

ORDINANCE #10-04

**AN ORDINANCE WHICH AMENDS CHAPTER 217, ENTITLED “SEWERS”
ARTICLE II ENTITLED “SEWER SERVICE CHARGE” SECTION 37
ENTITLED “COMPUTATION OF CHARGES” OF THE CODE OF THE
BOROUGH OF CHATHAM TO DECREASE THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGE
RATE AND PROVIDE FOR AN OUTSIDE WATER USAGE CREDIT AND
MINIMUM CHARGE.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Chatham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 217 entitled “Sewers” Article II entitled “Sewer Service Charge” Section 37 entitled “Computation of Charges” of the Code of the Borough of Chatham is hereby amended to read as follows:

“S 217-37. Computation of charges.

- A. The sewer service charge for each connected property shall be computed at the rate of three dollars (\$3.00) per one hundred (100) cubic feet of metered water or metered sewage during the preceding quarter. Each connected property which is separately listed on the tax duplicate shall be treated as a single property, regardless of the number of meters employed. Where two (2) or more such properties separately listed are located in the same building, if their individual usage is not separately metered, the total usage shall be apportioned in proportion to their assessed values.
- B. All properties having separate meters approved by the Borough for measuring outside water usage that does not enter the sanitary sewer system shall have such outside water usage subtracted from their total water usage for the purpose of calculating the sewer service charge.
- C. All properties paying at least \$4000 in annual property taxes and that do not have separate water meters for measuring outside water usage shall be granted an outside water usage credit of up to one thousand (1000) cubic feet per quarter for the two quarterly bills rendered during the third and fourth quarter of each year.
- D. Nonresidential users who regularly dispose of metered water other than into the sanitary sewer system may apply for an additional credit if such water exceeds two thousand (2000) cubic feet per year. Said credit may be allowed by resolution of the Borough Council, provided the Borough Engineer certifies to the Council that it is impossible or impractical for the user to install additional water or discharge meters and that the method and evidence presented by the user reasonably establish the amount of metered water which

the user did in fact dispose of other than into the sanitary sewer system during the preceding year.

- E. All connected properties shall pay a minimum quarterly sewer service charge that is equal to the minimum quarterly service charge for water service based on meter size regardless of the total or net water usage metered during the quarter.”

Section 2. The sewer service charge rate and other provisions as set forth herein and this ordinance shall take effect for sewer bills rendered after April 1, 2010.

INTRODUCED: February 8, 2010

ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF CHATHAM

Susan Caljean, Borough Clerk

V. Nelson Vaughan, III, Mayor