

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTEAD, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING A TAPPING FEE, PROSCRIBING QUARTERLY WATER RENTALS FOR USERS OF THE WATER PLANTS AND SYSTEMS OF THE TOWNSHIP; PROSCRIBING PROCEDURES AND PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO PAY THE REQUIRED RENTALS; AND ESTABLISHING OTHER APPLICABLE FEES.

WHEREAS, Plumstead Township owns and operates water plants and systems that currently provide domestic water supply to surrounding residences and businesses; and

WHEREAS, pursuant Act of May 1, 1933, P.L. 103, as amended, 53 P.S. Section 67604, Plumstead Township is authorized to provide for the collection of water rents from users of water supplied by the Township; and

WHEREAS, Plumstead Township desires to establish a rate schedule for users of the Township's water plants and systems and to provide for procedures and penalties for the failure to pay the required rentals and to provide the additional fees associated with providing water service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT, and it is hereby **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Plumstead Township as follows:

1. The following fees are hereby established in connection with the Water Department of Plumstead Township:

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| A. | Act 203 Tapping Fee only for the Landis Green/Cabin Run/Country Green Interconnected System hereinafter referred to as the Northern Area Water System. There is no tapping fee for any other water system in Plumstead Township. | \$1,510.09 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit, hereinafter referred to as EDU. |
| B. | EDU and Facilities Fee | \$100.00 per EDU |
| C. | Water Service Shutoff Fee | \$40.00 |
| D. | Water Turn On Fee | \$40.00 |
| E. | Water Customer Set-Up Fee | \$20.00 |
| F. | A connection fee for all other water systems existing in the Township except not applied to the Northern Area Water System | \$1,500.00 per EDU |

2. All owners of property that use the water plants or systems shall pay to the Township of Plumstead a quarterly rental that shall be calculated based on the following schedule:

A. Domestic Usage

- i. Consumption Charge – 0 to 5,000 gallons per quarter- \$86.34
(Quarterly Minimum Charge)
- ii. Next 2,000 gallons per quarter - \$1.29 per two thousand gallons of usage
- iii. Next 3,000 gallons per quarter - \$1.29 per three thousand gallons of usage
- iv. Next 5,000 gallons per quarter - \$2.57 per one thousand gallons of usage
- v. Next 15,000 gallons per quarter - \$7.73 per one thousand gallons of usage
- vi. Next 10,000 gallons per quarter - \$9.02 per one thousand gallons of usage
- vii. Over 40,000 gallons per quarter - \$10.31 per one thousand gallons of usage

B. Commercial Usage

- i. Quarterly Minimum Charge - \$31.50 per quarter
- ii. Consumption Charge – 0 to 18,000 gallons per quarter - \$3.68 per one thousand gallons
- iii. Next 12,000 gallons per quarter - \$4.46 per one thousand gallons of usage
- iv. Next 15,000 gallons per quarter - \$5.25 per one thousand gallons of usage
- v. Over 45,000 gallons per quarter - \$6.82 per one thousand gallons of usage

C. Fire Service

- i. Per Sprinkler Head - \$.50 per head per year plus the annual fee
- ii. Sprinkler Annual Fee

a. Tap Size

5/8"	\$20.00
3/4"	\$40.00
1"	\$60.00
1-1/2"	\$100.00
2"	\$200.00
3"	\$300.00
4"	\$400.00
6"	\$600.00
8"	\$800.00

b. Hydrant Fee - \$90.00 per hydrant per year

c. Hydrant Flow Tests - \$75.00 per test per hydrant

d. Fire Service Tapping Fee

5/8"	\$136.20
3/4"	\$176.80
1"	\$258.00
1-1/2"	\$461.10
2"	\$704.80
3"	\$1,354.70
4"	\$2,085.80
6"	\$4,116.70
8"	\$6,553.80

D. Reservation Rate/Unoccupied Units - \$15.00 per unit per quarter

3. A penalty shall be imposed for failure to remit timely payment of the rentals established by this Resolution. All water bills shall be paid for quarterly service within thirty (30) days of the bill date. A penalty of 10% of the amount due shall be added and owing after thirty (30) days.

4. The following penalties shall be imposed for the unauthorized tampering with, bypass or removal of water metering devices:

- a. A base rate of \$250.00 per quarter shall be imposed for any quarter in which it is determined that a water meter has been tampered with, bypassed or removed.
- b. In the event that a water meter is tampered with, bypassed, or removed, the Township shall post a letter on the door or other entrance to the property notifying the user that he or she has ten (10) days in which to install an operating meter or have water service discontinued. A penalty of Twenty-Six Dollars (\$26.00) shall be incurred and charged for the posting of the ten (10) day notice. A fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) shall be charged to inspect the new meter installation.
- c. If a new water meter is not installed within ten (10) days of the posting of a property pursuant to Subsection b. above, the Township shall discontinue water service to the delinquent property and assess a water turn off fee.
- d. If a water meter is subsequently installed and approved by the Township, a water turn on fee shall be imposed to resume water service to the affected property.

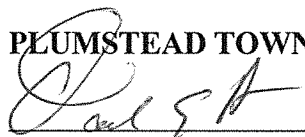
5. A fee of Thirty-Five Dollars (\$35.00) shall be imposed for a final meter reading and certification letter for settlement upon a sale of a domestic or commercial usage property.

6. If any provision of this Resolution is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such determination shall have no effect on the remaining provisions of this Resolution. It is the intention of the Board of Supervisors to adopt this Resolution with any unconstitutional or invalid provisions severed herefrom.

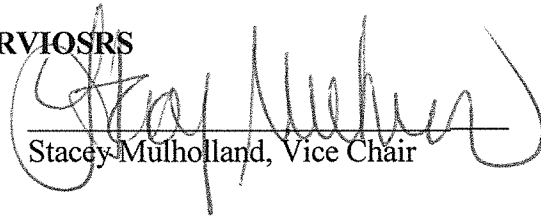
7. This Resolution is effective immediately upon its legal adoption.

SO RESOLVED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Plumstead Township this 8th day of September, A.D. 2015.

PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



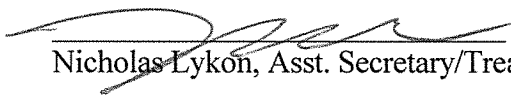
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