

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
ORDINANCE 458-20
AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING SEWER USER RATES AND AMENDING
CHAPTER XXII OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED SEWERS"**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, New Jersey that Chapter XXII of the Township Code entitled "Sewers" is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. Section 22-23 entitled "User Rates" is hereby amended to read as follows:

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The following sewer service and usage fees are hereby established effective January 1, 2020, and shall remain in full force and effect until revised by ordinance duly adopted by the Township Committee:

- A. All residential sewer users shall be charged a service fee of \$0.00 per year per unit.
- B. All commercial and industrial sewer users shall be charged a service fee of \$0.00 per year per unit.
- C. Residential sewer users that are metered shall be charged a sewer usage fee at the rate of \$18.27 per thousand gallons.
 - 1. The gallons used shall be the total water metered (Actual Usage) for the six (6) winter months preceding the billing year. By example, in the billing year of 2020, the gallons are determined from the six (6) months January through March and October through December 2019. The months excluded are: April through September 2019.
 - 2. Water consumption figures for each user will be obtained from the water company servicing the premises or by the Township Sewer department if the meter is not serviced by the water company.
 - 3. If the meter is not read or incorrectly read for one or more months of the usage period as determined by the Sewer Utility Collector, the amount charged for those months shall be equal to the approximate average monthly usage among other billable months during the same period.
- D. Commercial and industrial sewer users that are metered shall be charged a sewer usage fee at the rate of \$18.27 per thousand gallons.
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- E. Sewer Users that are not metered shall be charged a usage fees follows: Residential units: \$575 per unit
Commercial or Industrial units: \$1200 per unit
- F. If a user has multiple water sources, the usage fee shall be the combined total of each source as specified in subsection 22-23c or d. if metered and subsection 22-23e. if unmetered. Only one service fee shall be applied.
- G. The Township Committee may require a water meter to be installed by any sewer user utilizing a well or other private water system at the property owner's expense.
- H. Each user who is a resident of this Township and who was sixty-five (65) years of age or older during the prior calendar year shall be entitled annually, upon submission of a claim on proper forms, to a deduction of forty (\$40.00) dollars from his or her sewer use charge as established hereinabove.

Section 2. Any and all other ordinances or parts thereof in conflict or consistent with any of the terms thereof are hereby repealed to such extent as they are so in conflict or inconsistent.

Section 3. In case any article, section or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid in any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect any other article, section or provision of this ordinance except insofar as the article, section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication

NOTICE

The foregoing ordinance having been introduced and passed on first reading by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris on Wednesday, May 13, 2020, will be considered for final passage and adoption at a public hearing held at a meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 by a virtual meeting when and where or at such time and place to which said meeting may be adjourned, all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance. To obtain details of virtual meeting please refer to May 27, 2020 public agenda or email municipalclerk@longhillnj.gov.

ATTEST

Megan Phillips, RMC
Township Clerk

Brendan Rae, Mayor

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