

# Ordinance 2013-11

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

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 19-2, SUB-SECTION 19-2-3,  
ENTITLED “SEWER CHARGES,” OF CHAPTER 19, “WATER AND SEWER,” OF THE  
“REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, NEW  
JERSEY”**

**WHEREAS**, the Hightstown Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent, has recommended changes and additions to the rates charged for the processing of gray water, septic and grease and/or fats ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hightstown Borough Council has agreed with the Hightstown Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent recommendations, and wishes to amend and supplement the “Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown, New Jersey” accordingly.

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

Section 1. Section 19-2, Subsection 19-2-3, entitled “Sewer Charges,” of Chapter 19, “Water and Sewer” of the “Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown, New Jersey” is hereby amended and supplemented in order to establish the following new provisions:

**Subsection 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. Quarterly base charge for sewage connections (per connection unit)  
whether or not any water is used during the quarter \$60.00 per unit
- b. Sewage usage charge per each 100 cubic feet of metered water usage  
(all account types) \$3.85
- c. For processing of grey water delivered via tank truck by commercial entities:
  - (1) For the first 1,500,000 gallons delivered by a  
commercial entity within a calendar year \$303.00 per  
1,000 gallons
  - (2) For volume in excess of 1,500,000 gallons delivered by a  
commercial entity within a calendar year \$26.00 per  
1,000 gallons

- (3) The contents of each tanker will be tested so as to determine the pH level of the material.

For material with a measured pH  
found to be between 5.0 and 5.5, an additional surcharge will be assessed \$ 5.00 per  
1,000 gallons

For material with a measured pH  
found to be below 5.0, an additional surcharge will be assessed \$10.00 per  
1,000 gallons

d. For processing of septic tank waste delivered via tank truck by commercial entities:

- (1) Septic containing less than 3% total solids:

(1.1) For the first 1,500,000 gallons delivered by a commercial entity within a calendar year ~~\$4853.00~~ per  
1,000 gallons

(1.2) For volume in excess of 1,500,000 gallons delivered by a commercial entity within a calendar year \$45.00 per  
1,000 gallons

- (1.3) The contents of each tanker will be tested so as to determine the pH level of the material.

For material with a measured pH  
found to be between 5.0 and 5.5, an additional surcharge will be assessed \$ 5.00 per  
1,000 gallons

For material with a measured pH  
found to be below 5.0, an additional surcharge will be assessed \$10.00 per  
1,000 gallons

- (2) Septic containing greater than 3% total solids but less than 4% total solids:

(2.1) Per 1,000 gallons ~~\$5863.00~~

- (2.2) The contents of each tanker will be tested so as to determine the pH level of the material.

For material with a measured pH  
found to be between 5.0 and 5.5, an additional surcharge will be assessed \$ 5.00 per  
1,000 gallons

For material with a measured pH  
found to be below 5.0, an additional surcharge will be assessed \$10.00 per  
1,000 gallons

- (3) Septic containing greater than 4% total solids but less than 5% total solids:

(3.1) Per 1,000 gallons	\$ <del>68</del> 73.00
(3.2) The contents of each tanker will be tested so as to determine the pH level of the material.	
For material with a measured pH found to be between 5.0 and 5.5, an additional surcharge will be assessed	\$ 5.00 per 1,000 gallons
For material with a measured pH found to be below 5.0, an additional surcharge will be assessed	\$10.00 per 1,000 gallons
(4) Septic containing greater than 5% total solids:	
(4.1) Per 1,000 gallons	\$ <del>78</del> 83.00
(4.2) The contents of each tanker will be tested so as to determine the pH level of the material.	
For material with a measured pH found to be between 5.0 and 5.5, an additional surcharge will be assessed	\$ 5.00 per 1,000 gallons
For material with a measured pH found to be below 5.0, an additional surcharge will be assessed	\$10.00 per 1,000 gallons
(5) Septic (Jugglers): Per 1,000 gallons or any portion thereof	\$ <del>78</del> 83.00
(5.2) The contents of each tanker will be tested so as to determine the pH level of the material.	
For material with a measured pH found to be between 5.0 and 5.5, an additional surcharge will be assessed	\$ 5.00 per 1,000 gallons
For material with a measured pH found to be below 5.0, an additional surcharge will be assessed	\$10.00 per 1,000 gallons
(6) Car Wash: Per 1,000 gallons or any portion thereof	\$ <del>58</del> 63.00
(6.1) The contents of each tanker will be tested so as to determine the pH level of the material.	

For material with a measured pH  
found to be between 5.0 and 5.5, an additional surcharge will be assessed \$ 5.00 per  
1,000 gallons

For material with a measured pH  
found to be below 5.0, an additional surcharge will be assessed \$10.00 per  
1,000 gallons

e. Septic from Recreational Vehicles (RV): Per 1,000 gallons or any portion thereof \$10.00

f. For processing of fats and grease derived solely from animal,  
and/or vegetable sources delivered via tank truck by commercial entities, BY APPOINTMENT ONLY: \$105 per  
1,000 gallons

g. No petroleum oil or grease from mineral sources will be accepted at the Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant.

h. The term "calendar year" as used in this Section shall be the period between January 1 and December 31.

Section 2. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

Section 3. 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 that portion of the Ordinance actually adjudged to be invalid, and the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable therefrom and shall not be affected.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect following final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

Introduced: May 20, 2013

Adopted:

**ATTEST:**

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Debra L. Sopronyi  
Municipal Clerk

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Steven Kirson  
Mayor