

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01-14-02**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COLLIER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
ESTABLISHING A WRITTEN POLICY REQUIRING THE PROPERTY OWNERS  
THAT FAIL TO CONNECT TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AFTER NOTICE  
BE SUBJECT TO SANITARY SEWER CHARGES THAT WOULD BE DUE AND  
PAYABLE TO CTMA BECAUSE OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND AVAILABILITY OF  
PUBLIC SANITARY SYSTEM CONSTRUCTED TO PROVIDE SERVICE TO THEIR  
PROPERTY.**

WHEREAS, the Collier Township Municipal Authority (CTMA) and its ratepayers have, and will in the future, construct sanitary sewer extensions throughout the Collier Township Municipal Authority service area; and,

WHEREAS, the sanitary sewer line extensions are designed to provide individual lateral connection points to existing dwellings within the service area; and,

WHEREAS, the constructions of the sanitary sewer lines are designed to provide public sanitary sewer service to the property and eliminate the associated health hazards related to the discharge of sewage through a septic system or an on-lot system into the waters of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and,

WHEREAS, CTMA and its ratepayers make substantial contributions to the cost of the sanitary sewer line extensions that are well in excess of any benefit assessment that may be made and in excess of the actual cost of the lateral connection to the property; and,

WHEREAS, CTMA is required to provide, in accordance with the Allegheny County Plumbing Code requirements, a 90-day notice to disconnect from the on-lot system and connect into the sanitary sewer system; and,

WHEREAS, the vast majority of these properties have available water service through the Pennsylvania American Water Company, which discharges into the on-lot system, but should discharge into the public sanitary sewer system; and,

WHEREAS, CTMA budgets and operating expenses are based entirely on sanitary sewer revenue for the operation of the CTMA system for both past and present, as well as into the future; and,

WHEREAS, the failure of property owners to connect into the sanitary sewer system constructed, which benefits the property, and the failure to connect and use the available sanitary sewer system causes CTMA to lose necessary revenue for the continued operation of CTMA system and future funding and maintenance of the service that is provided to said property

NOW THEREFORE, effective as of the date of the adoption of this Resolution, CTMA adopts the following policy related to the invoicing of sanitary sewer services to properties that fail to disconnect from the on-lot system and connect into the public sanitary sewer system.

1. Each individual property shall be provided, by written notice, of the installation of the public sanitary sewer system of CTMA which will service their property. Each individual property shall, in accordance with the Allegheny County Plumbing Code requirements and the requirements of the Township of Collier and CTMA, shall have 90 days from the date of notice to disconnect from the on-lot system and connect into the CTMA system and are required to file the property tap-in application, as well as arrange for the installation of the lateral connection in accordance with CTMA Rules and Regulations and the Allegheny County Plumbing Code.

2. Any property owner that is not able to make the connection within the required 90 days shall provide CTMA with a request for an extension of an additional 90 days within which to make the connection and CTMA shall automatically grant the additional 90-day extension by a written reply to the Applicant.

3. At the expiration of the initial 90-day period and the period of the granting of an extension, CTMA shall notify the property owner that their property shall be considered as connected property for the purposes of sanitary sewer usage charges and the said property shall

be incorporated into the sanitary sewer billing system. The non-connected property owner shall be responsible for paying sanitary sewer charges at the established and approved sewage rate charges of CTMA effective on the next billing system after notification.

4. The non-connected property shall be invoiced and shall be responsible for the sanitary sewer charges on a monthly basis and, upon failure of the property owner to maintain the account current, the property shall be liened for non-payment of the sanitary sewer bills.

The sewage charges shall be based on the actual water usage of the metered property, as metered by the Pennsylvania American Water Company, or as determined by ALCOSAN should the property be connected to a well account.

5. The sanitary sewer monthly charges shall be in addition to any Board of Viewers assessment for the construction of the sanitary sewer line and shall be in addition to the tap-in fee charges established by CTMA.

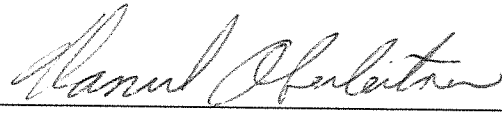
6. As of the date of notice of the initial 90-day connection period, or any extended period, any portion of the tap-in fee not paid to CTMA shall be liened against the property and shall remain a lien against the property until satisfied.

7. In the event of a written request by the property owners of a hardship, CTMA shall not require the pre-payment of the tap-in charges as a condition to the property being connected to the sanitary sewer system, but shall continue the municipal lien against the property for the amount of the unpaid tap connection fee.

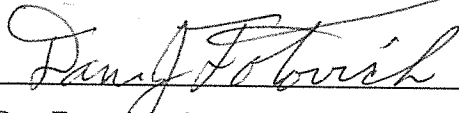
8. The purpose of the deferring of the payment of tap-in lien is to assist the property owner in connecting to the sanitary sewer system and allowing for the elimination of the on-lot system, which can be detrimental to the health and welfare of the area.

Adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016, by the Collier Township Municipal Authority at a regularly held public meeting on this same date.

COLLIER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

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Daniel Oberleitner, Chairman

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dan Fotovich", positioned above a horizontal line.

Dan Fotovich, Secretary

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January 19, 2016

Collier Township Municipal Authority  
2418 Hilltop Road, Suite 200  
Presto, PA 15142

Attention: Lori Thompson

Re: Sewage Usage Charges for Non-Connect  
Properties

Dear Mrs. Thompson:

The Collier Township Municipal Authority Board, at its January 14, 2016 meeting, reviewed the draft Resolution that was submitted to the Board by letter of December 28, 2015.

After review, the Board made a Motion that passed unanimously, adopting Resolution No. 2016-01-14-02 without change or modification. I have attached the original Resolution for appropriate signature and filing within the Authority's permanent records.

After the document is signed, please provide both Jim Nordquist and myself with a signed copy and begin to implement the billing requirements within the next 90 days to all properties that have been provided with CTMA sewer access, but have failed to connect. This would at least include the Bart property and the Papeaka property.

Very truly yours,



Michael B. Kaleugher, Solicitor  
Collier Township Municipal Authority

mbk/dmk  
Original Resolution attached  
cc: NIRA, letter only