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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester City as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

#### GENERAL REFERENCES

Uniform construction codes - See Ch. 37.  
Excavations in streets - See Ch. 46.  
Housing Code - See Ch. 55.  
Trailer camps and campsites - See Ch. 85.  
Water - See Ch. 90.

#### ARTICLE I Connections [Adopted 6-1-1950]

§ 71-1. Connections required. [Amended 12-2-1999 by Ord. No. 19-1999]

All buildings of any type or nature located on streets in Gloucester City in which sewers shall be or shall have been constructed by Gloucester City or the Gloucester City Division of Water and Sewer in the Department of Public Works shall be required to be connected with the sewerage system now in being and now being constructed and established by Gloucester City

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Division of Water and Sewer in the Department of Public Works when the same shall have been completed and placed in operation, pursuant to Chapter 63 of Title 40 of the Revised Statutes.

**§ 71-2. Compliance with regulations required.  
[Amended 12-2-1999 by Ord. No. 19-1999]**

Such connections shall be made in the manner and under the conditions provided in regulations to be adopted by Gloucester City Division of Water and Sewer in the Department of Public Works.

**§ 71-3. Notice to owners of properties affected.**

Notice is hereby given to the owners of all properties affected thereby to have such building connected with said sewerage system when the same shall have been completed and placed in operation in the manner provided for herein.

**§ 71-4. When effective.**

This ordinance shall take effect after its publication in the manner provided by law.

ARTICLE II

Rates and Charges

[Adopted 11-18-1991 by Ord. No. 19-1991]

**§ 71-5. Payment of sewer rents; penalty charges.  
[Amended 12-20-1993 by Ord. No. 40-93; 12-2-1999 by Ord. No. 19-1999; 11-23-2010 by Ord. No. O26-2010]**

All sewer rent shall become due and payable quarterly to the City Tax Collector at his/her office in the Municipal Building, Gloucester City, New Jersey, within thirty (30) days from the

date of said bill. Unpaid accounts after the thirty day due date will receive a penalty charge of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500. and 18% per annum on any amount above \$1,500., to be charged from the date said sewer rent becomes due and payable, shall be paid. Twenty days after the due date a delinquent fee of no more than \$65. per bill will be applied to any and all overdue accounts. A notice of this fee will be mailed at least 10 days prior to this charge.

The Utility Department may cause the water to be shut off at any property when payments are returned by the bank causing that payment to be removed from the account, until that payment is replaced with certified funds. Appropriate turn off and turn on and return check fees will also be charged to the property account.

**§ 71-6. Schedule of rents; definitions. [Amended 1-5-1995 by Ord. No. 2-1995; 3-7-1996 by Ord. No. 7-1996; 12-2-1999 by Ord. No. 19-1999]**

- A. The following schedule of charges shall become effective on or about May 1, 2014. [Amended 6-1-2000 by Ord. No. 9-2000; 5-2-2002 by Ord. No. 10-2002; 4-19-2004 by Ord. No. 006-2004; 7-7-2005 by Ord. No. 017-2005; 12-21-2010 by Ord. No. 029-2010; amended 3-27-2014 by Ord. No. 004-2014]

Sewer Rate Schedule	
Use	Rate
Dwelling, individual	\$68.40
Dwelling, multiple per unit	\$68.40
Rooming house, renting not more than two rooms	\$68.40
Rooming house, renting 3 to 6 rooms	\$108.00
Rooming house, renting 7 to 10 rooms	\$133.20

<b>Sewer Rate Schedule</b>	
<b>Use</b>	<b>Rate</b>
Swim club	\$210.00
Stores and commercial establishments:	
-Establishments with facilities other than in private dwelling attached, staff not more than 10	\$108.00
-Each additional 10 on staff or fraction thereof	\$108.00
Clubs, lodges, and catering halls with bar and kitchen facilities	\$255.60*
Clubs, lodges, and catering halls with no bar but with kitchen facilities	\$178.80
Clubs, lodges, and catering halls with neither bar nor kitchen facilities	\$108.00
Undertaking establishments with facilities other than in private dwelling attached	\$108.00
Professional offices, with facilities other than in private dwellings attached	\$108.00
Service stations, with car washing	\$178.80*
Service station, without car washing	\$108.00
Theaters, per 200 seats or fraction thereof	\$92.40
Hotels per room	\$78.00
Hotels per room with wet bar and/or sink	\$86.40
Barbershops and beauty parlors:	
Not over 2 chairs	\$108.00
Each additional chair	\$70.80

<b>Sewer Rate Schedule</b>	
<b>Use</b>	<b>Rate</b>
Automatic laundry service, each 3 fixtures (machine and other)	\$108.00
Taprooms, bars and restaurants: With 3 fixtures	\$108.00
Each additional 3 fixtures or fraction thereof	\$108.00
Trailer camps, each trailer *Without grease traps or sand traps add 10%	\$86.40
Public building, other than owned by the City of Gloucester, each 3 fixtures or fraction thereof	\$108.00
Churches	\$70.80
Rates for schools: for each student, faculty member and employee (annually)	\$2.40
Rate based on water consumption: including but not limited to car washes, laundries, dairies, industrial uses, commercial training or trade schools, port related uses, warehousing, refrigerated warehousing, laboratories, manufacturing facilities, industrial bakeries, water furnished by meter per 1,000 gallons: minimum rate (for accounts using 20,000 gallons of water or less)	\$108.00
Water usage rate (in addition to the minimum rate for accounts using more than 20,000 gallons of water per quarter)	\$4.08 per 1,000 gallons or part thereof over 20,000 gallons thereof

**CSO-Combined Sewer Overflow**

In accordance with Federal and NJDEP rules and regulations, the City of Gloucester owns and operates a combined sewer system. The additional cost to operate and maintain said system shall be added to the regular sewer bill. Increased charges shall be residential—\$24./year, commercial—\$45./year.

- B. Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

**EFFICIENCY APPURTENANCES** — Those fixtures, such as stoves, ovens or other cooking appliances, which are placed in a hotel or motel room to render the room to be used for living or dwelling space, rather than simply for incidental overnight accommodations.

**FIXTURE** — A plumbing fixture and shall be a receptacle or device which discharges used water, liquid-borne waste materials or sewerage either directly or indirectly to the drainage system of the premises or which requires both a water supply connection which is permanently connected to the water distribution system of the premises and demands a supply of water therefrom and a discharge to the drain system of the premises. Examples of fixtures would be water closets (toilets), lavatories (tub and shower), sinks, drinking fountains,



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urinals, dishwashers and similar devices. In the case of a sink, a fixture shall be counted by the number of faucets connected thereto for the service of water, by the number of separate basins to which the water service is attached or the number of drains connected to the basic drainage piping system, whichever is least.

UNIT — Each residential dwelling in the case of a residential use and such area of a building used for a particular business and/or tenant which is separate and distinct from any and all other areas, businesses and tenancies located in the same building.

WET BAR FACILITIES — A fixture or fixtures within a hotel or motel room, such as a sink, permanently affixed to the water and sewer system for the purpose of dispensing beverages, but shall not include a sink within the bathroom of the hotel or motel room.

**§ 71-7. Payment schedule. [Amended 11-2-1995 by Ord. No. 25-1995]**

Such annual rents, rates, fees and charges shall be due and payable quarter-annually. All sewer rents shall be due regardless of whether the property is vacant or occupied.

**§ 71-8. Copies to be kept.**

A copy of the schedule of rents, rates, fees and charges of the Sewer Department for the services and facilities of said comprehensive sewerage system shall at all times be kept on file at the City Clerk's office and shall at all times be open to public inspection.

**§ 71-9. Rental charge for buildings in system.**

The city shall charge a sewer rental for all buildings on all streets upon which said sewerage system, or any parts thereof,

are located, or which can be connected with said comprehensive sewerage system so that the services and facilities of said comprehensive sewerage system can be used.

ARTICLE III  
**Stormwater Regulations**  
[Adopted 3-21-2005 by Ord. No. 009-2005]

**§ 71-10. Purpose.**

The purpose of this Article is to provide for the proper disposition of yard waste as well as the prohibition of various acts that may lead to the contamination of stormwater runoff.

**§ 71-11. Definitions.**

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory. The definitions below may be the same as or are based on corresponding definitions in the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) rules at N.J.A.C. 7:14A-1.2.

**CONTAINERIZED** — The placement of yard waste in a trash can, bucket, bag or other vessel, such as to prevent the yard waste from spilling or blowing out into the street and coming into contact with stormwater.

**DOMESTIC SEWAGE** — Waste and wastewater from humans or household operations.

**FEED** — To give, place, expose, deposit, distribute or scatter any edible material with the intention of feeding, attracting or enticing wildlife. Feeding does not include baiting in the legal taking of fish and/or game.

**ILLICIT CONNECTION** — Any physical or nonphysical connection that discharges domestic sewage, non-contact cooling water, process wastewater, or other industrial waste (other than stormwater) to the municipal separate storm sewer system operated by the City of Gloucester City, unless that discharge is authorized under a NJPDES permit other than the Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit (NJPDES Permit Number NJ0141852). Nonphysical connections may include, but are not limited to, leaks, flows, or overflows into the municipal separate storm sewer system.

**INDUSTRIAL WASTE** — Nondomestic waste, including but not limited to, those pollutants regulated under Section 307(a), (b), or (c) of the Federal Clean Water Act [33 U.S.C. §1317(a), (b), or (c)].

**MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4)** — A conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, manmade channels, or storm drains) that is owned or operated by the City of Gloucester City or other public body, and is designed and used for collecting and conveying stormwater. MS4s do not include combined sewer systems, which are sewer systems that are designed to carry sanitary sewage at all times and to collect and transport stormwater from streets and other sources.

**NJPDES PERMIT** — A permit issued by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to implement the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) rules at N.J.A.C. 7:14A.

**NON-CONTACT COOLING WATER** — Water used to reduce temperature for the purpose of cooling. Such waters do not come into direct contact with any raw

material, intermediate product (other than heat) or finished product. Non-contact cooling water may, however, contain algaecides, or biocides to control fouling of equipment such as heat exchangers, and/or corrosion inhibitors.

PERSON — Any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.

PROCESS WASTEWATER — Any water which, during manufacturing or processing, comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any raw material, intermediate product, finished product, byproduct, or waste product. Process wastewater includes, but is not limited to, leachate and cooling water other than non-contact cooling water.

STORMWATER — Water resulting from precipitation (including rain and snow) that runs off the land's surface, is transmitted to the subsurface, is captured by separate storm sewers or other sewerage or drainage facilities, or is conveyed by snow removal equipment.

STREET — Any street, avenue, boulevard, road, parkway, viaduct, drive or other way, which is an existing State, county or municipal roadway, and may comprise of pavement, shoulders, gutters, curbs, sidewalks, parking areas, and other areas within the street lines.

WILDLIFE — All animals that are neither human nor domesticated.

YARD WASTE — Leaves and grass clippings.

**§ 71-12. Pet waste.**

Requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare may be found at Section 43-17 through Section 43-18.3, "Sanitary Requirements".

**§ 71-13. Litter control.**

Requirements to control littering in the City of Gloucester City so as to protect the public health, safety and welfare, may be found at Sections 59A-1—59A-9, "Littering".

**§ 71-14. Improper disposal of waste and prohibited conduct; exceptions.**

- A. The spilling, dumping or disposal of material other than stormwater to the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) operated by the City of Gloucester City is prohibited. The spilling, dumping, or disposal of materials other than stormwater in such a manner as to cause the discharge of pollutants to the municipal separate storm sewer system is also prohibited.
- B. The following are exceptions to the above prohibitions:
  - (1) Water line flushing and discharges from potable water sources.
  - (2) Uncontaminated ground water (e.g., infiltration, crawl space or basement sump pumps, foundation or footing drains, rising ground waters).
  - (3) Air conditioning condensate (excluding contact and non-contact cooling water).
  - (4) Irrigation water (including landscape and lawn watering run-off).
  - (5) Flows from springs, riparian habitats and wetlands, water reservoir discharges and diverted stream flows.

- (6) Residential car washing water, and residential swimming pool discharges.
- (7) Sidewalk, driveway and street wash water.
- (8) Flows from firefighting activities.
- (9) Flows from rinsing the following equipment with clean water.
  - (a) Beach maintenance equipment immediately following its use for its intended purpose; and
  - (b) Equipment used in the application of salt and de-icing materials immediately following salt and de-icing applications. Prior to rinsing with clean water, all residual salt and de-icing materials must be removed from equipment and vehicles to the maximum extent practicable using dry cleaning methods (e.g., shoveling and sweeping). Recovered materials are to be returned to storage for reuse or properly discarded. Rinsing of equipment, as noted in the above situation is limited to exterior, undercarriage, and exposed parts and does not apply to engines or other enclosed machinery.

**§ 71-15. Prohibition of feeding wildlife.**

No person shall feed, in any public park or on any other property owned or operated by the City of Gloucester City, any wildlife, excluding contained wildlife (e.g., wildlife confined in zoos, parks or rehabilitation centers, or unconfined wildlife at environmental education centers). Any person found in violation of this section shall be ordered to cease the feeding immediately.

**§ 71-16. Requirement to containerize yard waste; prohibited conduct.**

All yard waste must be containerized and placed adjacent to the curb for municipal pickup. The owner or occupant of any property, or any employee or contractor of such owner or occupant engaged to provide lawn care or landscaping services, shall not sweep, rake, blow, or otherwise place yard waste in the street. If yard waste that is not containerized is placed in the street, the party responsible for placement of yard waste must remove the yard waste from the street or said party shall be deemed in violation of this section.

**§ 71-17. Municipal yard waste collection program.**

The requirements of Section 71-16 shall be suspended during certain announced days of the autumn of the year (or as otherwise announced) as part of the municipal yard waste collection program. Sweeping, raking, blowing or otherwise placing yard waste that is not containerized at the curb or along the street is only permitted during the seven (7) days prior to a scheduled and announced collection, and shall not be placed closer than ten (10) feet from any storm drain inlet. Placement of such yard waste at the curb or along the street at any other time or in any other manner is a violation of this ordinance. If such placement of yard waste occurs, the party responsible for placement of the yard waste must remove the yard waste from the street or said party shall be deemed in violation of this ordinance.

**§ 71-18. Unlawful connection.**

No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged through an unlawful or illicit connection to the municipal separate storm sewer system operated by the City of Gloucester City any domestic sewage, non-contact cooling water, process wastewater, or other industrial waste (other than stormwater).

**§ 71-19. Enforcement.**

The sections of this Article and ordinance shall be enforced by the Gloucester City Police Department.

**§ 71-20. Penalties.**

Any person(s) who is found in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of \$100. for the first offense and not less than \$100. or more than \$1,000. for each subsequent offense.

**§ 71-21. Storm sewer.**

**[Added 12-21-2010 by Ord. No. O29-2010;  
amended 3-27-2014 by O04-2014]**

As per required by NJDEP certain rules and regulations have been imposed and must be adopted, as well as, enforced by each owner of a stormwater system. The annual sum of cost per household shall be \$24. or \$6./per quarter. Commercial rate shall be calculated at a rate of \$28. annually or \$7./quarterly.