

Ordinance 85-2

Sewer System Charge

8/13/85

ORDINANCE NO. 85-2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF SEWER SERVICE CHARGES AND REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT THERETO TO BE COLLECTED FROM AND FOLLOWED BY THE USERS OF THE SEWER SYSTEM OPERATED AND OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF A REFINANCING AS SET FORTH IN DULY ENACTED ORDINANCE NO. 84-3 AND NO. 84-4 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL

WHEREAS, under the provisions of duly enacted Township Ordinances 84-3 and 84-4, the Township of Hopewell has acquired ownership of the Township Sewer System pursuant to a refinancing as fully set forth in those ordinances and by authority of the same the Township has covenanted that it has adopted and will charge, maintain and collect, as long as any of the Township's bonds remain outstanding and funds for their payment have not been provided, reasonable sewer rates, rents and other charges for the use of the facilities of the sewer system and for the use of the facilities of the sewer system and for the services rendered by the Township, all in accordance with Articles III and IV of Ordinance No. 84-3 and Section 2.07 of Article II of Ordinance 84-4; and

WHEREAS, the Consulting Engineer of the Township has recommended a schedule of rates and a set of rules with respect to said charges which meet the conditions of the Township's covenants in the said ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of the same;

Section 1. The schedule of charges for sewer system, together with the rules and regulations with respect thereto, both as recommended by the Township's Consulting Engineer (certified copies of which are attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A") and copies of which are on file at the office of the Township Secretary be and they hereby are adopted by the Township.

Section 2. By enactment of this Ordinance, the following Ordinance is hereby repealed:

Ordinance No. 84-1.

Section 3. Any person or entity who shall violate any of the rules and regulations contained in this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars, and costs of prosecution for each and every offense; provided, each day's violation of any of the provisions of such action shall constitute a separate offense. The Township Engineer and/or his designee shall generally be charged with the enforcement of the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by a Court having jurisdiction, to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part declared to be invalid.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final enactment.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED FINALLY INTO LAW by the Board of
Township Commissioners this 13 day of AUGUST, 1985.

Joseph R. Barina
President, Board of Township Commissioners

ATTEST:

Carol Hancuok
Secretary

EXHIBIT A

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP, BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

CONNECTION CHARGES, SEWER RENTALS AND REGULATIONS

SECTION 1. Sewer System Connection Charges

Fee Schedule Connections

- (a) Single family dwelling and single commercial establishments, each building sewer connection \$ 600.00
- (b) Trailers, mobile homes, each unit on building sewer connection \$ 600.00
- (c) Hotels, motels, multiple family dwellings, apartments and other multiple unit structures not subject to separate ownership, each unit on building sewer connection \$ 600.00
- (d) Shopping centers, condominiums, group of buildings, industrial park, office buildings and other multiple unit structures subject to separate ownership, each unit connection \$ 600.00
- (e) Churches, schools, fraternal organizations and governmental units, each building sewer connection \$ 600.00
- (f) Each eight inch connection \$1,000.00
- (g) Each ten inch connection \$1,900.00

For connections other than those listed above, a connection charge shall be determined by the Township and shall be payable at the same time as the connection charges listed above.

Permits

1. Restoration Permit \$10.00
2. Excavator's Permit (Primary) \$25.00
- Excavator's Permit (Secondary) \$10.00 Each
(Secondary Permit is required for each
authorized excavator).

Inspections

1. First Inside Inspection. Free
2. First Outside Inspection. Free
3. Additional Inspections. \$25.00 Per Inspection
- After 4:30 P.M. \$50.00 Per Inspection
- Saturdays \$50.00 Per Inspection
- Sundays and Holidays \$50.00 Per Inspection

SECTION II. Sewer Rentals

All owners of property connected to and having use of the sewers, sewerage system, and sewage treatment plant (hereinafter sewer system) of Hopewell Township Authority shall pay to the Township an annual sewer rental as hereinafter provided for the use of such sewer system rental as hereinafter provided for the use of such sewer system in accordance with the following schedule of rentals and the regulations given in Section III:

Rates

The annual sewer rentals hereby imposed shall be effective _____ (except as may hereafter be set forth) and thereafter and shall be a charge payable quarterly, based upon and in accordance with the following schedule of rates and classifications:

A. Residential

Each single family dwelling, double house, in the row of connecting houses, apartment, house trailer, mobile home, motel room, hotel rooms,

dormitory room, group of rooms, enclosure or other facility occupied or intended for occupancy as separate living quarters by a family or other group or persons living together or by persons living alone, each

Minimum Quarterly Charge \$25.00
Gallons Included with Minimum
Charge Per Quarter 1,000
Rate Per 1,000 Gallons above
a Quarterly Usage of 1,000 gallons \$0.90

Each dwelling in a double house, in a row of connecting houses, or in an apartment shall be billed as a separate entity. Any room, group of rooms, house trailer, enclosure, etc., occupied or intended for occupancy as separate living quarters by a family or other group of persons living together or by persons living alone shall be classified as a dwelling unit.

The Township will, for unmetered single residential users on a private well system, bill these customers on a basis of an estimated water usage of 9,000 gallons/Quarter, at a rate of \$25.00 plus \$0.90 per 1,000 gallons for the estimated water use, unless the owner, at his expense, provides meters for measuring the actual water consumption. The type of meters and installation must be approved by the Township. The home owner will be responsible for providing quarterly readings to the Township, and the Township will make one annual meter reading at a charge of \$5.00, which is to be paid by the owner. This particular paragraph affecting residential well-users shall be effective retroactively as of May 1, 1984.

B. Non-Residential (Commercial, Industrial, Schools, Churches, Institutions)

1. All owners of non-residential property connected to the sewer system shall pay a sewer rental based upon actual water consumptions with exceptions as hereinafter noted. All sewer rentals based upon water consumption shall be

computed using a Base Rate of \$25.00 per quarter per E.D.U. and a Usage Charge of \$0.90 per 1,000 gallons.

One Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) is defined as the average water consumption of single family residential customer which is 15,000 gallons/Quarter. All accounts are considered to be at least 1 EDU when water consumption is less than 15,000 gallons/Quarter. The total number of EDU's for non-residential customers will be limited to a maximum of 30 for any one account.

2. The volume of water to be used for billing sewer rentals to non-residential users of the sewer system shall include any and all metered water purchased from any private or public water company, and in addition all water obtained from any other source (wells, streams, etc.) as determined (a) by meters installed and maintained by a water company, (b) by meters installed and maintained by the user as approved by the Township, or (c) from estimates or measurements made by the Township.
3. Exclusion from the sewer system of non-contaminated waste waters used solely for cooling purposes may be required by the Township. When such waters are excluded, the sewer rental shall be based on total water consumption, less water excluded, at the rate stipulated under subsection B1, above.

Water excluded may be determined from meters installed and maintained by the user, from estimates or measurements made by the Township, or the user may elect to measure the volume of wastes actually discharged to the sewer system as provided for below.

4. The Township may require an industrial establishment, or the industrial establishment may elect to install, pay, and maintain a meter approved by the Township for measuring waste waters discharged into the sewer system in which case the sewer rental shall be based

on the actual quarterly volume of wastes discharged to the sewer system; and rentals shall be computed at the rates as stipulated under subsection B1 on the previous page.

5. For unmetered multiple residential users and all other unmetered users, the Township will bill on a water consumption basis, estimated by the Township. The user may install meter approved by the Township for measuring actual water consumption. All billing will be in accordance with subsection A, on page 2 hereof.

Residents who are provided only first floor service may install a meter to record the water usage that is to be billed under Subsection A on page 2 hereof. If a meter is installed, quarterly readings will be provided to the Township by the owner and the Township will make one annual meter reading at a charge of \$5.00, which is to be paid by the owner.

6. Industrial establishments discharging sewage and/or wastes with an average suspended solids content greater than 250 parts per million, an average B.O.D. content of greater than 300 parts per million, and a chlorine demand in excess of 15 parts per million shall pay a strength of waste surcharge on one-tenth of one percent (1/10 of 1%) for each part per million by which the suspended solids and BOD exceeds the allowable, plus one-half of one percent for each part per million by which the chlorine demand exceeds 15 parts per million. Surcharges shall be applied to billing for sewer rentals stipulated under subsections B1 or Bs on pages 3 and 4.

The strength of waste to be used for establishing the amount of surcharge will be determined at least once annually, either (a) by suitable sampling and analyses of the wastes for a 3-day period during which time the strength of waste being discharged or production is at a maximum; or (b) by relating production and waste strength at the time of sampling to waste strength at maximum production; or (c) from estimates; or (d) from known relationships of products produced to strengths or waste for those industries where such factors have been established.

7. The sewer rental to schools shall be not less than one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per pupil per quarter. Each quarterly rental shall be based upon the average number of pupils enrolled at the beginning of the school year. Teachers and employees of the school shall be classified as pupils for sewer rental purposes.
8. Additional classifications and sewer rentals or modifications of the above schedule of sewer rentals may be established by the township from time to time as deemed necessary, by Resolution.

SECTION III. Regulation

- A. All owners of property shall connect their premises with the sewer system as and when the same may be available and upon notice to do so by the Township. Connection charges shall be payable upon application for a permit to make such connection. Sewers for a property shall be considered available, when the line is located 150 feet or less from the house that is to be served.
- B. The Township reserves the right to refuse any request for permission to connect to the sewer system, to compel discontinuance of the use of any sewer, or to compel the pretreatment of industrial wastes by any industry where required to prevent discharge to the sewer system deemed harmful in any respect.
- C. Sewer rental shall commence on the date the connection is made to the sewer system. Owners of property connected during any calander quarter shall pay a pro rata charge for service for the balance of the quarter.
- D. All billings for rentals shall be rendered quarterly, promptly after the meters are read and shall be subject to a 5 percent penalty if not paid by the due date listed on the sewer bill.

- E. The Township's representatives shall have access at all times to industrial establishments and any meters used for establishing or determining water consumption, water excluded from the sewer system, or sewerage and/or waste waters discharged to the sewer system.
- F. Industries shall install fire screens to remove husks, hulls, vegetable skins and peelings, threads, lint, grease, and any and all such materials considered by the Township to overload, impair the efficiency of, or cause difficulties in the operation of the sewers and treatment plant.
- G. Industries discharging wastes in excess of 50,000 gallons per day having large variations in the rate of waste discharged shall install suitable holding tanks for equalizing the rate of discharge uniformly over the entire 24 hours of the day. The peak rate of discharge for any such industry shall not exceed 150 percent of the average daily discharge at any time.

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