

**LOWER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP
Lehigh County, Pennsylvania**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-08
(Duly Adopted December 21, 2023)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MACUNGIE, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 18, SEWER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL, PART 11 SEWER RENTALS AND CHARGES, SECTION 18-1102, BILLING BASIS FOR RESIDENTIAL USERS, SECTION 18-1103 BILLING BASIS FOR COMMERCIAL, INSTITUTIONAL, AND INDUSTRIAL USERS, TO INCREASE SEWER RENTALS AND CHARGES TO \$70.00 PER QUARTER AS THE FIXED CHARGE, \$1.70 PER 1,000 GALLONS AS THE FLOW CHARGE; \$93.00 AS THE APARTMENT FIXED RATE (NO METER), and \$105.00 AS THE RESIDENTIAL FIXED RATE (NO METER); AND, SECTION 18-1108 STRENGTH OF WASTE SURCHARGE, TABLE 18-11-2, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024.

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WHEREAS, Lower Macungie Township maintains a sanitary sewer system, which provides service to properties and individuals located within the Township's geographical limits; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners wishes to maintain a safe and fully functioning sewer system and to set fair and reasonable sewer rentals and charges for the users of such system; and

WHEREAS, the First Class Township Code requires that sewer rentals and charges be modified by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners has determined that an increase in sewer rentals and charges is necessary at the rates set forth below, commencing on January 1, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED and ORDAINED by the Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners:

Section 1. Chapter 18, **Sewers and Sewage Disposal, Part 11 Sewer Rentals and Charges**, Section 18-1102 Billing Basis for Residential Users, subparagraphs 1.A. and 1.B., are hereby deleted in their entirety and restated, and new subparagraphs C. and D. are added, to read:



§18-1102. Billing Basis for Residential Users.

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A. A fixed or constant fee per unit per quarter annum in the amount of \$70.00.

B. A flow charge of \$1.70 per 1,000 gallons, which flow shall be determined by the water meter reading at the beginning and end of the quarter annum for which the bill is rendered, or, in the absence of a water meter, on the basis of 150 gallons per day (gpd) for apartments, condominiums, and mobile home dwellings, and on the basis of 223 gpd for all other dwelling units.

C. In the absence of a water meter for apartments, condominiums and mobile home dwellings, the basis of 150 gallons per day (gpd) will be used, resulting in a fixed rate of \$93.00 per quarter.

D. In the absence of a water meter for all other dwellings not addressed in C. above, the basis of 223 gpd will be used, resulting in a fixed rate of \$105.00 per quarter.

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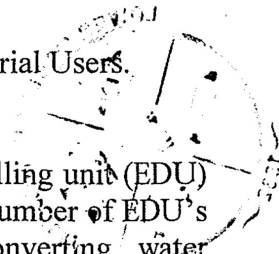
Section 2. Chapter 18, **Sewers and Sewage Disposal, Part 11 Sewer Rentals and Charges**, Section 18-1103. Billing Basis for Commercial, Institutional, and Industrial Users, subparagraph 1.A. and B. shall be amended by increasing the per quarter EDU and the flow charge, to read:

§18-1103. Billing Basis for Commercial, Institutional, and Industrial Users.

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A. A fixed or constant fee per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) per quarter annum in the amount of \$70.00. The number of EDU's for a customer shall be determined by converting water consumption into EDU's on the basis of 223 gpd per EDU, using the water consumption for the preceding year. In the absence of water consumption records for the entire preceding year, the EDU's shall be determined by converting the water consumption data which is available, or, in the absence of any water consumption data, on the basis of a Township estimate.

B. A flow charge of \$1.70 per 1,000 gallons, which flow shall be determined by the water meter reading at the beginning and end



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of the quarter annum for which the bill is rendered.

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Section 3. **Chapter 18, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, Part 11 Sewer Rentals and Charges**, Section 18-1108 Strength of Waste Discharge, Attachment 2, Table 18-11-2, shall be amended by increasing the per pound rate Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD), Suspended Solids (SS) and Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) for table 18-11-2, as shown on the Attachment.

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Attachments:

Attachment 2 Table 18-11-2

Section 4. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 5. In the event that any provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any remaining provisions, section, sentence, clause or part of this Ordinance, it being the intent of the Township that such remainder shall be and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect as of January 1, 2024.

ORDAINED and **ENACTED** this 21st day of December, 2023, in lawful session duly assembled.



Name: Renea Flexer
Title: Secretary

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MACUNGIE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

By: *Richard V. Ward*
Name: Richard V. Ward
Title: Vice President

R. Beitler
B. Higgins
M. Robert
B. Shoemaker
R. Ward

Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain
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SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

18 Attachment 2

Township of Lower Macungie

Table 18-11-2
[Amended by Ord. No. 2023-XX, 12/XX/2023]

"Q"	Total sewerage or industrial waste flow in millions of gallons for the billing period for which the bill is rendered
"8.34"	A constant to convert waste strengths expressed in mg/l of BOD, SS, TKN to pounds of BOD, SS or TKN per million gallons of sewerage or industrial waste
"BOD"	The five-day biochemical oxygen demand of the sewerage or industrial waste in mg/l
"SS"	Suspended solids of the sewerage or industrial waste in mg/l
"TKN"	Total Kjeldahl nitrogen of the sewerage or industrial waste in mg/l
BOD Rate	\$0.3700/lb.
SS Rate	\$0.3100/lb.
TKN Rate	\$0.5000/lb.

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