LEGAL NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE 26-13

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 111 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES AND AMENDING THE FEES FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

TAKE NOTICE that Ordinance 26-13 was introduced at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Mountain Lakes, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, held on November 9, 2026, and passed its first reading; and that said Ordinance will be considered for final passage at a meeting of the Borough Council of said Borough, to be held on November 23, 2026 at 7pm or soon thereafter, in the Municipal Building, 400 Boulevard, Mountain Lakes, New Jersey, 07046 at which time and place all persons who may be interested will be given an opportunity to be heard. Copies of said Ordinance are available at the office of the Borough Clerk during regular office hours or can be requested by emailing clerk@mtnlakes.org.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Mountain Lakes, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 111, Section 111-3 entitled "Fee Schedule", of the Revised General Ordinance of the Borough of Mountain Lakes, Subsection C "Department of Public Works," shall be amended to read, in its entirety, as follows:

C.	Department of Public Works.		
	(1)	Sewer connection permits:	
		Residential	$100
		Commercial (businesses)	$200
		Industrial/manufacturing	$460
	(2)	Sewer connection fee:	
		New connection fee (per dwelling unit)	$5,000
		Inspection fee	$150
	(3)	Water services fee:	
		Turning water on	$80
		Turning water off	$100
		Remove meter (without new meter install)	$200
		Set meter, 5/8 or 3/4 inch, includes meter and reader (new meters on 3/4 inch)	$675
		Set meter, one inch, includes meter and reader	$760
		Set meter, larger than one inch but less than two inch, incudes meter and reader	$2,050
		Set meter, two inch, includes meter and reader	$2,240
		Set meter, four inch, includes meter and reader	$4,060
		Final meter reading for account closeout	$50
		Test meter	$50
		Temporary water service/construction purposes (nonpotable)	$150 plus water usage/volume
		Hydrant flow test observation	$150
		Pit meter installation, meter and installation only	
		Pit meter, 5/8 or 3/4 inch, includes meter and reader (new meters on 3/4 inch)	$675
		Pit meter, one inch, includes meter and reader	$760
		Pit meter, larger than one inch but less than two inch, includes meter and reader	$2,050
		Pit meter, two inch, includes meter and reader	$2,240
		Pit meter, four inch, includes meter and reader	$4,060

		Water connection fee, per dwelling unit	
		One inch or smaller	$2,000
		One and one-half inch or larger	$3,000
		Additional costs (when necessary)	
		Meter couplings	$60
		Meter washers	$60
	(4)	Water rates.	
		Water meters per 100 gallons	
		Residential:	
		Minimum charge up to 11,968 gallons	$52.77
		From 11,969 to 22,440 gallons	$0.4619
		From 22,441 to 37,400 gallons	$0.4746
		From 37,401 to 59,840 gallons	$0.4974
		From 59,841 to 74,800 gallons	$0.5160
		From 74,801 gallons and above	$0.5442
		Commercial/industrial:	
		Minimum charge up to 11,968 gallons	$56.13
		From 11,969 to 22,440 gallons	$0.5102
		From 22,441 to 37,400 gallons	$0.5348
		From 37,401 to 59,840 gallons	$0.6004
		From 59,841 to 74,800 gallons	$0.6567
		From 74,801 gallons and above	$0.7130
		Sprinkler meters per 100 gallons	
		Residential:	
		Minimum charge up to 11,968 gallons	$67.38
		From 11,969 to 22,440 gallons	$0.6642
		From 22,441 to 37,400 gallons	$0.7280
		From 37,401 to 59,840 gallons	$0.7806
		From 59,841 to 74,800 gallons	$1.0409
		From 74,801 gallons and above	$1.2309
		Commercial:	
		Minimum charge up to 11,968 gallons	$72.99
		From 11,969 to 22,440 gallons	$0.7110
		From 22,441 to 37,400 gallons	$0.7748
		From 37,401 to 59,840 gallons	$0.8294
		From 59,841 to 74,800 gallons	$0.9831
		From 74,801 gallons and above	$1.2760
		Water meters per cubic feet	
		Residential:	
		Minimum charge up to 1,600 cubic feet	$52.77
		From 1,601 to 3,000 cubic feet	$0.0345
		From 3,001 to 5,000 cubic feet	$0.0354
		From 5,001 to 8,000 cubic feet	$0.0372
		From 8,001 to 10,000 cubic feet	$0.0386
		From 10,001 cubic feet and above	$0.0406

		Commercial/industrial:		
		Minimum charge up to 1,600 cubic feet		$56.13
		From 1,601 to 3,000 cubic feet		$0.0381
		From 3,001 to 5,000 cubic feet		$0.0399
		From 5,001 to 8,000 cubic feet		$0.0448
		From 8,001 to 10,000 cubic feet		$0.0490
		From 10,001 cubic feet and above		$0.0532
		Sprinkler meters per cubic feet		
		Residential:		
		Minimum charge up to 1,600 cubic feet		$67.38
		From 1,601 to 3,000 cubic feet		$0.0498
		From 3,001 to 5,000 cubic feet		$0.0545
		From 5,001 to 8,000 cubic feet		$0.0581
		From 8,001 to 10,000 cubic feet		$0.0715
		From 10,001 cubic feet and above		$0.0921
		Commercial:		
		Minimum charge up to 1,600 cubic feet		$72.99
		From 1,601 to 3,000 cubic feet		$0.0531
		From 3,001 to 5,000 cubic feet		$0.0580
		From 5,001 to 8,000 cubic feet		$0.0621
		From 8,001 to 10,000 cubic feet		$0.0735
		From 10,001 cubic feet and above		$0.0953
		Late charge on delinquent		8%
	(5)	Sewer (rates based on water usage by water meter)		
		Rates per 100 gallons		
			Residential	$0.6938
			Commercial/Industrial	$0.7527
		Rates per cubic feet		
			Residential	$0.0519
			Commercial/Industrial	$0.0563
		Late charge on delinquent sewer bills		8% per quarter
		Minimum charge for sewer usage, pro rata when meter is connected for less than a quarter:		
			Residential sewer fee	$83.04
			Commercial sewer fee	$90.09
	(6)	Solid waste rates		
		(a)	Bag charges for garbage collection (sold in quantities of 10)	
			15-gallon capacity	$12.50
			30-gallon capacity	$25
		(b)	Garbage and recycling collection base rate, per quarter for nonresident	$88.50
		*	Late penalty on delinquent garbage/recycling bill per quarter or part thereof	8%
		(c)	Trash day charges	
		Car		$20
		Station wagon, minivan, small SUV		$30
		Large SUV, small pickup		$40

		Large pickup, full-size van		$60
		Exterior items		$20
		Trailer ("U-Haul" type):		
		5 feet x 5 feet x 4 feet		$100
		10 feet x 6 feet x 6 feet		$350
		20 feet x 6 feet x 6 feet		$700
		22 feet x 6 feet x 6 feet		$1,400
		24 feet x 8 feet x 8 feet		$1,500
		*An additional fee of $10 will be charged for trash that extends beyond the vehicle interior and/or is attached to the exterior of the vehicle		
	(7)	Street opening, driveway connection, curb permits		
		Curb lowering permit		$25
		Driveway or private road construction permit		$25
		Street opening, driveway connection or curb opening permit		$100
		In addition to the fee for a street opening permit, there shall be an additional fee charged for street openings which occur earlier than five years from completion of the street improvement as follows:		
		(a)	During the first year following completion of street improvement	$1,000
		(b)	During the second year following completion of street improvement	$900
		(c)	During the third year following completion of street improvement	$800
		(d)	During the fourth year following completion of street improvement	$700
		(e)	During the fifth year following completion of street improvement	$600
	(8)	Boat/watercraft removal fee		
		End of season removal		$50
		Removal after December 15		An additional $5 per day up to an additional maximum of $50
		Boat/watercraft retrieval		$50

Section 2. If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid in any Court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this Ordinance, except so far as the section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

Section 3. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2027, after final passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

Cara Fox, Borough Clerk
Date of Publication: November 10, 2026