

ORDINANCE NO. 881

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HOPEWELL,
COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, REGARDING
WATER AND SEWER RATES, AND AMENDING
CHAPTERS 10 AND 17 OF “THE REVISED GENERAL
ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HOPEWELL,
1975”**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hopewell, County of Mercer and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Rates for Water Charges. Subsection 10-4.7a. of Chapter 10 of the “Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hopewell, 1975” (“Borough Code”), which establishes the rates for water used in the Borough, is hereby amended as follows (additions are underlined; deletions are [bracketed and ~~struck~~):

§ 10-4.7. Fees and Charges.

a. Rates for Water Use. Customers shall be charged water rates that are consistent with and within the following range of rates for water used as registered on the water meter. If water usage is not metered, the minimum charge shall apply. The specific rates within the below ranges that shall be charged shall be as determined in advance by resolution of the governing body at least once per year. These rates shall be effective as of April 10, 2024.

For Water Used Each Quarter	Rate	
Residential and Commercial		
First 2,000 gallons or less (minimum charge)	[\$28.68]	<u>\$31.00 to \$50.00</u>
For water in excess of 2,000 gallons up to 5,000 gallons per 1,000 gallons	[\$14.83]	<u>\$17.00 to \$30.00</u>
For water in excess of 5,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons per 1,000 gallons	[\$15.42]	<u>\$18.00 to \$30.00</u>
For water in excess of 10,000 gallons up to 20,000 gallons per 1,000 gallons	[\$16.05]	<u>\$19.00 to \$30.00</u>

For water in excess of 20,000 gallons up to 30,000 gallons per 1,000 gallons	[\$16.69]	<u>\$19.00 to \$30.00</u>
For water in excess of 30,000 gallons up to 40,000 gallons per 1,000 gallons	[\$17.37]	<u>\$20.00 to \$31.00</u>
For water in excess of 40,000 gallons per 1,000 gallon	[\$18.06]	<u>\$21.00 to \$32.00</u>

2. **Rates for Sewer Charges.** Subsection 17-1a. of Chapter 17 of the Borough Code, which establishes the charges and rents for premises connected to the Borough’s sanitary sewer system, is hereby amended as follows (additions are underlined; deletions are [bracketed and struck]):

§ 17-1. RATES FOR SEWER USE AND CONNECTION AND FACILITY FEES.

a. Charges and rents that are consistent with and within [F]the following range of charges and rents shall be imposed for premises connected to the sanitary sewer system of the Borough. The charges and rents shall be computed from the amount and use of water taken from the water mains, during the preceding quarter, as measured by the reading of the water meter for the premises served. The specific rates within the below ranges that shall be charged shall be as determined in advance by resolution of the governing body at least once per year.

For Water Taken Each Quarter Rates Effective April 10, 2024	Rate	
First 10,000 gallons or less (minimum charge)	[\$82.19]	<u>\$84.00 to \$92.00</u>
In excess of 10,000 gallons up to 50,000 gallons per 1,000 gallons	[\$1.88]	<u>\$2.00 to \$3.00</u>
In excess of 50,000 gallons per 1,000 gallons	[\$2.88]	<u>\$3.00 to \$5.00</u>

3. **Repealer.** All ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are repealed.


4. **Severability.** If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the

section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of this ordinance shall be valid and enforceable.


5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication as provided by law.

INTRODUCED: 3/7/2024
PASSED: 3/7/2024
PUBLISHED: 3/15/2024
ADOPTED: 4/4/2024

ATTEST:



Regina Toth
Municipal Clerk



Ryan P. Kennedy
Mayor

ROLL CALL VOTE				
COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
HOOK				✓
MACKIE	✓			
MCAULIFFE	✓			
STUHLER	✓			
WEAVER	✓			
WILENIUS	✓			