

# Ordinance 2021-16

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

## **AMENDING CHAPTER 19, “WATER AND SEWER,” SECTION 19-2 “CHARGES AND RENTS”, SUBSECTION 19-2-2 “WATER CHARGES” AND SUBSECTION 19-2-3 “SEWER CHARGES” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council wish to amend certain provisions contained within Chapter 19, Section 19-2, of the Hightstown Borough Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that:

Section 1. Chapter 19, “Water and Sewer”, Section 19-2 “Charges and Rents”, Subsection 19-2-2 “Water Charges” and Subsection 19-2-3 “Sewer Charges” are hereby amended as follows (additions underlined; deletions in ~~strikeout text~~):

### **Subsection 19-2-2 Water Charges.**

- a. Quarterly base charge for water connections  
(per connection unit) \$46.75 per unit
- b. Quarterly base charge for auxiliary residential  
water-only connection (per connection unit), installed  
as per subsection 19-2.5c \$30.00 per unit
- c. Water usage charge per each 100 cubic feet  
of metered water usage (all account types except  
auxiliary residential water-only connections) \$2.08
- d. Water usage charge per each 100 cubic feet of metered water usage for  
auxiliary residential water-only connections \$3.03 per unit
- e. Tanked water \$20.00 per  
1,000 gallons
- f. Quarterly base charge for private fire service lines:
  - Size of fire service line
  - 2” \$10.05
  - 4” \$52.5
  - 6” \$162.75
  - 8” \$351.75
  - 10” \$630.00
- g. The Borough shall assess a charge of fifteen (\$15.00) dollars for all water meter readings not required for the calculation of quarterly water bills.
- h. All water charges in a. to f. shall increase by an additional 1% every January 1<sup>st</sup>, starting on

January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

(1991 Code § 227-8; Ord. No. 836 § 2; Ord. No. 1995-11 § 1; Ord. No. 1996-20 § 2; Ord. No. 2002-11; Ord. No. 2002-24; Ord. No. 2004-04; Ord. No. 2004-10; Ord. No. 2006-29; Ord. No. 2014-19)

**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 \$78.50 per unit
- b. Sewage usage charge per each 100 cubic feet of metered water usage  
(all account types) \$4.31
- c. Rates for a. and b. above shall increase by 1% every January 1<sup>st</sup>, starting on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

RECEIPT OF SEPTAGE/GREY WATER

- a. For processing of grey water delivered via tank truck by commercial entities:  
\$39.00 per  
1,000 gallons

- (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 \$ 7.50 per  
1,000 gallons

For material with a measured pH  
found to be below 5.0, an additional surcharge will be assessed \$15.00 per  
1,000 gallons

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

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

\$61.00 per  
1,000 gallons

- (1.1) 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 \$ 7.50 per  
1,000 gallons

For material with a measured pH  
found to be below 5.0, an additional surcharge  
will be assessed \$15.00 per  
1,000 gallons

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

\$72.00 per 1,000 gallons

(2.1) 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 \$ 7.50 per  
1,000 gallons

For material with a measured pH  
found to be below 5.0, an additional surcharge  
will be assessed \$15.00 per  
1,000 gallons

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

\$82.00 per 1,000 gallons

(3.1) 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 \$ 7.50 per  
1,000 gallons

For material with a measured pH  
found to be below 5.0, an additional surcharge  
will be assessed \$15.00 per  
1,000 gallons

(4) Septic containing greater than 5% total solids:

\$93.00 per 1,000 gallons

(4.1) 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 \$ 7.50 per  
1,000 gallons

For material with a measured pH  
found to be below 5.0, an additional surcharge  
will be assessed \$15.00 per  
1,000 gallons

(5) Septic (Jugglers):

\$93.00 per 1,000 gallons

- (5.1) 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 \$ 7.50 per  
1,000 gallons

For material with a measured pH  
found to be below 5.0, an additional surcharge  
will be assessed \$15.00 per  
1,000 gallons

(6) Car Wash:

\$72.00 per 1,000 gallons

- (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 \$ 7.50 per  
1,000 gallons

For material with a measured pH  
found to be below 5.0, an additional surcharge  
will be assessed \$15.00 per  
1,000 gallons

- c. Septic from Recreational Vehicles (RV): \$15.00 per 1,000 gallons

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

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

Section 2. If any sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any persons or circumstances shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, or if by legislative action any sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall lose its force and effect, such judgment or action shall not affect, impair or void the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2022, upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

Section 4. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Introduced: December 6, 2021

Adopted: December 20, 2021

**ATTEST:**

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Margaret Riggio  
Municipal Clerk

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Lawrence D. Quattrone  
Mayor