## **RESOLUTION 2015-01-08-01**

## 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 1, 2015 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 \$4.75 per month

minimum service charge plus \$10.75 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 that 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 connection 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 an 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

8, 2015.

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, 2015 in the bill for

service invoiced on or after that date.

Adopted this 8th day of January 2015, by the Collier Township Municipal Authority.

COLLIER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Dan Oberleitner, Chairman

Attest:

Dan Fotovich, Secretary