

Information on Park Ridge Water Rate Increase  
Effective May 1, 2022

On April 26, 2022 upon the recommendation of the Park Ridge Board of Public Works, the Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance No. 2022-006 "Amending Chapter 98 of the Code of the Borough of Park Ridge - Establishing Water Rates". This ordinance authorized an increase in the water rates effective for all bills rendered on or after May 1, 2022.

- New NJDEP and EPA mandated water system regulations (e.g. the Water Quality Accountability Act). These regulations are designed to help maintain the long-term reliability of water systems but are costly to implement.
- Additional sampling requirements as mandated by the EPA and NJDEP.
- Increase in labor, contractors, and engineering professional costs.
- Increase in costs for required police protection for water main repairs.
- Additional overtime as a result of extensive street valve installation, testing and replacement program.
- Increase in treatment costs (Carbon, Resin for Perchlorate Treatment, and Resin for Arsenic Treatment).
- Implementation of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities mandated meter testing and replacement program.
- On-going expenditures for improvements to water distribution system (water main repairs, hydrants, well pumps, electrical controls, etc.)

The following table summarizes the changes in the water rates:

<b>Summary of Water Department Rate Increase Effective 5/1/22</b>		
Consumption Charge (\$ per 1,000 Gallons)		
	*Rate (\$/1,000 Gal)	
	Prior	New Rate
Water Usage Consumption Charge	\$ 4.64	\$ 5.06
Eligible Senior Citizen Consumption Charge	\$ 2.32	\$ 2.53
*Includes NJ State Water Tax (presently \$0.01 per 1,000 gallons)		
Metered Service Fixed Charge Rates		
	Rate (\$) per Quarter	
Meter Size (in.)	Prior	New Rate
5/8"	\$ 16.83	\$ 18.35
3/4"	\$ 25.26	\$ 27.54
1"	\$ 43.29	\$ 47.19
1-1/4", 1-1/2"	\$ 86.59	\$ 94.39
2"	\$ 138.30	\$ 150.75
3"	\$ 259.77	\$ 283.15
4"	\$ 432.95	\$ 471.92
6"	\$ 865.90	\$ 943.84
Eligible Senior Citizen Metered Service Fixed Charge	\$ 8.43	\$ 9.19
Unmetered Service for Fire Protection		
	Rate (\$) per year	
Fire Service Size (in.)	Prior	New Rate
4"	\$ 953.00	\$ 1039.00
6"	\$ 2020.00	\$ 2,202.00
8"	\$ 3,233.00	\$ 3,524.00
10"	\$ 3,964.00	\$ 4,321.00
Public and Private Fire Hydrant Fee	\$ 50.51	\$ 50.51

