

BILL NO. 81-2013

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF READING, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, CHAPTER 467 SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL, PART 3 SEWER SERVICE RENTAL, SECTIONS 467-103 AND 467-104 TO ESTABLISH SEWER SERVICE RENTALS, AND SUCH SEWER SERVICE RENTAL SHALL BE EFFECTIVE UNTIL AMENDED.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. On January 1, 2014, Section 467-103 Metered Service; Due Date; Interest Penalty; Reductions and Rebates of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, Chapter 467 Sewers and Sewage Disposal, Part 1 Sewer Service Rental shall be deleted, in its entirety, and replaced with the following:

SECTION 467-103. Sewer Service Rental.

1. The sewer service rental is divided into a meter service charge and a volumetric service charge for properties with a water meters. To the extent a property does not have a water meter and is subject to a gross fixed or flat water rate, the monthly sewer service rental for such property shall equal one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the fixed or flat water rates assessed to such property by the Reading Area Water Authority or its successor.
2. Monthly Meter Service Charge. For properties with water meters, the meter service charge will be assessed as a fixed monthly charge based on the size of a property's water meter, with a maximum monthly volumetric allowance for water consumption set by meter size, as identified in the Table 1, below:

Table 1: Monthly Meter Service Charge Schedule

Water Meter Size	Monthly Volumetric Allowance (Gallons)	2014 Monthly Meter Service Charge	2015 Monthly Meter Service Charge	Monthly Meter Service Charge After 2015
5/8-inch	2,000	\$27.82	\$28.93	4% annual increase
3/4-inch	3,000	\$37.99	\$39.51	4% annual increase
1-inch	5,000	\$56.09	\$58.33	4% annual increase
1.25-inch	6,660	\$71.11	\$73.96	4% annual increase

1.5-inch	10,000	\$101.34	\$105.39	4% annual increase
2-inch	16,000	\$155.64	\$161.86	4% annual increase
3-inch	30,000	\$282.34	\$293.63	4% annual increase
4-inch	50,000	\$463.34	\$481.87	4% annual increase
6-inch	100,000	\$915.84	\$952.47	4% annual increase
8-inch	160,000	\$1,458.84	\$1,517.19	4% annual increase
10-inch	230,000	\$2,092.34	\$2,176.03	4% annual increase

3. Monthly Volumetric Service Charge. In the event water is consumed on a property with a water meter in excess of the applicable monthly volumetric allowance, as identified in Table 1, a monthly volumetric service charge, as calculated in Table 2, shall be included in such property's sewer service rental in addition to the meter service charge. No volumetric service charge shall apply in any month that a property's water consumption does not exceed the applicable monthly volumetric allowance.
- a. For properties with a water meter equal to 5/8-inch, a uniform volumetric rate per one thousand gallons of water consumed shall be charged as the volumetric service charge.
 - b. For properties with water meter larger than 5/8-inch, a tiered rate structure per one thousand gallons of water consumed shall be charged as the volumetric service charge.

Table 2: Volumetric Service Charge Schedule

Volumetric Rates Based on Customer Meter Size	2014 Monthly Volumetric Service Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	2015 Monthly Volumetric Service Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	Monthly Volumetric Service Charge After 2015
5/8-inch Uniform Rate	\$8.49	\$8.83	4% annual increase
For Meters Larger than 5/8-inch			
First 750,000 Gallons	\$9.05	\$9.41	4% annual increase
Next 3,000,000 Gallons	\$7.24	\$7.53	4% annual increase
Over 3,750,000 Gallons	\$6.83	\$7.10	4% annual increase

4. The meter service charge and volumetric service charge shall be increased on January 1st of each calendar year in accordance with schedules set forth in Tables 1 and 2.

SECTION 2. On January 1, 2014, Section 467-104 Fixed Rate Service; Due Date and Interest Penalty of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, Chapter 467 Sewers and Sewage Disposal, Part 3 Sewer Service Rental shall be deleted, in its entirety, and replaced with the following:

Section 467-104. Sewer Service Rental Due Date and Interest Penalty.

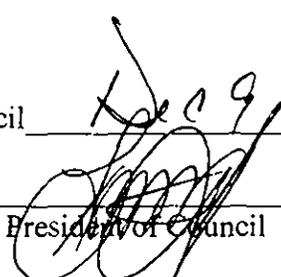
1. Bills for sewer service rentals shall be rendered on a monthly. All sewer service rentals shall be due and payable to the City within thirty (30) days of the issuance of a bill.
2. A penalty of ten (10%) shall be added to bills not paid by the due date printed on the bills, which date shall be thirty (30) days after date of issuance of such bills.
3. Reductions or rebates may be provided to customers who do not discharge a significant portion of their metered water to the sewage system. Such adjustments shall be determined pursuant to rules and procedures adopted by resolution of Council.

SECTION 4. All remaining sections of Part 3 Sewer Service Rental shall remain in effect (Sections 467-101 through and including 467-106).

SECTION 5. Any court determination that a portion of this Ordinance is unconstitutional or invalid shall not affect the remaining portion of this Ordinance.

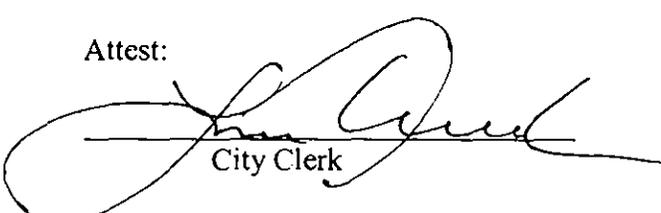
SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall become effective on the date of passage by City Council and approval by the Mayor, override of the Mayor's veto, or passage by City Council and the Mayor's failure to approve or veto within ten (10) days of submittal to him.

Passed Council Dec 9, 2013

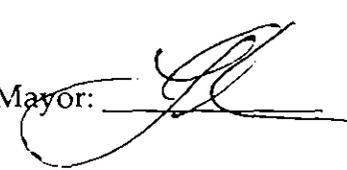


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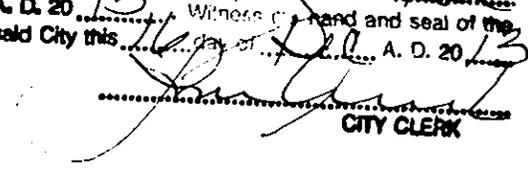
Attest:



City Clerk

Submitted to Mayor: 

I, **LINDA A. KELLEHER**, City Clerk of the City of Reading, Pa., do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original _____ passed by the Council of the City of Reading, on the _____ day of Dec, A. D. 2013. Witness my hand and seal of the said City this 11 day of Dec, A. D. 2013.

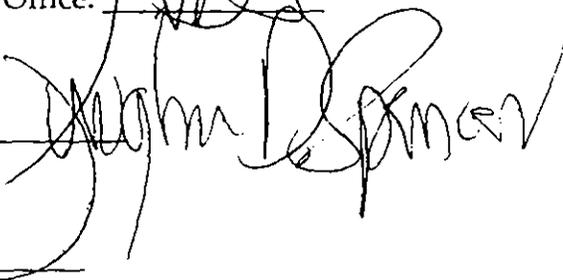


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Date: 7/10/13

Received by the Mayor's Office: _____

Date: 12/10/13

Approved by Mayor: 

Date: 12/10/13

Vetoed by Mayor: _____

Date: _____