

**BOROUGH OF HO-HO-KUS**  
**ORDINANCE #2020-33**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 81 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED  
“WATER AND WATER RATES”**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey as follows:

**Section I.** Chapter 81-5(A) is amended to read:

**§ 81-5. Application for water and service connections.**

- A. Application for water supply or connections to existing mains shall be made to the Building Department by the customer or his duly authorized agent on blanks provided for the purpose, accompanied by remittance in the amount estimated to cover all costs incident to said connections, including the cost of the Borough street opening permit. The minimum charges shall be: three-fourths-inch service line: \$1,000; and the one- inch service line: \$2,500. If, however, the cost exceeds the estimated amount, the customer shall be liable for the additional amount. If the cost is less than the estimated amount, a refund shall be made for the difference up to the minimum charge. **[Amended 1-23-1990 by Ord. No. 651; 12-21-1993 by Ord. No. 726; 3-25-2003 by Ord. No. 865]**

**Section II.** Chapter 81-6(C) is amended to read:

**§ 81-6. Property on customer's premises. [Amended 1-23-1990 by Ord. No. 651]**

- C. When a customer requires the service of the Department's employee after regularly scheduled working hours and the service required was not deemed to have been the Department's responsibility, the customer shall be charged at cost. **[Amended 12-21-1993 by Ord. No. 726; 3-25-2003 by Ord. No. 865]**

**Section III.** Chapter 81-8(C)(1) and (2) are amended to read:

**§ 81-8. Meters.**

- C. (1) Five-eighths-inch and three-fourths-inch meter: at cost.  
C. (2) One-inch meter: at cost.

**Section IV.** Chapter 81-11(A) is amended to read:

**§ 81-11. Meter Tests & Adjustments.**

- A. The Department will make a test of the accuracy of a meter upon request of a customer, once within a calendar year. If additional tests are requested, they will be at the expense of the customer at the rate of \$100 per test. A report giving the result of such tests will be made to the customer, and a record of such tests will be kept.

**Section V.** Chapter 81-27(A) and (B) Building Construction are hereby repealed.

**Section VI.** Chapter 81-28 is amended to read:

**§ 81-28. General construction and contracting. [Amended**

**12-21-1993 by Ord. No. 726; 3-25-2003 by Ord. No. 865]**

Unmetered service shall be charged at the rate of \$100 per quarter or portion thereof.

**Section VII.** Chapter 81-29(A) is amended to read:

**§ 81-29. Charges not involving use of water.**

- A. Resumption of service after discontinuance due to nonpayment of bills or violation of Article I of this chapter or for calls to premises served as provided under § 81-7B of Article I of this chapter: \$250. **[Amended 1-23-1990 by Ord. No. 651; 3-25-2003 by Ord. No. 865]**

**Section VIII.** Chapter 81-29(G) is amended to read:

- G. Missed appointments. Where a customer or his duly authorized agent makes an appointment for reading the water meter and fails to keep the appointment, a fee of \$25 shall be charged. **[Added 3-25-2003 by Ord. No. 865]**

**Section IX.** Chapter 81-29 is further amended by adding thereto new sub sections H and I to read as follows:

- H. The Water Department will perform a data log of the water meter upon the request of a customer, once within a calendar year. If additional data logs are requested, they will be at the expense of the customer at the rate of \$ 25 per data log. A report giving the result of such recording will be made available to the customer, and a record of such recording will be kept.
- I. Minimum water service charged per quarter for properties that have well service and meter on premise and a water connection service.

**Section X.** All other provisions of Chapter 81 not amended herein remain in effect.

**Section XI.** Severability

If any portion of this ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by the Court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of this ordinance, but shall be confined in its effect to the provision directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

**Section XII.** Repealer

All other ordinances of the Borough, or parts thereof, which are in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section XIII.** – Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

This Ordinance published herewith was introduced and pass upon first reading at a meeting of the Municipal Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, held on February 25, 2020. It will be further considered for final passage after the public hearing thereon, at a meeting of said Municipal Council to be held in the Municipal Building, 333 Warren Avenue, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ 07423-1547, in said Borough at the Public Meeting on March 24, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. at which time and place all interested member of the public who desire will be given an opportunity to be heard in connection with said Ordinance, and during the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said has been posted on the bulletin board upon which

public notices are customarily posted in the Borough Hall and copies are available at no charge in the Office of the Borough Clerk for members of the general public who may request them.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HO-HO-KUS AT THE PUBLIC MEETING ON **MARCH 24, 2020.**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ Joan Herve, RMC, Borough Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ Thomas W. Randall, Mayor