

ARTICLE I Municipal Service Fee (§ 427-1 — § 427-9)

[Adopted by Ord. No. 97-23 (Sec. 2A-9 of the 1975 Code)]

§ 427-1 Fee imposed.

In accordance with the terms of N.J.S.A. 54:4-1.6, there is hereby created a municipal service fee for manufactured homes installed in a mobile home park within the confines of the Township of Lower.

§ 427-2 Determination of fee.

[Amended 10-20-2003 by Ord. No. 2003-12]

The municipal service fee shall be determined by resolution each year by the Township Council on or before November 1 of the pre-tax year. In determining the municipal service fee, the Township Council shall take into account the extent to which the taxes assessed and levied pursuant to Title 54 of the New Jersey Revised Statutes against the land and improvements which together constitute the mobile home park in which the manufactured homes are installed defray the costs of services provided, or paid for, by the Township, or provided by any other appropriate taxing authority, for occupants of manufactured homes in the mobile home park.

§ 427-3 Payment of fee.

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The municipal service fee shall be payable quarterly on March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15 of each year.

§ 427-4 Collection of fee.

[Amended 10-20-2003 by Ord. No. 2003-12]

The municipal service fee shall be collected from each owner of the manufactured home on a monthly basis by the owner of the mobile home park in which the home is installed. The park owner shall issue a receipt to the home owner upon each collection. The park owner shall transmit the fees collected on the dates specified in § [427-3](#) above in the manner set forth therein to the Tax Collector of the Township and shall transmit therewith a copy of each receipt issued pursuant to this section. The Tax Collector of the Township shall forward a bill for the municipal service fee to the owner of the mobile home park within 15 days of the fixing of the annual fee by the Township Council. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Township from collecting the municipal service fee allocated to the owner of a manufactured home, together with interest thereon as set forth below, directly from such owner of a manufactured home.

§ 427-5 Interest rate.

The Township Council shall annually fix the rate of interest to be charged the manufactured home owner by the Township for failure to pay the municipal service fee when due and payable as so required. If no such rate is fixed, it shall be the same rate of interest charged for delinquent real estate taxes.

§ 427-6 Responsibility of park owner.

In the event the owner of a mobile home park fails to remit the municipal service fee collected from the owner(s) of a manufactured home located in his/her mobile home park, such owner of the mobile home park shall be liable to the Township for the fee so collected, together with interest thereon as set forth above.

§ 427-7 Repealer.

The fee heretofore imposed upon mobile homes pursuant to Ordinance No. 62-13 shall be and hereby is repealed. Any mobile home paying a municipal service fee shall be exempt from any fees imposed pursuant to Ordinance No. 62-13.

§ 427-8 Equal allocation of fee.

The municipal service fee established for each mobile home park shall be allocated equally among all owners of the manufactured homes located in such park.

§ 427-9 Park owner to advise homeowner of fee.

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The mobile home park owner shall annually, no later than November 30 of the pre-tax year, advise each manufactured home owner of his or her prorated share of the municipal service fee payable during the subsequent year.