

**BOROUGH OF WOODBINE
COUNTY OF CAPE MAY
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE NO. 641-2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 565-2017, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 111, SECTION 2-15.6 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH WOODBINE ENTITLED DEFINITIONS, WATER RATE SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Woodbine adopted Ordinance 565-2017 establishing the Division of the Water Utility within the Department of Administration and further set forth the schedule of water rates and charges for water services, which have not been amended for 9 years; and

WHEREAS, the cost for water usage and installation has increased substantially and the Water Utility and Engineer have recommended the Borough amend its Water Rate Schedule, Section 2-15.6 of the Code of the Borough of Woodbine to reflect the increase in cost for water service since its adoption in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Woodbine finds it to be in the best interest of the Borough to amend Section 2-15-6 of the Code of the Borough of Woodbine so as to increase the water rate schedule.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that Ordinance No. 565-2017, as amended, Chapter 2, Section 2-15.6 of the Code of the Borough of Woodbine shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

§ 2-15.6. Water Rate Schedule.

- a. Charge for Water Used (Residential Uses).

Volume of Water — Gallons	Rate
0 — 10,000	\$45.00 (Minimum) per quarter
10,001 and over	*\$4.00 per 1,000 gallons
10,000 and over	**\$4.50 per 1,000 gallons

*Effective the 2nd quarter of 2026

**Effective the 2nd quarter of 2027

- b. Service Connection Charge. A minimum service connection fee of \$1,000 shall be payable by each customer who wishes to connect to the public water system of the Borough. The minimum fee will generally be paid by private residential users and small

businesses not needing more than one inch service connection. Larger users and larger service connection shall be charged actual inspection costs and administrative costs incurred by the Borough. The fee is for inspection and clerical expenses only. The charge shall include the cost of the Borough Engineer or a designated Borough Special Project Engineering Consultant. All costs of actual connection and the costs of meter and meter pit/box shall be borne by the customer. Only approved meters and meter pits/boxes shall be permitted to the specifications of the Borough Engineer.

c. Fire Protection Rates.

1. Private Hydrants.

Water Main Connection Size	Charge
4 inch to and including 6 inch	\$60 per month
Water mains greater than 6 inch	\$120 per month

d. The cost to turn on or shut off a water service shall be \$100. All turn on or turn off of water service shall be made during the regular business hours of the Borough.

e. Sprinkler Systems and/or Readiness to Serve Charges.

Meter Size	Charges per Month
1 inch to and including 3 inches	\$60
Greater than 3 inches	\$120

f. Charge for Water Used (Commercial, Institutional, Public Entity and Industrial Uses)

Volume of Water — Gallons Metered per Quarter	Rate per 1,000 Gallons
0 to 10,000 gallons	\$45.00 (Minimum per quarter)
10,001 and over	*\$4.00 per thousand gallons
10,001 and over	**\$4.50 per thousand gallons

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g. Large Water Meter Calibration Policy. All water meters of the size greater than one inch are hereby declared to be solely owned by the property owners serviced by the meters. The Borough shall have no responsibility for the calibration, repair or maintenance of any water meter of the size of one inch or greater. The owner of the property serviced by this connection shall have the meter calibrated/tested for accuracy every six years with the first test of each meter to be completed and certified within six years of the last reported certification provided to the Woodbine Municipal Utilities

Authority and every six years thereafter. All water meter tests/calibrations and repairs, if necessary, shall be performed by a duly trained and licensed meter testing/repair service approved by the Borough. All equipment used for testing and calibration of water meters shall be certified as accurate by either the State or County Department of Weights and Measures.

If the water meter is operating more than 3% slow at the time it is tested for accuracy, then the meter, at the owner's expense, must be recalibrated and/or repaired within 30 days of the accuracy test to reflect the true water usage of the customer. The repairs/recalibration must be certified to the Borough as soon as the recalibration/repairs are made. During the testing/certification/repair time the meter must not be off-line more than four hours or a temporary replacement meter as approved by the Borough Operator of the Water Utility must be installed until the repairs/recalibration/ testing is completed. Failure to comply with this policy shall require the Borough, at its option, to test, calibrate and repair the said water meter and charge the customer for the cost of same with an additional \$200 as an administrative service fee in addition to the actual cost incurred by the Borough and/or the Borough may impose a 15% water surcharge fee/penalty on the water usage bill of the customer until the customer/water meter owner comes into compliance with this policy, which fee is calculated to offset the unrecorded water usage of the customer/water meter owner because of an improperly calibrated water meter. The Borough reserves the right to have any meter tested at the Borough's expense at any time the Operator has good cause to believe that the meter may be under recording the amount of water usage. In that event, the Operator shall provide the meter owner two days written notice prior to any test being performed by the Borough. If the meter is found to be operating 3% or more slowly at the time of the test, the Borough will notify the owner and provide the owner with a copy of the test results. The meter owner shall then have 30 days to recalibrate and/or repair the meter and certify the said recalibration and/ or repairs to the Borough.

- h. **Reduced Utility Use Rates For Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons.** All senior citizens and disabled persons, as defined herein, shall receive an initial rate reduction credit of \$5 per quarter commencing upon the adoption of this section unless one has been provided by the Municipal Utilities Authority. The rate reduction credit shall be reflected as a credit on each quarterly bill for water usage for senior citizens and disabled persons. In order for a senior citizen, their spouse, or disabled person to receive this benefit a registration must be submitted to the Operator on a form prepared by the Borough on a yearly basis and must reflect that the Borough is their permanent residence and that the combined household income is not more than \$10,000.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any portion of Ordinance 565-2017, as amended, not amended hereby shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that should any Ordinance or portion thereof be inconsistent with this Ordinance, such Ordinance or portion thereof shall be void to the extent of such inconsistencies.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that should any portion of this Ordinance be deemed

unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, the balance thereof not deemed unenforceable shall remain in full force and effect.

WILLIAM PIKOLYCKY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LAURIE BOYD, ACTING CLERK

INTRODUCED: February 5, 2026

ADOPTED: March 5, 2026

**ORDINANCE No. 640-2026
ADOPTED AND APPROVED**

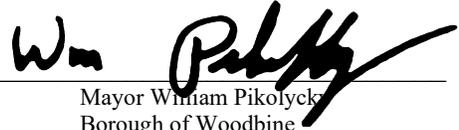
March 05, 2026

Attestation

Adopted and Approved



Laurie E. Boyd
Acting Borough Clerk



Mayor William Pikolyck
Borough of Woodbine

Motion for:	Adoption of Ordinance 640-2026					
Vote Taken By:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roll Call		<input type="checkbox"/> Voice		<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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Decision:	APPROVED			4 -- 0 -- 0 -- 2		

I, Laurie E. Boyd, Acting Borough Clerk of the Borough of Woodbine, situate in the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of an ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Woodbine, situate in the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey.



Laurie E. Boyd
Acting Borough Clerk

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