

**MONTAGUE TOWNSHIP
SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-10

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTAGUE, COUNTY OF
SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 18, FEES
AND COSTS, OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO ESTABLISH ARTICLE
XCV; RENTAL FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE RENTAL AND USE OF THE
MONTAGUE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER**

WHEREAS, by Ordinance 2020-09, the Township Committee of the Township of Montague, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey ('Township Committee') authorized funding for the build out of the 3600 square feet Montague Township Community Center ('Community Center') interior at a cost of \$237,000; and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance 2020-13 the Township Committee authorized funding for improvements to the firehouse/Community Center in an amount not to exceed \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, the work authorized pursuant to Ordinances 2020-09 and 2020-13 has now been completed; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee wishes to open the Community Center for its intended use, as a gathering space for Township residents' events, to be rented out at a reasonable cost, and as a gathering space for non-residents' events, to be rented out at a marginally higher, revenue-generating cost; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has established a Rental Fee Schedule to achieve this purpose.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Montague, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 18, Fees and Costs, of the Township Code is hereby amended to establish a new Article XCV, "Rental Fee Schedule for the Rental and Use of the Montague Township Community Center," to read as follows:

§ 18-95. Rental Fee Schedule for the Rental and Use of the Montague Township Community Center.

The following rental rates shall be in effect for those desiring to use the facilities at the Montague Township Community Center ('Community Center'):

- a. *Category I*. There shall be no charge for resident meetings, provided such meetings concern community affairs, do not involve fundraising, and are not conducted primarily for the purpose of entertainment. For such meetings, the Township shall solicit donations from the meeting organizers and participants.

b. *Category II.* For an event taking place on any non-holiday Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, there shall be a \$100 charge for residents, and a \$200 charge for non-residents.

c. *Category III.* For an event taking place on any Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, or on any holiday, there shall be a \$150 charge for residents, and a \$300 charge for non-residents.

d. *Category IV.* For an event taking place on any non-holiday Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday and conducted by a non-profit organization, there shall be no charge, provided the organization is based in the Township, and there shall be a \$100 charge, provided the organization is not based in the Township.

e. *Category V.* For an event taking place on any Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, or on any holiday, and conducted by a non-profit organization, there shall be a \$100 charge, provided the organization is based in the Township, and a \$200 charge, provided the organization is not based in the Township.

f. *Category VI.* For an event taking place over the course of three days, there shall be a \$400 charge for residents, and an \$800 charge for non-residents.

g. *Security deposit.* For any event held at the Community Center, a \$300 security deposit shall be paid to the Township, which deposit the Township shall be entitled to use for the repair of any damage caused by said event, and the unused portion of which the Township shall be required to refund to the payor. Township-based non-profit organizations, youth groups, and the Montague Township Seniors Group shall be exempted from the requirement to pay the security deposit.

SECTION 2. All ordinances of the Township of Montague that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

Adopted: June 22, 2021

ATTEST:

Dana Klinger, RMC/CMR
Deputy Municipal Clerk

Richard E. Innella, Mayor

Upon roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Committeewoman Crawford:

Committeewoman Martin:

Committeeman Merusi:

Committeeman Zitone:

Mayor Innella: