

ORDINANCE 2016-30

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 74, "WATER/SEWER UTILITY" ARTICLE I, OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED, "SEWER USE RULES AND REGULATIONS"

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as the "Township") has been involved in discussions and review of the existing sewer utility funds with the Township Certified Financial Officer (hereinafter referred to as the "CFO"); and

WHEREAS, after careful review of a Water/Sewer Rate Study performed by the Township Auditors with the necessary assumption of 3% annual rate increases, the Township finds it necessary and appropriate to modify and increase the Township sewer user rates in order to be certain that the Township water and sewer utility fund remains a self-liquidating fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Township amends and supplements Chapter 74 of the Township Code entitled, "Water/Sewer Utility", in particular Section 74-7 entitled, "Sewer Use Charges" to implement, effective January 1, 2017, the user rates throughout Barnegat Township. The user rates attached hereto and made a part herein are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth more fully herein.

Section 74.7 Sewer use charges, connection fees, and development inspection fees.

- A. User Charge. There is hereby established an annual user charge for each "dwelling unit" or "equivalent dwelling unit" within the Barnegat Township Municipal Sewerage Collection System in the amount of Four hundred twenty-eight dollars (\$428.00) per annum. Sewer user charges shall be payable quarterly in advance and no later than January 15th, April 15th, July 15th, and October 15th of each year.

SECTION 2. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 3. Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication in an official newspaper of the Township, as required by and in conformance with law.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on the first reading by the Township Committee of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey on **November 15, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.**, at the Barnegat Township Municipal Building located at 900 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, New Jersey. The Ordinance will be considered for second and final reading at a meeting of the Township Committee on **December 6, 2016, at 6:30p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached and considered, at the Barnegat Township Municipal Building located at 900 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, New Jersey. At that time the public is invited to ask questions, raise objections or provide public comment with regard to the proposed adoption of this Ordinance.



Michele Rivers, RMC
Township Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Michele Rivers, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted on second reading by the Barnegat Township Committee at their meeting held on the 6th day of December 2016.



Michele Rivers, RMC
Township Clerk