

TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON
ORDINANCE NO. 2018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON AMENDING CHAPTER 18 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPLACE THE EPA MANDATE SEWER USAGE FEE WITH A SEWER RENTAL CHARGE FOR THE COST OF OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, REPLACEMENT, RECONSTRUCTION AND RELATED SEWER WORK, SUCH FEE TO BE BASED ON USAGE AND SETTING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION

- I. The Board of Commissioners of the Township of Harrison hereby ordains that Chapter 18, Part 4 of the Township Code of Ordinances, EPA Mandate Sewer Usage Fee, is hereby amended to read in its entirety, as follows:

Part 4
Sewer Rental Charges

§ 401. Charges Established.

1. There is imposed a quarterly sewer rental charge upon all users of the sewer system, for the cost of sewer operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, reconstruction and related sewer expenses, as follows:
 - A. For premises with metered water consumption, the amount of \$1.45 for each 1,000 gallons of water or part thereof consumed; and
 - B. For premises without metered water consumption, a flat rate fee to be calculated on a reasonable estimate of consumption made by the Township Engineer based upon accepted average consumption data applicable to be the use of the premises. This fee shall be set at \$11.75 per quarter per single family residential dwelling unit; and
 - C. The fees set forth herein shall be applicable to properties located outside of Harrison Township and served by the Harrison Township sewage system and shall constitute an “additional fee” as described in Chapter 18, § 204 of the Harrison Township Code of Ordinances; and
 - D. The fees set forth herein may be modified from time to time by resolution of the Board of Commissioners; and
 - E. The fees set forth herein shall be effective as to consumption that occurs on and after January 1, 2024.

2. The Township is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Harrison Township Water Authority or other third party to carry out the billing of this fee.
3. The Township is authorized to enter into a water shut off agreement with the water supplier to any premises for which the paid fee is not timely paid.
4. The fees charged herein shall be assessable to and owed by the owners and occupants, jointly and severally, of each premises serviced by the sewer system and collectable, according to procedures to be authorized by the Board of Commissioners by way of resolution, and may be made a lien against the property, to be liened and collected against the property in the name of the owner, reported owner, occupier, mortgagee or anyone beneficially interested therein, as claims are liened and collected under the Municipal Claims Law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, such lien to include all court costs and attorney's fees.
 - A. In addition to any other remedy set forth herein or at law, the said fee may be recovered by action at law against the owners of the property at the time the fee is imposed, along with court costs, interest and attorney's fees.
 - B. In addition to any other remedy set forth herein or at law, the Township may, where a property owner fails to timely pay said fee, refuse to permit any additional building on the property to be tapped in to the Township sewage system, including any building existing at the time that the fee is assessed or any building erected thereafter.

§ 402. Penalties.

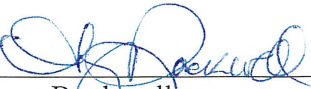
Any person violating the provisions of this Part, upon conviction thereof, shall be liable for a fine of not more than \$1,000 per each violation. Each day of violation shall be a separate offense.

- II. Severability. It is the express intent of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Harrison that the provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance shall be held to be illegal, invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall not be affected or impaired.
- III. Repeal. Any ordinance or any part of any ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed.
- IV. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective on January 1, 2024.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED INTO LAW this 18th day of December, 2023.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON

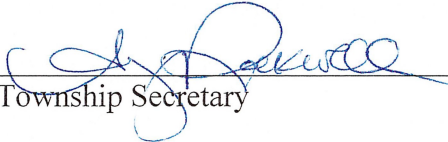


Amy Rockwell
Township Manager

By: 

Gary Meanor
Chairman Board of Commissioners

This Ordinance recorded in the Township Ordinance book on December 18, 2023
by the undersigned.



Township Secretary

