

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE NO. 24-1825

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING
CHAPTER XIX, "SEWER AND WATER MATTERS,"
SECTION 19-1.2, "SEWER SERVICE FEES" OF THE
REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL (ELSA SERVICE DISTRICT)**

Explanation: Additions are underlined; deletions are shown with ~~strikeout~~

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, in the County of Mercer and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1.

Section 19-1, "Sewer Matters," of Chapter XIX, "Sewer and Water Matters," of the "Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Hopewell, New Jersey (1978)," is hereby amended and supplemented in the following respects:

19-1.2 Ewing Lawrence Sewer Authority ("ELSA") Service District

c. Sewer Service Fees

- (1). *Metered Premises.* The charge for sewage disposal services provided to the systems' users shall be based upon the water consumed on the users' premises as measured by a meter for this purpose. In the absence of water meters, users shall pay the fee specified in paragraph b, 2(b) of this subsection. Users may obtain an additional meter to measure water used for outside purposes, such as sprinkler systems, swimming pools, etc. which does not flow into the sanitary sewer. Users may receive a deduction from their quarterly water consumption for the amount of water measured by the additional meter.
- (2). *Non-Metered Premises.* Charges for sewer service for premises without water meters shall be based upon an estimated annual water consumption. The estimated water consumption shall be 85 percent of the calculated wastewater flow based upon the NJDEP's Treatment Works Application

wastewater calculation.

- (3). *Rate.* The user rate shall be a uniform charge, which shall include Hopewell Township operations, maintenance, administrative expenses and debt service payments; ELSA (Ewing Township) treatment operations, maintenance and replacement costs, and any additional contract charges required by the agreement with the Township of Ewing or ELSA.

ELSA/Ewing Treatment	\$9.98
Operations, Maintenance and Replacement Charges/Costs, and Ewing Contract Charge	
Hopewell Township	
Operation, Maintenance	\$1.20
Debt Service	\$0.23
Unit Charge Per 1,000 Gallons	<u>\$11.41</u>

- (a) Unit charge per 1,000 Gallons is \$13.69.
- (b) The minimum usage charged per quarter shall be 748 gallons (100 cubic foot)
- (c) A flat rate of \$40.00 (forty) will be charged to all metered and non-metered premises per quarter.
- (d) Users with a second meter shall be charged an administrative fee of \$10 per quarter.

- (4). *Rate Preservation* On April 1 of each year the rate per thousand gallons shall be increased by the annual increase in the trailing twelve month Consumer Price Index (CPI) as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics; unless by March 1 the Township Committee determines by resolution that the rate shall be adjusted depending on the needs of the system.

- (5). *Sewer Service Billing.* Sewer service bills shall be rendered quarterly. The amount charged shall be due on the date indicated on the bill. Interest will be charged on any overdue balance at the rate of eight percent per annum on balances of one thousand five hundred (1,500.00) dollars or less and 18 percent per annum on balances greater than one thousand five

hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars. In the event that sewer bills are not duly paid as provided for herein, the amounts due shall be forwarded to the collector of taxes for the Township of Hopewell. All delinquent unpaid sewer bills shall become a lien upon the premises served until paid; the township shall have the same remedy for the collection thereof together with legal interest, costs and penalties as presently permitted under the laws of the State of New Jersey.

SECTION 2.

Severability In the event that any portion of this Ordinance is found to be invalid for any reason by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be limited in its effect only to the portion of the Ordinance actually adjudged invalid and shall not be deemed to affect the operation of any other portion thereof, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Repealer That all other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3.

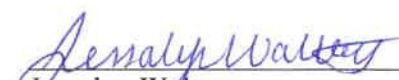
That this Ordinance shall take effect July 1, 2024 with final passage and publication of this Ordinance in accordance with law.

Date Introduced: May 6, 2024
Date Advertised: May 9, 2024
Date Adopted: May 20, 2024



Courtney Peters-Manning
Mayor

Attest:



Jessalyn Walters
Deputy Municipal Clerk