

**BOROUGH OF BEACH HAVEN
COUNTY OF OCEAN**

ORDINANCE #2024-43C

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING Chapter 204, "Water", in the Borough Code of the Borough of Beach Haven, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey

PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance to require all new or replacement water meters be purchased by the property owner from the Borough of Beach Haven and to establish the process of purchasing.

NOW THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BEACH HAVEN DO ORDAIN:

SECTION I

Section 203-23, "Water meters." shall be amended as follows (underscores represent additions; ~~strikethroughs~~ represent deletions):

A. Requirements for water meters: Each and every dwelling unit in the Borough of Beach Haven, as well as each commercial establishment in the Borough of Beach Haven, shall have a water meter installed, and any dwelling unit or commercial unit which has not had a water meter installed as of the effective date of this section shall be sent a notice of installation requirement by the Borough Clerk. Any such notice shall be complied with within 30 days of its mailing to the unit owner at that owner's address as carried on the tax rolls of the Borough of Beach Haven, such mailing to be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, and regular mail. Any unit owner to whom such notice is mailed shall install a water meter purchased from the Borough of Beach Haven ~~supplied to the property owner by the Borough of Beach Haven without cost~~. Such installation shall be made by a plumber licensed by the State of New Jersey pursuant to a water permit issued by the Borough of Beach Haven Water Department at the sole expense of the unit owner.

B. Condominiums and other multiple units.

(1) Where separately owned individual units, residential or commercial, in condominium ownership or otherwise, are located in a single structure or building and are shown as individual lots for tax assessment purposes on the tax records of the Borough of Beach Haven, are serviced by a single lateral connected to the service main providing water service to the area where such units are located, the owners of such separately owned units shall provide and maintain a separate water meter for each such unit. If any such separately owned individual unit does not have a water meter, one ~~will be supplied without cost by~~ can be purchased from the Borough of Beach Haven, which meter shall then be installed by the unit owner or owners at said owner's or owners' sole cost and expense. Such installation shall be made by a New Jersey licensed plumber pursuant to a validly issued plumbing permit issued by the Construction Office of the Borough of Beach Haven. The owner of any such separately owned individual unit which is not so supplied shall acquire, without cost, from the Borough of Beach Haven, a water meter and install the same within 30 days after receiving written notice sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, and regular mail to the owner or owners of such individual unit at the addresses of such individual owner or owners as may appear on the tax records of the Borough of Beach Haven.

(2) In addition to separate water meters for each individually owned unit, condominiums shall also have installed, at their sole cost and expense, by a New Jersey licensed plumber, a water meter, ~~supplied without cost by~~ purchased from the Borough of Beach Haven, to serve the common elements of the condominium and a separate one to serve the limited common elements of such condominium, if either the common elements or the limited common elements have separate outlets through which water may be supplied to service either the common elements or the limited common elements.

(3) If any unit owner does not wish to install at his, her, their or its expense water meters supplied by the Borough, the Borough will install a new lateral to service such unit. ~~with a~~ A water meter pit and a meter to service such unit must be purchased from the Borough of Beach Haven, and it shall be the obligation of the unit owner to connect that water service and water meter. The connection to such water service and water meter shall be completed by a licensed New Jersey plumber pursuant to a validly issued plumbing permit. Such connection shall be completed within 60 days of the installation of the water meter and water meter pit by the Borough of Beach Haven.

I. New Meter Purchases. All new meters shall be purchased at the Beach Haven Public Works/Utility office located on the 2nd floor of Borough Hall, 300 Engleside Ave., Beach Haven, NJ 08008 or by phone #609-492-2525. Upon payment, a receipt will be issued and a delivery, by the Water Utility, scheduled between the hours of 8am-1pm. The Water Utility Department will hand deliver the new meter to the property owner or plumber in exchange for the receipt. The Water Utility Department must be onsite during installation of the new meter to ensure proper placement, operation, and communication of the meter with remote read software.

(1) Old meters must be returned to the Water Utility Dept. immediately upon removal. A fee of \$250 will be charged to the property owner if the meter is not returned within five (5) days of removal.

SECTION II

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency. The Clerk of the Borough is authorized to renumber and/or re-codify any sections affected by such repeal to the extent consistent with this Ordinance.

SECTION III

If any word, phrase, clause, sections, or provision of this Ordinance shall be found by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable, illegal, or unconstitutional, such word, phrase, clause, section, or provision shall be severable from the balance of the Ordinance and the remainder of the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION IV

This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication thereof after final passage according to law.

NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on the first reading at a public meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Beach Haven, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, held on November 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. A copy of the ordinance can be obtained, without cost, by any member of the general public, at the Office of the Municipal Clerk, 300 Engleside Avenue, Beach Haven, New Jersey 08008 Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Further public notice is hereby given that said ordinance shall be considered for final passage and adoption at a public meeting of the Borough Council to be held on December 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Beach Haven Municipal Building, 300 Engleside Avenue, Beach Haven, New Jersey 08008.

CERTIFICATION

I, Sherry Mason, RMC, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Beach Haven, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Beach Haven at a public meeting held on the 12th day of November, 2024, a quorum being present and voting in the majority.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 12th day of November, 2024.



Sherry Mason, RMC, Borough Clerk

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