

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 430 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE, ENTITLED WATER AND SEWER, ARTICLE I, WATER CONNECTIONS, SECTION 430-1 WATER CONNECTION REQUIRED & SECTION 430-4 FAILURE TO CONNECT, DELINQUENT NOTICE**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Manchester in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Part II, Chapter 430, Article I, Section 430-1 Water Connection Required., is hereby amended as follows:

**§ 430-1 Water connection required.**

B. 1. For any previously permitted and installed irrigation meters, the homeowner or their representative must disconnect the meter prior to winterization of the irrigation system. Failure to disconnect the meter could result in freezing or damage to the meter. Any damage caused by the failure to disconnect the meter prior to winter shall be borne by the homeowner, including the purchase and installation of a new water meter and any other associated costs.

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**SECTION 2.** Part II, Chapter 430, Article I, Section 430-4 Failure to connect; delinquent notice., is hereby amended as follows:

**§ 430-4 Failure to Connect, delinquent notice.**

Should the owner of any property fail or neglect to connect to the public water system pursuant to §§ 430-1, 430-2 and 430-3, hereinabove, the owner of the property shall be provided a delinquent notice by the Township. Connection to the public water system shall thereafter be made within 30 days after service of the delinquent notice. The delinquent notice shall be served upon the owner of the property personally, by leaving it at his usual place of abode with a member of his family above the age of 18 years, or so by mailing such notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the owner's last known post office address as shown on the tax records of the Township.

A. The Department of Utilities shall on occasion be required to upgrade or replace water meters. Owners shall be notified of the replacement and given a reasonable time to schedule meter replacement if access to the dwelling is required. Should the owner of any property fail or neglect to schedule an appointment for meter replacement, the owner of the property shall be provided a delinquent notice by the Township. Meter replacement shall thereafter be allowed within 30 days after service of the delinquent notice. The delinquent notice shall be served upon the owner of the property personally, by leaving it at his usual place of abode with a member of his family above the age of 18 years, or so by mailing such notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the owner's last known post office address as shown on the tax records of the Township.

**§ 430-5 Violations and penalties; enforcement.**

A. Any property owner who shall violate this article by failing to comply with any of its provisions within 30 days after service of the delinquent notice pursuant to § 430-4 may be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000, by imprisonment for a term not to exceed 90 days or by community service of not more than 90 days, or any combination of fine, imprisonment and community service as determined in the discretion of the Municipal Court Judge. The continuation of such violation for each successive day shall constitute a separate offense, and the person or persons allowing or permitting the continuation of the violation may be punished as provided above for each separate offense.

B. The provisions of this article shall be enforceable by the Township of Manchester through its respective designee(s), which shall include but not be limited to the Township Clerk and the Director of the Manchester Township Department of Public Works.

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**SECTION 3.** Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 4.** If any Section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the Section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

**SECTION 5.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication in the official newspaper of the Township, as required by and in conformance with law.

### **NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed by the Township Council of the Township of Manchester on first reading at a meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026 at 6:00 p.m. The Ordinance will be considered for second and final reading at a meeting of the Township Council which is scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2026 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached, at the Municipal Building located at 1 Colonial Drive, Manchester, New Jersey 08759, at which time the public is invited to ask questions, raise objections, or provide public comment with regard to the proposed adoption of this Ordinance.

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TERI GIERCYK, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk