TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE 16-2022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES FOR THE MENDHAM EAST WATER POLLUTION CONTROL SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Ordinance 10-96 entitled "An Ordinance of the Township of Mendham, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Establishing Sewer Services charges for the Mendham East Water Pollution Control System" established sanitary sewer service fees to be charged to the owners of properties served by such system; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 10-96 was amended by Ordinance 17-97, Ordinance 21-2003, Ordinance 28-2006, and Ordinance 14-2007, ordinance 15-2015, ordinance 14-2017, and ordinance 7-2020; and

WHEREAS, The Township has determined that the sanitary sewer service fees to be charged to the owners of properties served by the Mendham East Water Pollution Control System shall be amended to adequately meet the managerial, professional, overhead and all other operating expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham, County of Morris, New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION ONE:

The owner of every property connected to and served by the Mendham East Water Pollution Control System (a self-liquidating municipal utility established by Ordinance 8-96 entitled "An Ordinance of the Township of Mendham, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Providing for the Acceptance of the Mendham East Water Pollution Control System and its Operating and Maintenance by the Township as a Self-Liquidating Municipal Utility") shall pay to the Township and annual service charge in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Property Use</u>	Annual Service Charge
Single-family dwelling unit and Condominium dwelling unit:	
1 Bedroom Dwelling	\$1,085
2 Bedroom Dwelling	\$2,170
3 Bedroom Dwelling	\$3,255
4 Bedroom Dwelling	\$4,341
5 Bedroom Dwelling	\$5,524

- 2. The annual service charges provided in Paragraph 1 of this ordinance shall be billed by the Collector of Taxes of the Township and be due and payable quarter-annually on February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1 in each and every year.
- 3. If any bill for service charges remains unpaid after the due date, the amount due shall bear interest at the rate of eight percent (8%) per annum up to \$1,500 and eighteen percent (18%) over \$1,500. No interest shall be charged if payment of any quarterly service charge is made

within the tenth calendar day following the date upon which the quarterly service charge became due. Service charges, and any interest thereon, provided by this Ordinance shall be liens on the respective properties against which such charges are made, and the payment may be enforced in the same manner provided for the collection of taxes.

- 4. All service fees received by the Township pursuant to this ordinance shall be dedicated revenues to adequately meet the managerial, professional, overhead and all other operating expenses of the Mendham East Water Pollution Control System in accordance with the provisions of the Local Budget Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-1 et seq.
- 5. The rate structure established herein shall be effective January 1, 2023 and continue thereafter until amended or modified.

SECTION TWO:

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional or unenforceable, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this ordinance.

SECTION THREE:

All ordinances of the Township of Mendham which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION FOUR:

This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication thereof as provided by law.

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ADOPTED: 12/12/2022	ADVERTISED: 12/15/2022
ATTEST:	TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS

Nick Monaghan, Mayor

Maria F. Coppinger, Township Clerk