

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-08**

**ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE  
BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF  
NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 29-7  
OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED “RATES AND SERVICE  
CHARGES”**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Belmar, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey previously adopted an amended fee structure pursuant to Ordinance 2020-11 adopted on April 4, 2020, and Ordinance 2020-13 adopted on March 17, 2020 (collectively referred to as the “Ordinance”) thereby establishing new rate and service charges for sanitary sewer and water facilities in Belmar; and

**WHEREAS**, Belmar has prepared an economic and financial analysis of its current water and sewer fund and has determined that a modification of the rates and services can be provided to the users of the sanitary sewer and water system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ordinance was enacted in 2020 because of the dire financial situation of the sewer and water fund, which was inherited by the prior Administration; and

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Belmar, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that the sewer and water rate structures can be modified as follows:

1. Section 29-7 (d) will be modified in order to remove any surcharge fee of \$50.00 per unit, whether it is the first or subsequent units in the same building.
2. All units receiving water services shall be charged \$88.95 per unit, notwithstanding that many units may be connected to the same water meter.
3. The \$88.95 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 (1) unit serviced by only one water meter, the usage of 5,000 gallons shall be multiplied by the number of units paying \$88.95 fee per quarter, before any higher tier charge is imposed.
4. Section 29-7a(4) is hereby deleted in its entirety.
5. The highest tier for water charges will be as set forth in Section 29-7a(3) of the Borough Code. All water utilized in excess of 5,000 per meter per quarter will be billed at the following rates:

- 1) \$17.79 per 1,000 gallons for 5,000 to 25,000 gallons (sewer rate \$10.19 and water rate \$7.60).

2) \$19.57 per 1,000 gallons for 25,001 to 50,000 gallons (sewer rate \$11.21 and water rate \$8.36).

3) \$21.53 per 1,000 gallons over 50,000 and all water used thereafter (sewer rate \$12.33 and water rate \$9.20)

6. These amendments and modifications shall become effective with all water usage starting on July 1, 2021.

**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.