

BOROUGH OF TRAPPE

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 451

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 326, SECTION 326-15 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TRAPPE TO AUTHORIZE A QUARTERLY FEE FOR THE MANUAL READING OF A WATER METER WHERE THE RADIO-FREQUENCY BASED SYSTEM IS INOPERABLE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Trappe through the Collegeville-Trappe Joint Public Works Committee has installed at no cost to each property owner, a radio-frequency based water meter system which allows for the gathering of usage data via radio transmission; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the capital cost to install the radio-frequency based water meters will be defrayed by the quarterly labor costs savings associated with the manual reading of meters; and

WHEREAS, the Borough believes that the property owner should bear the cost of the manual meter reading should a property owner disrupt the transmission signal in any way or reject the conversion to a radio-based water meter.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Trappe, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania as follows:

SECTION 1. – Chapter 326, Section 326-15 of the code is hereby revised by adding the following paragraph G:

G. Any owner or occupant of any building or premises who disrupts a radio-frequency transmission from a radio-frequency based water meter or rejects the installation

radio-frequency based water meter, shall be charged a quarterly meter reading fee of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00). Any owner or occupant of any building or premises who has the Public Works Department convert their radio-based water meter to a non-radio frequency water meter will be subject to a one-time conversion charge of \$50. The conversion charge or fee may be amended from time to time by the Borough Council of the Borough of Trappe by resolution duly adopted.

SECTION 2. – Severability

The provisions of this Ordinance are intended to be severable, and if any section, sentence, clause, part or provision hereof shall be held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall not affect or impair the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, parts or provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Borough Council that this Ordinance would have been adopted even if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional section, sentence, clause, part or provision had not been included herein.

SECTION 3. – Repealer

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances and any resolutions or parts thereof in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. – Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval as required by the law.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Trappe, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, this _____ of May 2019.

Attest:

TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL:

Tamara D. Twardowski, Municipal Secretary

Philip Ronca, President

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2019

Matthew G. Wismer, Mayor