

**MONTAGUE TOWNSHIP
SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE 2026-03

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

WHEREAS, Chapter 18, Fees and Costs, Article XCV of the Township Code establishes a Rental Fee Schedule for the rental and use of the Montague Township Community Center pursuant to Ordinance 2021-10; and

WHEREAS, the current Community Center rental fees do not adequately offset cleaning, utility, and facility maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to amend the existing fee schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to amend Article XCV accordingly while maintaining reasonable access for Township residents and community organizations.

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, Article XCV, “Rental Fee Schedule for the Rental and Use of the Montague Township Community Center,” is hereby amended so that § 18-95 shall 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 may 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 \$200 charge for residents and a \$250 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 \$250 charge for residents and a \$350 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 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 consecutive days, there shall be a \$550 charge for residents and an \$800 charge for non-residents.
- g) **Security Deposit.** For any event held at the Community Center, a \$200 security deposit shall be paid to the Township. The Township may apply the deposit to the cost of repairing any damage caused by the event, and any unused portion shall be refunded to the payor. Township-based non-profit organizations, youth groups, and the Montague Township Seniors Group shall be exempt from the requirement to pay a security deposit.

SECTION 2.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this amending ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3.

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

SECTION 4.

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

Introduced: January 27, 2026
Adopted: February 10, 2026

George Zitone, Mayor
Montague Township

ATTEST:

Dana Klinger, RMC
Montague Township Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF COMMITTEE VOTES – Ordinance 2026-03				
<u>COMMITTEE MEMBER</u>	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYES</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
BARBARA HOLSTEIN	X			
RICHARD INNELLA	X			
JAMES LEDONNE	X			
FRED MERUSI	X			
MAYOR GEORGE ZITONE	X			