# SCHEDULE A Revised December 2023

# Adopted by Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ Effective Date: January 1, 2024

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

#### **GENERAL RATE DISTRICT**

#### SECTION A. SEWER USE CHARGES:

The charges for sewer use and services rendered to sewered 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 Monthly. The billing cycle shall cover the previous month's water consumption. (November's bills will be for October's water consumption)

#### 2. RESIDENTIAL SEWER USE CHARGES:

Residential uses shall be those uses identified in <u>Section D.2. Residential Use</u> <u>Classifications</u> 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. Millers Run Rate District- All Millers Run watershed customers, both residential and commercial, shall be billed a debt service charge each month per dwelling unit. The 2023-2024 debt service payment is currently \$10.00.

#### Single Family Residential

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

## Multi- Family Residential

- A) Minimum Service Charge ...... \$26.00/monthly/dwelling unit
- B) User Charge...... \$8.50/1,000 gallons of metered water consumed
- C) Charge is the total of A) and B) above.

#### Non-Metered Residential:

- A) Minimum Service Charge ...... \$26.00/monthly/dwelling unit
- B) User Charge Flat fee calculated based on the average residential metered water consumption of 4,000 gallons or \$34.00 per month.
- C) Charge is the total of  $\hat{A}$  and  $\hat{B}$  above

All metered and non-metered uses the minimum service charge 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 and capped from the Authority's sewer main and approved by the Authority.

#### **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,

For new customers connecting to the sewer the minimum service charge shall be charged from date of connection to the sewer.

Minimum Service Charge...... \$26.00/monthly/Billing Unit

Billing Units: The minimum service charge will be based off the number of billing units of water consumption from each individual customer. The number of billing units assigned to an individual non-residential customer shall be calculated by dividing the non-residential customer water consumption from the previous calendar year of billing by the average yearly residential water consumption for the same calendar year. The calculated billing units will be rounded by one decimal place and the minimum Billing Unit shall be 1.0.

User Charge...\$8.50/1,000 gallons of metered water consumed and/or sewage flows recorded

#### Non-Metered Non-Residential

- A) Minimum Service Charge ...... \$26.00/monthly/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 \$8.50/1000 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.

#### **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 month 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 month immediately following the verification of disconnection from the sewer main. For all metered and non-metered uses the minimum service charge 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 yearly with actual water consumption until a full year 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 physically post to the property for notification of water termination is charged a fee of \$20.00 per posting.
- 3. Water Termination Fee and water Re-Restore Fee: Any customer that requires the Authority to submit work order to the water company for water termination notification or water re-store shall be charged a \$30 fee per work order.
- 4. 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 therefore the payment shall not be honored by the Bank a fee of \$20.00 is charged.

#### 5. Fees Applicable for Property Transfers and Refinances:

Sewage Lien Letter	<b>\$30.00</b> per parcel
Dye Test	\$100.00
Dye Test – Authority supplied water	\$125.00
Dye Test- Non-Residential	\$250.00
Non-Refundable Fee for	
failure to show for scheduled dye test	\$25.00

#### SECTION C. ALLOWANCE FOR WATER NOT ENTERING SEWER SYSTEM

In accordance with **Resolution 4-2016** 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 Cecil Township Municipal 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. The meter shall be read by the Cecil Township Municipal Authority for the following fees:

a) Meter Read Fees with exterior remote reader or customer read – for each reading a charge of \$25.00 per read shall be applied to the customer's sewer bill. Non-Residential reading will have a charge of \$40.00 per read shall be applied to the customer's sewer bill.

b) Meter Read Fees without exterior remote reader - for each reading an additional charge of **\$20.00** per read shall be applied to the customer's sewer bill.

2. Frequency of Meter Reading: Residential – Annually Non-Residential – Annually

3. The resulting adjustment shall be applied to the customer's account unless customer requests a check.

#### SECTION D. TAPPING FEE AND SEWER CONNECTION CHARGE:

A tapping fee for connection to the Cecil Township Municipal 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 that establishes otherwise:

#### **1. TAPPING FEE:**

The tapping fee and connection charges are based upon the tapping fee engineering study by Lennon, Smith, and Souleret Engineering, Inc. dated October 2023and subsequent updates of the study findings in Resolution 2023-08. The Tapping Fee as adopted varies by watershed.

Watershed	Residential	Commercial (Non- Residential)
Lawerence	\$4500.00/EDU	\$4500.00+\$3,900.00 per additional lbs. of BOD
Brush Run	\$2700.00/EDU	\$2700.00/EDU
Cherrybrook	\$2700.00/EDU	\$2700.00/EDU+\$1,410 per additional lbs. of BOD
Southpointe	\$2700.00/EDU	\$2700.00/EDU
Millers Run	\$6,800.00/EDU	\$6,800.00/EDU+\$4,300.00 per additional lbs of BOD

## 2. RESIDENTIAL USE CLASSIFICATIONS:

- A) <u>Single Family Residential</u> Each single-family dwelling to be exclusively occupied for residential purposes shall be classified as a separate EDU.
- B) <u>Multi- Family Residential</u> 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 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 monthly 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.

## 4. RIGHT TO IMPOSE ADDITIONAL TAPPING FEES

The 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.

#### 5. 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.

#### 6. ENFORCEMENT/VIOLATION AND PENALTIES

Enforcement, violations, and penalties can be found in Cecil Township Ordinance 187 for Sewers. Connections are required within 60 days of accessibility to the sewer system. Violations can lead to a fine of \$1,000 plus costs a day.

#### 7. PLANNING MODULE 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:	
a. Simple (1 to 2 lots)	\$300.00
b. Minor (3 to 10 lots)	\$500.00
c. Major (10 lots +)	\$750.00
d. Industrial and Commercial	\$750.00

#### SECTION F. SURCHARGES APPLICABLE TO NON-RESIDENTIAL USERS

The Cecil Township Municipal 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 REVISONS

The Cecil Township Municipal Authority reserves the right to alter this Rate Schedule at any time to meet its operating expenses.

#### SECTION H. CONFLICTS

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