

*Borough of Hummelstown, PA  
Thursday, February 16, 2023*

## Chapter 18. Sewers and Sewage Disposal

### Part 1. RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SEWER SYSTEM

#### B.. Imposition and Collection of Sewer Rentals or Charges.

##### § 18-127. Time and Method of Payment.

[Ord. 89-3, 2/16/1989, § 127; as amended by Ord. 89-5, 5/18/1989, § 1; and by Ord. 2002-2, 4/18/2002, § 1]

Time and method of payment shall be as follows:

1. Sewer rentals or charges imposed by this Subpart B shall be payable on a calendar quarter annum basis.
2. All bills with respect to billing units shall be rendered for the appropriate calendar quarter annum on the first days of January, April, July and October of each year for service during the preceding calendar quarter annum.
3. Sewer rentals or charges shall be due and payable five days after mailing or delivery of an appropriate net bill by or in behalf of this Borough to the person responsible for payment thereof and shall be payable at the office of the Treasurer of this Borough. If the net bill for sewer rentals or charges is not paid within 30 calendar days after the same shall become due and payable, an additional sum of 5% shall be added to the net bill, which net bill, plus such additional sum, shall constitute the gross bill. Payment made or mailed and postmarked on or before the last day of such 30 calendar day period shall constitute payment within such period. If the end of such 30 calendar day period shall fall on a legal holiday or Sunday, payment made on or mailed and postmarked on the next succeeding business day which is not a legal holiday shall constitute payment within such period. If sewer rentals and charges are not paid within 60 calendar days after the same become due and payable, civil action may be taken to collect charges and lien may be filed pursuant to **§ 18-128**.

In addition to all other rights of the Borough herein granted, if a bill is not paid within 60 days after date of bill, a ten-day written notice will be forwarded to the consumer at his latest recorded address on the books of the Borough informing the consumer of the delinquency and the penalty and the posting of a written notice at the main entrance to the premises, declaring the intention of the Borough to shut off and discontinue the sewer service and water service in conjunction with the appropriate provider of water service to the property if the bill is not paid within 10 days. If said bill is not paid within 10 days of the mailing of the above delinquency notice, sewer service and, in conjunction with the appropriate provider of water service to the premises, the water service, shall be shut off and discontinued. If service is terminated under these conditions, a reconnection charge of \$50 in addition to all arrearages must be paid to the Borough before service shall be restored. If any employee of the Borough collects the amount of a delinquent bill at the users premises prior to termination of service, a collection charge of \$20 shall be collected in addition to all arrearages.

4. Whenever service to any improved property shall begin after the first day or shall terminate before the last day of any quarter annum billing period, sewer rentals or charges for such period shall be prorated equitably, if appropriate, for that portion of the quarter annum billing period during which such improved property was served by the sewer system.
5. Every owner of an improved property which is connected to the sewer system initially shall provide this Borough with and thereafter shall keep this Borough advised of his correct address. Failure of any person to receive quarter annum net bills for sewer rentals or charges shall not be considered an excuse for nonpayment nor shall such failure result in an extension of the period of time during which the net bill shall be payable.
6. The sewer rental charges imposed by this Subpart B may be abated under the following conditions:
  - A. Water service is terminated with the water company and the water meter is removed, and
  - B. Notice is given to the Borough Manager that the dwelling unit is vacant and will remain so for a period of at least 90 days. In the event that such vacancy does persist for 90 days, that quarter's sewage charge shall abate retroactively to the date of termination of water service and the notice to the Borough Manager.