

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-013**

**NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 98, WATER, ARTICLE II WATER RATES OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 98-2.2 of the General Ordinance of the Borough of Park Ridge entitled Connection Fee Calculation was originally adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge on September 11, 2012, by Ordinance 2012-015; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Lerch, Vinci & Bliss, LLP prepared an Independent Accounts Report on Applying Agreed Upon Procedures 2026 Water 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council recognize that the Ordinance requires amendment to increase the Connection Fee Calculation 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 98-2.2 entitled "Connection Fee Calculation" as follows:

**§98-2.2 Connection Fee**

The water service connection fee shall be \$2,545 per equivalent dwelling unit as defined by law. The number of equivalent dwelling units for all facilities shall be calculated as follows: A single-family dwelling unit shall be equal to one equivalent dwelling unit.

For all other facilities, the number of equivalent dwelling units shall be calculated as the ratio of projected average daily usage of the proposed facility to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's (NJDEP) recognized single-family residential demand of 300 gallons per day or 108,000 gallons per year. The projected average demand for the facility shall be calculated using the flow standards adopted by the NJDEP under N.J.A.C. 7:14A-23.3, "Projected Flow Criteria" and are incorporated herein by reference.

**BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Magdalena Giandomenico, CMC

Borough Clerk