

RESOLUTION 2016-01-14-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COLLIER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
SETTING A UNIFORM RATE STRUCTURE TO BE APPLIED TO MONTHLY USAGE
CHARGES FOR SEWER USE SERVICE BILLED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA
AMERICAN WATER COMPANY MONTHLY BILLING PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Collier Township Municipal Authority (CTMA) is required to set and establish rates and fees associated with wastewater collection, conveyance and treatment.

WHEREAS, CTMA is charged with the responsibility of providing wastewater services to the citizens of Collier Township connected into CTMA system; and

WHEREAS, the Collier Township and CTMA have negotiated an agreement with the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority (ALCOSAN) to have the treatment performed on the wastewater generated in the Township by ALCOSAN; and

WHEREAS, from time to time it is necessary for rate modifications to be made, as well as for other action to be taken to impose or revise other charges upon users of the system;

WHEREAS, ALCOSAN has notified CTMA that it has increased treatment rates effective January 14, 2016 and CTMA has determined that it is not capable of absorbing the ALCOSAN rate increase and that is necessary for rate modifications to be made, as well as for other action to be taken to impose or revise other charges upon users of the system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that CTMA hereby establishes the following rates and fees associated with the conveyance and treatment of wastewater to those customers connected to the CTMA system:

Section 1: The basic rate for all customers of the sewer system shall be **\$6.05** per month minimum service charge plus **\$11.40** per thousand gallons of water usage. The monthly minimum service charge shall apply to each residential unit and to each commercial/industrial building connected to the system.

Any owner(s) allowing tenants, lessees or other persons to place the billing account in the name of one other than the owner of the property, by doing so, shall remain responsible for the usage charges and billing charges, and by allowing others to place the sewer account in their name, for sewer service to the property and the owner(s) agree that the property shall be subject to a municipal lien for non payment of the usage charges for sewer service to said property. Any non property owner who opens a water or sewer account through Pennsylvania American Water Company shall in addition to the user rate for sanitary sewer service shall be liable for an additional annual charge of \$6.00 to cover the cost of providing a duplicate monthly bill to the property address.

Additionally, this base rate shall be applied to and charged to any property that has been served by a lateral connection, has a structure that is occupied and that has received a notice to connect to the public sewer system but has failed to connect to the

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sewer system one hundred and twenty days after notice. Failure to connect shall not prevent the assessment and charge of this basic rate.

Section 2: CTMA further authorizes the imposition of fees to those users of the system that utilize well water and whose water usage cannot be determined by reference to water meter readings and water usage. The minimum monthly service charge as described in Section 1 will apply to these customers. Additionally, the charge per thousand gallons for each of these customers will be based on the average usage established and determined by ALCOSAN.

Section 3: The quantity of water which does not reach a metered water user's sewer, if separately metered in accordance with requirements of CTMA and ALCOSAN, will not be included in the quantity upon which the sewage charge is calculated. For reading credit meters, a charge for the actual costs of CTMA may be imposed and assessed.

Section 4: A surcharge upon industrial and commercial users of the system is imposed to those entities depositing high strength wastes into the system. The determination of the surcharge amount will be done based on established formulas and testing by ALCOSAN. CTMA will not add any additional fees to these surcharge amounts.

Section 5: A charge for commercial garbage disposals equal to the charges imposed and assessed by ALCOSAN to CTMA shall be assessed and charged to any commercial (i.e., non-residential) disposal discharging to the sewer system. This charge may be assessed by CTMA either monthly or quarterly as determined by CTMA.

Section 6: All sewage charges by CTMA shall be payable on or before the due date on the

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bill. After such due date, an additional one and one half percent (1.5%) will be applied to any outstanding balance due.

Section 7: This Resolution shall be effective and these rates shall be billed as of January 1, 2016.

Section 8: The charges and fees described herein supersede previously adopted charges and fees to the extent inconsistent and shall become effective as of January 1, 2016 in the bill for service invoiced on or after that date.

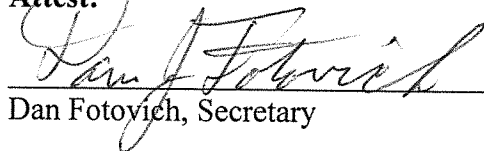
Adopted this 14h day of January 2016, by the Collier Township Municipal Authority.

**COLLIER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL
AUTHORITY**



Dan Oberleitner, Chairman

Attest:



Dan Fotoyich, Secretary

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January 19, 2016

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Attention: Lori Thompson

Re: 2016 Usage Rate

Dear Mrs. Thompson:

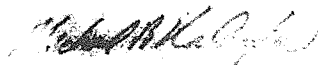
Attached please find the original Resolution, establishing the 2016 sewer rate, as adopted by the Municipal Authority Board. The 2016 usage rate, as established by the Board, is now \$6.05 per month for a customer service charge and \$11.40 per 1,000 gallons of usage.

Please process the original, attached Resolution for the Board's signatures and provide both Jim Nordquist and myself with a signed copy of the Resolution.

Please arrange to notify Diversified of the rate changes to be implemented on the next billing and provide the Township Manager with a copy of the Resolution, thus informing the Township of the new CTMA sewer rate.

Please note that, in the Resolution and in years of prior Resolutions, there was a requirement that non-connected properties be billed. This again has been confirmed by the Board in its policy Resolution, which was also adopted at the January meeting. As such, all non-connected properties are to be billed in accordance with the rate Resolution and the latest policy Resolution, as adopted at the January meeting.

Very truly yours,



Michael B. Kaleugher, Solicitor
Collier Township Municipal Authority

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Original Resolution attached