TO BE MADE BY RESOLUTION; REPEALER; CONSTITUTIONALITY; AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Town Council of the Borough of Ford City, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of same:

SECTION I - DEFINITIONS:

- a. "Apartment" means each division of any dwelling house or building whether single or double that is occupied by different families or family units or tenants as a separate dwelling unit.

- b. "Borough" means the Borough of Ford City, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania.

- c. "Council" means that Town Council of the Borough of Ford City duly elected as defined in the Borough Code.

- d. "Customer" means any individual person or family group or any commercial, business, professional, governmental or fraternal organization occupying a dwelling unit or other unit receiving water or sewage service.

- e. "Dwelling Unit" means any building or division of such building or apartment in such building which is used for human habitation by a separate family group or by separate individuals.

- f. "Sanitary Sewage" means the normal water carrying household and toilet waste from residences, business buildings, institutions, commercial and industrial establishments.

- g. "Sewage Service" means the service provided by the Ford City Borough Municipal Sewage Disposal Authority carrying sanitary sewage away from buildings and the treatment thereof in the sewage disposal plant.

- h. "Sewer System" means all facilities operated by the Ford City Borough Municipal Sewage Disposal Authority for the collection and disposal of sanitary sewage.

i. "Water Service" means the supplying of water through the Borough's water distribution system for consumption by its customers.

j. "Water Works" means all facilities for the collection, treatment, and distribution of water to the Borough's customers.

SECTION II - IMPOSITION OF WATER RATES:

Effective for the billing period from November 20, 2003 through December 20, 2003, mailed December 31, 2003, and due at face on January 15, 2004, the following scheduled rates for the consumption of water is hereby imposed. The following rates shall apply to each specific metered service connection to the main water distribution system regardless of whether two or more service connections provide water to an individual customer.

a. MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGES:

<u>SIZE OF METER</u>	<u>MINIMUM CHARGE</u>
5/8 inch	\$ 20.00
3/4 inch	33.34
1 inch	53.34
1 1/4 inch	80.00
1 1/2 inch	100.00
2 inch	160.00
3 inch	300.00
4 inch	466.63
6 inch or greater	1,000.00

b. MONTHLY BULK CONSUMPTION CHARGES:

<u>ADDITIONAL CHARGE</u>	<u>ADDITIONAL CHARGE</u>	<u>FOR</u>
<u>EVERY 1,000</u>	<u>FOR EVERY 1,000</u>	<u>GALLONS OVER</u>
<u>GALLONS MORE THAN</u>	<u>ALLOWANCE TO</u>	<u>50,000</u>
<u>GALLONS</u>	<u>50,000 GALLONS</u>	<u>OVER</u>
<u>SIZE OF METER</u>	<u>ALLOWANCE</u>	
<u>ALLOWANCE</u>		
5/8 inch	3,000	\$2.49
2.35		
3/4 inch	5,000	2.49
2.35		
1 inch	8,000	2.49
2.35		
1 1/4 inch	12,000	2.49
2.35		
1 1/2 inch	15,000	2.49
2.35		
2 inch	24,000	2.49
2.35		

3 inch 2.35	45,000	2.49
4 inch 2.35	70,000	2.49
6 inch and 2.35 greater	150,000	2.49

c. SPRINKLER OR FIRE SERVICE SYSTEM:

<u>FLOOR AREA IN SQUARE FEET</u>	<u>MONTHLY CHARGE</u>
Less than 15,000	\$19.00
15,000 to 50,000	27.00
50,000 to 100,000	37.00
100,000 to 200,000	53.00
greater than 200,000	69.00

d. PRIVATE FIRE HYDRANTS:

Direct connection to main, each
year \$75.00 per

The customer shall be entitled to the number of hydrants, hose connections, or sprinkler heads indicated by the charge for the size of service pipe connection employed from the main in the street, and all over this number will be billed at the regular schedule of rates, except that where fire service is permitted through the same service line and meter as that providing normal water service, the regular minimum charge shall apply as indicated for the size of the meter employed.

The customer will understand that a charge for private fire protection is primarily a compensation for standing ready to serve and that the amount of said charge does not contemplate the use of water therefore, excepting for test purposes and for actual extinguishing of fire, and that additional charges will be rendered for any general use of water through such connections and on the basis of actual or estimated delivery.

e. TOUCH READ REMOTE METERS:

All customers are required to install a remote meter reading device on the outside of each dwelling and/or other unit receiving water service. There will be a fee assessed against a customer in the amount of one-third (1/3) of the cost of a new meter and remote. Installation is to be performed by an approved representative of the Borough.

f. TURN ON & TURN OFF CHARGE:

In all cases where water from the Borough's water system is turned on into a customer's building, where the water service is turned off, or where there is a change in customer billing, there will be a charge in the amount of TEN (\$10.00) DOLLARS.

g. RENTAL UNIT BILLING:

In all cases where the customer desires to discontinue service, and the customer is a tenant or a landlord, both the tenant and the landlord must contact the Borough Office and request the turn off of service. The date to discontinue service will be the date upon which both the landlord and tenant contacted the Borough, whichever is later. Prior to turning on service again all amounts owing on the account must be paid in full.

h. DELINQUENT AND INSTALLMENT ACCOUNT AGREEMENTS:

If an account becomes delinquent or has an extremely large bill, the Borough, at its sole discretion, may enter into an Installment Agreement with the customer. The terms of the agreement shall be set by the Borough. In any event, the current bill plus the monthly installment amount must be paid by the 15th day of each month or service may be terminated by the Borough.

i. NO LIEN LETTERS AND REFUNDS:

There shall be a TEN (\$10.00) DOLLAR charge per account for each no lien letter requested. The Borough shall not be required to make any refunds if the amount owing the customer is less than ONE (\$1.00) DOLLAR.

j. SHUT-OFF NOTICE:

Prior to shutting off any water service to a customer, the Borough shall give notice to the customer by Certified Mail and by posting a shut-off notice on the house for a period of not less than three (3) days prior to shutting off service. For each Certified mailing, the customer shall be charged TWENTY-FIVE (\$25.00) DOLLARS.

k. CHECKS RETURNED FOR NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS:

There shall be a TWENTY (\$20.00) DOLLAR non-sufficient funds fee billed to each customer for checks returned to the Borough for non-sufficient funds.

SECTION III - GARBAGE COLLECTION FEE:

There is hereby established and levied upon all users of the garbage collection service provided by the Borough a monthly garbage collection fee of FIFTEEN (\$15.00) DOLLARS and monthly landfill closure cost fee of TWO (\$2.00) DOLLARS.

SECTION IV - WHEN PAYMENT FOR SERVICES IS DUE:

All charges for water, sewage, and garbage services provided for in this, and any other Borough Ordinance are due when the bill is rendered and may be paid within Fifteen (15) days of the billing date at face. After Fifteen (15) days, the bill will be subject to a penalty of 10%. After Thirty (30) days, the bill will be subject to a monthly interest charge of 1% for any month or part thereof that payment is not paid.

SECTION V - APPLICATION OF MONIES RECEIVED:

All monies received by the Borough for water, sewage, and garbage charges, will be applied to the account in the following order: first, to the accrued interest; second, to the penalty charge; third, to the sewage charge; fourth, to the monthly water service charge; and sixth, to garbage charges.

SECTION VI - NEW CUSTOMER FEE:

All new customers for water, sewage, and garbage collection services shall be required to pay a SIXTY-FIVE (\$65.00) DOLLAR non-refundable fee. This fee shall be paid prior to any services being initiated by the Borough.

SECTION VII - CHARGES FOR REINSTALLING METERS:

The charges for reinstallation of meters, when removed because of damage in any way for which the customer is responsible either because of willful deed or negligence, shall be FIFTY (\$50.00) DOLLARS and cost of parts. This cost shall be FIFTY (\$50.00) DOLLARS for meters 1" in diameter and smaller, plus the cost of any parts, and TWENTY-FIVE (\$25.00) DOLLARS additional per half inch in diameter, or fraction thereof for meters larger than 1", which charge shall include testing and shall be paid in advance.

When the meters are removed after installation, at the request of the customer for testing, the following rules shall apply:

If the meter tested shall be found to be accurate within the limits herein specified, a fee determined for the schedule below, shall be paid to the Borough by the customer requiring such test; but if not so found, then the cost thereof shall be bore by the Borough.

The amount of fee shall be TWENTY-FIVE (\$25.00) DOLLARS for each water service meter having an outlet not exceeding 1"; for other water service meters having an outlet not exceeding 2" the test fee shall be THIRTY-FIVE (\$35.00) DOLLARS per meter. The charge for request test of meters above 2" shall be at the rate of FIFTEEN (\$15.00) DOLLARS per inch of diameter outlet.

SECTION VIII - NEW METERS:

New buildings requiring a new meter will be charged the actual cost of the meter. The charge for

reducing or enlarging an existing meter will be the actual cost of the meter. Reducing and enlarging will be at the owner's request. All plumbing changes must be done by the owner and at the owners cost. Request for a meter to be removed must be in writing and must be accompanied by a non-refundable TWENTY-FIVE (\$25.00) DOLLAR fee to the Borough. This request must also be approved by the Borough Codes Enforcement Officer.

SECTION IX - APPLICATION FOR CONNECTION:

There will be a charge for new tap-ins to the main water service which charge shall be determined by the Borough Engineer at the time of the tap-in.

SECTION X - FUTURE CHANGES IN FEES AND CHARGES:

The fees and charges stated in Section II f., i., j., and k., as well as Section VI, VII, and VIII, are initial fees and charges, which may be changed from time to time by Resolution of the Borough Council.

SECTION XI - REPEALER:

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION XII - CONSTITUTIONALITY:

Should any portion of this Ordinance be determined to be contrary to the law or in violation of the Constitution, it is the intention of this Council that such remaining portion of this Ordinance be given full affect to the extent that it is not contrary to the law or to the Constitution.

SECTION XIII - EFFECTIVE DATE:

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage.

DONE, ORDAINED AND ENACTED at a Regular Meeting of Ford City Borough Council held at the Public Library on the _____ day of November, 2003.

BOROUGH OF Ford City Borough


BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST
[SEAL]


SECRETARY

Approved this 8 day of Dec, 2003.


Mayor