ORDINANCE NO. 2011 - 0007

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CAMP HILL, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 168, ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 168-12 AND 168-13 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CAMP HILL ADOPTING AND ESTABLISHING ANNUAL SEWER RENTAL FEES AND IMPLEMENTING A WATER CONSUMPTION BASED BILLING STRUCTURE FOR RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

WHEREAS, the Camp Hill Borough Council has determined that an increase in sewer rental charges for residential and non-residential customers is necessary to cover the costs of operation, maintenance and improvement of its sewage collection, conveyance and treatment system; and

WHEREAS, the Camp Hill Borough Council has determined that a more equitable distribution of costs for operation and maintenance of the sewage treatment and collection system for residential and non-residential customers is to transition from a fee structure based on predetermined formulas for residential and non-residential customers to a volume based fee structure based on actual consumption of water; and

WHEREAS, residential and non-residential customers will transition to this volume based fee structure effective July 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this Ordinance to amend the formula based rate structure for quarterly sewer billings for residential and non-residential sewer customers to a water consumption based rate structure effective July 1, 2012.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Camp Hill, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, that:

Section 1: Section 168-12 of the Code of the Borough of Camp Hill shall be amended and restated to read as follows:

A. Imposition of Sewer Rental Charges. Effective January 1, 2012 all owners of property connected or connecting with the sewer lines and the public sewage system, and all of the owners of property, who may hereafter connect with and use the same, shall pay annual sewer rentals or charges in quarterly installments as hereinafter provided, for the use of such sewage facilities based upon the following schedule of rates:

(1) Residential: for each single dwelling Six Hundred ($600.00) Dollars per year for each occasion. (For the purpose of this section, each dwelling unit of a multiple dwelling shall be deemed a single dwelling,

except rooming houses where each tenant occupies only one or two rooms using common toilet facilities.)

(2) Commercial and Industrial Sanitary Waste: for each connection Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars ($950.00) per year times the number of E.D.U.'s.

(3) School: for each connection, Three Hundred Fifty Dollars ($350.00) per year times the number of E.D.U.'s.

(4) Church: for each connection, Three Hundred Fifty Dollars ($350.00) per year times the number of E.D.U.'s.

(5) Equivalent Dwelling Unit (E.D.U.): shall mean water usage of two hundred twenty-five (225) gallons per day.

(6) Industrial Waste: additional charges for toxic or strong industrial waste shall be made from time to time as the Council of the Borough of Camp Hill may determine based upon analysis of waste.

Effective July 1, 2012 all owners of property connected or connecting with the sewer lines and the public sewage system, and all of the owners of property, who may hereafter connect with and use the same, shall pay annual sewer rentals or charges in quarterly installments as hereinafter provided, for the use of such sewage facilities based upon the following schedule of rates in conjunction with water usage as recorded by water meters for the properties served. Residential and non-residential sewer service charges shall be billed on a quarterly basis and will consist of a minimum charge and a volume charge. The minimum charge and the volume charge shall be based on the actual quarterly volume of metered water consumption, expressed in gallons.

(1) Residential: for each single dwelling a base rate of One Hundred Sixty-five Dollars ($165) per quarter, which includes a water usage allowance from 0 to 6,000 gallons per quarter per single dwelling. Water usage beyond 6,000 gallons per quarter per single dwelling shall be billed at a rate of $2.75 per 100 gallons. (For the purpose of this section, each dwelling unit of a multiple dwelling shall be deemed a single dwelling, except rooming houses where each tenant occupies only one or two rooms using common toilet facilities.)

(2) Commercial and Industrial Sanitary Waste: for each connection Two Hundred Fifty-five Dollars ($255) per quarter, which includes water usage from 0 to 9,125 gallons per quarter. Water usage beyond 9,125 gallons per quarter shall be billed at a rate of $1.85 per 100 gallons.

(3) School: for each connection, One Hundred Sixty-five Dollars ($165) per quarter, which includes water usage from 0 to 6,000 gallons per quarter. Water usage beyond 6,000 gallons per quarter shall be billed at a rate of $2.75 per 100 gallons.

(4) Church: for each connection, One Hundred Sixty-five Dollars ($165) per quarter, which includes water usage from 0 to 6,000 gallons per quarter. Water usage beyond 6,000 gallons per quarter shall be billed at a rate of $2.75 per 100 gallons.

(5) Industrial Waste: additional charges for toxic or strong industrial waste shall be made from time to time as the Council of the Borough of Camp Hill may determine based upon analysis of waste.

Section 2: Section 168-13 of the Code of the Borough of Camp Hill shall be amended and restated to read as follows:

§ 168-13. Payment of charges; penalty for late payment.

Sewer rentals or charges shall be paid quarterly in accordance with billings for sewage services, except th-at during the first quarter year that a residential, commercial or industrial user begins to discharge sewage into the public sewage system, said charges shall be based on a per diem amount prorated from the time such sewer connection is made until the next following billing period through June 30, 2012. Subsequent to July 1, 2012, such charges shall be based upon the amount of the minimum charges, if applicable, prorated from the time the sewer connection is made until the next following billing period or upon the amount of the volume charge during such period. All charges for sewage service shall be subject to a penalty of 10% if not paid within 30 days after they are due. If not paid within 60 days after due, the net bill plus penalty shall bear interest at the rate of ½ of 1% per month or fraction thereof until paid.

Section 3: All Ordinances and Resolutions or parts thereof, insofar as they are inconsistent herewith, shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2012.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into Ordinance this 14th day of December, 2011.

ATTEST:

Secretary

Vice President, Borough Council

Approved this ____ day of December, 2011.

Mayor