

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

ORDINANCE NO. 13-1574

**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)**

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

1. That Subsection 19-1.2, entitled "Sewer Service Fees," of 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 (additions are underlined; deletions are shown with ~~strikeout~~):

19-1.2 Sewer Service Fees

b. *Ewing Lawrence Sewerage Authority ("ELSA") Service District*

1. It is hereby determined and declared to be necessary and conducive to the protection of the public health, safety, welfare and convenience of the township to collect charges from all users who contribute wastewater to the ELSA treatment works. The proceeds of such charges so derived will be used for the purpose of operating and maintaining the public wastewater treatment works.

2. *User Charges.*

(a) *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.

(b) *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.

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

	<i>Price per 1000 Gallons</i>	<i>Budget Amount</i>
*ELSA/Ewing-Treatment Operations, Maintenance and Replacement Charges/Costs, and Ewing Contract Charge Hopewell	\$6.60 \$8.65 <u>\$9.98</u>	\$525,000
Administrative/O&M	\$0.50 \$0.54 <u>\$1.20</u>	
Debt Service	\$0.16 \$0.41 <u>\$0.23</u>	\$12,000-
Total Unit Charge Per 1000 Gallons:	\$7.26 \$9.60 <u>\$11.41</u>	\$577,000-

*As per contractual agreement

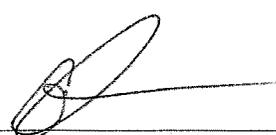
3. *Sewer Service Billing.* Sewer service bills shall be rendered quarterly. The amount charged shall be due on the date indicated on the bill. Interest will be charged on any overdue balance at the rate of eight percent per annum on balances of one thousand five hundred (1,500.00) dollars or less and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

2. 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.

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 That all other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

4. That this Ordinance shall take effect immediately following final passage and publication of this Ordinance in accordance with law.

Date Introduced: March 11, 2013
Date Advertised: March 14, 2013
Date Adopted: April 8, 2013



Vanessa Sandom
Mayor

Attest:



Laurie E. Gompf
Municipal Clerk

CERTIFICATION
I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE
A TRUE COPY OF A/*Ordinance* ADOPTED
BY THE HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
AT A MEETING HELD
April 8, 2013
DATE


LAURIE E. GOMPf, MUNICIPAL CLERK