

## **WATER RATE RESOLUTION #0710023**

### **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RATES AND CHARGES FOR PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM USAGE**

Whereas, the Township of Ford River has adopted a new Water System Resolution

Now, therefore, be it resolved, the following amended rates and charges for water use shall become effective on September 1, 2023

#### **I**

### **BASIC WATER CHARGE**

All residential consumers of public water service shall be charged \$55.00 per month for the availability of or usage of the first 5,000 gallons of water. All commercial consumers of public water service shall be charged \$60.00 per month for the availability of or usage of the first 5,000 gallons of water. Any monthly water usage in excess of 5,000 gallons of water for private residential consumers shall be at a charge of \$12.00 per 1,000 gallons and commercial consumers shall be at a charge of \$19.50 per 1,000 gallons, or a portion thereof.

#### **II**

### **MINIMUM MONTHLY WATER AVAILABILITY CHARGE**

- a) Any water customer that had a residential structure existing on April 1, 2008 and that had public water service in existence on April 1, 2008, but subsequently has had all residential structures removed and the public water service disconnected, shall pay a monthly water availability charge of \$15.00 provided no residential structure is present.

A consumer may request the Township of Ford River to physically remove the water connection to the public water service. The Township of Ford River, upon the advance payment by the consumer to the Township of Ford River of the estimated cost for equipment rental, time and materials necessary to undertake such action and any delinquent charges then due the Township of Ford River under the Water System Ordinance, shall remove the connection only during the period of May 15 through October 15. Once the water connection has been physically removed by the Township of Ford River, the monthly water availability charge will no longer be assessed.

- b) Any parcel of real estate with a residential structure that has a water connection to the water main but the water service has been shut off, shall pay a monthly water availability charge of \$40.00.

### III CONNECTION/RECONNECTION CHARGE

The basic reconnection charge shall be \$40.00 for a shut off for season, leak, or basic repair and \$75.00 for a shut off due to nonpayment, together with the prepayment of any required security deposit and any delinquent charges due the Township of Ford River under the Water System Ordinance.

The following charges shall be due in addition to the basic connection/reconnection charge:

Services beyond the turn on of an existing shutoff shall be at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for each Township employee or their designated representative.

The Township of Ford River shall require a deposit from the consumer that equals the estimated cost of time, materials and equipment to be paid to the Township of Ford River before any connection/reconnections activities may occur.

### IV SECURITY DEPOSIT

A Security Deposit equal to four (4) months of basic water charge or estimated four (4) months of water usage charge, whichever is greater, shall be required to be a remain on deposit with the Township of Ford River for all consumers, except if the following circumstances apply:

- a. A new consumer with a prior timely payment utility history with the Township of Ford River for the most recent 12 consecutive month period with the Township of Ford River.
- b. An existing customer with a timely utility payment history with the Township of Ford River for the last 12 consecutive month period with the Township of Ford River.

Any existing consumer at the date of this resolution who is required to have a security deposit shall be billed for such security deposit on the next monthly billing cycle. All subsequently required security deposits shall be immediately due and paid by the consumer to the Township of Ford River.

The security deposit, less any outstanding Water System Ordinance payment obligations then owed to the Township of Ford River, shall be returned to the former consumer 60 days after the former consumer is no longer a utility customer of the Township of Ford River. A security deposit shall be returned to an existing customer by the Township of Ford River upon written request of a consumer once a 12 consecutive month period of timely Water System Ordinance payment history with the Township of Ford River has occurred.

V  
CONSUMER METER TESTING

A consumer seeking to have his/her water meter tested shall pay in advance to the Township of Ford River a \$150.00 charge.

VI  
BILLING CYCLE

Water System Ordinance charges shall be billed on a monthly basis for services provided. Payments shall be due without penalty due no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the month of billing.

VII  
PAYMENT LOCATION

All payments due under the Water System Ordinance shall be made by the consumer to the Township of Ford River made payable to Ford River Township and mailed to address on the water billing statement.

VIII  
LATE PAYMENT AND INTEREST PROVISIONS

- a.) All charges that remain unpaid beyond the payment due date shall bear a one-time service charge of ten (10%) percent of the amount due, and one (5%) percent per month service charge thereafter until paid in full.
- b.) The Township of Ford River shall be entitled to collect from the consumer for the value of all reasonable costs, expenses and services incurred by the Township of Ford River in the enforcement of the terms of the Water System Ordinance. The costs, expenses and services to be collected from the consumer shall include, but are not limited to, the actual expenses for actions undertaken on behalf of the Township of Ford River and/or actual expenses for any actions undertaken on behalf of the Township of Ford River by any attorney employed by the Township of Ford River.

In the event judicial action is utilized for the enforcement of the Water System ordinance, the Township of Ford River shall be entitled to collect from consumers for the amount of all reasonable costs, expenses and services incurred, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney fees incurred by the Township of Ford River. The expenses of judicial action shall include, but are not limited to actions arising in whole or part from the enforcement of the Water System Ordinance actions for judicial appeal arising in whole or part from the enforcement of the Water System Ordinance, collection actions arising supplemental to any judgment obtain in whole or part from the enforcement of the

Water System Ordinance. The provisions for judicial action are in addition to any specific provisions provided for by law or court rule.

The foregoing resolution was moved by J. Church and supported by R. Valentine

Roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: D. Brown, J. Church, R. Valentine, S. Nelson

Nays: NONE

Absent: A. Wagner

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct copy of the resolution adopted at a meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Ford River held on July 10, 2023.

Adopted this 10th day of July, 2023 by the Township of Ford River.

Township of Ford River

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debbi Brown  
Ford River Township Clerk