

TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-10

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD REQUIRING CONNECTION TO THE TOWNSHIP'S PUBLIC SEWER SYSTEM

WHEREAS, for the protection of the safety, health and welfare of the residents of the Township of Waterford from contaminants and other pollutants, it has been determined by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Waterford that an Ordinance should be adopted requiring connection to the Township sewer system in accordance with applicable law and Township Rules and Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Waterford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Caption

This Ordinance shall be captioned "Connecting to the Township Sewer System".

If your property is located within One Hundred Fifty feet (150') of the Municipal sewer main, connection to the municipal sewer system is required as per Township Ordinance as follows. The measurement of the One Hundred Fifty feet (150') distance shall be from any part of the property line which would allow for the connection to the Township's sewer line.

Section 2. Connection to Sewerage Facilities Required

A. All new construction of every house, building or structure and the owner of every house, building or structure hereafter to be constructed, which may be occupied or used by human beings, located on a street along the line of a sanitary sewer main, now or hereafter constructed or acquired in the Township where the property line of the lot contains such house, building or structure within One Hundred Fifty (150) feet of said sanitary sewer main, shall within

One Hundred Twenty (120) days after the date on which sewer service is made available to said house, building or structure, cause all toilets in such house, building or structure to be connected along with any sewerage facilities emanating or to emanate from house, building or structure, to the Township sanitary sewer system in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Township which are on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

B. The connection from the house, building or structure into the Township sewer main is the sewer later. Property owners are required to keep clear, maintain and repair the sewer lateral from the sewer main to their house, bulding or structure.

C. All presently existing houses, buildings or structures, which may be occupied or used by human beings located on a street along the line of a sanitary sewer main where such house, building or structure is within One Hundred Fifty (150) feet of a sanitary sewer main, shall not be required to connect to the Township Sanitary Sewer System unless the septic system fails and is required to be replaced, or for a documented public health/safety reason requiring connection to the Township Sanitary Sewer System.

D. Notice of the availability of sewer service shall be given by the Waterford Township Clerk's Office. The Notice shall be served upon the owners of said properties personally or by leaving the same at their usual place of abode with a member of the family over the age of eighteen (18) years, or if such mode of service cannot be effeted, then by mailing a copy of said Notice to said owner or owners by certified mail addressed to said owner or owners at said property or properties or at the property owners usual place of abode.

E. To apply for a sewer connection, the owner of the property must come to the Township Clerk's office at the Township Municipal Building at 2131 Auburn Avenue, Atco, New Jersey, fill out the application and pay t presently assessed connection fee and an application fee.

You are also required to complete an application for the Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority (CCMUA). These applications are available through the CCMUA. After completing the Township connection application, you must mail or take your application copies (yellow and pink) with your Township payment receipt and your CCMUA application to the Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority, 1645 Ferry Avenue, Camden, New Jersey 08104 for further processing.

When your application is reviewed and approved by the CCMUA, you will receive notification via mail from the CCMUA with instructions to apply for your permit at the Waterford Township Clerk's Office. When you receive your permit, your registered plumber may then begin the connection to the Township Sewer System.

Quarterly billing for sewer will begin once connection is made by your plumber and the Township's Plumbing Inspector and the Public Works Department Inspector approve the connection and notice is provided to the Township's Billing Department..

F. Optional connection fee payment plan. The optional connection fee payment plan shall only apply to residential property uses and the following nonprofit organizations identified as properties utilized for an active church, fire company or ambulance squad. The residential use shall not apply to apartment units unless the apartment is located in a single-family residential dwelling. This agreement shall provide for a time payment for a period of twenty-four (24) months from the date when service was first noticed as available to the applicant and provide for equal quarterly payments until paid in full.

Interest at six percent (6%) per annum on the balance due shall be added to each quarterly payment. Payment plans becoming delinquent shall automatically terminate with the entire balance

becoming immediately due and payable. In addition, a lien shall be placed on the property pursuant to applicable statutes for the balance due until paid in full.

Timely connection. In the event an applicant does not connect to the Township sewer collection system within the time provided by the Township, a payment plan shall not be provided, or, in the event a payment plan has been provided, it shall be cause for automatic rescission.

G. Failure Of Property Owner To Connect To Sewer System

In the event a property owner fails to connect into the Township's Sewer System after receiving written notice from the Township pursuant to this Chapter of the Waterford Township Code, the following procedure shall be implemented:

A final notice shall be mailed to the property owner advising of the failure to comply with connecting into the Township Sewer System in accordance with the previous notice and that the property owner must complete this connection within thirty (30) days from the date of the final notice. If the property owner fails to comply and make the connection into the Sewer System as required, the Township shall assess the duly promulgated connection fee then in effect to the property owner and submit a bill to the property owner for payment. The Township shall also commence billing the annual sewer service charge to the property owner from the date on which the connection was to be made to the Township's Sewer System, treating the property as if the connection had been made. Any unpaid connection fee or sewer bill shall become a lien on the property in accordance with applicable legal procedure.

**PROPERTY CONNECTING TO TOWNSHIP SEWER SYSTEM BUT
USER CHARGES NOT ASSESSED**

In the event a property is connected into the Township Sewer System in accordance with Township requirements, but user charges have not been assessed to the property for use of the System, the following procedure shall be implemented:

(i) Written notice shall be mailed to the property owner stating that the owner has received the benefit of using the Sewer System without being billed for said service. A bill for that use from the date of connection shall be enclosed identifying the manner of calculation. The property owner shall be provided the option to either pay the bill in full within thirty (30) days, or enter

into an installment payment agreement with the Township to pay the past due bill in four (4) equal quarterly installments, interest free, in the agreement format approved by the Township. If the bill remains unpaid or the property owner fails to enter into the authorized installment payment agreement, the unpaid bill shall then become a lien against the property in accordance with applicable legal procedure.

OVERPAYMENTS All overpayments, of sewer service charges or connection fees shall be applied as a credit against future Sewer System bills unless the Township Governing Body in exercising its discretion determines otherwise.

H. Pinelands - Mandatory connections are not applicable to Pinelands zoning designations restricting connection into the Public Sewer System unless in an area already serviced by the Township's Public Sewer System or through other applicable exceptions.

Section 3. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances that are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency only.

Section 4. If the provisions of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this Ordinance.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall only take effect after final adoption and publication as required by law.

Dawn Liedtka, RMC / CMR Clerk

Andrew Wade, Mayor

Intro: April 27, 2022

Public Hearing: May 25, 2022

Adopted: _____, 2022

UPON INTRODUCTION ON APRIL 27, 2022					
	GIANGIULIO	ROMOLINI	WILSON	YEATMAN	WADE
YES	X	X	X	X	X
ABSTAIN					
NO					
ABSENT					
UPON ADOPTION ON MAY 25, 2022					
	GIANGIULIO	ROMOLINI	WILSON	YEATMAN	WADE
YES					
ABSTAIN					
NO					
ABSENT					

CERTIFICATION

I, Dawn Liedtka, Clerk of the Township of Waterford, Camden County, New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be true and exact copy of the Ordinance which was finally adopted by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Waterford at a Meeting held on the ___ day of _____, 2022.

Dawn Liedtka, RMC / CMR Clerk