

2021 PANDEMIC SEWER BALANCE INSTALLMENT PLAN

BOROUGH OF MEDFORD LAKES

1 CABIN CIRCLE

MEDFORD LAKES, NJ 08055

609-654-8898

Office of the Tax Collector

PROPERTY ADDRESS _____

Block _____ **Lot** _____ **Qualifier** _____

MAILING ADDRESS (if different) _____

HOME PHONE NUMBER _____ **CELL PHONE NUMBER** _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

REASON FOR REQUEST _____

TOTAL BALANCE TO BE PAID BY PAYMENT PLAN _____ **DOLLARS**

NUMBER OF MONTHLY PAYMENTS
NOT TO EXCEED 24 MONTHS _____ **MONTHS**

MONTHLY PAYMENT AMOUNT _____ **PER MONTH**

PAYMENT PLAN BEGINNING DATE _____

ALL NEW CHARGES MUST BE PAID BY THE GRACE PERIOD

OWNERS' NAMES (print) _____ **Signatures** _____

BOROUGH OF MEDFORD LAKES AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURE:

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***PLEASE NOTE:**

ALL INFORMATION MUST BE FILLED OUT. ALL OWNERS MUST SIGN.

IN ORDER FOR THE PAYMENT PLAN TO BE CONSIDERED, THE FIRST MONTHLY PAYMENT MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THIS FORM AND WILL BE APPLIED AGAINST YOUR 2021 SEWER BALANCE WHETHER OR NOT THE PLAN IS APPROVED.

THIS PLAN IS ONLY FOR 2021 SEWER BALANCE.

IN THE EVENT OWNER FILES FOR PROTECTION UNDER THE FEDERAL BANKRUPTCY ACT, THE SAME SHALL BE CONSIDERED AN EVENT OF DEFAULT OF THIS AGREEMENT.

IN THE EVENT A MONTHLY PAYMENT IS NOT MADE BY THE 15TH OF THE MONTH, OR A SEWER SERVICE FEE IS NOT PAID AS REQUIRED, THE PAYMENT PLAN WILL BE NULLIFIED. THE ENTIRE UNPAID BALANCE, PLUS INTEREST AT 18% THERE AFTER, WILL BE DUE AND PAYABLE TO THE BOROUGH OF MEDFORD LAKES AND SUBJECT TO THE BOROUGH'S TAX SALE.

**THIS PLAN ONLY COVERS 2021 DELINQUENT SEWER BALANCES.
CURRENT (2022) PAYMENT MUST BE MADE ON TIME TO AVOID TAX SALE.**

PLEASE SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR DRIVERS LICENSE.

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COVID-19 Relief Measures FOR SEWER SERVICE CHARGES

IMPORTANT MESSAGE: COVID-19 RATEPAYER RELIEF MEASURES

This notice announces relief measures for residential ratepayers experiencing economic hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please review this message in its entirety. For more information, call 609-654-8898 or emailing taxcollector@medfordlakes.com.

INSTALLMENT PLAN AVAILABILITY

BE ADVISED that State law requires residential customers to be offered an installment plan for any Sewer arrearages accruing between March 9, 2020 and March 15, 2022. To maintain the installment plan, a residential customer must make timely payments on all current charges. More information is available *by calling 609-654-8898 or emailing taxcollector@medfordlakes.com*. Sewer liens that were sold before January 1, 2022 cannot be included in the installment plan. **Medford Lakes Borough Delinquent Sewer Accounts will have until April 25, 2022 to apply for the installment plan. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.**

LATE FEES, CHARGES AND PENALTIES

BE ADVISED that P.L. 2021, c. 317 prohibits local governments from charging residential customers interest, fees, or charges for late payment of Sewer charges accruing between March 9, 2020 and March 15, 2022 until after March 15, 2022 at which time interest and penalties may begin to accrue. This prohibition does not apply to sewer liens that were sold before January 1, 2022. Late interest, fees or charges may be enforced against arrearages accruing before March 9, 2020 and after March 15, 2022.

BILL ASSISTANCE AND ARREARAGE FORGIVENESS PROGRAMS

The application period for the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs' Low Income Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is now open. This federally funded program will provide financial assistance to low-income households to reduce the balances on their residential water and sewer bills. LIHWAP will provide benefits directly to water and sewer service providers on behalf of residential customers. The assistance can be used, in order of priority, to:

- restore services where services have been terminated and pay reconnection fees and other charges accrued due to a disconnection;

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BILL ASSISTANCE AND ARREARAGE FORGIVENESS PROGRAMS (cont.)

- avoid service disruption for those residential customers who are in danger of disconnection (i.e., received shut off notices or have past due balances) and to help them afford bill payment going forward; and
- support those household customers who are current in their bills but might be in danger of falling behind in the near future.

Priority will also be given to families with elderly or disabled household members and/or with children under the age of five, no matter which category they fall into.

To be eligible for LIHWAP assistance, applicants must be water/sewer bill holders who are responsible for paying their water and sewer bills directly to the water/sewer provider. Also, applicants' total gross household income must be at or below 60% of the state median income (\$6,439 a month for a family of four). The LIHWAP frequently asked questions webpage, available at <https://njdca-housing.dynamics365portals.us/lihwapfaq> has additional information about maximum income limits and other items.

Participants in the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) are automatically eligible for LIHWAP assistance so long as they are water/sewer bill holders.

People can apply online through the DCAid application portal at <https://njdca-housing.dynamics365portals.us/en-US/dcaid-services/>.

Those without computer or internet access can call 1-800-510-3102 to be directed to one of the community action agencies to assist them with starting, completing, and submitting an application online.