

ORDINANCE NO. 1182

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WEST READING, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING SECTIONS 363-3, TITLED "TAPPING FEES", AND 363-6 TITLED "CONNECTIONS TO CONFORM TO ORDINANCES, RULES AND REGULATIONS" OF ARTICLE I, TITLED "SEWER CONNECTIONS", OF CHAPTER 363, TITLED "SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL", TO AMEND LANGUAGE TO INCLUDE CHANGES IN USE, FLOW AND STRENGTH OF SEWAGE DISCHARGE.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of West Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the authority of the same as follows:

Section 1. § 363-3 titled "Tapping Fees", of Article I, titled "Sewer connections", of Chapter 363, titled "Sewers and Sewage Disposal", of the Borough of West Reading Code of Ordinances is hereby amended in its entirety so as to hereafter read as follows:

There is hereby imposed on each and every owner of real estate located in the Borough connecting to the sewer system a tapping fee in an amount as set forth by resolution of the Borough Council from time to time (the "tapping fee"), per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) , for each new connection of a structure, proposed structure, change in use of the property/structure, change in sewer flows (hydraulic loading) and/or change in the sewer characteristic (organic loading) to the sewer system. The tapping fee shall be in an amount equal to 1) the tapping fee, per EDU, as established by resolution of the Authority from time to time, which portion shall be forwarded to the Authority and expended by the Authority solely for the upgrading and/or expansion of the Authority's sanitary sewage treatment plant facilities, which facilities treat, in part, sewage transported through the sewer system of the Borough, plus 2) the tapping fee, per EDU, as established by resolution of the Borough from time to time, for use by the Borough for the maintenance and transmission of sewage in the collection and conveyance portion of the sewer system.

Section 2. Subsection B of § 363-3 titled "Tapping Fees", of Article I, titled "Sewer connections", of Chapter 363, titled "Sewers and Sewage Disposal", of the Borough of West Reading Code of Ordinances is hereby amended in its entirety so as to hereafter read as follows:

For the purposes of this section, it is established that an EDU constitutes 17,200 gallons of sewage, per quarter annum, to the sewer system. In calculating the amount of the tapping fee for commercial or industrial properties, for uses accessory to residential dwelling units, the Council shall cause to be determined based upon accepted engineering practices the projected quarter annual flow of sewage, in gallons, to be contributed by the existing structure and/or proposed structure to the sewer system. This projected quarter annual flow of sewage, expressed in gallons, when divided by 22,800 gallons and the quotient thereof (rounded off to the nearest whole number), when multiplied by the base tapping fee, shall be the amount of the established tapping fee for commercial or industrial properties, and includes any change in the use and flows from the property.

Section 3. § 363-6 titled "Connections to conform to ordinances, rules and regulations", of Article I, titled "Sewer connections", of Chapter 363, titled "Sewers and Sewage Disposal", of the Borough of West Reading Code of Ordinances is hereby amended in its entirety so as to hereafter read as follows:

No connection and/or change in the sewer discharge shall be made to the sewer system except in compliance with the ordinances, rules and regulations of the Borough Council or as may be otherwise required by law.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as they are inconsistent with this Ordinance.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall become effective upon enactment.

Section 6. The Code of Ordinances of the Borough of West Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, as amended, shall be and remain unchanged and in full force and effect except as amended, supplemented, and modified by this Ordinance. This Ordinance shall become a part of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of West Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, as amended, upon adoption.

DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 20th day of February 2024.

BOROUGH OF WEST READING

By: _____
Ryan Lineaweaver, Council President

Attest: _____
Cynthia Madeira, Borough Secretary

Examined and approved this 20th day of February 2024.

Samantha Kaag, Mayor