

TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD



ORDINANCE # 3113-24

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 123, “FEES”, OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO ESTABLISH THE 2024 SEWER USER RATE

“Interpretive Statement”

This Ordinance will revise the annual sewer user rate per dwelling unit.

WHEREAS, the Township of Maplewood (“Township”) is a member of the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties with regard to the collection and disposal of its sanitary sewer waste; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 123-1, Subsection 223(B)(1) of the Township Code sets forth the annual sewer user rate per dwelling unit as \$204.00; and

WHEREAS, waste water treatment costs and local sewer infrastructure maintenance costs have increased resulting in the need to adjust the annual sewer user rate by \$20.00 to \$224.00 per dwelling unit; and

WHEREAS, such revision will also adjust the total due per dwelling unit (including capital assessments) as set forth in Chapter 123-1, Subsection 223(B)(2) of the Township Code by \$20.00 to \$301.00 per year; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township Committee to extend the due date for the 2024 annual sewer usage fee of \$301.00 to June 18, 2024,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Maplewood, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The recitals hereto are hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth at length.

Section 2. Chapter 123-1 of the Township Code is hereby amended as follows:

(i) Subsection 223(B)(1) – strike annual sewer user rate per dwelling unit of \$204.00, and replace with annual sewer user rate per dwelling unit of \$224.00;

(ii) Subsection 223(B)(2) – strike total due per dwelling unit on an annual basis of \$281.00, and replace with total due per dwelling unit on an annual basis of \$301.00.

(iii) All other Sections shall remain unchanged.

Section 3. For fiscal year 2024 only, the Township finance department is hereby authorized to establish the due date for the annual sewer charges as June 18th.

Section 4. If any section, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the specific section, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section 5. Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as provided by law.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing proposed Ordinance was introduced and read by title at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Maplewood, held on February 6, 2024 and that the Township Committee met again on February 20, 2024, at the Municipal Building, 574 Valley Street, Maplewood, New Jersey, at which time and place the Township Committee held a hearing and proceeded to consider the said Ordinance on final reading and final passage.

MOTION: Adams **SECOND:** Engel
YES: Adams, Cripe, DeLuca, Engel, Dafis
NO: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Introduction: February 6th, 2023
Adoption: February 20th, 2023



ATTEST Elizabeth J. Fritzen, Township Clerk