

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-44  
UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA**

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**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SEWER RATES IN UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP**

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**WHEREAS**, the Second Class Township Code, 53 P.S. § 65101, et seq., authorizes the Upper Merion Township Board of Supervisors to adopt sanitary sewer rental fees and charges by resolution.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors hereby establishes the sanitary sewer rental rates and charges to be imposed in 2025.

**WHEREAS**, such sanitary sewer rental rates and charges shall remain in effect until such time as this resolution is amended by the Board of Supervisors.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED**, by the Upper Merion Township Board of Supervisorst:

1. Flat rates for classification other than industrial and commercial establishments.

Flat rates for classification other than industrial and commercial establishments shall be as follows:

<u>CUSTOMER CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>RENTAL</u>
A. Each private dwelling or living unit.	\$ 79.75/quarter
B. Each fire house or municipal building.	\$ 79.75/quarter
C. Each church.	\$ 79.75/quarter

2. Reclassification of residential flat rate

Beginning January 1, 2015, any residential property transferred in accordance with the Upper Merion Township Code, Chapter 130, Real Estate Registry, will be reclassified to the residential flat rate that is in effect at the current time.

3. Decrease in quarterly sewer rates prohibited

Once a quarterly sewer rate of \$79.75 is established, the rate shall not be lowered.

4. Meter rates for industrial and commercial establishments

Meter rates for industrial and commercial establishments shall be as follows:

- A. Meter Rates: Except for those customer classifications enumerated in Section 1 hereof, the quarterly sewer rents or charges shall be based on the quantity of water used, as evidenced by readings of water meters installed by the water company providing service to a property and such other meters or measuring devices as may be installed and shall be subject to minimum changes hereinafter provided, as follows:

<u>Quantity of Water Used</u> <u>(gallons per Quarter)</u>	<u>Quarterly Rate</u> <u>(per thousand gallons)</u>
From 0 gallons to 20,000 gallons per quarter	\$ 5.60 per Thousand gallons
Next 80,000 gallons per quarter	\$ 3.65 per Thousand gallons
All over 100,000 gallons per quarter	\$ 2.95 per Thousand gallons

- B. Minimum Rates: Regardless of water consumption, the minimum charge for domestic wastewater from industrial and commercial establishments (other than churches) shall not be less than the respective amounts set forth in the following schedule:

1. Public or Private School \$ 8.20 per year per pupil

Based upon the daily average number of pupils enrolled on days when the school was in session during the full school term immediately preceding the date of each quarterly bill. Teachers and employees shall be classified as pupils for sewer rental purposes.

2. Institutions \$30.25 per quarter per patient

Based upon the daily average number of patients for the full quarter immediately preceding the date of each quarterly bill. Guests and employees shall be classified as patients for sewer rental purposes.

3. Retail Gas Stations \$143.10 per quarter
4. Motels and Hotels \$30.25 per quarter per  
bedroom

4a. Hotel Suites/Nursing Unit (3/4 of an EDU) \$45.50 per quarter per hotel suite

5. Commercial Establishments (not listed in preceding sections) not regularly dispensing food or beverages for consumption on the premises.

\$ 6.80 per quarter per employee, plus  
\$74.75 per quarter for each public restroom  
Minimum Charge: \$74.75 per quarter

6. Restaurants, bar rooms, taverns, drive-ins, or other commercial establishments (not listed in preceding sections) which regularly dispense food or beverages.

\$ 6.80 per quarter per employee, plus  
\$ 8.40 per quarter for each seat regularly intended for customer use

Minimum Charge: \$143.10

When facilities are irregularly used, such as banquet rooms, the Owner and/or Lessee of such facilities shall furnish a record quarterly to the Township, indicating total number of seats occupied for each occasion during the last quarter. The following rates shall apply to such use.

\$ 15.70 per quarter per 100 seat occupancies.

7. Industrial Establishments:

\$ 6.80 per quarter per employee\*, plus  
\$ 3.25 per quarter for each seat regularly intended for use by employees in company cafeterias or other regular food dispensing area with full kitchen to prepare foods on the site.

\* Based upon the average number of employees for the quarter immediately preceding the quarter being billed.

8. Multiple Use: In case of a combination of one or more commercial or business establishments in one building when each establishment has the use of the sewer system through one sewer connection, then each such commercial or business establishment shall be charged the foregoing rates as though each establishment were in a separate structure and as though each establishment had a direct and separate connection to the sewer system.

C. Rates for Use of Garbage Grinding Devices: In addition to the meter rates and minimum rates set forth heretofore in Section 4A or 4B, there shall be charged the

following quarterly annual rate against the users of garbage grinding devices, as follows:

1. The quarterly annual sewer rental bill shall be computed under Sections 4A or 4B above plus an amount computed by multiplying Four hundred (\$535.00) dollars times the rating of the prime mover of the garbage grinding device in horsepower.

5. Violation and Penalties

Sewer rentals assessed pursuant to this Ordinance shall be due and payable on the date set forth on the quarterly bills. If the same is not paid on said date, all penalties and interest shall accrue in accordance with Section 133-32 of the Code Book of Ordinances.

**ADOPTED AND ENACTED** into a resolution this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

**ATTEST:**

**UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

By:   
Anthony Hamaday  
Township Manager

By:   
Tina Garzillo  
Chairperson