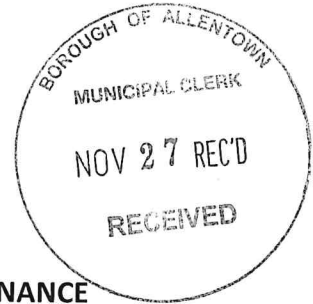


BOROUGH OF ALLENTOWN  
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 21-2019



**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCE  
CHAPTER 19: "WATER" OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO AUTHORIZE THE  
BOROUGH'S WATER OPERATOR TO TERMINATE SERVICE TO VACANT  
AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES AT HIS OR HER DISCRETION.**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allentown, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 19 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Allentown, is hereby amended as follows (~~stricken text~~ indicates deletions, underlined text indicates additions):

**19-1 FEES AND CHARGES.**

**19-1.1 Water Charges; Maintenance of Meters.**

- a. The following schedule of charges shall be effective from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020:
  1. All water used in the Borough of Allentown shall be billed at the rate of \$0.08228 per cubic foot per quarter or \$0.011 cents per gallon per quarter.
  2. A minimum flat-rate fee will be billed at \$70.00 per quarter.
- b. The following schedule of charges shall be effective on and after July 1, 2020:
  1. All water used in the Borough of Allentown shall be billed at the rate of \$0.0125 cents per gallon per quarter.
  2. A minimum flat-rate fee will be billed at \$75.00 per quarter.
- c. All water delivered in the Borough of Allentown shall be measured by Borough Water Department meters which shall, after installation, remain the property of the Borough. The owner of any premises where a meter is installed shall be held responsible for its care and protection from freezing, from hot water or from any other injury thereto. The owner of property shall notify the Water Department of any injury to or of the nonworking of a meter as soon as knowledge is had thereof. No bypass around a meter shall be permitted. All meters shall be sealed by an authorized official.

**19-1.2 Payment Date; Late Charges.**

Water bills shall be rendered on January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1. An interest charge of eight (8%) percent per annum will be added if a bill is not paid within thirty (30) days, which interest charge shall be retroactive to the date in which the water bill is rendered. In the event the amount due on the water bill exceeds one thousand five hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars, then the interest charge shall be eighteen (18%) percent per annum. No discount will be allowed if paid in advance.

**19-1.3 Water Shut-Off; Nonpayment.**

In the event that charges for water are not paid within forty-five (45) days after the bill for such service is due, a first notice letter will be sent to the owner of the premises stating that the amount is past due. If the account ages ninety (90) days, a twenty-five (\$25.00) dollar late fee will be assessed, a final notice will be sent stating that if the account is not paid within ten (10) days the water will be shut off and/or disconnected at the owner's expense and at the Borough of Allentown's option. The Borough reserves the right to disconnect and/or discontinue utility service to any property listed on the Borough's vacant property or abandoned property lists per Borough Ordinance, and the Borough's Water Operator is authorized to terminate said service to vacant and abandoned properties at his or her sole discretion to protect the Borough's water system. The owner will have the right to request a hearing before the Borough of Allentown. Said hearing must be requested in writing to the Borough Clerk prior to the final ten (10) day notice of termination of service.

If service is terminated the Monmouth County Board of Health and the Allentown Housing Official will be notified.

All fees due for water and sewer service must be fully paid up-to-date prior to water and sewer service being restored; no personal checks will be accepted.

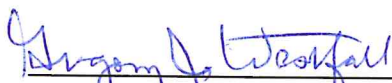
A reconnection charge of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars will be imposed to reconnect the service.

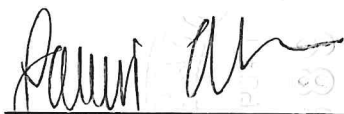
**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phase of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remaining portion of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect, and to that end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this amending ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistencies only.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by Mayor and Council that this ordinance shall be in full force and take effect after final passage and publication, as required by law.

ATTEST:

  
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GREGORY WESTFALL, Mayor

  
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LAURIE A. ROTH, Borough Clerk

DATED: 11/26/2019

DATED: November 26, 2019

