

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **NORTH HUDSON SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

#### **NOTICE OF RATE HEARING**

The North Hudson Sewerage Authority ("Authority") located at 1600 Adams Street, Hoboken, New Jersey, will conduct a Public Hearing on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, video conference: <https://zoom.us/join> Meeting ID: 509 658 4744 Passcode: 352157 or via phone at: 1-646-558-8656 Meeting ID: 509 658 4744 Passcode: 352157. This Public Hearing will be held pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:14A-8, regarding the adoption of the sewer fee and charges schedule set forth below:

#### **NORTH HUDSON SEWERAGE AUTHORITY SCHEDULE OF SEWER FEES AND CHARGES**

##### **A. USER CHARGE**

1. Each user shall pay for the services provided by the Authority based on his use of the treatment works and collection systems as determined by the water meter readings (or other appropriate methods) acceptable to the Authority.

2. For residential, industrial, institutional and commercial users, quarterly user charges will be based on actual water usage. If a residential, commercial, institutional, or industrial user has a consumptive use of water, or, in some other manner, uses water which is not discharged into the wastewater collection system, the user charge for the contributor may be based on readings of a wastewater meter(s) or separate water meter(s) installed or maintained at the user's expense.

3. Each user shall pay a user charge rate for operation and maintenance of the systems, including replacement, of \$10.35 per 1,000 gallons of water, with a minimum \$62.10 charge per quarter for up to the first 6,000 gallons, commencing February 1, 2024.

4. Pursuant to Regulations of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, 40 CFR 35.2140(e)(iii), each user shall also pay for the costs of operation and maintenance for all flow not directly attributable to users based on the number of accounts or hookups of the users. This charge shall be \$19.77 per service unit, per quarter, commencing February 1, 2024. This \$79.08 per year charge shall not be applicable to a user 65 years of age or older residing in the service area or to a totally and permanently disabled user as defined in N.J.S.A. 40:14A-8.2, residing therein.

5. For those users whose wastewater has a greater strength than normal domestic sewage, a surcharge in addition to the normal user charge, will be collected. The surcharge for operation and maintenance including replacement is:

\$0.7134 per pound BOD  
\$1.0114 per pound SS  
\$0.1535 per pound MBAS  
\$1.0114 per pound of FOG

6. All users contributing more than 36,000 gallons per month and whose water strength is greater than 250 mg BOD/l, the 190 mgSS/l or 100 mg MBAS/l shall prepare and file with the Authority a report that shall include pertinent data relating to the wastewater characteristics, including the methods of sampling and measurement to obtain these data. These data shall be used to calculate the user charge for that user. The Authority shall have the right to gain access to the waste stream and take its own samples. Should the Authority do so and should the results be substantially different as determined by the Authority from the data submitted by the user, the user charge for that user shall be revised for the next billing cycle period.

7. Any user which discharges any toxic pollutants (as defined in the Sewer Use Resolution) which cause an increase in the cost of managing the effluent of the sludge from the Authority's or other treatment works, or any user which discharges any substance which singly or by interaction with other substances causes identifiable increases in the cost of operation, maintenance or replacement of the treatment works, shall pay for such increased costs. The charge to each such user shall be as determined by and approved by the Authority.

8. The user charge rates established by this article apply to all users of the Authority's treatment works or collection systems and those treatment works or collection systems which service Hoboken, Union City, Weehawken and West New York.

## **B. PAYMENT OF USER CHARGE**

1. The Authority bills its customers on the following dates of the year, based upon water consumption for the preceding quarter year period:

February 1;  
May 1;  
August 1; and  
November 1.

The Authority shall calculate the February 1, 2024 bill, and each bill for the quarter year period thereafter, based on the user charge rates set forth in Section A above.

2. In the event that a property is sold or otherwise disposed of, the amounts due for the remaining quarter(s) shall be billed to the new owner in accordance with the dates above.

3. Bills are due within 20 days from the billing dates indicated above. Bills not paid within the twenty (20) day period shall be subject to an interest charge of one and one-half percent (1.5%) on the day after the due date; bills that remain unpaid after the due date shall be subject to an additional monthly interest charge at the rate of one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the outstanding principal balance. The Authority shall also have a right to sell its lien on the unpaid balance and accrued interest thereon in accordance with the provisions of the applicable statutes.

#### **C. COMPLIANCE WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS**

All users of the Authority's facilities are subject to the rules and regulations of the North Hudson Sewerage Authority. All users shall comply with the applicable federal, state, county and municipal rules and regulations.

NOTE: Formal action regarding the user charge may be taken at the Meeting of the Authority, immediately after the Public Hearing.