

# **Wastewater Service Rate & Fee Schedule**

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# Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County

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## Article 1. Collection, Transportation, and Treatment Charges

The charges for sanitary sewage collection, transportation, and treatment services to be furnished by the Authority to customers in each of the municipalities within the Authority's service area, which shall take effect on April 12, 2017, shall be as follows:

### Section 1.1 Avonmore Borough Customers

Type of Customer	Billing Frequency	Base Rate per EDU	Allowance in Gallons	Rate (Gallon Range) Per Thousand Gallons
Water Meter Size 5/8"	Quarterly	\$46.96	4,000	\$6.10 (4,000 – 240,000) \$3.80 (over 240,000)
	Monthly	\$15.65	1,000	\$6.10 (1,000 – 80,000) \$3.80 (over 80,000)
Water Meter Size 3/4"	Quarterly	\$61.05	4,000	\$6.10 (4,000 – 240,000) \$3.80 (over 240,000)
	Monthly	\$20.35	1,000	\$6.10 (1,000 – 80,000) \$3.80 (over 80,000)
Water Meter Size 1"	Quarterly	\$90.10	4,000	\$6.10 (4,000 – 240,000) \$3.80 (over 240,000)
	Monthly	\$30.03	1,000	\$6.10 (1,000 – 80,000) \$3.80 (over 80,000)
Water Meter Size 1.5"	Quarterly	\$154.80	4,000	\$6.10 (4,000 – 240,000) \$3.80 (over 240,000)
	Monthly	\$51.60	1,000	\$6.10 (1,000 – 80,000) \$3.80 (over 80,000)
Water Meter Size 2"	Quarterly	\$271.98	4,000	\$6.10 (4,000 – 240,000) \$3.80 (over 240,000)
	Monthly	\$90.66	1,000	\$6.10 (1,000 – 80,000) \$3.80 (over 80,000)
Water Meter Size 3"	Quarterly	\$679.93	4,000	\$6.10 (4,000 – 240,000) \$3.80 (over 240,000)
	Monthly	\$226.64	1,000	\$6.10 (1,000 – 80,000) \$3.80 (over 80,000)
Water Meter Size 4"	Quarterly	\$1,087.88	4,000	\$6.10 (4,000 – 240,000) \$3.80 (over 240,000)
	Monthly	\$362.63	1,000	\$6.10 (1,000 – 80,000) \$3.80 (over 80,000)
Water Meter Size 6"	Quarterly	\$2,277.75	4,000	\$6.10 (4,000 – 240,000) \$3.80 (over 240,000)
	Monthly	\$759.25	1,000	\$6.10 (1,000 – 80,000) \$3.80 (over 80,000)
Water Meter Size 8"	Quarterly	\$8,432.08	4,000	\$6.10 (4,000 – 240,000) \$3.80 (over 240,000)
	Monthly	\$2,810.69	1,000	\$6.10 (1,000 – 80,000) \$3.80 (over 80,000)

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Water Meter Size 10"	Quarterly	\$12,563.79	4,000	\$6.10 (4,000 – 240,000) \$3.80 (over 240,000)
	Monthly	\$4,187.93	1,000	\$6.10 (1,000 – 80,000) \$3.80 (over 80,000)
Water Meter Size 12"	Quarterly	\$16,709.85	4,000	\$6.10 (4,000 – 240,000) \$3.80 (over 240,000)
	Monthly	\$5,569.95	1,000	\$6.10 (1,000 – 80,000) \$3.80 (over 80,000)

### Section 1.2 Hempfield Township Customers

Type of Customer	Billing Frequency	Base Rate per EDU	Allowance in Gallons	Rate (Gallon Range) Per Thousand Gallons
Residential	Quarterly	\$55.56		\$3.00 (over 0)
Commercial	Quarterly	\$55.56		\$3.00 (0 – 16,000) \$5.24 (next 1,000) \$6.40 (over 17,000)
	Monthly	\$18.52		\$3.00 (0 – 5,000) \$4.88 (next 1,000) \$6.40 (over 6,000)
Well Water (Unmetered)	Quarterly	\$100.56		

### Section 1.3 I-70 Industrial Park Customers

Type of Customer	Billing Frequency	Base Rate per EDU	Allowance in Gallons	Rate (Gallon Range) Per Thousand Gallons
Quarterly Customers	Quarterly	\$103.13		\$11.08 (over 0)
Monthly Customers	Monthly	\$34.38		\$11.08 (over 0)

### Section 1.4 Jeannette Customers

Type of Customer	Billing Frequency	Base Rate per EDU	Allowance in Gallons	Rate (Gallon Range) Per Thousand Gallons
Residential	Quarterly	\$152.50		
Commercial, Industrial, Post Offices	Quarterly	\$152.50	6,000	\$8.00 (over 6,000)
Churches	Quarterly	\$70.00	6,000	\$8.00 (over 6,000)
Schools	Quarterly	\$3.75 per student		
West End Builders Supply	Quarterly	\$152.50		
Unteberger Trailer Court	Quarterly	\$167.75 per trailer		

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## Section 1.5 Ligonier Borough Customers

Type of Customer	Billing Frequency	Base Rate per EDU	Allowance in Gallons	Rate (Gallon Range) Per Thousand Gallons
All	Quarterly	\$103.50	6,000	\$5.75 (6,000 – 10,000) \$5.04 (over 10,000)

## Section 1.6 Ligonier Township Customers

Type of Customer	Billing Frequency	Base Rate per EDU	Allowance in Gallons	Rate (Gallon Range) Per Thousand Gallons
All	Quarterly	\$90.00	6,000	\$5.00 (6,000 – 10,000) \$4.69 (over 10,000)

## Section 1.7 White Oak Borough Customers

Type of Customer	Billing Frequency	Base Rate per EDU	Allowance in Gallons	Rate (Gallon Range) Per Thousand Gallons
Residential	Quarterly	\$60.09	6,000	\$9.85 (over 6,000)
Commercial, Industrial, Other	Monthly	\$20.03	2,000	\$9.85 (over 2,000)
Well Water	Quarterly	\$137.25		

## Section 1.8 Youngwood Borough Customers

Type of Customer	Billing Frequency	Base Rate per EDU	Allowance in Gallons	Rate (Gallon Range) Per Thousand Gallons
Residential	Monthly	\$23.00		\$2.50 (over 0)
Commercial, Multi-EDUs	Monthly	\$23.00		\$2.50 (0 – 4,000) \$3.50 (over 4,000)
Industrial	Monthly	\$18.52		\$3.00 (0 – 5,000) \$6.40 (over 5,000)
Well Water	Monthly	\$23.00		\$2.50 (over 0)*
New Stanton STP Service Area**				

\*estimated at 13,000 per quarter unless metered

\*\*charged according to the Hempfield Township customer rate

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## **Article 2. Tap Connection Fee**

The tap connection fee imposed upon each property owner making a connection to the Authority's sewer system directly or indirectly in all municipalities within the Authority's service area shall be \$1,800.00 per EDU. The fee set forth is based on an allowance of 90 gallons per day per capita and 210 gallons per day per EDU. The tap connection fee shall be in addition to any other charges imposed by the Authority by reason of the use, or availability for use, of the sewer system by such property.

The Authority has the right to revisit the calculation of the tap connection fee and adjust the fee insofar as the calculation and the fee thereto conform to the Pennsylvania Act 57 of 2003 and any subsequent legislation.

## **Article 3. Other Charges**

### **Section 3.1 Penalty for Late Payment**

If a bill is not paid by the due date listed on the bill, a penalty in the amount of 5% of the current bill will be assessed.

### **Section 3.2 Interest on Outstanding Debt**

Any outstanding debt (unpaid benefit assessment charges, tap connection fees, Customer Facility Agreement fees, costs associated with work done by the Authority on behalf of a customer, etc.) shall accrue interest at an interest rate that is based on the terms of the bond applicable to those charges.

### **Section 3.3 Sewage Availability Inquiry Written Response Letter Fee**

The fee for a written response letter to a sewage availability inquiry is \$25.00.

### **Section 3.4 No Lien Letter Fee; Inspection and Dye Test Fee**

In order to receive a no lien letter, the property owner (or an agent of the property owner) must submit the appropriate forms to request a no lien letter and an inspection and dye test. The fee for the no lien letter is \$40.00. The fee for the inspection and dye test is \$170.00.

### **Section 3.5 Fees Associated with Water Shut-Off**

In the event of failure to pay a sewage collection, transportation, and treatment charge, surcharge, or penalty after it becomes delinquent, the Authority may, if permitted by law, authorize the appropriate personnel to shut off water service to said property or to close the sewer connection and to take such steps as may be necessary to accomplish such shut off or closing. All delinquent payments and additional costs must be paid in full in order to have the water turned back on. Fees for this process will be assessed as follows:

- a. \$10.00 for sending the certified notice of delinquency;
- b. \$20.00 for posting the property with a water shut-off notice; and
- c. \$20.00 for turning the water back on the following day, \$50.00 for turning the water back on the same day before 3:30 p.m., or \$150.00 for turning the water back on the same day after 3:30 p.m.

### **Section 3.6 Expenses Related to Sewer Extensions**

The Authority reserves the right to charge a developer for such expenses as it may incur in connection with the extension of sewer lines including, but not limited to, review of permit applications, construction inspection and testing, administrative expenses, legal services, and

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engineering services. The cost for a Post Card Exemption is \$150.00. The cost for a Planning Module Review is \$750.00.

## Article 4. Charges Applicable to Industrial Establishments

### Section 4.1 Permitted Industrial Users

#### 4.1.1 Permit Application Fees

The fee for a new permit application shall be \$1,500.00. The fee for a permit renewal application shall be \$500.00. This fee must be submitted in conjunction with the submission of the application.

#### 4.1.2 Annual Permit Fee

The annual permit fee shall be \$5,000.00 for each permitted industrial user. Annual permit fees shall not be refunded for any reason. The annual permit fee shall be billed to the industrial user in January for the calendar year.

#### 4.1.3 Reimbursement for Sampling of Industrial User's Effluent

In accordance with the EPA-approved Pretreatment Program, the effluent from each permitted industrial user must be sampled by the Authority twice per year. The cost of the sample analysis shall be billed to the industrial user when the invoice from the contracted laboratory is received by the Authority.

#### 4.1.4 Reimbursement for Sampling of Sewage Treatment Plant's Influent

In accordance with the EPA-approved Pretreatment Program, the influent to the sewage treatment plant must be sampled by the Authority once per quarter. The cost of the sample analysis will be divided between all industrial users whose flow is treated by that sewage treatment plant. This divided cost shall be billed to the industrial users when the invoice from the contracted laboratory is received by the Authority.

#### 4.1.5 Surcharges

Industrial users covered by the Authority's EPA-approved Pretreatment Program shall be subject to the following surcharges:

- a. \$0.252 per pound of BOD in excess of the permitted limit;
- b. \$0.0837 per pound of TSS in excess of the permitted limit; and
- c. \$0.0837 per pound of Ammonia Nitrogen in excess of the permitted limit.

The Authority reserves the right to make other arrangements with industrial users on a case-by-case basis. For example, in lieu of paying a surcharge, an industrial user may opt to reimburse the Authority for the cost of a treatment chemical that is used in the treatment of the particular pollutant that the industrial user is contributing, if permission is granted by the Authority.

### Section 4.2 Other Industrial Users

#### 4.2.1 Surcharges

Industrial users not yet covered by the Authority's EPA-approved Pretreatment Program shall be subject to the following surcharges:

- a. \$0.252 per pound of BOD in excess of the applicable loading limit, as determined by the Authority using the following calculation:  
$$\text{excess pounds of BOD} = (C_{\text{BOD}} - 200) \times F \times 8.34$$
- b. \$0.0837 per pound of TSS in excess of the applicable loading limit, as determined by the Authority using the following calculation:  
$$\text{excess pounds of TSS} = (C_{\text{TSS}} - 250) \times F \times 8.34$$

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- c. \$0.0837 per pound of Ammonia Nitrogen in excess of the applicable loading limit, as determined by the Authority using the following calculation:

$$\text{excess pounds of Ammonia Nitrogen} = (C_{\text{Ammonia Nitrogen}} - 30) \times F \times 8.34$$

For each of these calculations,  $C_{\text{parameter}}$  is the concentration of that parameter in mg/L, the subtracted numerical value is the limit for that parameter in mg/L, F is the flow from the industrial user in MGD, and 8.34 is a conversion factor based on the weight of a gallon of water.

## Article 5. Rate Revisions

The Authority specifically reserves the right to revise this Wastewater Service Rate & Fee Schedule at any time in the future, more specifically in order to comply with the requirements of its financing arrangements.

## Article 6. Annual Rate Review

The Authority specifically covenants and provides herein that it shall review the user charges provided for in this Wastewater Service Rate & Fee Schedule annually and revise them periodically to reflect the actual costs of sanitary sewage collection, transportation, and treatment services, operation and maintenance, and debt services.