# ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTERS 226 AND 194 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP TO PROVIDE FOR NEW DUE DATES FOR WATER AND SEWER BILLS

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Haddon ("Township") is a municipal entity organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey and located in Camden County; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon information received from the Township Tax Collector, the Township has deemed it advisable to amend Chapter 226, entitled "Water," and Chapter 194, entitled "Sewers," to provide for new due dates for water and sewer bills;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Township of Haddon, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:

**<u>SECTION 1</u>**: Chapter 226 of the Code of the Township of Haddon is hereby amended and revised as follows:

## §226-7. Water bills.

All bills for water service shall be rendered quarterly, payable at the Municipal Building. Said bills shall show the dates when the meters were read, the readings of said meters and the charge for water consumption, if any, as a result of such meter readings. Water bills shall be due when dated, and if not paid within 30 days after their due date, interest shall be added from the original due date, in an amount set by resolution of the Board of Commissioners. In the event of nonpayment within 30 days of the billing date, water service shall be subject to discontinuance, and there shall be imposed a fee as set forth in §226-10 for restoring service.

**<u>SECTION 2</u>**: Chapter 194 of the Code of the Township of Haddon is hereby amended and revised as follows:

## §194-6. Bills; penalties for nonpayment.

A. All bills for sewer service shall be rendered quarterly, payable at the Municipal Building. Said bills shall show the dates of the billing period. Sewer bills shall be due when dated, and if not paid within 30 days after their due date, interest shall be added from the original due date, in an amount set by resolution of the Board of Commissioners. In the event of nonpayment within 30 days of the billing date, water service shall be subject to discontinuance, and there shall be imposed a fee as set forth in §226-10 for restoring service.

B. In addition to all other methods of collection allowed by law, beginning April 1, 1995, for all bills for services, rental and other sewer charges which are more than 40 days delinquent and if said delinquency is either equal to or in excess of the equivalent of one month's rental, the Township will, after serving 72 hours' notice by mail, turn off the water serving the premises, at which time additional rental assessment shall cease and the amount so due, including interest and turnoff fees, shall become a lien against said premises. When the delinquent bill, including interest, turnoff fees and turn-on fees, is paid in full before 11:00 a.m. on any business day, the Township will turn on the water to the premises on that day. If paid after 11:00 a.m. on a business day, the Township shall turn on the water the following business day.

C. If the Township is requested in writing by the party making payment to turn on the water on either a holiday, a Saturday, a Sunday or the same day that the final payment is received, but after 11:00 a.m., the turn-on fee will be twice the amount normally charged. The water turnoff and turn-on fees will be assessed at the same rate as provided for in Chapter 226, §226-10 of the Township Code (Charge for turning water off and on).

**SECTION 3:** Except as set forth in Sections 1 and 2, the balance of Chapter 226 and Chapter 194 shall not be affected by this Ordinance.

**<u>SECTION 4</u>**: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION 5:** If the provisions of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance.

**<u>SECTION 6:</u>** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

## THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

# PAUL C. DOUGHERTY, COMMISSIONER

BY: \_

JOHN FOLEY, COMMISSIONER

Adopted: ATTEST:

DENISE P. ADAMS, TOWNSHIP CLERK

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced by the Mayor and Commissioners at the regular meeting held on June 22, 2010. This Ordinance will be considered for adoption on final reading and public hearing to be held on July 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Haddon Township Municipal Building, 135 Haddon Avenue, Westmont, New Jersey.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Chapters 226 and 194 of the Township Code to provide for a new date for the water and sewer bill. A copy of this Ordinance is available at no charge to the general public between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday (Legal Holidays excluded), at the Office of the Township Clerk, Haddon Township Municipal Building,

135 Haddon Avenue, Westmont, New Jersey.

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