BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

ORDINANCE 2026-08

AN ORDINANCE INCREASING WATER RATES FOR USERS OF THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON WATER SYSTEM AND FURTHER AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING CHARGES, RENTALS, RULES AND REGULATION FOR THE MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM FOR THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY"

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stockon charges users of the Borough of Stockton Water System ("Water System") based on a usage rate of $3.85 per thousand gallon for all size meters and a flat rate user (annual) charge for all size meters of $400.00; and

WHEREAS, the current rates have not been increased since 2023; and

WHEREAS, due to the needs of the Water System, including, but not limited to, the need to install and replace water meters and other obligations to meet water supply system needs, it is necessary for the Council to increase the applicable user rate and flat annual user charge at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stockton, County of Hunterdon, as follows:

1. **User and Flat Rate Increases.** The Borough hereby amends its water system user rates as follows, and to go into effect on April 1, 2026:

> The following rates are hereby adopted for the use of water in the Borough of Stockton Water System based on meter readings:
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> All size meters: A rate of $4.00 per thousand gallons
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> The flat rate user charge per year for all size meters is $500.00.

2. **Repealer.** All ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are repealed.

3. **Severability**. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the

section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of this ordinance shall be valid and enforceable.

4. **Effective Date**. This ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication as provided by law.

ATTEST:

Laurie Courter, Borough Clerk

Aaron Lipsen, Mayor

Introduced: March 16, 2026
Adopted: March 26, 2026

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