

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-014**

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 56, ELECTRIC SERVICE REGULATIONS, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE

WHEREAS, Chapter 56-20 of the General Ordinance of the Borough of Park Ridge entitled Connection Fee was originally adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge on April 23, 2024, by Ordinance 2024-010; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2026, the Borough of Park Ridge authorized Lerch, Vinci & Bliss, LLP to conduct a study related to electric connection fee calculations; and

WHEREAS, Lerch, Vinci & Bliss, LLP prepared an Independent Accounts Report on Applying Agreed Upon Procedures 2026 Electric Connection Fee Rate Study Dated April 14, 2026 for the Park Ridge Board of Public Utilities and the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, certain recommendations were made in the April 14, 2026, report, including increasing the Connection Fee as set forth herein;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recognize that the Ordinance requires amendment to increase the Connection Fee in accordance with the recommendations contained in the April 14, 2026 report; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows: The Borough Code of the Borough of Park Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey is hereby amended and supplemented to amend Chapter 56-20 entitled "Connection Fee " as follows:

§56-20 Connection Fee

A. There shall be an electric service regulations connection fee established in accordance with Chapter 62 of Title 40 of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey. This connection fee is in addition to the fees for department services set forth in Chapter 56 of the Borough Code. The electric connection fee is effective immediately and shall be:

(1) For single family dwelling units, \$2,276, and for each additional dwelling unit up to four dwelling units, \$2,276 per unit. For any multiple dwelling units in excess of four dwelling units, the Board of Public Works (“BPW”) Engineer shall determine by accepted standards the number of units to be connected or added to an existing connection; where a unit equals an average annual consumption of 9,600 kWh.

(2) In the case of any building or portion thereof to be used for industrial, commercial, educational or other than dwelling purposes, the BPW Engineer shall determine by accepted standards the number of units to be connected or added to

an existing connection, where a unit equals an average annual consumption of 9,600 kWh.

- B. This fee shall, pursuant to statute, be recalculated at the end of each budget year and may be reset by ordinance of the Borough Council after public hearing, on a yearly basis. The revised connection fee may be imposed upon those who subsequently connect to the system in that budget year. The electric service regulations connection fee shall be payable in full to the Borough of Park Ridge at the time a building electric connection permit is issued for connection to the municipal electric distribution system by the Borough of Park Ridge.

BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Magdalena Giandomenico, CMC

Borough Clerk