TOWN OF WESTFIELD WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2024-03

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, CHAPTER 20

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield in the County of Union as follows:

SECTION 1. The provisions of Sections 20-23 and 20-25 are hereby amended to read as follows:

- 20-23. There shall be an annual sewer user fee for each property based on the uses of the property in accordance with the following schedule:
 - (a) <u>Single Family uses</u>. The sewer user fee for a single-family residence shall not exceed \$565.00 per annum.
 - (b) <u>Commercial and Industrial uses</u>. The sewer user fee for commercial and industrial properties shall not exceed \$1,610.00 per annum.
 - (c) <u>Multi-Family uses</u>. The sewer user fee for each multi-family unit on a property shall not exceed \$355.00 per annum.

The term "multi-family unit" shall mean each unit in a building containing two (2) or more separate dwelling units. The term "single-family residence" shall mean a building consisting of only one (1) dwelling unit within said building.

20-25. By no later than the second regularly scheduled Town Council meeting in February of each year, the Town Council, by resolution, shall determine the sewer fee for the then current calendar year, subject to the maximum amounts set forth in Section 20-23. The bill for the sewer user fee shall be forwarded by the Town to the property owner, or other party designated in writing by the property owner, on or before end of the month of February of each year and shall be due no later than April 1 of each year. There shall be a ten (10) day grace period from the due date. Sewer user fees shall be a lien upon the property until paid, and the Town shall have the right to exercise the same remedies it has for the collection of taxes upon real estate with interest, cost and penalties as provided in N.J.S.A. 54:4-67.

SECTION II. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, including all provisions contained in Chapter 20, in conflict or inconsistent with any part of the terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in such conflict or inconsistent.

SECTION III. In the event any section, part or provision of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid by any court, such holding shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so held unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION IV. This ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication, as soon as, and in the manner permitted by law.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing ordinance was approved for final adoption by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield at a Regular Meeting held on February 13, 2024.

Maureen Lawshe, RMC Town Clerk