TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD

ORDINANCE

AMENDING CHAPTER 396 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD WITH RESPECT TO WATER USE AND FEES

WHEREAS, the Township of Upper Deerfield, has completed significant improvements to its water supply system as a result of which additional capital and operational costs with respect to the supply of water to the residents of the Township of Upper Deerfield have been incurred and will be incurred; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable and necessary by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield to revise water rates and charges and related costs together with fees and charges with respect to the provision and use of water provided by the Township of Upper Deerfield; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield is desirous of making amendments and changes to Chapter 396 of the Code of the Township of Upper Deerfield with respect to water supply systems in order to recapture costs incurred and to make provisions for adequate resources to provide water to the residents of the Township of Upper Deerfield; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield has conducted analyses with respect to the costs of construction, anticipated cost of maintenance and supply and related expenses and deems it necessary to make changes and amendments to Chapter 396 of the Code of the Township of Upper Deerfield;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper that Section 396-38A through 396-38E of the Code of the Township of Upper Deerfield are hereby amended and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Effective May 1, 2017, the monthly charges for water service shall be:

A. Minimum charges based on not more than 3,000 gallons monthly: $25

B. Water consumption in excess of the monthly allowance of 3,000 gallons shall be charged at the rate of $3.50 per each additional 1,000 gallons. Billings above 3,000 gallons shall be rounded to the nearest 1,000 gallons of usage.

C. Senior Citizen Discount. Any senior citizen occupying a dwelling or rental unit where a senior citizen is responsible for payment of water usage charges shall be entitled to a 10% discount from the $25 monthly rate. All usage by a senior citizen above 3,000 gallons per month shall be paid at the rate set forth in subsection B of this section. To qualify as a senior citizen, a resident must be 65 years of age and provide adequate proof thereof to the Township. Any Senior Citizen discount shall apply prospectively only.

D. Commercial Accounts. Commercial accounts shall be charged for water usage in accordance with the foregoing sections. Commercial accounts are required to have a separate water meter, to meter for nonpotable irrigation purposes. The charge for water use for irrigation shall be $3.75 per 1,000 gallons. In the alternative a commercial user may apply to the Township of Upper Deerfield to have a private well which shall be used for nonpotable irrigation purposes only.

E. Discount for Volume Users. Volume users of water shall be billed as follows:

1. $25 per month for the first 3,000 gallons of usage.
2. From 3,001 to 2,500,000 gallons shall be charged at the rate of $3.50 per 1,000 gallons.
3. From 2,500,001 to 5,000,000 gallons shall be paid at the rate of $3.35 per 1,000 gallons.
4. From 5,000,001 gallons and above shall be paid at the rate of $3.20 per 1,000 gallons.

In all other respects, Section 396 shall remain as is and unaltered by the provisions hereof.

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James Crilley, Chairman

Adopted: April 6, 2017

Attested:

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Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk

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