

**TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE 2020-03

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD,
CHAPTER 340 SEWERS, PART II: RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND
INDUSTRIAL WASTES; RATE SCHEDULE, ARTICLE VII: CHANGES TO
RESIDENTIAL AND NONRESIDENTIAL USERS, SECTION 340-31 APPEALS;
CALCULATION OF USAGE; BILLING; LATE PAYMENTS; REBATES.**

WHEREAS, currently the Township bills sewer fees semi-annually; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee recognizes that the current schedule of semi-annual sewer fees billing may be confusing to residents by resulting in delinquent sewer fees payments; and

WHEREAS, the semi-annual mailing of sewer bills also results in excess costs of duplicative mailings and delinquency notices; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee, in an effort to be more efficient and effective, wishes to revise the billing practices for sewer fees charged to its citizens owning residential properties so that charges are more easily understood and paid; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 340 Sewers, Part II: Residential, Commercial and Industrial Wastes; Rate Schedule, Article VII: Changes to Residential and Non-Residential Users, Section 340-31 Appeals; Calculation of Usage; Billing; Late Payments; Rebates.

is hereby amended as follows to include:

A. Appeals.

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B. Calculation of user fees. Beginning in November 2020, and for all subsequent years, the Township will assess user fees on the bills submitted by the water purveyor dated ~~October~~ November through ~~March~~ April of the year prior to the year of the sewer bill. Said amounts shall be multiplied by two to achieve an annualized flow estimate. This effectively eliminates the usage of water during the early spring, summer and early fall seasons when water is heavily used.

C. Billing of user fees. ~~For year 2014, user fees will be billed annually with payments due on or before May 1, 2014, and August 1, 2014. Subsequent to 2014, user fees will be billed annually with payments due on or before March 15 and September 15 thereafter.~~ Residential users shall be billed annually by invoice mailed on or before April 1st and due on May 1st of each year. Commercial users shall be billed semi-annually by invoice due on May 1st and August 1st of each year. The Township Tax Collector is hereby designated as the collector of user fees herein.

D. Late payments.

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E. Rebates. Senior citizens eligible for the senior citizen deduction on their municipal property taxes and/or permanently and totally disabled persons and who qualify for a senior citizen or disabled person tax deduction pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:4-8.44 and N.J.S.A. 54:4-8.40 et seq. shall receive a deduction of \$100 from their sewer bills.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication according to law.

Introduced:
Adopted:

Approved:

Patrick F. Giblin
Chairman, Township Committee

Attest:

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Recorded Vote

Introduced

Adopted

Patrick F. Giblin
Kathleen Prunty
Thomas Hannen, Jr.
Jean-Albert Maisonneuve
Mary O’Connor