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Public Notice of Pending Ordinance 25-03

The ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Matawan, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, on February 4, 2025. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the Governing Body to be held at the Borough of Matawan, Matawan Municipal Community Center, 201 Broad Street, Matawan, New Jersey 07747 on February 18, 2025 at 7:00 o'clock PM. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours at the Clerk's Office for the members of the general public who shall request the same or on the Borough of Matawan website at www.matawanborough.com.

Karen Wynne, RMC
Municipal Clerk

ORDINANCE 25-03

AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF MATAWAN CHAPTER 22 – WATER, SECTION 22-2.3 – METER REQUIRED FOR WATER SERVICE; LOCATION OF METER; NEW METER CHARGE, TO ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO PROVIDE ACCESS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A WATER METER

WHEREAS, the Borough of Matawan maintains and operates a municipal water utility, including the installation and maintenance of water meters to ensure accurate measurement and billing of water usage; and

WHEREAS, the Borough requires periodic replacement of water meters to ensure efficiency and accuracy in measuring water consumption; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish penalties for property owners who fail to provide access to the Borough for the replacement of a water meter after proper notification.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Matawan, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 22, Section 2.3 of the Code of the Borough of Matawan is hereby amended as follows:

AMENDMENT TO SUBSECTION 22-2.3

A new Subsection (d) is hereby added to Subsection 22-2.3, which shall read as follows:

d. Penalty for Failure to Provide Access for Water Meter Replacement

1. In the event that the Borough notifies a property owner in writing, via both regular and certified mail, of the need to replace a water meter, the property owner shall provide reasonable access to the Borough for such replacement within thirty (30) days of the date of notification.
2. If the property owner fails to provide access within the initial thirty (30) days, a surcharge of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month shall be assessed until access is granted and the water meter is replaced.
3. If the property owner fails to provide access for the replacement of the water meter for three (3) consecutive months following the initial notification, the Borough may take one or more of the following actions:
 - a. Discontinue water utility service to the property until access is provided and the meter is replaced; or
 - b. Place a lien on the property for any unpaid surcharges assessed under this section, which shall be collected in the same manner as other municipal liens.
4. The provisions of this subsection shall be in addition to any other penalties, fees, or enforcement actions available to the Borough under the law.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, any Ordinances or portions thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies only.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, if any provisions of this Ordinance, or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance is declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or applications of this Ordinance, which can be given effect, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon following the passage, adoption and publication pursuant to New Jersey State law.