

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER CITY**  
**County of Camden, State of New Jersey**  
**#007 - 2023**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 71, 86 AND 90 OF THE CODE  
OF THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER**

**WHEREAS**, it has become necessary to implement increased water and sewer connection fees and rents, fees for other services, repairs, materials, equipment and hourly employee provisions by the Gloucester City Utilities Division of the Public Works Department. It also implements a new Federal and State mandated regulation for combined sewer overflow and storm water system.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** that the Code of the City of Gloucester City be amended thus:

**SECTION 1.** §71-6A entitled "Schedule of Rents: Definitions" shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following language:

"The following schedule quarterly charges shall become effective on April 1, 2023, commencing with the third billing in 2023":

**Sewer Rate Schedule**

<u>Use</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
Dwelling, individual	\$81.00	\$93.00
Dwelling, multiple per unit	\$81.00	\$93.00
Rooming house, renting not more than two rooms	\$81.00	\$93.00
Rooming house, renting 3 to 6 rooms	\$127.00	\$146.00
Rooming house, renting 7 to 10 rooms	\$157.00	\$181.00
Swim club	\$247.00	\$284.00
Stores and commercial establishments:		
-Establishments with facilities other than in private dwelling attached, staff not more than 10	\$127.00	\$146.00
-Each additional 10 on staff or fraction thereof	\$127.00	\$146.00
Clubs, lodges, and catering halls with bar and kitchen facilities	\$301.00	\$346.00
Clubs, lodges, and catering halls with no bar but with kitchen facilities	\$210.00	\$241.00
Clubs, lodges, and catering halls with neither bar nor kitchen facilities	\$127.00	\$146.00
Undertaking establishments with facilities other than in private dwelling attached	\$127.00	\$146.00
Professional offices, with facilities other than in private dwellings attached	\$127.00	\$146.00
Service stations, with car washing	\$210.00	\$241.00
Service station, without car washing	\$127.00	\$146.00
Theaters, per 200 seats or fraction thereof	\$109.00	\$125.00
Hotels per room	\$92.00	\$106.00
Hotels per room with wet bar and/or sink	\$102.00	\$117.00
Barbershops and beauty parlors:		
Not over 2 chairs	\$127.00	\$146.00
Each additional chair	\$83.00	\$95.00
Automatic laundry service, each 3 fixtures (machine and other)	\$127.00	\$146.00

<u>Use</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
Taprooms, bars and restaurants:		
With 3 fixtures	\$127.00	\$146.00
Each additional 3 fixtures or fraction thereof	\$127.00	\$146.00
Trailer camps, each trailer	\$102.00	\$117.00
*Without grease traps or sand traps add 10%		
Public building, other than owned by the City of Gloucester, each	\$127.00	\$146.00
3 fixtures or fraction thereof		
Churches	\$83.00	\$95.00
Rates for schools: For each student, faculty member and employee (annually)	\$3.00	\$3.45
Rate based on water consumption: Including but not limited to car washes, laundries, dairies, industrial uses, commercial training or trade schools, port related uses, warehousing, refrigerated warehousing, laboratories, manufacturing facilities, industrial bakeries, water furnished by meter per 1,000 gallons: minimum rate (for accounts using 20,000 gallons of water or less)	\$127.00	\$146.00
Water usage rate (in addition to the minimum rate for accounts using more Than 20,000 gallons of water per quarter	\$4.75 per 1,000 gallons or part thereof over 20,000 gallons Thereof	\$5.50 per 1,000 gallons or part thereof over 20,000 gallons Thereof

**NO CHANGES MADE TO THIS SECTION:**

**CSO-Combined Sewer Overflow**

In accordance with Federal and NJDEP certain rules and regulations, the City of Gloucester owns and operates a combined sewer system. The additional cost to operate and maintain said system shall be added to the regular sewer bill. Increased charges shall be residential - \$24.00/year, commercial - \$45.00/year

**NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE TO THIS SECTION**

**SECTION 2.**

**§71-21 Storm Sewer**

As per required by NJDEP certain rules and regulations have been imposed and must be adopted, as well as, enforced by each owner of a storm water system. The annual sum of cost per household shall be \$24.00 or \$6.00/quarter. Commercial rate shall be calculated at a rate of \$28.00 annual or \$7.00/quarter.

**NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE TO THIS SECTION**

**SECTION 3. §86A-4., 'Water, Sewer, hourly employee and equipment rates'**

**§86A-4.A. Water fees.**

- (1) Water connection fee – per Equivalent Domestic Consumer Unit (EDCU).

	<u>Current Rate</u>
¾"	\$4,000.00
1"	\$4,200.00
2"	\$4,400.00
3"	\$5,200.00
4"	\$7,000.00
6"	\$8,000.00
8"	\$9,000.00
10"	\$13,000.00

- (2) Irrigation connection fee.

1"	\$5,000.00
2"	\$6,000.00
3"	\$9,000.00
4"	\$10,000.00

- (3) Fire service connection fee.

2"	\$5,000.00
3"	\$6,000.00
4"	\$6,500.00
6"	\$8,500.00
8"	\$11,000.00
10"	\$12,000.00

- (4) Service fees.

- a) Service report call out\* \$45.00/hr.

\* Answer any complaint or need of service, other than  
Water quality, for time only. Materials are at additional costs

- b) Utility Inspections

[1]. Plan review	\$120.00/HR
[2]. Installation/Inspection	\$60.00/HR
[3]. Account review	\$96.00/HR
[4]. Account set up	\$158.40/HR

- (5) Meter test.

5/8", ¾" or 1"	\$175.00
2"	\$250.00
3" and larger	Quote

- (6) Meter

5/8" x ¾"	\$510.00
¾"	\$530.00
1"	\$575.00
2"	\$1,500.00
3" and larger	\$1,800.00
4"	\$3,450.00
6"	\$4,800.00
8"	\$7,100.00
10"	\$10,450.00

**NO CHANGES TO THIS SECTION**

**SECTION 3. §86A-4., 'Water, Sewer, hourly employee and equipment rates'(Cont'd)**

(7) Hardware.

¾" Spuds/Set 3	Bronze	\$54.00
1" Spuds		\$62.00
2" Flanges		\$75.00
3" Flanges		\$235.00
4" Flanges		\$450.00
6" Flanges		\$750.00
8" Flanges		\$800.00

The following hardware will be charged to the customer at 25% over the market price:

	¾	1"	2"
Corporation	\$70.00	\$104.00	\$160.00
Curb valve	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$180.00
Curb box	\$52.00		
Street box	\$110.00		
Back flow preventer	Quote		
Water pipe	Quote		
Sewer pipe	Quote		
MXU	\$205.00		
Risers	Quote		
Lids	Quote		
Repair Cap	\$15.00		
Phila Stylevent	\$32.00		

(8) Water sample request.

Primary	\$148.00
Secondary	\$148.00
Bacteria	\$24.00
Volatile organic scan	\$150.00
Gross alpha 226/228	\$575.00
Sample	\$40.00
Nitrate/Nitrite	\$24.00
PH	\$15.00
Chlorine	\$15.00
Iron	\$15.00

**NO CHANGES TO BE MADE TO THIS SECTION**

**§86A-4.B. Sewer fees.**

(1) Connection fee – Sewer (per EDCU).	<u>Current Rate</u>
4"	\$5,000.00
6"	\$6,000.00
8"	NO CHANGE
10"	NO CHANGE
(2) Removed Previously	
(3) Sewer Service	
4"	\$75.00
6"	\$95.00
Trap 4"	\$150.00
Trap 6"	\$180.00
Sewer Tap 4" Fee	\$300.00
Sewer Tap 6" Fee	\$300.00
Manhole lid and riser	\$700.00

**NO CHANGES TO BE MADE TO THIS SECTION**

§86A-4.C. Hourly employee and equipment rates.

(1)	Employee rates per hour.	
	Operator	\$40.00
(2)	Equipment.	
	Blowout	\$35.00
	Backhoe	\$45.00
	Compressor	\$25.00
	Pump	\$25.00
	Power tools	\$20.00
	Utility truck	\$25.00
	Dump truck	\$25.00
	Generator	\$25.00
	Confine space entry equipment	\$50.00/day
	Markout	\$25.00
	Traffic control	\$45.00
	Road repair – cold patch	\$\$75.00/ton
	Vac truck	\$100.00
	Jetter truck	\$110.00

**NO CHANGES TO BE MADE TO THIS SECTION**

**SECTION 4. §90-28 entitled 'Testing of meters; cost; advertisement of bids' :**

**§90-28**

**A. Water Meter Certification**

1. Large diameter water meters greater than 2" shall be tested and repaired or replaced every 10 years.
2. At properties where 2" meter or larger are installed. The city will have the meters inspected and tested by a qualified meter testing company. If a meter is not functioning or if the meter is found to register inaccurately by more than 1.5%. It shall be removed and a new meter installed and retested within 15 days of install.
3. If any inoperative equipment is found it must be repaired, replaced and inspected and approved by the city.
4. The owner of the metered premises shall pay all costs incurred for inspection, testing, replacement installation, repairs, maintenance and any related costs. The city at its expense may test and inspect any meter it believes may not be functioning properly. If the test reveals any malfunctions a new or reconditioned certified meter must be installed as well as all required equipment, the owner shall be held responsible for improvements and cost.
5. The city will supply replacement meters to its customers meters 2" and larger and they shall be paid for by owner of the premises.

**SECTION 5.** §90-31, entitled ‘Schedule of water rents.’ shall be amended in its entirety by deleting the current language and replacing it with the following language:

“The following schedule of quarterly charges shall become effective on April 1, 2023, commencing with third billing in 2023”:

**Water Rate Schedule**

Meter Size (inches)	Minimum Charge Per Quarter		Allowance in Gallons
	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>	
5/8" x 3/4"	\$71.00	\$82.00	10,000
3/4"	\$100.00	\$115.00	10,000
1"	\$157.00	\$180.00	10,000
1 1/2"	\$283.00	\$325.00	10,000
2"	\$440.00	\$505.00	30,000
3"	\$714.00	\$820.00	40,000
4"	\$982.00	\$1,130.00	70,000
6"	\$1,964.00	\$2,260.00	80,000
8"	\$2,513.00	\$2,890.00	150,000
10"	\$3,141.00	\$3,610.00	160,000

**Excess Usage Rates**

Any additional metered amounts over the allowance per quarter as follows:

**Gallons –Charge per 1,000 gallons**

	<u>Current Rate</u>		<u>New Rate</u>	
	RES.	COM.	RES.	COM.
0 to 5,000	\$6.50	\$6.75	\$7.50	\$7.75
6,000 to 10,000	\$7.25	\$7.75	\$8.35	\$9.00
11,000 to 15,000	\$8.00	\$8.75	\$9.25	\$10.00
16,000 to 20,000	\$9.25	\$10.25	\$10.65	\$11.85
21,000 to 30,000	\$10.00	\$11.00	\$11.50	\$12.65
Over 31,000	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$12.65	\$12.65

**NO CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE TO THIS SECTION**

**SECTION 6.** §90-31.1., entitled “Schedule of miscellaneous fees”,

Service	<u>Current Rate</u>
Administration fee	\$42.00
Water turn on or off (normal hours)	\$24.00
Water turn on or off (after hours/holidays)	\$60.00
Reprocessing charges (check cashing)	\$100.00
Collection fee – city personnel posting of notice on property for shut off	\$25.00
Final read/Utility Inspection	\$75.00
Reread of meter	\$35.00
Charge for missed appointments (after 1 <sup>st</sup> miss)	\$35.00

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that all prior ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are repealed only to the extent of such inconsistency.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that if any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other part of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance, but shall be confined in its effect to the section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other part of this Ordinance directly involved in the controversy in which said judgment shall have been rendered and all other provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

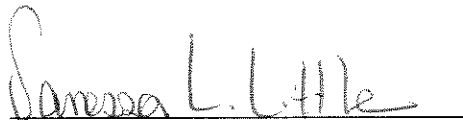
**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication in the manner prescribed by law.



Dayl R. Baile, Mayor

Passed on First Reading: February 23, 2023

Adopted by the Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.



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