

Ordinance 2024-18

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
COUNTY OF MERCER
STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ARTICLE 19-2, ENTITLED “CHARGES AND RENTS,” OF CHAPTER 19, “WATER AND SEWER,” OF “THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN,” IN CERTAIN LIMITED RESPECTS.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hightstown (the “Borough”) previously established Article 19-2, entitled “Charges and Rents,” of Chapter 19, “Water and Sewer,” of “The Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown” (also referenced as the “Borough Code”); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to revise the charges for water and sewer service within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, these revisions will require amendments to Section 19-2-2, entitled “Water Charges,” and Section 19-2-3, entitled “Sewer Charges,” of the Borough Code, as set forth in more detail below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown in the County of Mercer and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That Section 19-2-2, entitled “Water Charges,” of Chapter 19, “Water and Sewer,” of Article 19-2, “Charges and Rents,” of “The Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown is hereby amended and supplemented in the following respects (additions are show with underline; deletions are shown with ~~striketrough~~):

§ 19-2-2. Water Charges.

Type	Charge
Quarterly base charge for water connections (per connection unit)	\$55.25 <u>\$85.64</u> per unit
Quarterly base charge for auxiliary residential water-only connection (per connection unit), installed as per § 19-2-5C	\$35.35 <u>\$54.79</u> per unit
Water usage charge per each 100 cubic feet of metered water usage (all account types except auxiliary residential water-only connections)	\$2.45
Water usage charge per each 100 cubic feet of metered water usage for auxiliary residential water-only connections	\$3.59 per unit
Tanked water	\$23.63 <u>\$37.00</u> per 1,000 gallons
Quarterly base charge for private fire service lines:	

Type	Charge
Size of fire service line	Charge
2"	\$11.88 <u>18.41</u>
4"	\$62.04 <u>96.17</u>
6"	\$192.32 <u>298.10</u>
8"	\$415.67 <u>644.29</u>
10"	\$744.48 <u>1,153.94</u>

The Borough shall assess a charge of \$15 for all water meter readings not required for the calculation of quarterly water bills.

The increase in the quarterly base charge for water connections and auxiliary residential water-only connections (per connection unit), tanked water, and fire service lines shall take effect on December 15, 2024.

~~All water charges above shall increase by an additional 1% every January 1, starting on January 1, 2024.~~

2. That Section 19-2-3, entitled "Sewer Charges," of Chapter 19, "Water and Sewer," of "The Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown is hereby amended and supplemented in the following respects (additions are show with underline; deletions are shown with ~~strikethrough~~):

§ 19-2-3. Sewer Charges.

The following charges and rents shall be charged for use of the sewer system. For premises connected with the water mains of the public water and sewer system owned by the Borough, a sum shall be charged in accordance with the following rates and be computed from the amount and use of water taken from the water mains during the most recently billed quarter of the calendar year as evidenced by the reading of the water meter for the premises. Sewer charges shall be based upon the following:

A. Connections and Usage.

- (1) Quarterly base charge for sewage connections (per connection unit) whether or not any water is used during the quarter: ~~\$92.77~~\$143.79 per unit.
- (2) Sewage usage charge per ~~each~~ 100 cubic feet of metered water usage (all account types): \$5.09
- ~~(3) Rates for Subsection A(1) and (2) above shall increase by 1% every January 1, starting on January 1, 2024.~~

The increase in the quarterly base charge for sewage connections, per connection unit, shall take effect on December 15, 2024.

- B. No petroleum oil or grease from mineral sources will be accepted at the Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- C. The term “calendar year” as used in this section shall be the period between January 1 and December 31.
3. That all other provisions of Chapter 19 of the Borough Code which are not referenced in Sections 1 and 2 of this Ordinance shall remain unaffected/unchanged and remain in full force and effect.
4. That all parts and provisions of any Ordinance which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
5. That the provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable. 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.

Introduced: November 18, 2024

Adopted: December 2, 2024

ATTEST:


MARGARET RIGGIO
MUNICIPAL CLERK


SUSAN BLUTH
MAYOR