

ORDINANCE #2020-11

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
CHAPTER 34 OF THE "CODE OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF PRINCETON,
NEW JERSEY, 1974" CONCERNING
SEWER CONNECTION FEES**

WHEREAS, the former Borough of Princeton and the former Township of Princeton have consolidated pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40:43-1 et seq.* as the Municipality of Princeton as of January 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40:43-25.1* permits the continuation of the former "Code of the Borough of Princeton, New Jersey, 1974" while consolidated ordinances are being adopted by the Municipality of Princeton; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Princeton established a uniform charge for sanitary sewer connections to the public sanitary sewer system for the entire Municipality of Princeton and with the adoption of Ordinance 2015-43 on December 21, 2015 and Ordinance 2017-19 on May 22, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of Princeton as follows:

1. Article VI, Sewer Connection Fees of the "Code of the Borough of Princeton, New Jersey, 1974" is amended to read as follows:

Article VI - Sewer Connection Fee

Section 34-42 - Definitions

"Base Wastewater Flow" shall mean the total annual water consumption rate in gallons divided by 365, for the Municipality of Princeton for the preceding fiscal year as calculated by the Princeton Sewer Operating Committee ("PSOC") from water utility records.

For the purpose of this Article, the words and phrases contained herein, as well as the meaning respectively ascribed to them in the preceding Article of this Chapter.

Section 34-43 - Purpose of Article

The purpose of this Article is to establish a sewer connection fee to facilitate a fair contribution by developers and property owners adding new flows to the sewerage system towards

the capital cost of the publicly owned sanitary sewer system which is operated under the auspices of PSOC.

Section 34-44 Calculation of Sewer Connection Fees

Any owners of real property within the Municipality of Princeton in addition to payments of the review fee associated with a permit application for a sewer connection, shall also be obligated to pay a sewer connection fee. The sewer connection fee shall be calculated in the following manner:

The total capital cost of the Municipality of Princeton sewerage system is comprised of the following components:

- A. Total accumulated debt service plus capital expenditures not funded by a bond ordinance or debt, for construction and improvement of the PSOC system, as of the end of the immediately preceding fiscal year.
- B. Total accumulated debt service plus capital expenditures not funded by a bond ordinance, allocated to the Municipality of Princeton by the SBRSA for construction and improvement of the SBRSA system, as of the end of the immediately preceding fiscal year.
- C. A deduction for any gifts or subsidies received by the PSOC and SBRSA, and not reimbursed or reimbursable to any federal, state, county, or municipal government.

The Sewer Capacity Charge in dollars per gallon per day is calculated by dividing the sum of the components described above by the Base Wastewater Flow.

The amount of an owner's contribution is calculated by multiplying the Sewer Capacity Charge by the anticipated daily volume of sewage in gallons per day for the type of establishment in the standards promulgated by NJDEP in N.J.A.C. 7:14A-23.3.

All calculations of construction and capital improvement costs, and anticipated volume of sewage flow, etc., shall be made by the PSOC Manager, in conjunction with the Municipal Engineer and Finance Officer, as necessary.

Section 34-45.-Review of Connection Fees

Sewer connection fees shall be recomputed at the end of each fiscal year. If as a result of this calculation, the PSOC decides to change the fee, then a public hearing before the governing body regarding same shall be held. The current sewer connection fee is forty-one dollars and thirty-seven cents (\$41.37) per gallon.

- 1. The Sewer Connection Fee calculated pursuant to this Article shall be applicable to all real properties within the Municipality of Princeton.

2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as provided for by law.

Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish for the Municipality of Princeton Sewer Connection Fees.

I, Delores A. Williams, Municipal Clerk of Princeton, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an ordinance introduced by the Mayor and Council of Princeton at its meeting held on February 24, 2020.

Delores A. Williams
Municipal Clerk