

**DICKINSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
RATE RESOLUTION 2024-02**

**RATES, CHARGES AND FEES SET BY THE DICKINSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL
AUTHORITY, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

WHEREAS, the Dickinson Township Municipal Authority (Authority), has acquired, owns and operates certain water system distributions facilities within portions of Dickinson Township (DTWS), and

WHEREAS, the Authority has entered into various intermunicipal interconnect agreements with South Middleton Township and the South Middleton Municipal Authority for the purchase of water, and to a lesser extend sewer services, and

WHEREAS, the Authority has contracted with various customers for the provision of public water services and to a lesser extend sewer service, and

WHEREAS, the Authority incurs various costs for administration, management and operation of the DTWS in order to provide water and sewer services to its customers,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Authority hereby adopts, confirms and approves certain rates, charges and fees to cover the costs and expenses incurred in the administration, management and operation of the DTWS.

1. Water User Rates

Residential Customer Class rates shall be as follows:

\$45.15 for the first 12,000 gallons of water used in a quarter, this shall be the minimum charge for water even if actual usage is less than 12,000 gallons in the quarter.

Thereafter, Residential Customers shall pay \$3.76 for each additional 1,000 gallons or fractional part thereof used in excess of the first 12,000 gallons used.

Non-Residential Customer Class rates shall be as follows:

\$60.00 for the first 10,000 gallons of water used in a quarter, this shall be the minimum charge for water even if actual usage is less than 10,000 gallons in the quarter.

Thereafter, Non-Residential Customers shall pay \$5.50 for each additional 1,000 gallons or fractional part thereof used in excess of the first 10,000 gallons used.

2. Water Tapping Fee

The Authority's Water Tapping Fee is set at \$1,102.36 per EDU. Updated on January 24, 2023 and is reaffirmed here. The fee set based on the Capital Charges Study for the Water System Tapping Fee prepared by Glace Associates in accordance with Pennsylvania Act 209.

3. Connection Fee

Customers shall be directly responsible for all material, equipment and labor costs associated with the physical connection of their water service to the Authority's water main, including excavation, making the tap, providing the curb stop, curb box and meter, and shall reimburse the Authority for any and all costs incurred by the Authority on behalf of the customer's connection.

4. Meter Test Fee

Customer's questioning the accuracy of their water meter shall pay a \$100.00 deposit fee to have their meter tested for accuracy. Should the test reveal the meter to be registering fast in accordance with the provisions of the Authority's Rules and Regulation the fee shall be reimbursed to the Customer. If the meter is determined to be operating normal or slow, no refund shall be made.

5. Disconnection of Service Fee

A \$50.00 fee shall be charged to shutoff a water service upon request of a customer or as a result of a shutoff by the Authority as a result of any failure on the part of the customer to make timely payment any rate, charge or fee required by the Authority's Rules and Regulations.

6. Restoration of Service Fee

A \$50.00 fee shall be charged to turn-on a water service upon request of a customer or after the water service was turned-off by Authority due to the customer's failure to make timely payment of any rate, charge or fee required by the Authority's Rules and Regulations.

7. Customer Facilities Fee

Customers shall be directly responsible for all costs associated with running water service from the water main to their structure to be served, including but not limited to installation of the service line, internal plumbing changes, installation of check valves or disconnection of other water sources.

8. Reservation of Capacity Fee

A Reservation of Capacity Fee may be assessed as appropriate and shall not exceed 60% of the average water bill in the same service area for the same billing period.

9. Fire Suppression Fee

A quarterly \$75.00 fire suppression fee shall be charged to any owner that is required to install a fire sprinkler system for automatic sprinklers or other automatic fire protection system.

10. Temporary Service Connection and Construction Service Connection Fee

A fee will be charged for any temporary service or construction service connection. The fee will be based off the minimum quarterly water service rate for residential or non-residential use. In addition to the fee; all water usage shall be metered, and the owner shall be charged according to actual usage as per the rate schedule above.

11. Sewer User Rates

Sewer usage rates shall be charged as follows:

Each sewer customer shall pay \$225.00 for the first 12,000 gallons of water used per quarter and shall pay \$16.42 for each 1,000 gallons of water used (or part thereof) in excess of the initial 12,000 gallons.

12. Late payment fees:

All payments for services rendered and billed are due and payable no later than thirty 30 days after the billing date. Any payments not received by the due date shall be assessed a five percent 5% penalty fee. An additional five percent 5% penalty fee shall be added once an outstanding undisputed bill is past due by ninety 90 days. Thereafter an additional five percent 5% penalty fee shall be added for each additional ninety 90-day period an undisputed bill remains delinquent.

13. Administration Fee

All back billing for water and/or sewer sampling, repairs, maintenance and/or meter certifications will include a \$50.00 administration fee per invoice.

All new rates and fees provided for in this resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption and all existing rates and fees shall continue in effect until changed or cancelled.

RESOLVED, this 23 Day of January, 2024.

ATTEST:

**DICKINSON TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL**

AUTHORITY:

Debra B. Gabel
Secretary

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Vice Chairperson

