ORDINANCE # 18-2023

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST GREENWICH, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 13.04.070 WATER SERVICE CHARGES RATE SCHEDULE AND CHAPTER 13.08.140 SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR DOMESTIC WASTEWATER

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") has advised that it is necessary to set new Water Service and Sewer Service rates, effective January 1, 2024 in order to maintain the financial viability of the Water and Sewer Services within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Manager has analyzed the water and sewer rates in comparison to neighboring communities while considering the needs of the Water and Sewer Department and has determined that new rates are required; and

WHEREAS, the Township has not increased water service rates since 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee believe it is in the best interest of the Township to increase the water and sewer service charge rates in furtherance of the health and safety of the Township's residents and the public generally.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of East Greenwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION I. REPEAL:

Chapter 13.04.070 - Service charges - Rate schedule - Subsection C is hereby deleted in its entirety.

The following paragraph of Chapter 13.08.140 - Schedule of rates for domestic wastewater is hereby deleted:

All sewer customers shall have a minimum charge of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per year, which shall be billed at the rate of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per quarter. In addition there shall be a charge of three dollars ten cents (\$3.10) per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water usage as measured by water meter which shall also be billed quarterly.

SECTION II. AMENDMENTS:

Amendment #1

Chapter 13.04.070 - Service charges - Rate schedule - Subsection C.

C. Water Rates. The following charges shall be made for all water services rendered in the township as follows:

1. Usage. For uses other than commercial uses, there shall be a minimum charge of *fifty* (\$50.00) dollars for first ten thousand (10,000) gallons of water used, or portion thereof, and thereafter as follows, rounded up to the nearest thousand gallons:

Gallons	Per Thousand Gallons
10,001 - 20,000	\$5.00
20,001 - 30,000	\$6.00
30,001 - 40,000	\$7.00
40,001 - 50,000	\$8.00
Over 50,0001	\$9.00

Amendment #2

Chapter 13.08.140 - Schedule of rates for domestic wastewater:

All sewer customers shall be billed at the rate of *ninety* (\$90.00) dollars per quarter. In addition, there shall be a charge of *three dollars fifty cents* (\$3.50) per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water usage as measured by water meter which shall also be billed quarterly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, should any ordinance or part thereof be found in conflict with this ordinance or the provisions thereof, then those sections contained herein shall be deemed controlling and that should any section, subsection, clause or portion of this Ordinance be adjudged by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgement shall not affect impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all other sections of Chapter 13 shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law. Introduced at a regular meeting of Township Committee on November 28, 2023 and passed upon a second reading of Township Committee held on December 12, 2023.

TOWNSHIP OF EAST GREENWICH

BY:

DALE L. ARCHER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH A. MCGILL, TOWNSHIP CLERK

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced upon first reading by the Township Committee of the Township of East Greenwich at a meeting held on the 28th day of November, 2023. It will be further considered for final adoption upon a second reading and subsequent to a public hearing to be held on such ordinance at which time any interested person(s) may be heard. Said meeting to be conducted on the 12th day of December, 2023 at the East Greenwich Township Municipal Building, 159 Democrat Road, East Greenwich Township, New Jersey, and beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Elizabeth A. McGill, Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Notice is hereby given that the above entitled ordinance was adopted by East Greenwich Township Committee at a meeting held on December 12, 2023.

Elizabeth A. McGill Township Clerk

Cost: \$18.14 (0010802978) 1t 12/15/23