

ORDINANCE NO. 8-2009

Introduced by: \_\_\_\_\_

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF TRAPPE ESTABLISHING THE TOWN’S WATER AND SEWER CHARGES, AND REPEALING ALL PREVIOUS ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH THE NEWLY ADOPTED RATES AND CHARGES

WHEREAS, Md. Code Ann. Environmental Article § 9-705 and the Trappe Town Charter § 707 authorizes the Town to construct, operate, modify and maintain a water and sewerage system; and

WHEREAS, Md. Code Ann. Environmental Article § 9-723 and the Trappe Town Charter § 718 authorize the Town to establish rates, fees and charges for municipal water and sewer services; and

WHEREAS, on October 21<sup>st</sup> and October 28<sup>th</sup>, the Council of Trappe conducted two public workshops on the Town’s water and sewer rates, and continued discussion of water and sewer rates at a public hearing on November 4, 2009; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the public comments and comments from the Council, the Council of Trappe held a special meeting on December 14, 2009 to revisit water and sewer charges, at the conclusion of which the Council introduced this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2010, the Council of Trappe conducted a public hearing on Ordinance 8-2009;

WHEREAS, after the public workshops and advertised public hearings, the Council has determined that it is desirable and in the public interest to revise monthly water and sewer rates, fees and charges.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of Trappe hereby ordains as follows:

**Section 1:** Water and Sewer Connection and Availability Charges. For properties that currently do not have water and sewer connections, the property owners shall pay the following charges:

<u>Water</u>	-	\$1,360 connection fee
		\$4,500 capacity fee
<u>Sewer</u>	-	\$1,360 connection fee
		\$5,250 capacity fee

The fees set forth in Section 1 herein do not cover the expense associated with water and/or sewer extensions or actual charges associated with bringing water or sewer services to town

properties where no existing service exists. Where no town water or sewer extensions exist to a property, said services may be extended provided that the property owner pays for all costs associated with the extension of water or sewerage service, including, but not limited to, construction costs, engineering costs, legal fees and other professional costs. All such extensions to or from the Town's water or sewer system shall be constructed by the Town or to the Town's specifications.

**Section 2.** Additional Fees and Charges. In addition to the fees and charges set forth in Section 1, the Council establishes charges and fees for the following services:

<u>Monthly Meter Administration Fee</u> -	\$7.14 (with meter 5/8 inch or smaller)
<u>Monthly Meter Administration Fee</u> -	\$9.97 (with meter larger than 5/8 inch)
<u>Basic Water Service Fee</u> -	\$9.90 (per metered connection, or per residential dwelling unit or multiple non-residential user served by a master meter)
<u>Basic Sewer Service Fee</u> -	\$23.10 (per metered connection, or per residential dwelling unit or multiple non-residential user served by a master meter)
<u>Monthly Water Usage Rate</u> -	\$2.94 (per thousand gallons)
<u>Monthly Sewer Usage Rate</u> -	\$6.87 (per thousand gallons)
<u>Turn On - Turn Off Fee</u> -	\$35.00
<u>Close Account and Final Meter Reading</u> -	\$25.00
<u>New Account Setup &amp; Startup Meter Reading</u> -	\$25.00
<u>Farm Tank Fill Up</u> -	\$10.00 (per thousand gallons)
<u>Off-Cycle Meter Read</u> -	\$25.00

**Section 3:** Extraterritorial Extensions. It is the policy of the Town not to extend its water or sewer services beyond Town limits unless such extension is pursuant to an annexation covenant or is required because of a public health or safety matter.

**Section 4:** Rates for properties located outside of town. All users of town water and sewer services shall pay the same amount regardless of whether the property is located within the town or located outside the corporate limits of the Town. Section 15.5.F. of the Town Code is hereby repealed in its entirety.

**Section 5.** Effective date. In accordance with the Trappe Town Charter, Section 209, this ordinance has been introduced, advertised and adopted as an emergency ordinance. As such, the water and sewer rates, fees and charges set forth herein shall become effective on January 1, 2010.

Section 6

~~Section 5.~~ Prior Inconsistent Ordinances Repealed. All Town ordinances that are inconsistent with the charges and fees set forth herein are repealed.

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hereby

I ~~herby~~ certify that the foregoing Ordinance Number 8-2009 of the Town of Trappe was duly read and enacted in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Charter of the Town of Trappe.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joedy Cecil, Clerk/Treasurer  
Town of Trappe

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