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RESOLUTION 04-12-23

ADOPTION OF REVISED SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES

WHEREAS, the Peters Township Sanitary Authority, a municipal corporation organized under the Municipal Authorities Act of 1945, for the purpose of providing a sanitary sewer collection, conveyance, and treatment facilities, and for providing the staffing and financing to operate said facilities.

WHEREAS, under the terms of its financing arrangements, the Peters Township Sanitary Authority has agreed that it will charge, maintain, and collect reasonable fees for the collection, transportation, and treatment of the sanitary sewage of those customers within its service area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Peters Township Sanitary Authority hereby resolves to adopt the following schedule incorporating the aforementioned motion, identified as "Schedule A – Revised December 13, 2023", attached hereto and made part hereof.

The effective date of the rate schedule hereby resolved shall be January 1, 2024.

All other resolutions and parts thereof which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Enacted into resolution this 13th day of December, 2023

ATTEST:
(Seal)

Peters Township Sanitary Authority
Washington County, PA



(Secretary)



(Chairman)

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SCHEDULE A
Revised December 13, 2023

Adopted by Resolution No. 04-12-23
Effective Date: January 1, 2024

ARTICLE I. The sanitary sewage collection, transportation and treatment charges for services furnished by Peters Township Sanitary Authority, and tapping fees to connect to the Peters Township Sanitary Authority's sewer system shall be as provided herein:

GENERAL RATE DISTRICT

SECTION A. SEWER USE CHARGES:

The charges for sewer use and services rendered to sewerer premises in the Authority's General Rate District, as of the effective date shown above, shall be as follows:

1. BILLING CYCLE:

The billing cycle shall be quarterly with the quarters comprised as follows:

| <u>Quarter</u> | <u>Water Consumption Period</u> |
|----------------|---------------------------------|
| First | January 1 – March 30 |
| Second | April 1 – June 30 |
| Third | July 1 – September 30 |
| Fourth | October 1 – December 31 |

2. RESIDENTIAL SEWER USE CHARGES:

Residential uses shall be those uses identified in Section E.2. Residential Use Classifications below. Home occupations practiced within residential dwellings in districts zoned for residential use shall be considered a residential use.

Metered Residential:

The sewer use charge shall consist of a minimum service charge for all customers connected to the sewer system applied regardless of water volume consumed, and a user charge based upon the metered volume of water supplied to the dwelling. For new customers connecting to the sewer the minimum service charge shall be charged from date of connection to the sewer, prorated for the number of days actually connected.

Single Family Residential

- A) Minimum Service Charge\$44.00/quarter/dwelling unit
- B) User Charge.....\$8.65/1,000 gallons of metered water consumed
- C) Charge is the total of A) and B) above.

Multi- Family Residential

- D) Minimum Service Charge\$44.00/quarter/dwelling unit
- E) User Charge.....\$8.65/1,000 gallons of metered water consumed
- A) Charge is the total of A) and B) above.

Non-Metered Residential:

- A) Minimum Service Charge\$44.00/quarter/dwelling unit
- B) User Charge – Flat fee calculated based on the Authority’s system wide annual average residential metered water consumption for the previous year’s billing cycle, divided by 4 and charged at \$8.65/1000 gallons
- C) Charge is the total of A) and B) above

In accordance with Resolution 99-12-1, for all metered and non-metered uses the minimum service charge (formerly called Debt & Administration charge in Res. 99-12-1) shall continue to be billed to the customer after the dwelling structure has been razed until a) the customer surrenders the Permit for Sanitary Sewer Connection; and b) the service lateral serving the property has been disconnected from the Authority’s sewer main at the wye and capped at said wye.

3. NON-RESIDENTIAL SEWER USE CHARGES:

All uses not identified as residential use shall be considered non-residential use. All uses within zoning districts classified as commercial or industrial shall be considered non-residential use.

Metered Non-Residential:

The sewer use charge shall consist of A) a minimum service charge for each Billing Unit (BU) as defined below, for all customers connected to the sewer system applied regardless of the volume of water consumed and/or sewage flows recorded, B) a user charge based upon the volume of metered water and/or sewage flows recorded, supplied to the customer, C) a water/sewage flow meter size charge for meters larger than the standard residential meter size of 5/8-inch diameter.

For new customers connecting to the sewer the minimum service charge shall be charged from date of connection to the sewer, prorated for the number of days actually connected.

Minimum Service Charge.....\$44.00/quarter/Billing Unit

Billing Units: The number of Billing Units assigned to a non-residential customer account shall be determined by dividing the customer's water consumption for the twelve (12) quarters preceding the current billing quarter, divided by the previous year's residential average water consumption as reported in the most current Authority's Consulting Engineer's Annual Report. The calculated Billing Units shall be rounded to one decimal place and the minimum Billing Unit shall be 1.0.

User Charge...\$8.65/1,000 gallons of metered water consumed and/or sewage flows recorded

Meter Charge:

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| 5/8-inch meter..... | No Charge |
| 1-inch meter..... | \$15.00/quarter/account |
| 1.5-inch meter..... | \$30.00/quarter/account |
| 2-inch meter..... | \$45.00/quarter/account |
| 4-inch meter..... | \$60.00/quarter/account |
| 6-inch meter..... | \$90.00/quarter/account |
| 8-inch meter..... | \$125.00/quarter/account |

The meter charge shall be applied to only the normal water supply meter and not the high volume meter for those accounts equipped with two or more meters with one or more meter intended for fire suppression water supply. Where an approved sewage meter is used the meter charge shall be based on the charge identified in C) above that best corresponds to the sewage pump capacity.

Charge is the total of A), B) and C) above.

Non-Metered Non-Residential

- A) Minimum Service Charge\$44.00/quarter/Billing Unit
- B) User Charge – Authority shall estimate the water consumption of the customer using as a guide the sewage flow estimation table as prescribed in Title 25, Environmental Protection, of the Pennsylvania Code, Chapter 73, Standards for Sewage Disposal, 73.17 Sewage Flows; and said water consumption estimate shall be charged at \$8.65/1000 gallons and shall be used to calculate the Billing Units. However shall not be less than the non-metered residential charge per billing unit.
- C) Charge is the total of A) and B) above.

Metered Sewage Flow Non-Residential

Where all of a non-residential building's wastewater is discharged to the public sewer by a customer owned sewage pumping station and force main, equipped with an approved magnetic flow meter with approved instrumentation and data logging capabilities, the customer may apply for approval to use the sewage flow meter for sewage billing purposes, in place of metered water supply.

Customer shall may application and payment of a \$150 application fee, upon approval of application a service agreement will be executed. The Agreement shall include but not limited to the following items:

- 1) Identification of the approval and conditions from the application process
- 2) The location of the sewage flow meter and instrumentation and access is subject to the Authority's approval
- 3) Customer is responsible for maintenance of the sewage flow meter and instrumentation
- 4) The sewage flow meter is calibrated by an independent third-party calibration technician approved by the Authority at intervals no greater than twenty-four months and calibration report forwarded to the Authority
- 5) The Authority will solely determine if the sewage meter data is usable each billing period, and if deemed unusable due to missing data, erratic data, or unreasonable data the Authority will use the maximum monthly consumption during the prior months as the current monthly billing consumption until the sewage flow meter is repaired or replaced by customer, and thereby return to acceptable service. Failure to return the sewage flow meter to acceptable shall void the Authority's meter approval and thereby revert to water supply meter billing

Conditions Concerning Billing Unit Assignment:

Change of Use: Where a non-residential facility or a unit within a facility has a change of use the Authority will evaluate the use change upon occupancy and adjust the Billing Units accordingly using water consumption estimates it solely deems appropriate, with the adjustment effective the quarter immediately following the change of use. Unit or building vacancy shall not constitute a change of use.

Facility Demolition: Where a non-residential facility is demolished in its entirety, and it has been properly disconnected from the sewer main at its wye, its Billing Units will be adjusted to the minimum Billing Unit of 1.0 effective the quarter immediately following the verification of disconnection from the sewer main. In accordance with Resolution 99-12-1, for all metered and non-metered uses the minimum service charge (formerly called Debt & Administration charge in Res. 99-12-1) shall continue to be billed to the customer after the structure has been razed until the customer surrenders the Permit for Sanitary Sewer Connection; or reconnects a newly constructed structure (replacement structure) at which time the conditions for New Connections shall apply.

New Connections: For new connections to the sewer, including connection of replacement structures, the Billing Units will be assigned by the Authority using water consumption data to estimate the annual water consumption of the proposed structure, which Billing Units shall be used, adjusted each quarter with actual water consumption until a full year (four quarters) of actual water consumption data is available, at which time the actual annual water consumption shall be used to calculate the Billing Units.

SECTION B. PENALTIES, INTEREST, AND OTHER CHARGES

1. **Penalties and Interest:** Any sewer use charge not paid within 21 days from the date of billing shall be subject to a ten percent penalty and shall bear interest at the rate of five-sixths (5/6) percent per month or fraction thereof until paid.
2. **Property Posting Fee:** Any customer delinquent on their sewage account that requires the Authority to have the property posted for notification of water termination is charged a fee of \$35.00 per posting.
3. **Water Termination Fee and water Re-Restore Fee:** Any customer that requires the Authority to submit a work order to the water company for water termination notification or water re-store shall be charged a \$30 fee per work order.
4. **PAWC Fees for Water Terminations for Landlord’s:** Any landlord that is the responsible party for the payment of sewer service shall be subject to PAWC fees per their agreement.
5. **Non-Sufficient Funds Fee (NSF):** Any customer that submits payment where there are “non-sufficient funds” in their account or their account has been closed and the payment is not honored by the Bank a fee of \$20.00 is charged.
6. **Sewage Lien Fee:** Any property requiring a lien to be placed on the property shall be charged a fee of \$105.00.

7. Fees Applicable for Property Transfers and Refinances:

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| Sewage Lien Letter | \$35.00 per parcel |
| Residential Dye Test | \$275.00 per parcel |
| Commercial Dye Test | Base Fee \$275.00 per parcel up to 3 building sewers Additional \$50 per building sewer over 3 |
| Dye Test – Authority supplied water | \$325.00 |
| Non-Refundable Fee for failure to show for scheduled dye test | \$50.00 |
| Dye Test Cancellation Fee shall be applied after 72 hours of scheduling | \$50.00 |

SECTION C. ALLOWANCE FOR WATER NOT ENTERING SEWER SYSTEM

In accordance with **Resolution 07-12-04** for deduct water meters an allowance shall be given for metered water use excluded from entering the sewer system provided all such water used is properly measured through a water meter and installation approved by the Peters Township Sanitary Authority, and this Authority has determined that the excluded water will not enter the sewer system through an alternate source. The customer is solely responsible for the installation and for all maintenance of said meter. The following summarizes the applicable fees:

1. Meter Application Fee – \$60.00 (includes initial meter inspection)
2. Meter Inspections - \$40.00
3. The meter shall be read by the Peters Township Sanitary Authority for the following fees:

- a) Meter Read Fees with exterior remote reader or customer read – for each reading a charge of \$12.00 per read shall be applied to the customer’s sewer bill.
- b) Meter Read Fees without exterior remote reader - for each reading a charge of \$18.00 per read shall be applied to the customer’s sewer bill
- c) Meter Read Fee without exterior remote reader - for each customer mailing in their reading a charge of \$10.00 per read shall be applied to the customer’s sewer bill.

4. Frequency of Meter Reading:

Residential – Annually

Non-Residential – Annually, or quarterly when arrangements are made by customer with a \$12.00 fee applied for each quarterly reading.

SECTION D. INTERMUNICIPAL BULK DISCOUNTS

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SECTION E. TAPPING FEE AND SEWER CONNECTION CHARGE:

A tapping fee for connection to the Peters Township Sanitary Authority’s Sewer System shall be payable at time of application for the Permit for Sewer Connection in accordance with the following schedule, except where agreements exist with Peters Township Sanitary Authority that establishes otherwise:

1. TAPPING FEE:

The tapping fee and connection charges are based upon the tapping fee engineering study by KLH Engineers, Inc. dated June 2005 and subsequent updates of the study findings. The Tapping Fee as adopted shall include the following components; connection fee, customer facilities fee, and tapping fee, including capacity and collection part. The value for each respective component is identified in the PTSA Summary Report Update No. 1, 2006 and Update No. 2, 2008.

The tapping fee per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) as identified for each use classification below shall be; for residential single family and multifamily dwellings where a “wye” is available shall be \$3,200 and where a “tap and saddle” is installed by the Authority the fee shall be \$3,460 and for non-residential connections where a “wye” is available shall be \$91.00 plus \$12.05 per gallon of capacity needed and where a “tap and saddle” is installed by the Authority the fee shall be \$351.00 plus \$12.05 per gallon of capacity needed.

2. RESIDENTIAL USE CLASSIFICATIONS:

- A) Single Family Residential - Each single family dwelling to be exclusively occupied for residential purposes shall be classified as a separate EDU.
- B) Multi-Family Residential - Each private residential unit in every duplex, quad, or row house, every garden or other apartment, townhouse, patio home, every mobile home located on mobile home parks, or other multi-family use building or buildings to be exclusively occupied for residential

purposes shall be deemed a separate dwelling unit and the tapping fee charge for each dwelling unit shall be assessed.

3. NON-RESIDENTIAL USE CLASSIFICATIONS:

The capacity requirements will be based upon the customer's maximum monthly daily average water consumption, as determined by the Authority based upon data supplied according to Section E.4. The minimum capacity requirement shall be deemed to be equivalent to 258 gallons per day, for each separate plumbed building to be occupied for a non-residential purpose or use as further identified below.

- A) Transient and Group Residential Use – Transient Residential use shall be considered Non-Residential, and consists of hotels, motels, dormitories, detention facilities, extended care facilities, and other group housing. Each separate plumbed building to be occupied for transient residential use, equipped with one or more kitchen, shower, or restroom, or where water is used for any business, commercial or industrial purpose shall be deemed an EDU.
- B) Business Use - Business use shall include office, retail and service establishments. Each separate plumbed building to be occupied for business use, equipped with one or more kitchen, shower, or restroom, or where water is used for any business, commercial or industrial purpose shall be deemed an EDU.
- C) Institutional Use - Institutional use shall include uses of a public character including municipal facilities, schools and places of higher learning, churches and places of worship, cemeteries, hospitals, and other similar uses. Each separate plumbed building to be occupied for institutional use, equipped with one or more kitchen, shower, or restroom, or where water is used for any business, commercial or industrial purpose shall be deemed an EDU
- D) Industrial Use – Industrial use shall include any facility that discharges industrial process water, including non-contact cooling water, to the sewer system. All industrial users are required to obtain an Industrial Discharge Permit, in addition to a Sewer Connection Permit. Each separate plumbed building to be occupied for industrial use, equipped with one or more kitchen, shower, or restroom, or where water is used for any business, commercial or industrial purpose shall be deemed an EDU.

4. NON-RESIDENTIAL WATER CONSUMPTION - Calculation of Maximum Monthly Consumption and Per Gallon Unit

Each non-residential applicant for connection to the sewer system shall submit to the Authority, in writing, an estimation of the proposed facility's maximum monthly water consumption, 12 consecutive months of monthly water consumption, and the basis for the estimates, along with documentation supporting the estimate. The Authority will review the estimate and if approved, the capacity requirements will be based upon the

customer's maximum month daily average water consumption to calculate gallons of capacity required. If not approved, the Authority will notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for non-approval, and will provide the applicant with detailed information on the estimate generated by the Authority and used for calculating the number of gallons for the proposed facility. The Authority will use as a guide the sewage flows prescribed in Title 25, Environmental Protection, of the Pennsylvania Code, Chapter 73, Standards for Sewage Disposal, 73.17 Sewage Flows; monthly water consumption of existing facilities of similar size and proposed use with appropriate peaking factors to estimate maximum monthly water use; and other data it considers appropriate for the application.

5. RIGHT TO IMPOSE ADDITIONAL TAPPING FEES

The Sanitary Authority reserves the right to impose additional sewer permit fees in the event the proposed facility is utilized in a manner that generates substantially greater sewage flows or organic or solids loading than estimated at the time of the Sewer Permit application.

6. CHANGE OF USE

Where a facility's non-residential use changes and thereby creates the potential to discharge substantially greater volumes of water to the sewer system due to the change of use, the Authority shall review the proposed use and calculate the required additional tapping fees as described above. In calculating the additional tap fee, credit shall be given for the facility's current calculated number of EDUs based upon its maximum monthly water consumption for the 12 months preceding the date of application for a revised sewer connection permit.

7. BACKWATER VALVE AGREEMENT

When it is determined, through review by the Authority Engineer and/or its Management, that a property will be susceptible to sewage back-up, a "Backwater Valve Agreement" which sets forth certain terms, conditions and responsibilities, must be signed by the property owner/owners and same notarized. The Agreement must be completed and returned to the Authority prior to the issuance of the Permit for Sanitary Sewer Connection and shall become integral part of the Permit. The following are the applicable fees associated for the properly recording the agreement with Washington County Recorder of Deeds:

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| Recording Fee, Administrative & Postage | \$45.00 |
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8. LAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REVIEW FEES

All subdivisions and non-residential development projects require Authority plan reviews including site plan reviews, and may require various investigations by the Authority which may include sewer line flow monitoring and internal inspection, research of previous plans to identify rights of ways and easements, and engineering and legal consultation. Thereby, the Authority has established a non-refundable application fee according to the following:

Residential Subdivision Plan: \$400 plus \$35.00 for each additional lot or Equivalent Dwelling Unit in excess of one.

Non-Residential Land Development: \$500 plus \$35.00 for each additional Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) in excess of one EDU estimated at time of application, with one EDU for planning purposes equal to 400 gallons/day.

9. FOOD ESTABLISHMENT SURCHARGE

All food establishments required to have grease traps or grease interceptors will be charged a surcharge to partially support the costs associated with implementation of a grease trap management program, including regular analytical analysis of grease trap/interceptor effluents to verify compliance with the Authority's discharge standard. The surcharge shall be as follows:

Surcharge: \$10/quarter per grease trap or grease interceptor

SECTION F. SURCHARGES APPLICABLE TO NON-RESIDENTIAL USERS

The Peters Township Sanitary Authority may impose additional surcharges on any user whose sewer discharge contains unusually high concentrations of any waste that requires or causes special treatment and handling or additional expense, according to the provisions of the Authority's Rules and Regulations.

SECTION G. RATE REVISIONS

The Peters Township Sanitary Authority reserves the right to alter this Rate Schedule at any time in order to meet its operating expenses.

SECTION H. CONFLICTS

All other rate schedules and parts there of which are in conflict with the resolution adopting this schedule are repealed to the extent of such conflict.