

**RESOLUTION NO 24-01**

**FRANCONIA SEWER AUTHORITY,  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND AMENDING RATE CHARGES AND FEES FOR USE  
OF THE FRANCONIA SEWER AUTHORITY WASTEWATER SYSTEM**

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**WHEREAS**, the Franconia Sewer Authority (hereinafter, “Authority”) is a Municipal Authority organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, Authority is governed by the Municipality Authorities Act of 1945, 53 Pa.C.S.A. 5601, *et. seq.*; and

**WHEREAS**, Authority’s duties include, *inter alia*, operating, acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining, owning and leasing a system of sewers and sewage treatment works to serve Franconia Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality Authorities Act authorizes Authority to impose and collect an annual rental, rate or charge and fees for its customers’ use of its sewers and sewage treatment works; and

**WHEREAS**, Authority, in order to maintain the sewer plant and its other sanitary sewer facilities, has determined that the quarterly rental rate or charge and fees for the use of the sewage treatment works to residents shall be consistent with the rate schedules listed below.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Franconia Sewer Authority approves the following fee schedule pertaining to annual rates and other charges, and all previous fee schedule resolutions are hereby repealed:

1. Quarterly rental Rate. The Franconia Sewer Authority hereby sets the quarterly rental rate for all users, penalty charges, and interest charges pursuant to the rate schedule attached hereto as Exhibit “A.”
2. Calculation of Fees. The Franconia Sewer Authority hereby sets its tapping fees, sewer inspection fee, sewer certification fee and all other fees pursuant to the fee schedule attached hereto as Exhibit “B.”
3. Effective Date. The above rates and fees shall be effective beginning January 1, 2024, until amended by a future resolution adopted by the Franconia Sewer Authority.

**DULY PRESENTED AND ADOPTED** by the Franconia Sewer Authority, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, in a public meeting held this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

**FRANCONIA SEWER AUTHORITY**



Robert J. Davies, Chairman

Attest:



George Witmayer, Executive Director

## EXHIBIT "A"

### RATE SCHEDULE

#### QUARTERLY SERVICE CHARGES

1. FSA Service Fee – a quarterly service fee shall be due for each residential EDU and per each non-residential EDU pursuant to the Authority fee schedule in effect at the time that such quarterly fee shall be due.
  - A. Classes of customers
    - a. Residential – quarterly rate - \$180 per EDU
    - b. Non-residential – includes Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional customers – quarterly rate - \$210 per EDU or \$9.77 per 1,000 gallons
    - c. Bulk – municipalities outside of Franconia Township discharging to the FSA system being billed as a single unit for all customers within said municipality – quarterly rate - \$170 per individual customer within the bulk system
2. Late fees and Penalties
  - A. Penalty – there shall be a one-time 10% penalty on quarterly service fees which are not paid in a timely manner.
  - B. Interest – At the time the 10% penalty is charged, all amounts due and owing from a customer to the Franconia Sewer Authority shall immediately begin accruing interest at a rate of 6% annually (0.5% per month).
  - C. Returned Check – Any check returned for any reason is the responsibility of the customer and a fee will apply. The fee shall be \$25.

**EXHIBIT "B"**

**FEE SCHEDULE**

**SECTION 1 – TAPPING FEES**

1. EDU Tapping Fee

<b>Wastewater Treatment Facility</b>	<b>EDU Tapping Fee</b>
Hatfield Township Municipal Authority	\$4,224.00 (plus \$700.00) = \$4,924.00
Lower Salford Township Authority	\$7,350.00 (plus \$700.00) = \$8,050.00
Souderton Borough Authority	\$5,577.00 (plus \$700.00) = \$6,277.00
Telford Borough Authority	\$7,088.00 (plus \$700.00) = \$7,788.00
Franconia Skippack Treatment Plant	\$9,267.00 (plus \$700.00) = \$9,967.00

**SECTION 2 – ADDITIONAL CHARGES RELATING TO CONNECTING**

1. Conveyance Fee

A. The FSA adds a conveyance fee of \$200.00 to all EDU purchases.

2. Unspecified Charges

A. Collection/Connection Fee

1) Properties may also have a collection/connection fee (the public sewer line typically in the road). The areas and associated Collection/Connection Fees vary with the area being served. The current list of Collection/Connection Fees are on file at the Authority offices.

B. Plumbing

1) The property owner is responsible for plumbing including labor and material to install the sewer lateral from the property to the sewer collection system.

C. Lateral Inspection Fee

1) A sewer lateral inspection fee of \$500.00 will be charged to the property owner. The property owner is also responsible for any additional costs on an hourly rate basis for return inspections.

2) A sewer lateral inspection fee of \$250.00 will be charged to the property owner for subsequent repairs made to a sewer lateral. The property owner is also responsible for any additional costs on an hourly basis for return inspections.

- 3) Sewer inspection fees for new building construction will either be reimbursed to the Authority through an escrow account established in advance of construction or rebilled to the developer at the Authority's cost. Failure to reimburse the Authority for inspection fees will result in inspection stoppage.

D. Discontinued Service

- 1) Delinquent accounts are subject to water shut-off and the discontinuance of service; should an account fall into this category the following fees will apply:

A. Certified Letter Charge- \$25.00

B. Property Posting Water Shut-Off Notice- \$25.00

C. Water Reconnection/Turn On Fee- \$25.00

All fees associated with the FSA water shut-off process are due to the FSA prior to an account being reinstated and water being reconnected.

- E. Certification fees -- \$40.00 for all properties prior to time of transfer of title