RESOLUTION NO. R-21-5-1

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES

WHEREAS, the Pequannock River Basin Regional Sewerage Authority ("PRBRSA" or "the Authority") is authorized by the Sewerage Authorities Law (at N.J.S.A. 40:14A-8(c)) to establish rents, rates, fees and other charges and to amend the same from time to time so that the revenues of the Authority will at all times be adequate to pay the expenses of operation and maintenance of the Authority system including reserves, insurance, extensions and replacements, and to pay punctually the principal of and interest on any bonds and to maintain such reserves or sinking funds therefor as may be required by the terms of any contract or as may be deemed necessary or desirable by the Authority; and

WHEREAS, PRBRSA sought comments from the member municipalities and users of its System upon said Amendments to Schedule of Fees and Charges by publication in the (Herald News on April 27, 2021 and the Suburban Trends on April 28, 2021) of a notice of a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing, prior to adoption of the aforementioned amendment was held on May 19, 2021. No one from the public appeared to testify.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pequannock River Basin Regional Sewerage Authority in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey on this 19th day of May, 2021 as follows:

- 1. The proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges to be charged by the Authority for the provision of wastewater services, attached hereto and made a part hereof at Exhibit A, is hereby adopted.
- 2. The Administrator is hereby directed to mail a copy of this Resolution to the Clerk of each municipality served by the Authority, and to notify the general public of the adoption of this Resolution by publication of a notice in two newspapers of general circulation in Morris County, which notice shall also advise the public of the availability, for public inspection, of a copy of such Schedule of Fees and Charges at the offices of PRBRSA.
- 3. This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Pequannock River Basin Regional Sewerage Authority, at a Regular Meeting held on May 19, 2021.

PEQUANNOCK RIVER BASIN REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

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Edwin Howard, Secretary

ATTEST:

Jamie Avagnano, Administrator

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PEQUANNOCK RIVER BASIN REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES

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PURPOSE I.

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.

DEFINITIONS II.

- "Authority" or "PRBRSA" means the Pequannock River Basin Regional 1. Sewerage Authority.
- "Building Sewer or Lateral" means building or service connections from 2. residential, commercial or industrial properties directly connected to the System excluding Sewer Extensions.
- "Domestic Sewage or Wastewater" means waste and wastewater from 3. humans or household operations that is discharged to or otherwise enters a Treatment Works.
- "Dwelling Unit" or "DU" mean one or more rooms designed, occupied, or 4. 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.
- "Equivalent Dwelling Unit" or "EDU" equals 155 gallons per day (gpd) of 5. 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.
- "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) <u>Application Fee</u> – The Application Fee for the administration and technical review of Sewer Extensions shall be as follows:

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

Type	of Service	Escrow Deposit
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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3. Other Applications

Fee to be determined following preliminary review of the application.

C. Tapping Fees – Tapping Fees for work to be performed by the Authority on behalf of the applicant for an extension, enlargement, and/or connection to the System shall equal actual construction costs plus 15%.

Prior to construction, the applicant shall submit an escrow deposit to the Authority in an amount equal to the estimated costs of the improvements to be determined by the Authority's consulting engineer or by the Administrator plus 15%.

D. <u>Connection Fees</u> – RESERVED

E. <u>Inspection Fees</u> — An escrow deposit for inspection of any extension, enlargement, and/or connection to the System to be owned by the Authority or impacting existing Authority-owned facilities shall be made by the applicant in an amount equal to 5% of the cost of the proposed improvements as determined by the Authority's consulting engineer or Administrator or equal to the actual cost of inspection plus 15% whichever is greater.

The applicant shall make an initial escrow deposit equal to 5% of the estimated cost of the project, payable to the Authority, prior to construction.

Any unutilized amount of Escrow fees posted shall be refunded with 15% withheld for administrative costs within 90 days of PRBRSA's certification of acceptance.

1. OTHER SUBMITTALS

Applications for reviews, endorsements or other work not specifically established by this Rate Schedule shall be accompanied by a minimum non-refundable Application Fee of \$500. Depending upon the nature of the application, escrow deposits will be determined by the Authority's consulting engineer or Administrator prior to technical review of the application.

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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.
- 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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