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ORDINANCE #2025-16

Introduction: July 14, 2025

Adoption:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 351 REGARDING SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE WATER SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2024-015 advanced the sale of the South Orange Water Utility and distribution system to New Jersey-American Water, Inc. ("NJAW"), subject to the approval of the voters of the South Orange Village (the "Village"); and

WHEREAS, after approval by the Village voters, Resolution 2025-041 was adopted by the Village Council and authorized execution of a sales agreement between the Village and NJAW for the sale and purchase of the water system; and

WHEREAS, the agreement of sale attached (as an exhibit) a draft ordinance, substantially similar to the instant ordinance, to be introduced and considered by the Village Council which ordinance would set various rates and charges; including, without limitation, consumer retail water rate, water rates/charges for municipal facilities, a fee for fire protection and fire hydrants, and a lead service line replacement charge; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 351-15 of the Code of South Orange Village must be amended to reflect such rates and charges with the express understanding that additional amendments to Chapter 351 may be required subsequent to the transfer of ownership of the water system and to reflect the discontinuance of the South Orange Water Utility.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained, by the Village Council of South Orange Village, a municipal corporation of New Jersey located in Essex County thereof, that the following section of the Code be amended as follows:

Section 1.

Chapter 351, Section 15 is hereby amended and restated as follows:

351-15 Bills for metered service; miscellaneous water charges; service discontinuance for nonpayment

A. Metered rates.

1. Metered rates for water sold to Customers by South Orange Village shall be \$8.00 per 100 cubic feet (ccf) or \$10.6952 per 1,000 gallons.



2. In any case, where the metered volume is equal to or less than that noted by meter size in the following table during the time period noted, the minimum charge shall be the volume indicate below at the current rate.

	Meter Size	100 Cubic Feet (CCF) 1,000 Gallons (TG)	Minimum Charge
For accounts billed monthly:	5/8"	CCF - 2.08 TG - 1.60	\$16.67
	3/4"	CCF - 2.08 TG - 1.60	\$16.67
	1"	CCF - 2.08 TG - 1.60	\$16.67
	1.5"	CCF - 2.08 TG - 1.60	\$16.67
	2"	CCF - 2.08 TG - 1.60	\$16.67
	3"	CCF - 83.33 TG - 62.30	\$666.67
	4"	CCF - 125.00 TG - 93.500	\$1,000.00
	6"	CCF - 261.43 TG - 195.50	\$2,000.00
	8"	CCF - 375.00	\$3,000.00



		TG – 280.50	
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3. As provided for in Section 351-16, standby fire-protection service for private fire service shall be billed a fixed fee based on connection size as follows:

	Connection Size (inch)	Fixed Connection Fee
For accounts billed monthly:	1"	\$44.33
	2"	\$60.67
	3"	\$74.33
	4"	\$90.00
	6"	\$204.33
	8"	\$381.33

- B. New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. shall bill municipal facilities at a rate which shall be one-half (1/2) of the applicable metered rate set forth above.
- C. New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. shall bill the Village a public fire service rate of \$15 per month for each fire hydrant used for fire protection. Hydrants connected by four (4") inch mains are not used for fire protection and shall not be charged a public fire service rate.
- D. New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. shall impose a Lead Service Line Replacement Charge in an amount as permitted and approved by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

All other sections of Village Code Section 351-15 are hereby repealed.

Section 2.

Repealer.



All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

Section 3.

This ordinance shall take effect upon the closing date for the sale of the South Orange Water Utility and distribution system to New Jersey American Water Company, Inc. as set forth within the sales agreement and publication of this Ordinance as required by law.

Section 4.

On passage this ordinance shall be codified.

Introduction – First Reading

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Brown			X			
Greenberg	X		X			
Haskins			X			
Jones						X
Lewis Chang		X	X			
Schnall			X			

CERTIFICATION

I, Ojetti E. Davis, Village Clerk of South Orange Village, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that this Ordinance was introduced on first reading by the Village Council at their meeting held on July 14, 2025.

Ojetti Davis

 Ojetti E. Davis
 Village Clerk

Adoption – Second Reading

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Brown						
Greenberg						
Haskins						
Jones						
Lewis Chang						
Schnall						



CERTIFICATION

I, Ojetti E. Davis, Village Clerk of South Orange Village, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that this Ordinance was adopted on second reading by the Village Council at their meeting held on August 18, 2025.

Ojetti E. Davis
Village Clerk

Adopted:

Attest:

Sheena C. Collum
Village Mayor

Ojetti E. Davis
Village Clerk