

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCES

The Ordinances published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Belmar in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey held on April 14, 2026, at 6:30 PM. It will be further considered for public hearing at a meeting of said Council to be held in the Council Chambers on April 28, 2026 at 6:30 PM and during the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's Office, 601 Main St., Belmar, N.J. between the hours of 9AM to 4:30 PM to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

April Claudio
Municipal Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-07

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 29,
WATER-SEWER UTILITY DEPARTMENT, AND SPECIFICALLY AT
SECTION 7.1, WATER/ SEWER RATES OF THE REVISED GENERAL
ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Belmar has caused its ordinances of a general and permanent nature to be compiled and revised and embodied in a revision and codification known as "The Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Belmar, 1994"; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-120, all legislative power of the Borough shall be exercised by the Borough Council except as may be otherwise provided by general law; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council may adjust and alter the water and sewer rates from time to time to provide for the operation of the water and sewer service in the Borough of Belmar; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough of Belmar, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 29 Water-Sewer Utility Department, of the Borough of Belmar Revised General Ordinances is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

Section I. Chapter 29, section XXIX Water-Sewer Utility Department, is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

Section 7.1 Water/Sewer Rates.

a. Effective May 6, 2026 ~~June 1, 2025~~, the owner of each parcel of property, all public entities, utilities, agencies and educational institutions utilizing water and sewer services shall be charged a minimum quarterly usage fee of \$114.08 ~~\$100.96~~ per account. This \$114.08 ~~\$100.96~~ fee shall allow for the usage of 5,000 gallons (or any portion thereof) actually used at the property. All water utilized in excess of 5,000 gallons per quarter shall be billed at the following rates:

1. \$22.82 ~~\$20.19~~ per 1,000 gallons for 5,000 to 25,000 gallons (sewer rate \$13.07 ~~\$11.56~~ and water rate \$9.75 ~~\$8.63~~).

2. \$25.10 ~~\$22.21~~ per 1,000 gallons for 25,001 to 50,000 gallons (sewer rate \$14.38 ~~\$12.72~~ and water rate \$10.72 ~~\$9.49~~).

3. ~~\$27.61~~ \$24.44 per 1,000 gallons for 50,001 to 100,000 gallons (sewer rate ~~\$15.81~~ \$14.00 and water rate ~~\$11.80~~ \$10.44).

4. \$30.37 per 1,000 gallons for 100,001 or more gallons (sewer rate \$17.39 and water rate \$12.98)

b. Customers having a separate/metered account for a lawn sprinkler system will be billed at a separate water rate of \$9.75 ~~\$8.63~~ per 1,000 gallons for 0 to 25,000 gallons of water, \$10.72 ~~\$9.49~~ per 1,000 gallons for 25,001 to 50,000 gallons, \$11.80 ~~\$10.44~~ per 1,000 gallons for 50,001 to 100,000 gallons, \$12.98 ~~\$11.49~~ per 1,000 gallons for 100,001 gallons or more, and shall not be charged the minimum quarterly fee.

d. Customers having multiple units shall be charged \$114.08 ~~\$100.96~~ per unit, notwithstanding that many units may be connected to the same water meter. The \$114.08 ~~\$100.96~~ fee shall allow for a usage of 5,000 gallons (or any portion thereof) for each unit within the building, per quarter. In the event there is more than one unit serviced by only one water meter, the usage of 5,000 gallons shall be multiplied by the number of units paying the \$114.08 ~~\$100.96~~ fee per quarter, before any higher tier charge is imposed. The highest tier for water charges will be as set forth in Subsection 29-7.1a3 of the Borough Code. All water utilized in excess of 5,000 gallons per meter per quarter or in the event there is more than one unit serviced by only one meter then all water utilized in excess of 5,000 gallons multiplied by the number of units being serviced by one meter shall be billed at the following rates:

1. ~~\$22.82~~ \$20.19 per 1,000 gallons for 5,000 to 25,000 gallons (sewer rate \$13.07 ~~\$11.56~~ and water rate \$9.75 ~~\$8.63~~).

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e. Effective January 1, 2027 and annually thereafter, all water-sewer rates listed in Section 7.1, Water/Sewer Rates, Paragraphs a , b and d, inclusive, shall increase by 2.5% from the previous rate charged.

SECTION II. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION III. All Ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with the ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION IV. This Ordinance shall take effect 20 days after final passage, adoption and publication according to law.