

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 19, SECTION 10 OF THE
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, ENTITLED
“ANNUAL SEWER CHARGES”**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, that Chapter 19, Section 10 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to increase the annual sewer charge for dwelling units within the Township of West Orange.

II. CHAPTER 19, SECTION 10 SHALL BE AND HEREBY IS AMENDED AND SUPERSEDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- a. All charges established and provided from herein shall be assessed against the owners of property for which the sewerage or waste water emanates, respectively, and shall be collected annually on the first day of April of each year;
- b. The dwelling unit rate for the year 2016, and for each year thereafter, shall be the sum of three-hundred and fifty (350.00) dollars per unit.
- c. *Reduced Billing for Certain Seniors and Certain Permanently and Totally Disabled Persons.* The Township desires to provide certain reduced sewer billing charges for certain seniors and certain permanently and totally disabled persons.
 1. Persons affected. There shall be a reduction in the annual sewer usage charge which is charged to or collected from persons residing in the Township of West Orange who qualify for a real property tax deduction on dwelling houses as qualified New Jersey residents, senior citizens, disabled person, or surviving spouses pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-8.4 et seq.
 2. Amount of Reduction. The amount of the reduced sewer charge available to eligible persons as defined under paragraph (c) shall be twenty-five (25%) percent less than the amount fixed annually by Township Ordinance.

III. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

Any Ordinances of the Township, which are in conflict with this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

IV. SEVERABILITY

If any part of this Ordinance shall be deemed invalid, such parts shall be severed and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this Ordinance.

V. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

**Honorable Victor Cirilo
Council President**

**Honorable Robert D. Parisi
Mayor**

Karen J. Carnevale, Municipal Clerk

Introduction: March 8, 2016

Adoption: March 22, 2016

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Due to the increased costs of maintaining the Township of West Orange's sewer system, and given that there has been no increase in annual sewer fees in three (3) years, it is necessary for the Township to increase its annual sewer charges for dwelling units. Accordingly, the purpose of this Ordinance is to establish the annual sewer charge for the year 2016, and each year thereafter, until the Ordinance is further amended .