

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19 WATER,  
SECTION §19-14.a WATER USES RATES  
OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
SPARTA, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-1, the governing body of a municipality may make, amend, repeal, and enforce ordinances to manage regulate and control the finances and property of the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Sparta desires to amend Section 19-14.a, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Sparta, Sussex County, New Jersey governing the Water Use Rates.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Sparta, County of Sparta, State of New Jersey, as follows:

**SECTION ONE.** Section §19-14.a, “Water Use Rates”, and the Fees for Chapter 19, Water, §A-19.2, “Water Rates and Charges” of Appendix A, Fee Schedule, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Sparta, Sussex County, New Jersey is hereby amended to delete the first sentence and replaced it as follows:

- a. (1) Water Use Rates. Customers shall be charged at the following quarterly rates:

Effective January 1, 2025: \$4.73 per 1,000 gallons of water consumption

Effective January 1, 2026: \$4.85 per 1,000 gallons of water consumption

Effective January 1, 2027: \$4.97 per 1,000 gallons of water consumption

- a. (2) Water Capital Improvement fee of \$20.00 shall also be implemented for all water meters effective the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Billing of 2025 and will continue with future billing cycles in conjunction with new water service rates outlined herein. In addition, the 1,000 gallon rate increase of 2.5% beginning in 2026 shall continue as a yearly increase.

- a. (3) In addition to the water use rates, customers shall be subject to minimum quarterly service charges in accordance with the size of the service meter as follows:

<b>Meter Size (Inches)</b>	<b>Minimum Quarterly Service Charge</b>
5/8 x 3/4	\$33.38
3/4	\$44.58
1	\$72.18
1 1/4	\$102.88
1 1/2	\$123.28
2	\$194.88
3	\$332.88
4	\$410.88
6	\$880.88
8	\$1376.88

**SECTION TWO.** All Ordinances of the Township of Sparta which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION THREE.** If any section, subsection, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION FOUR.** This Ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

#### **NOTICE**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the above ordinance was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Sparta, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, held on **November 26, 2024**. It will be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting of the Mayor and Council to be held in the Municipal Building, 65 Main Street, in the Township of Sparta, on **December 10, 2024** at 7:00 P.M., and during the preceding week copies of the ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's office in the Municipal Building to members of the general public.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA

ROXANNE LANDY, RMC

MUNICIPAL CLERK

#### **NOTICE**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the above entitled ordinance was introduced and passed at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Sparta, held at the Municipal Building, 65 Main Street, Sparta, NJ on **November 26, 2024**. The same came up for final passage and adoption at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Sparta, held on **December 10, 2024** at 7:00 p.m., at the Municipal Building, 65 Main Street, Sparta, NJ and after all persons present were given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, it was finally passed and adopted and will be in full force in the Township according to law.

ROXANNE LANDY, RMC

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