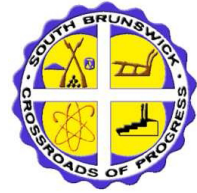


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## ORDINANCE 2023-14

### Amending and Supplementing Chapter 114, Utilities, of the South Brunswick Code of the Township of South Brunswick

WHEREAS, the Township of South Brunswick maintains Chapter 114, Utilities, of the South Brunswick Township Code; and

WHEREAS, the Utilities Department reviewed this section of the Code and believe certain changes need to be made regarding fees; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council believes that it is in the best interests of the Township of South Brunswick to incorporate these changes into the Township Code at this time;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of South Brunswick, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that:

- I. Chapter 114, Utilities, of the Code of the Township of South Brunswick shall be and is hereby amended and supplemented as follows, with additions in underline:

#### Sec. 114-38. - Sewer service.

(i) *General regulations.* General sewer service regulations shall be as follows:

(6) *Township's responsibility.* The township shall be responsible for maintaining all domestic laterals four to five inches in diameter located in a dedicated public right-of-way provided that a curb area cleanout, as described in subsection (i) (2) of this section, is provided by the property owner at his expense. The property owner is responsible for maintaining the sewer lateral cleanout standpipe as well as the rest of the lateral up to the house. In circumstances where the curb area cleanout is located outside of the dedicated public right-of-way, the user owns and is responsible for the service lateral and cleanout up until the point where the dedicated public right-of-way begins. The township will install a cleanout at the property owner's request for a fee of ~~\$2,575.00~~2,800.00, if there is not already an existing cleanout. The installation fee may be paid in full or may be paid in five installments of ~~\$515.00~~560.00, which will be added to the sewer account. Any unpaid balance of each installment will be subject to all the rules of nonpayment. Following installation of the curb area cleanout, the township will assume full responsibility for the care, cleaning, repair or replacement of the service lateral between the sewer main and the edge of the dedicated public right-of-way, but not including the service lateral cleanout standpipe. The township reserves the right to deny this request if the depth of the lateral, soil conditions, groundwater conditions, and/or surrounding obstacles in the location of the cleanout excavation site make it impractical for the township to perform such work.

(7) *System improvements.* The township may install a curb area cleanout without the property owner's request when portions of the collection system are being upgraded or replaced. The

property owner will be assessed a minimum cost of ~~\$300.00~~ 450.00 which shall be added to his sewer account and may be paid in full or in three equal installments of ~~\$100.00~~ 150.00 each. Any unpaid balance of each installment will be subject to all the rules on nonpayment.

**Sec. 114-61. - General regulations.**

(3) *Meters.* Procedures for reading, furnishing, reinstalling and testing meters are as follows:

a. *Reading.* The water and sewer revenue division shall read or cause to be read every water meter used in the township at such times as are necessary that the bills may be sent out at the proper time. A final reading done at the request or on behalf of the customer shall require the payment of a fee of ~~\$30.00~~ 50.00. Final readings done by or on behalf of the township for township-owned property shall be exempt from this fee.

c. *Cost of reinstallation.* The charge for reinstallation of a meter shall be ~~\$35.00~~ 55.00 for meters one inch in diameter or smaller, and for meters larger than one inch ~~\$35.00~~ 55.00 for the first inch and ~~\$10.00~~ 20.00 for each additional inch or fraction thereof.

d. *Testing meters.* Any township water meter shall be taken out and tested upon complaint of the consumer, upon payment of a charge of ~~\$35.00~~ 55.00 for a meter one inch in diameter or smaller and for meters larger than one inch ~~\$35.00~~ 55.00 for the first inch and ~~\$10.00~~ 20.00 for each additional inch or fraction thereof. Any actual cost to the township beyond these fees shall be billed and collected from user, including the cost of any outside testing required. If, upon such test, the meter is not within three percent of being accurate, it shall be repaired or replaced and the charge returned to the consumer.

(8) *Turn-on/Turn-off charge.* When water is turned on or turned off from any premises because of a violation of this section or for nonpayment of a bill or upon the customer's request, during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, a charge of ~~\$25.00~~ 40.00 shall be added to the customer's account. If service is to be turned on or turned off after 3:30 p.m. or on weekends or holidays, a charge of ~~\$87.00~~ 150.00 shall be added to the customer's account.

**Sec. 114-62. - Water charges.**

(a) *Connection fees.* The applicant shall pay a water connection fee of ~~\$575.00~~ 2,800.00 at the time of application for each connection, up to and including two-inch connections, to the water system installed by the township. All service charges, connection fees, facility charges and meter or other charges shall be paid at the time of application for service, prior to the issuance of a building permit or plumbing permit, subject to the following:

II. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this ordinance or any other codes or ordinances incorporated herein shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder hereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which said judgment shall have been rendered.

III. This ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days after its final passage.

The above ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of South Brunswick held on June 27, 2023. It will be considered on second reading and final passage at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of South Brunswick to be held either: (1) at the Municipal Building, Monmouth Junction, New Jersey; or, if that is not possible, (2) via video conference, at 6:00 p.m. on July 25, 2023. If the meeting is held via video conference, an electronic link to the meeting will be made available to the public at

www.southbrunswicknj.gov no later than noon on the day of the meeting. In either case, at the time of second reading and final passage any person having an interest therein will be given an opportunity to be heard.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Joseph Camarota, Deputy Mayor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Josephine "Jo" Hochman, Councilwoman
<b>AYES:</b>	Ken Bierman, Joseph Camarota, Josephine "Jo" Hochman, Charlie Carley
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Archana "Ann" Grover

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Ordinance Adopted at the South Brunswick Township Council meeting held on July 25, 2023.

  
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Barbara Nyitrai, Township Clerk