BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG COUNTY OF SUSSEX ORDINANCE NO. 16-2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 16 "WATER AND SEWER" TO INCREASE WATER RATES AND CERTAIN FEES.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ogdensburg ("Borough") operates and maintains a community water system; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:31-10, the Borough desires to raise water rates to generate sufficient revenues from the services it provides to fund its cost of operation, maintenance, debt service charges, and to establish a surplus in an amount sufficient to provide for the reasonable anticipation of any contingency that may affect the operation of the utility; and

WHEREAS, the Borough also desires to clarify, update, and amend certain provisions pertaining to water meter repair and replacement costs, and water turn-on/shut-off charges; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the foregoing, the Borough of Ogdensburg wishes to amend and supplement Chapter 16 of the Code of the Borough of Ogdensburg ("Code") entitled "Water and Sewer" related to water rates and fees as set forth in this Ordinance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg, in the County of Sussex and State of New Jersey that Chapter 16 of the Borough Code entitled "Water and Sewer" is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

SECTION I. Section 16-6.3 entitled "Water Rates" is hereby deleted and replaced in its entirety as follows:

CHAPTER 16. Water and Sewer

§ 16-6.3. Water Rates.

- a. A charge of \$57.62 shall be the minimum fee or charge made for each quarter of the year; cycle billing will be issued for each quarter for each individual water line serviced by a separate meter while the same is in use and supplying water, regardless of the quantity used, or whether none at all. Such minimum charge shall prevail unless the service line has been shut off because of vacancy of the premises or otherwise provided for in this chapter.
- b. \$57.62 shall be paid for any quantity of water consumed on the premises served through one meter up to 5,000 gallons per quarter.
- c. All water consumed over 5,000 gallons for each quarter serviced through any meter shall be paid for at the rate of \$7.27 per 1,000 gallons above the minimum 5,000 gallons.

SECTION II. If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION III. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Borough, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern. All other ordinances of the Borough are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof.

SECTION IV. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

Attest:

Robin Hough, Borough Clerk

George P. Hutnick, Mayor

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg on November 10, 2025 and will be considered for final passage after public hearing at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg to be held on Monday, November 24, 2025 at 7:00PM in the Municipal Building, 14 Highland Ave., Ogdensburg, New Jersey, and shall take effect according to law.

Robin Hough, RMC/CMR

Roll call vote for Introduction Ordinance 16-2025:

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES						
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT		
Councilman Ciasullo	/					
Councilwoman Cowdrick	V					
Councilman DeMeo	V.					
Councilman Gandarinho						
Councilwoman Lame				1		
Councilwoman Ruitenberg	/					
Mayor Hutnick (Tie Only)						

Roll call vote for Adoption Ordinance 16-2025:

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES						
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT		
Councilman Ciasullo	N					
Councilwoman Cowdrick						
Councilman DeMeo	V					
Councilman Gandarinho				1		
Councilwoman Lame						
Councilwoman Ruitenberg						
Mayor Hutnick (Tie Only)						

BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG LEGAL NOTICE ORDINANCE 16-2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AN SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 16 "WATER AND SEWER" TO INCREASE WATER RATES AND CERTAIN FEES

NOTICE is hereby given that the above Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, held in the Municipal Building on the 10th day of November, 2025, and the same came up for final passage at a meeting of the said Borough Council on the 24th day of November, 2025, at which time, after persons interested were given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, the same was passed and will be in full force in the borough according to law by order to the Borough Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey.

Robin Hough, RMC/CMR