CITY OF VINELAND, NJ

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-<u>20</u>

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2019-57 AND ORDINANCE 2022-49, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 687, PART 4 ARTICLE XVIII OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ENTITLED WATER-SEWER UTILITY; RIGHTS RESERVED; RATES.

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2019, City Council adopted Ordinance 2019-57, Section 687-138 B of the Code of the City of Vineland, setting forth the rate schedules for metered rates representing rates charged monthly for water supplied by metered measurements to consumers as permitted in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40a:31-10; and

WHEREAS, City Council further set forth in Ordinance 2019-57, Section 687-138 B (2) minimum charges for each user based upon meter size and at Section C (1) enumerated additional consumer unit charge for each additional unit served through the same meter, such as multifamily dwellings; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2022, City Council adopted Ordinance 2022-49, Section 687-138 G, wherein they set a recovery clause to adjust for the escalation in energy and treatment costs associated with city water; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the aforementioned New Jerey Statutes, and upon the recommendation of the Municipal Department Head of the Vineland Municipal utilities and the Chief Financial Officer, it is recommended that rate schedule for metered rates, minimum charges for each user, the adjustment for the escalation in energy and treatment must be increased to meet the present costs of the water utility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Vineland that Ordinance 2019-57, Ordinance 2022-49 and Ordinance 2022-75, Chapter 687, Part 4 Article XVIII of the Code of the City of Vineland entitled Water-Sewer Utility; Rights reserved; Rates shall be amended as follows:

Section 687-138B Metered Rates shall be amended by the following Gallonage per Month/Rate per Thousand Gallons

Gallonage per Month	Rate per Thousand gallons
First 25,000 gallons	3.16
Next 225,000 gallons	2.33
Next 2,250,000 gallons	1.80
Next 2,500,000 gallons	1.59

Section 687-138B (2) Minimum charges shall be amended for the following minimum rates for each meter monthly:

Meter Size (inches)	Gallonage included	Monthly Rates
Through 5/8	3,000	13.86
Through 1	10,000	37.06
Through 1 ½	16,000	63.03
Through 2	21,000	77.87
Meter Size (per inch)	Gallonage included	Monthly Rates
Meter Size (per inch) Through 3	Gallonage included 25,000	Monthly Rates 88.98
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Through 3	25,000	88.98
Through 3 Through 4	25,000 30,000	88.98 120.45

Section 687-138C (1) Additional consumer units shall be amended by the following unit charge for each additional unit (multifamily dwelling) served through the same meter as follows:

	Equivalent Units	Monthly charge
3 or more bedrooms	1	5.59

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2 bedrooms	3/4	4.22
1 bedroom	1/2	2.84
Hotel/motel	1/4	1.38

Section 687-138 G Recovery Clause shall be amended so as to allow an increase to the imposition of a recovery clause to adjust for the escalation in energy and treatment costs associated with the supply and distribution of City water to \$.4370250 per 1,000 gallons.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the balance of Ordinance 2019-57, as amended, and Ordinance 2022-49, as amended not amended hereby shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that should any portion of this Ordinance be deemed unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, that portion so determined to be unenforceable, shall be void and the balance hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that should any Ordinance or portion thereof be inconsistent herewith, such Ordinance or portion thereof shall be void to the extent of such inconsistencies.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication according to law.

Passed first reading: March 11, 2025		
Passed final reading: March 25, 2025		
	President of Council	pfs
Approved by the Mayor:		
	Mayor	arf
ATTEST:	5.5 	
City Clerk rgf		