

ORDINANCE #2207-14

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AMENDING
CHAPTER 156 "SEWERS" AND CHAPTER 197 "WATER"
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY**

WHEREAS, the following amendments to Chapter 156 and 197 have been recommended to the Mayor and Council of the City of Woodbury; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Woodbury as follows:

1. Chapter 156-4 of the Code of the City of Woodbury, "Billings for failure to pay" is hereby amended and shall henceforth read in its entirety as follows:

§156-4. Billings for failure to pay.

- A. Billings for sewer rentals, fees or installation thereof hereinafter "Sewer Bills" will be rendered quarterly on or before the 15th day of January, April, July and October. Sewer Bills remaining unpaid for the period of 30 days after they are rendered shall be charged interest at the rate of 8% per annum until such payment is made, and when such Sewer Bill, or the accumulation of Sewer Bills, is in excess of \$1,500, then interest shall be charged at the rate of 18% per annum until such Sewer Bill(s) are paid. In computing the total outstanding Sewer Bills, such computation shall include any outstanding and unpaid water bill or bills which shall be added to the unpaid Sewer Bills to determine the limit of \$1,500.
- B. No adjustment of Sewer Bills due to the failure of the department to discontinue or restore sewer service as requested by an owner shall be made unless the request for discontinuance or restoration is in writing and duly filed with the City Administrator.
- C. Following the issuance of a Sewer Bill, the City Administrator, after consultation with the billing department and the public works department, may make appropriate adjustments to Sewer Bills which shall not become effective until completion of the referral process set forth herein.
- D. REFERRAL PROCESS. The City Administrator shall notify the finance committee of all recommended adjustments under subparagraph C above and the reason therefore. The finance committee may disapprove any adjustment or refer any adjustment to City Council for review within thirty (30) days. If the finance committee does not disapprove the adjustment or refer it to City Council within thirty (30) days, the adjustment shall take effect.
- E. The owner of the property shall be responsible for the payment of all Sewer Bills for the owner's property irrespective of any contractual allocation of responsibility between owner and tenant for payment of such Sewer Bills.

2. Chapter 197-32 B of the Code of the City of Woodbury, "Discontinuing water service; resumption" is hereby amended and shall henceforth read in its entirety as follows:

B. In the case of nonpayment of bills for service rendered and water consumed, or billing for sewer rentals, fees or installation, including the nonpayment of any interest, fines or penalties imposed, water service may be discontinued in the event that any bill remains unpaid 60 days after it is rendered. Written notice of not less than ten (10) days will be sent to the owner of the property via regular mail to the address that appears of record in the tax assessor's office advising the owner of the date on or after which their water may be shut off hereinafter referred to as the "Shut Off Date" unless all outstanding amounts due are paid. No checks or online payments will be accepted after a notice of shut off has been issued. All payments must be made in cash or certified funds. If a check was used as payment to avoid a shut off notice being sent, and that check was returned by the bank for insufficient funds or due to the account being closed, the service will be discontinued immediately without further notice.

THE FOREGOING was introduced by the City Council of the City of Woodbury at a regular meeting held on June 24, 2014. This Ordinance will be considered for adoption at final reading and public hearing to be held on July 8, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. or at such time as may be determined and announced, in City Hall, Council Chambers, 33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, New Jersey, at which time and place all persons interested will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance. During the time prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said Ordinance will be made available at the City Clerk's Office to the members of the general public who may request same.


CITY OF WOODBURY

By:


WILLIAM FLEMING

President of Council

ATTEST:


ROY A. DUFFIELD, Clerk

Approved:


WILLIAM J. VOLK, Mayor