

**EXPLANATION:** This Ordinance amends Section 2-15 entitled "Service Charge for Checks Returned Unpaid to the Township for Insufficient Funds or Other Reasons" of Chapter II entitled "Administration" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Warren. This ordinance would amend Section 2-15 by increasing the service charge from twenty dollars (\$20.00) to thirty dollars (\$30.00) and requiring such a charge only after one (1) incident rather than two (2).

**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN  
ORDINANCE NO. 18-03**

**AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING SECTION 2-15 ENTITLED "SERVICE CHARGE FOR CHECKS RETURNED UNPAID TO THE TOWNSHIP FOR INSUFFICIENT FUNDS OR OTHER REASONS" OF CHAPTER II ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN.**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Warren, in the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey, as follows:

**Section 1.** Section 2-15 entitled "Service Charge for Checks Returned Unpaid to the Township for Insufficient Funds or Other Reasons" of Chapter II entitled "Administration" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Warren is amended as follows:

In the event that a check or other written instrument tendered to the township on any account is [twice] returned unpaid to the township for the reason of insufficient funds or otherwise, there shall be a service charge of [twenty (\$20.00)] thirty (\$30.00) dollars, the said charge being automatically increased to the highest amount allowed by state statute if the said [twenty (\$20.00)] thirty (\$30.00) dollar amount is increased in the future, to the party tendering that check or other written instrument.

Once a party tenders a check or other written instrument to the township which is returned [twice] unpaid for insufficient funds or otherwise, all payments to the township by that party shall be tendered in cash or by certified or cashier's check for the period of one year following the date said check or other written instrument is returned to the township.

The said service charge authorized hereby shall be collected in the manner prescribed by law for the collection of the account for which the check or other written instrument was tendered. Whenever an account owing to the township is for a tax, sewer user charge or special assessment, the service charge authorized by this section shall be included on whatever list of delinquent accounts is prepared for the enforcement of the lien.

**Section 2.** If any article, 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 and they shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 3.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

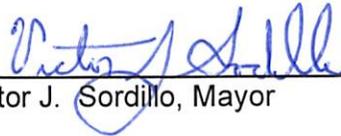
Note to Codifier: Deleted provisions indicated by brackets [ ].  
New provision indicated in underline \_\_\_\_\_.

ATTEST:

  
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Cathy Reese, RMC, Township  
Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF WARREN

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Victor J. Sordillo, Mayor

INTRODUCED	FEBRUARY 15, 2018
ADOPTED	MARCH 15, 2018
EFFECTIVE	MARCH 22, 2018