

**ORDINANCE 2016-31**

*Borough of Metuchen  
County of Middlesex  
State of New Jersey*

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF METUCHEN ESTABLISHING A NON-RESIDENT SENIOR FEE TO PARTICIPATE IN METUCHEN SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES AND INCREASING THE PROGRAM FEES FOR THE SENIOR HOLIDAY LUNCH**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Metuchen has established a Metuchen Senior Center, which is a drop-in facility for citizens aged sixty (60) and over; and

**WHEREAS**, a full range of services are offered, including recreation, information and referral, health screening, counseling and income tax preparation for Metuchen Seniors; and

**WHEREAS**, the services offered by the Metuchen Senior Center have not been limited to Borough Senior residents, and Borough has allowed participation to surrounding community senior residents, based upon availability of space and demand; and

**WHEREAS**, the increasing costs of operation of the Metuchen Senior Center is borne by, among other things, the residents of the Borough of Metuchen; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to § 10-20 of the Code of the Borough of Metuchen, the Borough of Metuchen has established a Senior Citizens Commission who shall make recommendations to the Mayor and Council related to the activities, policies and programs to assist seniors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Metuchen Senior Citizens Commission has recommended to the Mayor and Council the implementation of a non-resident senior annual fee of \$30.00 in order to utilize the Metuchen Senior Center facility in order to assist with the increase of the costs of operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Borough of Metuchen deems it in the best interest of the residents of the Borough of Metuchen to accept the recommendation of the Metuchen Seniors Commission and implement a non-resident senior annual fee of \$30.00 for the eligibility for the use of the Metuchen Senior Center facility during normal operating hours and the recommendation of the Borough Administrator and Metuchen Senior Center Director to establish a range of fees to be charged for the Senior Center Sponsored lunches.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Borough of Metuchen that it hereby amends Chapter 87, Article 14 of the Code of the Borough of

Metuchen, entitled "Senior Citizen Program Fees, specifically § 87-23, to state as follows:

**§ 87-23 Fees established.**

- A. There shall be an annual registration fee for non-resident senior citizens (age sixty (60) and over) in the amount of \$30.00 per person. The payment of the annual registration fee shall be required prior to the participation and/or use by any non-resident senior citizen of the Metuchen Senior Center or participation in any program, event and/or service offered at the Metuchen Senior Center. The payment of such registration fee shall be in addition to any costs or fee established by the Borough for the participation in an event, service or program.
- B. The payment of the annual registration fee shall not provide a non-resident senior any right or entitlement to any or all of the benefits, programs, assistance and services offered by the Borough of Metuchen to the Borough of Metuchen Senior Citizens. The payment of the above annual registration fee set forth above shall be solely for the eligibility to participate in events, programs and services offered at the Metuchen Senior Citizen Center and shall not be a guarantee, license or entitlement to any services offered by the Borough of Metuchen.
- C. Senior Citizen Program Fees. In addition to those fees established above, fees are established for participation in the following programs:

<b>Program</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Senior Center sponsored luncheons	\$5.00 to 10.00 (dependent upon the costs of luncheon)
Atlantic City chartered bus trips	\$20.00 to \$40.00 (dependent upon cost of bus rental)

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Council of the Borough of Metuchen that it hereby authorizes and directs the Metuchen Seniors Commission in coordination with the Borough Administrator and the Director of the Metuchen Senior Center to establish practices and procedures relating to the collection, enforcement and monitoring of the annual registration fee for non-resident seniors, including but not limited to providing notice to the seniors, the creation of an application for non-resident seniors, and the pro-ration of the annual registration fee, when applicable, and the fees to be charged for the programs, services and events in accordance with the aforementioned guidelines; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that if any part of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or amended to the extent of such inconsistency; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Council of the Borough of Metuchen that this ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication as required by law, except that the annual registration fee for non-resident seniors shall become effective January 1, 2017.

Introduction: November 7, 2016  
 Date of Publication: November 14, 2016

COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO	NV	AB	COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO	NV	AB
LEIBFRIED	X				MULDOON	X			
GRAYZEL	X				RASMUSSEN	X			
INSERRO	X				WALLACE				
MOTION	GRAYZEL				LEIBFRIED				
X – INDICATES VOTE					AB- ABSENT		NV- NOT VOTING		

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an ordinance introduced by the Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen, Middlesex County, New Jersey at a regular meeting held on November 17, 2016

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 Susan D. Jackson, RMC  
 Borough Clerk

Adopted: December 5, 2016  
 Date of Publication: December 8, 2016

COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO	NV	AB	COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO	NV	AB
LEIBFRIED	X				MULDOON	X			
GRAYZEL	X				RASMUSSEN	X			
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ATTEST:

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Susan D. Jackson, RMC  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF METUCHEN

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Peter Cammarano  
Mayor