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ORDINANCE NO. 31
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
TOWNSHIP OF EAST NORRITON
Montgomery County, Pa.

IMPOSING SEWER CONNECTION CHARGES AND ALSO SEWER RENTALS OR CHARGES FOR THE USE OF THE SEWERS AND SEWER SYSTEM, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST NORRITON, UPON THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY IN SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 SERVED, OR TO BE SERVED, BY SUCH SEWERS AND SEWER SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION THEREOF; AND THE FILING OF LIENS THEREFOR; AND PROVIDING FOR RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Board of Township Supervisors of the Township of East Norriton, Montgomery County, Pa., hereby ordains and enacts that:

Section 1. Definitions:

[a] "Industrial wastes" means any solid, liquid or gaseous substance or water borne wastes or form of energy rejected or escaping from any industrial, manufacturing, trade or business process or from the development, recovery or processing of natural resources, as distinct from domestic sewage.

[b] "Person" means any individual, firm, company, association, society, corporation or group.

[c] "Sanitary sewage" means the normal water carried household and toilet wastes from residences, business buildings, institutions and industrial establishments.

[d] "Sewer System" means all facilities for collecting, transporting, treating and disposing of sewage.

[e] "Supervisors" means the group of elected officials acting as the governing body of the Township.

[f] "Township" means the Township of East Norriton, Montgomery County, Pa.

Section 2. Imposition of Connection Charge: There is hereby imposed upon each owner of property within the limits of Sewer District No. 1 in the Township connecting to the Sewer System after the effective date of this Ordinance, a connection charge of $100 for each connection to be made to a lateral of the Sewer System at the curb line or property line.

Section 3. Imposition of Sewer Rent or Charge: There is hereby imposed upon each property within the limits of Sewer District No. 1 in the Township served by the Sewer System and having the use thereof a quarterly sewer rent or charge payable as hereinafter provided, for the use, whether direct or indirect, of the Sewer System, based on the schedules of classifications and rates or charges hereinafter set forth.

Section 4. Rentals or Rates for Sanitary Sewage:

[a] Rates for Metered Water Users:

All persons owning property connecting to the Sewer System and served with metered water service shall pay a quarterly rental for sanitary sewage service

based on quantity of water used, as evidenced by meter readings of water meters installed and maintained by the water supplier for the purpose of measuring water purchased from said water supplier and such other meters as may be installed pursuant to any provisions of this Ordinance, and subject to the minimum charges hereinafter provided, all as follows:

i] Sewage Collection Charge (which will apply to all quantities of water consumed):

First	7,000 Gallons or less per quarter	$7.50 per quarter minimum
Next	53,000 Gallons per quarter	$0.40 per 1,000 Gal. per quarter
All Over	60,000 Gallons per quarter	$0.20 per 1,000 Gal. per quarter

ii] Sewage Treatment Charge (which will apply to all quantities of water consumed):

First	7,000 Gallons or less per quarter	$5.25 per quarter minimum
Next	53,000 Gallons per quarter	$0.30 per 1,000 Gal. per quarter
All Over	60,000 Gallons per quarter	$0.25 per 1,000 Gal. per quarter

[b] Rates for non-metered water users:

All domestic users owning property connecting to the Sewer System and served with water service, all of which water service is unmetered, shall pay a quarterly rental for sanitary sewage service as follows:

i] Sewage Collection Charge: $11.10 per quarter

ii] Sewage Treatment Charge: $ 7.90 per quarter

The Township reserves the right to enter into separate contracts for the collection and treatment of sanitary sewage from unmetered commercial, public and industrial users.

[c] Multiple Use:

In case of a combination of two or more dwellings, units, households, flats, apartments, stores, shops, offices or business units, or two or more families using separate cooking and/or bathroom facilities in one dwelling have the use of the Sewer System, through one sewer lateral, each and every such dwelling unit, household, flat, apartment, store, shop, office or business unit or such family shall be charged the foregoing minimum sewer rents or charges, the same as if each such unit or family had a direct and separate connection to the Sewer System. Sewer rents or charges in excess of such minimum shall, in the case of metered water users, be determined by dividing the total of water consumed, as shown by the meter readings, by the number of units or families using such single sewer connection and applying the above rate schedule to the quantity so determined.

[d] Garbage Grinders:

The charge for each domestic garbage grinder connected to the Sewer System shall be $4.00 per quarter, which shall be payable in its entirety as a sewage treatment charge.

[e] Rebates:

No rebate will be allowed, due to unoccupancy or vacancy, for a period of less than three (3) months.

Section 5. Additional Sewer Rent for Industrial Wastes: The sewer rentals and charges for collection and treatment of industrial wastes

discharged into the Sewer System shall be made in accordance with Section 4 above. In addition thereto further charges shall be made for all sewage discharged into the Sewer System having suspended solids and biochemical oxygen demand in excess of the following concentrations: (1) suspended solids 350 ppm; (2) B. O. D. 300 parts per million.

The additional charge for sewage having concentration in excess of the foregoing shall be based on the strength factor determined according to the following formula:

$$\text{Factor } \% = .60 + .10\left(\frac{\text{BOD in ppm*}}{300}\right) + .30\left(\frac{\text{SS in ppm*}}{350}\right)$$

*Where these figures are less than 300 ppm in BOD or 350 ppm in suspended solids, the value in the parenthesis shall be equal to "1".

In cases where the suspended solids in the opinion of the Township do not represent the true characteristics of the solids loading, the Township reserves the right to use total solids instead of suspended solids.

No industrial user shall begin or continue to discharge any industrial waste into the Sewer System until he has first submitted a written application to the Township for permission to do so, accompanied by a detailed report prepared by a sanitary engineer, registered in Pennsylvania and satisfactory to Township, setting forth such information relating to such industrial waste as Township may require, and until the Township shall have consented to such discharge.

Section 6. Measuring Volume of Sanitary Sewage:

[a] Methods of Measuring Volume:

i] Whenever a person purchasing all water used from the water supplier discharges sanitary sewage into the Sewer System, the volume of water consumed, as determined from meter readings of the water supplier shall be used in computing the sewer rental.

ii] In cases where dwellings and establishments have sources of water supply in addition to, or other than, that of the water supplier, those dwellings and establishments shall provide a meter on such additional or other source of supply. The total amount of water consumed, as shown by these meter readings, will be used in computing the sewer rental.

iii] In cases where establishments use water from the water supplier and/or from an independent supply for industrial or recreational purposes, such that the water so used is not discharged into the Sewer System, the quantity of water used to determine the sewer rental shall be computed by one of the following methods:

Method No. 1 - By placing a meter or measuring device on the sewer connection. The readings from this meter or measuring device shall be used in computing the sewer rental.

Method No. 2 - By placing a meter or measuring device on the effluent not discharging into the Sewer System. The readings from this meter or measuring device will then be deducted from the total water meter readings and the remainder will be used in computing the sewer rental.

[b] When, in the opinion of the Township, it is not practical to install meters or measuring devices to determine the sewer rental under either paragraphs (a)-(ii) or (a) (iii) of this Section, the Township may determine, in such manner and by such method as it may prescribe, the total amount of sanitary sewage discharged into the Sewer System and the quantity so determined to be discharged shall be used to determine the sewer rental. Any dispute as to the estimated quantity shall be submitted to the Supervisors, after notice of the estimate to the property owner. The decision of the Supervisors on the matter shall be final for the current year.

[c] Measuring Devices:

All meters or other measuring devices not provided by the water supplier, but required to be used under the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be furnished and installed by the property owner and shall be under the control of the Supervisors and may be tested, inspected or repaired by Township employees whenever the Supervisors deem necessary. The owner of the property upon which such measuring device is installed shall be responsible for its maintenance and safekeeping and all repairs thereto shall be made at the property owner's expense, whether such repairs are made necessary by ordinary wear and tear or other causes. Bills for such repairs, if made by the Township, shall be due and payable at the same time and collected in the same manner as are the bills for sewer services; such bills from and after their due date shall constitute a lien upon the property upon which such measuring device is installed.

[d] Meter Reading:

The Township shall have the right to read all meters or measuring devices and they shall be available to Township employees for meter reading at any reasonable time.

Section 7. Time and Method of Payment: The above connection charge shall be payable upon application for permit to make such connection. Sewer rentals or charges shall be paid quarterly and quarterly billings for sewer rentals and charges shall be made by bills dated on the first day of January, April, July and October of each year, beginning on such quarterly date immediately following the quarterly calendar period on which connection is made to the Sewer System, for the quarterly calendar period or portion thereof immediately preceding the date of the bill.

Payments mailed, as evidenced by the United States Post Office mark, on or previous to the end of the period during which the bills are payable at face will be deemed to be a payment within such period.

All persons connected to the Sewer System must give the Township their correct address. Failure to receive bills will not be considered an excuse for nonpayment nor permit an extension of the period during which bills are payable at face.

Section 8. Penalties, Delinquent Rentals and Liens: Quarterly charges for sewer service shall be subject to a ten (10%) per cent penalty if not paid within 30 days after the date of the bill, and the Township shall have the right to cut off sewer service from the property where payment has not been made and not to restore the same until all unpaid bills against the property and the costs of cutting

off and restoring service shall have been paid.

All sewer rentals, together with all penalties thereon, not paid on or before the end of 6 months from the date of each bill shall be deemed to be delinquent. All delinquent sewer rentals and all penalties thereon shall be a lien on the property served and shall be entered as a lien against such property in the office of the Prothonotary of Montgomery County and shall be collected in the manner provided by law for the filing and collection of such liens.

Section 9. Segregation of Sewer Revenues: The funds received by the Township from the collection of the connection charges and from sewer rentals and all penalties thereon as herein provided for and any fines collected by the Township in connection with the Sewer System shall be segregated and kept separate and apart from all other funds of the Township and shall be used only for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Township in the operation, maintenance, repair, alteration, inspection, depreciation or other expenses in relation to such Sewer System, including periodic payments due under an agreement with the East Norriton-Plymouth Joint Sewer Authority for the treatment and disposal of sewage, and for such payments as the Township may be required to make under any lease it may enter into for and of, or in connection with, said Sewer System with the East Norriton Township Municipal Authority, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of May 2, 1945, P.L. 382, as amended.

Section 10. Rules and Regulations: The Township reserves the right to, and may from time to time, adopt, revise, amend and readopt such Rules and Regulations as it deems necessary and proper for the use and operation of the Sewer System and all such Rules and Regulations shall be and become a part of this Ordinance. In respect to sewage treatment service, the Township hereby adopts the current Rules and Regulations of the East Norriton-Plymouth Joint Sewer Authority, copies of which Rules and Regulations are on file and may be examined at the Township Building, 2823 Swede Road, Norristown, Pa.

Section 11. Effective Date: This Ordinance and any Rules and Regulations hereunder shall become effective at once and shall be applicable to the properties in the Township as soon as they become connected with, and have the right to use, the Sewer System. Township reserves the right to make such changes from time to time, as in its opinion may be desirable or beneficial and to amend this Ordinance or to change the rates or charges in such manner and at such times as, in its opinion, may be advisable.

Section 12. Construction and Severability: If any of the provisions, sections, sentences, clauses or parts of this Ordinance or the application of any provision hereof shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remainder of this Ordinance, it being the intention of the Township that such remainder shall be and remain in full force and effect.

Section 13. Repeals: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith be, and the same hereby are, expressly repealed.

DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 14th day of March, 1960.

[TOWNSHIP SEAL]

Chairman-Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Secretary