

PEQUANNOCK RIVER BASIN REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES

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I. PURPOSE

The following “Schedule of Fees and Charges” (“Rate Schedule”) establishes fees and charges for applications including those for direct connection to the regional sewerage system of the Pequannock River Basin Regional Sewerage Authority (“Authority” or “PRBRSA”).

This Rate Schedule supersedes the March 17, 1987 “Rate Schedule for Application Fees, Tapping Fees, Technical Review Fees, Inspection Fees”. Applications filed with the Authority for Sanitary Sewer Extensions, direct connections and other approvals as described below shall be subject to the fees and charges set forth below.

The February 18, 1986 “Schedule of Rates for Connection Fees, Tapping Fees, and Application Fees for Connections to Regional Sewerage Interceptors of the Pequannock River Basin Regional Sewerage Authority” is hereby rescinded in its entirety.

II. DEFINITIONS

1. **“Authority”** or **“PRBRSA”** means the Pequannock River Basin Regional Sewerage Authority.
2. **“Building Sewer or Lateral”** means building or service connections from residential, commercial or industrial properties directly connected to the System excluding Sewer Extensions.
3. **“Domestic Sewage or Wastewater”** means waste and wastewater from humans or household operations that is discharged to or otherwise enters a Treatment Works.
4. **“Dwelling Unit”** or **“DU”** mean one or more rooms designed, occupied, or intended for occupancy as separate living quarters with sleeping, cooking and sanitary facilities provided within the dwelling unit for the exclusive use of a single family.
5. **“Equivalent Dwelling Unit”** or **“EDU”** equals 155 gallons per day (gpd) of domestic wastewater having the strength and quality of normal domestic sewage as defined by the Rules and Regulations.

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6. **“Local Sewerage System”** means all sanitary sewerage systems or sections thereof of a Participant or other Municipality which are or may be connected or are or may be required to be directly or indirectly connected to the System.
7. **“NJDEP”** means the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.
8. **“Non-Residential Connections”** means Building Sewer conveying wastes from commercial and/or industrial development into the System having primarily non-domestic wastewater characteristics.
9. **“Participant”** means the Borough of Bloomingdale, the Borough of Butler, the Borough of Kinnelon and the Borough of Riverdale.
10. **“Pretreatment”** means the reduction in the amount of pollutants, the elimination of pollutants, or the alternation of the nature of pollutant properties in wastewater prior to or in lieu of discharging or otherwise introducing such pollutants into a Domestic Treatment Works.
11. **“Projected Flow”** means that flow which is estimated or anticipated to be generated from a project or facility based on the criteria contained in N.J.A.C. 7:14A-23.3 or as otherwise determined by the Authority’s Consulting Engineer.
12. **“Residential Connection”** means a building sewer or lateral service connection conveying Domestic Wastewaters into the System from residential structures.
13. **“Rules and Regulations or Service Rules”** means the “Rules and Regulations Governing the Discharge of Sewage, Industrial Wastes, and Other Wastes into the Pequannock River Basin Sewerage Authority System and all Sewers Tributary thereto” effective October 21, 2015 and any amendments thereto.
14. **“Sewage”** means any liquid waste containing animal or vegetable matter in suspension or solution, or the water-carried wastes resulting from the discharge of water closets, laundry tubs, washing machines, sinks, dishwashers or any other source of water-carried waste of human origin or containing putrescible matter.

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15. **“Sewer Extension”** means any sewer pipe, line, structure or appurtenance used for the conveyance of domestic or industrial waste of a liquid nature, whether forced or by gravity, which:
 - a) Will extend along an easement through more than two properties, a roadway, or public right-of-way;
 - b) Conveys flows from more than two buildings; or
 - c) Conveys, or will convey, 8,000 gallons per day or more of sewage flow determined in accordance with the criteria specified in NJAC7:14A-23.3. This includes all sewer lines from a single building if the building utilizes more than one sewer line to convey waste to the sewer system and the aggregate waste flow is 8,000 gallons per day or more.

16. **“System”** means the regional wastewater facilities owned and operated by the Authority excluding the Local Sewerage Systems owned by the Participants.

17. **“Treatment Works”** means any device or system, whether public or private, used in the storage, treatment, recycling, or reclamation of municipal or industrial waste of a liquid nature including interceptor sewers, outflow sewers, sewerage collection systems, cooling towers and ponds, pumping, power and other equipment and their appurtenances; extensions, improvements, remodeling, additions, and alterations thereof; elements essential to provide a reliable recycled supply such as standby treatment units and clear well facilities; and any other works including sites for the treatment process or for ultimate disposal of residues resulting from such treatment. Additionally, “Treatment Works” means any other method or system for preventing, abating, reducing, storing, treating, separating, or disposing of pollutants, including stormwater runoff, or industrial waste in combined or separate stormwater and sanitary sewer systems.

18. **“Treatment Work Approval (TWA)”** means an approval issued pursuant to N.J.A.C.58:10A-6 and N.J.A.C.14A-22.

19. **“Two Bridges Sewerage Authority”** or **“TBSA”** means the Pequannock, Lincoln Park, and Fairfield Sewerage Authority.

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III. SYSTEM OF FEES AND CHARGES

1. CONNECTIONS TO THE SYSTEM

Fees and charges for review and approval of direct or indirect connections to the System or other approvals such as an amendment to the Wastewater Management Plan wherever permitted by the Service Rules shall be subject to the Application Fees and Technical Review Fees as those fees and charges are set forth below.

2. SEWER EXTENSION REVIEW

A. Endorsement of NJDEP TWA Application

(1) Application Fee – The Application Fee for the administration and technical review of Sewer Extensions shall be as follows:

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Fee</u>
1. Residential Connection (10 DU or less)	\$100 per DU
2. Residential Connection (Greater than 10 DU)	\$ 25 per DU
3. Non-Residential Connection (10 EDU or less)	\$150 per EDU
4. Non-Residential Connection (Greater than 10 EDU)	\$ 50 per EDU

B. Technical Review Fee – If required by the Authority following a preliminary review of the application for sewer service or connection to the System including Pretreatment facilities, an escrow deposit shall be submitted for the application engineering review. The escrow deposit shall be based upon the following schedule:

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Escrow Deposit</u>
1. Residential Connection	\$100 per DU (\$200 minimum, non-refundable)
2. Non-Residential Connection	\$500 per EDU (\$500 minimum, non-refundable)

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2. MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES

1. Reproduction Costs

Reimbursement for reproduction and related costs for document requests by an applicant or by a member of the public shall be in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Records Act.

2. Other Services

Charges for other services such as delivery, postage and other direct expenses incurred by PRBRSA shall be charged at actual cost.

IV. ADMINISTRATION OF ESCROW DEPOSITS AND APPLICATION FEES

1. All applications to PRBRSA shall be made on forms provided for that purpose on the Authority's website (PRBRSA.org) accompanied by the Application Fee as required by this Schedule of Rates and Charges.
2. All Application Fees are non-refundable.
3. All escrow deposits exceeding \$5,000 for Technical Review Fees, Inspection Fees, Tapping Fees or other purposes shall continue to be the property of the applicant and shall be held by PRBRSA in trust on behalf of the applicant in a separate account for that purpose.
4. PRBRSA shall notify the applicant in writing of the name and address of the depository of its funds for deposits exceeding \$5,000 held in escrow, the amount and date of the deposit and the escrow account number.
5. All costs incurred by PRBRSA shall be charged against the applicant's escrow account(s) for the specific services rendered for each escrow account so established.
6. In the event that an applicant's escrow deposit shall be depleted or, in the opinion of the Authority's Administrator, will be depleted prior to completion of the work, PRBRSA shall notify the applicant in writing of the deficiency or estimated deficiency amount. The applicant shall provide the additional escrow deposit to PRBRSA within 15 days of said notice.

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7. Any funds from escrow deposits remaining upon completion of the work shall be refunded to the applicant within 30 days of completion as certified by action of PRBRSA or by notice from the Authority's Administrator.

V. WAIVER PROVISIONS

If by reason of undue hardship or exceptional unforeseen circumstances or where the imposition of charges is impracticable, the Authority may by Resolution of the Board in special cases and for specific reasons set forth therein, reduce or waive the fees and charges set forth herein at its discretion.

For a sewer extension project sponsored by a Participant municipality, the rates and charges set forth herein shall be waived.

VI. CONTRACT FEES AND CHARGES

The rates, fees, and charges set forth herein shall not alter or modify any rates, fees, or charges provided by or to be provided by contract between the PRBRSA and others including service contracts in effect with the Participants.

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