

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 247 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WHARTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Wharton that Chapter 247, Section 5- Sewer Service Rate Schedule is hereby amended as follows:

§ 247-5. Sewer service rate schedule.

- A. The annual rate is set at \$461 per single unit. The annual service charge is calculated on an equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) basis except where the actual sewer gallonage allocation is known or in the case of negotiated rates. The sewer rate shall be payable in quarterly installments as set forth in Subsection B.
- (1) Where the actual allocated gallonage is known, the annual service charge for establishments or properties shall be established by dividing the total number of gallons per day allocated by the two-hundred-twenty-five-gallons-per-day usage rate assigned to a single unit to obtain the applicable EDU. The number of EDUs then will be multiplied by the annual fee for a single unit.
  - (2) All existing negotiated rates shall be modified to reflect the change in the annual sewer rate.
  - (3) For all others, the rate is to be calculated as set forth in the existing schedule in this section entitled "Sewer Service Billing Rate Schedule Equivalent Dwelling Units."

**Sewer Service Billing Rate Schedule  
Equivalent Dwelling Units**

<b>Type of Establishment</b>	<b>Measurement Unit</b>	<b>Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDU)</b>
All resident dwelling units	Dwelling unit	1 EDU per dwelling unit
Hotels, lodging houses, tourist homes, motels and tourist cabins	Bedroom	1 EDU for 3 or fewer bedrooms and one additional EDU for every 3 or fewer bedrooms
Parked mobile trailer site	Site	1 EDU for the first trailer site and 0.9 EDUs for each additional trailer
Children's camps	Bed	1 EDU for 5 or fewer campers and 0.2 EDUs for each additional camper
Day camps	Person	1 EDU for every 25 or fewer campers and one additional EDU for every 25 or fewer additional campers

Restaurants:

Full-service restaurants	Seat	1 EDU for 6 or fewer seats and 0.1 EDU for each additional seat
Bar, cocktail lounges, dinner theaters, cafeterias and fast-food restaurants	Seat	1 EDU for 15 or fewer seats and 0.1 EDU for each additional seat
Nonresidential service clubs	Member	1 EDU for 6 or fewer members and 0.1 EDU for each additional member
Hospitals	Bed	1 EDU for 2 or fewer beds and 0.8 EDUs for each additional bed
Other custodial institutions	Bed	1 EDU for 2 or fewer beds and 0.5 EDUs for each additional bed
Schools with no showers or cafeteria	Student	1 EDU for every 25 or fewer students and one additional EDU for every 25 or fewer additional students
Schools with cafeteria	Student	1 EDU for every 15 or fewer students and one additional EDU for every 15 or fewer additional students
Schools with cafeteria and showers	Student	1 EDU for every 12 or fewer students and one additional EDU for every 12 or fewer additional students
Schools with cafeteria, showers and laboratories	Student	1 EDU for every 9 or fewer students and one additional EDU for every 9 or fewer additional students
Automobile fuel filling stations	Filling position	1 EDU for 2 or fewer filling positions and 0.5 EDUs for each additional filling position

Office buildings, stores and shopping centers	Gross area square feet	1 EDU for every 2,500 square feet or less of gross floor area and one additional EDU for every 2,500 additional square feet or less of gross floor area
Factories and warehouses	Employee	1 EDU for every 9 or fewer employees and one additional EDU for every 9 or fewer additional employees
Laundromats	Washing machine	2.5 EDUs for every washing machine
Bowling alleys	Alley	1 EDU for the first alley and 0.9 additional EDUs for each additional alley
Assembly halls, houses of worship, theaters and sports arenas (assembly seating and related areas only)	Seat	1 EDU for every 75 or fewer seats and one additional EDU for every 75 or fewer additional seats

**(4) The charges established herein shall be assessed against the property owners.**

- B. The annual charges as hereinabove set forth shall be payable in quarterly installments, payable on February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1 of each year. For properties connected to the sewage system after the first month of a quarter, the charge for such period shall be equal to the percentage of the quarterly period remaining after connection to the system.**
- C. If any part of the amount due and payable for any charges remains unpaid for 30 days following the date for the payment thereof, interest upon the unpaid balance shall accrue. The Sewer Collector is hereby authorized and directed to charge 8% per annum on the first \$1,500 of sewer rate or charge delinquent after the due date and 18% per annum on any amount of sewer rent or charge in excess of \$1,500 delinquent after the due date. If the delinquency is in excess of \$10,000 and remains in arrears beyond December 31, an additional penalty of 6% shall be charged against the delinquency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, interest shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:26A-7.**
- D. A connection charge, which shall be payable in advance at the time of building permit application, shall be made for the connection of each dwelling to the sewerage system, which connection fee shall be established annually by the Borough Council as provided for by law but which will be a minimum of \$350 per unit**

unless otherwise set by the Council. The connection fee for industrial facilities, hotels and restaurants to the sewerage system shall be determined as follows: Divide the total number of gallons per day by the two-hundred-twenty-five-gallons-per-day usage rate assigned to a single unit to obtain the applicable number of units, which number of units will then be multiplied by the unit rate to determine the total connection fee.

- E. Industrial users which have ceased operation or reduced the same by more than 50% may apply to the Borough Council for a reduced rate.
- F. In the event that a user exceeds its authorized usage, the Borough will charge the user in accordance with Subsection A for the excess use. In any case where the character or quantity of sewerage or industrial waste discharged is such that the Borough is surcharged or fined or otherwise subjected to a monetary penalty by the State of New Jersey, the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority, or any other state or federal agency, that additional cost shall be imposed upon the user in addition to the charges set forth above.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent of such inconsistency.

This ordinance shall take effect on the noted effective dates after final passage and publication as required by law.

First Reading: June 8, 2026

Second Reading: June 29, 2026

ATTEST:

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Cheryl Muzzillo,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

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WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR