



# ***RATE RESOLUTION***

WASTEWATER RECYCLING  
RATES AND OTHER  
CHARGES

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# Section 1

## CONNECTION TO COLLECTION SYSTEM

### 1.1 Building Sewers and Connections

a) No unauthorized person shall uncover, make any connections with or opening into, use, alter, or disturb any public or private sewer or appurtenances without first obtaining a written permit from the Authority.

b) All costs and expenses incidental to the installation and connection of the building sewer shall be the responsibility of the owner. Installation and construction of the building sewer shall be in compliance with the UAJA Standard Specifications then in effect.

### 1.2 Tapping and Permit Fees

#### **a) The Tapping Fees are as follows:**

Capacity Component:	\$5008.00	Per EDU
Collection Component Pine Grove Mills	\$2214.00	Per EDU
Collection Component Rt 26	\$2825.00	Per EDU
Ghaner Pump Station collection	\$301.00	Per EDU
Grinder Pump Escrow	\$2331.00	Per EDU
Borough of State College Tap Fee	\$2575.00	Per EDU
Special Purpose Circleville Inter.Tap Fee	\$509.73	Per EDU
Special Purpose Valley Vista Tap Fee	\$584.90	Per EDU

Tapping fees are charged at the time the permit is issued. The capacity component is applied to all new connections.

Tapping fees are based on EDU's according to Section 2.

If more than two inspection trips are required because the lateral repeatedly fails inspection, a \$50.00 fee shall be charged per inspection trip in excess of two per Rate Resolution 1.2b

#### **b) The Permit Fees are as follows:**

Residential:	\$150.00
Non-Residential:	\$250.00
Repair/Abandonment:	\$ 25.00
Water Quality:	\$100.00
Water Quality(w/pump station)	\$250.00
Private to Private:	\$ 50.00

## **Section 2**

### **WASTEWATER RATES AND OTHER FEES**

#### **2.1 General**

Wastewater rates and other charges are imposed upon the Owner of each property or entity connected to the wastewater collection system. The rate for wastewater collection & treatment will usually be based upon an **Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU)**. Some bulk customers of the Authority, by contract or agreement only, may be charged based upon the **Bulk Treatment Rate** in affect at the time.

#### **2.2 EDU Rate**

The rate charged per EDU is One Hundred Four (\$104.00) dollars per quarter. Residents of the Pine Grove Mills service area will be billed One Hundred Four(\$104.00) per quarter plus an additional twenty two dollars and forty cents (\$22.40) for debt service.

#### **2.3 Bulk Treatment Rate**

The rate charged per one million gallons treated is Five Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty Seven (\$5287.00) dollars.

#### **2.4 Assignment of Equivalent Dwelling Units**

An Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) shall apply to each classification of connection as follows:

##### **(a) Residential**

Apartment units, each	1
Attached business	
w/o separate sanitary facilities	½
w/ separate sanitary facilities	1
Condominiums	1
Daycare in home per 17.5 Population	1
Duplex / Multi-Plex (per unit)	1
Manufactured (mobile home park)	
Per lateral provided, unless capped	1
Rooming Units/Efficiency, each	½
(A single bed, one room, one bath apartment with no clothes washer)	
Single Family Homes	1
Townhouses, each	1

##### **(b) Commercial**

Automobile Dealer, (bays connected to sewer)	
2 bays or less	2
Each additional bay over 2	½

Automobile Dealer/Garage	
(bays not Connected to sewer)	*
Beauty/Barber shops, per chair	½
Bed & Breakfasts	
up to and including 5 rooms	1.5
6 to 10 rooms	2
Bowling Alleys, per 6 lanes	1 and *
Car Wash (bays connected to sewer)	
2 bays or less	2
Each additional bay over 2	1/2
not connected to sewer	*
Commercial Office Building	1 per Business up to 10 employees *
Fitness Centers,	*
with showers	*
with pool, per filter connected	2 and *
Hospitals per bed	½ and *
Hospital public dining, per 15 seats	1
Hotel/Motel, per room	½
Conference room	1 per 17.5
Restaurant/café seating	1 per 15 seats
Laundromat, per 5 washers	1
Medical Centers,	*
with pools, per filter connected	2
Nursing Homes per bed	½ and *
Nursing Home public dining, /15 seats	1
Personal Care/ Assisted living	½ per living unit and *
Restaurants, per 15 seats	1 and *
Retail food store	*
Each food preparation station	1
Each Bakery	1
Each Bank	1
Each Deli	1
Each Pharmacy	1
Each Photography center	1
Café seating, per 15 seats	1
Retail Stores	*
2 bays or less (if app.)	2
per 15 seats (if app.)	1
Retirement Homes, per unit	1 and *
Retire. Hm. public dining, /15 seats	1
Retire. Hm. industrial washer	1
Veterinary Facilities	*

Shell Buildings, per 3000 sq. ft. (for tapping fee & connection fee only)	1
Billing for Shell building per quarter	1

- \* 1 EDU for up to each 10 employees  
-or-  
1 EDU for up to each 8 employees with showers

Example 1: up to 10 employees (no showers) = 1 EDU.

Example 2: 11 employees (no showers) = 1.5 EDU's.

Example 3: up to 8 employees (w/showers) = 1 EDU.

Example 4: 9 employees (w/showers) = 1.5 EDU's.

**\* Employees that work off site will not be included in EDU count.**

**(c) Industrial and Commercial**

Per 10 employees [do not include truck drivers]	1
Per 8 employees with showers [do not include truck drivers]	1
Cooling Tower with drain to sewer (unless volume warrants higher charge)	1

**(d) Public**

Churches	1
w/daycare per 17.5 student & staff	1
Daycare per 17.5 population	1
Fire Hall, Ambulance	1
Library	1
Private Clubs/Organizations per 15 seats	1
Recreation Field w/sanitary facilities	1
Schools per 17.5 population	1
Swimming Pools	
Per filter connection	2 and
Average Patrons x10(gpd)/175(gpd)	

### **(e) Miscellaneous**

- 1) Charge to drain pool (pool capacity times current bulk treatment rate—Authority must be notified in advance of draining)
- 2) Where more than one use occurs on any improved property, the sum of Equivalent Dwelling Units for each separate use will apply in establishing wastewater rates and charges.
- 3) Additional classifications for wastewater rates and other charges or modifications of the above schedules for wastewater rates and other charges may be established by this Authority from time to time as deemed necessary.
- 4) Nothing contained herein shall be construed as prohibiting special agreements between this Authority and nonresidential improved properties under conditions and circumstances making special agreements advisable and necessary.

## ***Section 3***

### **INFORMATION REQUIRED**

#### **3.1 Addresses**

Every owner of an improved property, which is connected to the wastewater collection system, shall provide this Authority with his/her correct mailing address and thereafter shall keep this Authority advised of any address changes. Any changes to the address will only be accepted by the Home Owner calling the office and speaking to the Account Representative, or sending in written notice of the change. Failure of any person to receive bills for wastewater rates and other charges shall not be considered an excuse for nonpayment nor shall such failure result in an extension of the period of time during which the net bill shall be payable.

#### **3.2 Non-residential yearly reports**

Owners of any nonresidential improved property may be responsible for providing this Authority with a yearly report. This report will be used to compute any changes to the wastewater rate or charges to such nonresidential improved property. This information may also be used to compute a surcharge. The report will be due on a yearly basis with the due date being the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April. If the owner of any nonresidential improved property fails to provide this Authority with complete information required to compute the sewer rate or charge, this Authority may estimate a reasonable applicable wastewater rate or charge for such nonresidential improved property. Such estimated wastewater rate or charge shall be the actual wastewater rate or charge payable until the required information is filed. No rebates will be paid by this Authority if the information filed reveals a lower wastewater rate or charge than that estimated by this Authority. If the resultant rate should be higher than what was estimated, the property owner will be responsible for paying the difference. Industrial users will still be required to send a questionnaire on a quarterly basis.

#### **3.3 Volume surcharges**

This Authority reserves the right to impose a volume surcharge and/or to revise the Equivalent Dwelling Unit classification for any improved property discharging domestic and/or industrial wastewater into the wastewater collection system in excess of a total flow of 175 gallons per day, per EDU. The volume surcharge will be based upon the EDU treatment rate currently in place.

# Section 4

## INVOICING

### 4.1 Invoicing

Invoicing is done in arrears and will be done according to the following table.

Quarter	Bill Date
Jan. Feb. Mar.	End of April
April May June	End of July
July August Sept.	End of October
Oct. Nov. Dec.	End of January

### 4.2 Pro-rating

Owners of improved properties that connect to the sewer in the middle of a quarter will be charged from the date of connection. With permission from the University Area Joint Authority, owners of improved properties that disconnect sewer service by plugging the lateral will stop being billed as of the date that UAJA Personnel inspects the disconnection.

### 4.3 Delinquent payments

If wastewater rates and charges are not paid within 30 calendar days after each billing date, an additional sum of 10% shall be added to the net bill, which net bill, plus such additional sum, shall constitute the gross bill. Payment made on or mailed and postmarked by the due date will be considered on time. When an account has a delinquent amount of \$150.00 or more, the property owner will be sent a certified letter (\$21.48 fee) requesting payment in full within 10 days. If the property owner fails to pay the balance on the account after receiving the certified letter, and it becomes necessary for this Authority to post the property for water termination, a fee of \$35.00 will be charged to the property owner's account. At the point of posting, the property owner is notified that the full amount due and owing, together with penalties, interest and legal fees must be paid in full within five (5) days of the notice. In the event the full amount due is not paid, the water utility serving this property shall be directed to discontinue water service to the posted property pursuant to: (1) the Act of 1957, July 10, P.L. 622, as amended and the Act of 1978, November 26, No. 299, as amended. In addition, the property owner will be assessed charges from the Water Utility for termination of service.

### 4.4 Payments returned by bank

In the event a payment of wastewater charges or other charges rendered by this Authority are returned by a banking institution for any reason, a charge of \$37.00 for each instance shall be added on the property owner's account. In the event the banking institution levies a charge against the Authority for processing a returned check, said charge will be levied against the account for which service is being rendered. The Authority may also demand payment of the account by cash, certified check, bank draft, cashier's check, bank/postal money order. The account, which was paid by the returned check, shall be considered delinquent until full payment is rendered.

## **Section 5**

### **5.1 Liens for Wastewater Rate and Other Charges:**

Wastewater rates and other charges imposed by this Rate Resolution shall be a lien on the improved property connected to and served by the wastewater collection system. Any wastewater rates and other charges which are delinquent shall be filed as a lien against the improved property connected to and served by the wastewater collection system. Such liens shall be filed and collected in the manner provided by law for the filing and collection of municipal claims.

## **Section 6**

### **INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT**

#### **6.1 UAJA Industrial Pretreatment Program**

UAJA is required by the US Environmental Protection Agency to comply with various requirements under the Clean Water Act and Other acts, which impose duties and obligations for controlling industrial users, also known as an Industrial Pretreatment Program. In order to perform the duties required in administering an Industrial Pretreatment Program, UAJA has the legal authority to perform inspections and sampling, issue permits and orders, collect permit fees, require reporting and record keeping, control rates and quantities of discharges, require that certain discharges be held, seek equitable relief, and impose penalties and fees as deemed appropriate.

#### **6.2 Prohibited Wastes**

**(a)** No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any storm water, surface water, spring water, ground water, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, building foundation drainage, cellar drainage, drainage from roof leader connections, uncontaminated cooling water, HVAC or other uncontaminated condensate drainage, or unpolluted process waters into any Sewer.

**(b)** This Authority reserves the right to refuse permission to connect to the Sewage Collection System, to compel discontinuance of use of the Sewage Collection System or the Sewage Disposal System, or to compel pretreatment of Industrial wastes by any Industrial Establishment, in order to comply with provisions of the Service Agreement and to prevent discharge deemed harmful or to have a deleterious effect upon any Sewer, the Sewage Collection System or the Sewage disposal System.

**(c)** No Sanitary Sewage or Industrial Wastes shall be discharged to the Sewage Collection System:

- 1) Having a temperature higher than 150°F.
- 2) Containing more than 100 ppm of fats, wax, tar, oil and/or grease, whether emulsified or not, or containing substances which may solidify or become viscous at temperature between 32° F and 150°F.
- 3) Containing any gasoline, benzene, naphtha, fuel oil or other flammable or explosive liquids, solids or gases.
- 4) Containing any ashes, cinders, sand, mud, straw, shavings, metal, glass, rags, cloths, feathers, tar, plastics, wood, paunch manure, whole blood, hair, fleshings, entrails, cotton, wool or other fibers, paper dishes, cups or milk containers, either whole or ground by garbage grinders, or any other solid or viscous substances capable of causing obstructions or other interferences with property operation of the Sewage Collection System or Sewers or the Sewage Disposal System.



- 5) Having a pH lower than 6.0 or higher than 10; being corrosive; or having any other property capable of causing damage or hazards to structures, equipment or operating personnel of the Sewage Collection System, Sewers or the Sewage Disposal System.
- 6) Containing toxic or poisonous solids, liquids or gases in sufficient quantity either singly or by interaction with other wastes, to injure or interfere with any sewage treatment process, to constitute hazards to humans or animals or to create any hazard in waters which receive treated effluent from the Sewage Disposal System. Toxic wastes shall include, but not by way of limitation, wastes containing cyanide, chromium, copper, cadmium, nickel, and/or mercury ions.
- 7) Sludge, water, solids or other materials pumped from septic tanks.
- 8) Any waters or wastes containing strong acid iron pickling wastes or concentrated plating solutions, whether neutralized or not.
- 9) Materials which exert or cause:
  - a) unusual concentrations of inert suspended solids (such as, but not limited to, Fullers earth, lime slurries and lime residues) or of dissolved solids (such as, but not limited to, sodium chloride and sodium sulfate);
  - b) excessive discoloration (such as, but not limited to, dye wastes and vegetable tanning solutions);
  - c) unusual B.O.D., chemical oxygen demand or chlorine requirements in such quantities as to constitute a significant load on the Sewage Disposal System; or
  - d) unusual volume of flow or concentration of wastes constituting slugs.
- 10) Containing radioactive wastes or isotopes of such half-life or concentration as may exceed limits established by the Authority.
- 11) Notwithstanding the above provisions, any waste containing phenols or any other substance or having other characteristics which are prohibited by the Authority.

**(d)** In addition, no commercial entity shall discharge any waste exceeding the following Default Concentration Limits unless they have been granted an Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit, a Local Limits Waiver, or a Conditional Waiver within the previous 24 months.

**DEFAULT CONCENTRATION LIMITS FOR INDUSTRIAL USERS**

<b>Pollutant</b>	<b>Default IU Limit</b>	<b>Units</b>
Arsenic	0.032	mg/l
Cadmium	0.0026	mg/l
Copper	0.60	mg/l
Cyanide	0.054	mg/l
Hexavalent Chromium	0.18	mg/l
Lead	0.066	mg/l
Mercury	0.00050	mg/l
Methylene Chloride	0.20	mg/l
Molybdenum	0.054	mg/l
Nickel	0.29	mg/l
Selenium	0.032	mg/l
Silver	0.10	mg/l
Thallium	0.010	mg/l
Zinc	0.60	mg/l

Any user unsure of whether their discharge exceeds these limits shall contact UAJA to obtain an Application for a Local Limits Waiver. This Application will be evaluated to determine whether there is a significant risk of exceeding these parameters based on the types of processes and other possible sources of pollution at that site.

However, knowingly exceeding any of these limits without written permission of the Authority is prohibited.

- (e) Where necessary all Owners shall install suitable pre-treatment facilities in order to comply with subsections (c) and (d) of this Section. Plans, specifications and any other pertinent information relating to proposed facilities for preliminary treatment and handling of wastes shall be submitted for approval of this Authority and no construction of any such facility shall be commenced until approval thereof first shall have been obtained, in writing, from this Authority, and until approval thereof first shall have been obtained from any governmental regulatory body having jurisdiction. Whenever facilities for preliminary treatment and handling of wastes shall have been provided by any Owner, such facilities continuously shall be maintained, at the expense of such Owner, in satisfactory operating condition; and this Authority shall have access to such facilities at reasonable times for purposes of inspection and testing.
- (f) No person shall install or operate in any Improved Property connected to the Sewage Collection System any garbage grinder equipped with a motor of  $\frac{3}{4}$  horsepower or greater, without prior written approval of this Authority.
- (g) Nothing contained in this Section 5 shall be construed as prohibiting any special agreement or arrangement between this Authority and any person whereby Industrial Wastes of unusual strength or character may be admitted into the Sewage Collection System owned by this Authority, either before or after preliminary treatment.

### **6.3 Industrial waste permitting**

- a) Industrial users proposing to connect to or discharge to the wastewater collection/treatment facility may be required to obtain a Wastewater Discharge Permit before connecting to the wastewater collection/treatment facility.
- b) The Authority may establish a system of rates and charges for implementation of the Industrial Pretreatment Program, which shall be applicable to industrial users within its service area. Rates and charges for implementation of the IPP may be changed from time to time by resolution, subject to approval by the Board of the UAJA.

### **6.4 Industrial wastewater inspections**

Monitoring by Authority personnel will be composed of both announced and unannounced inspections and sampling. The frequency of monitoring may vary depending on circumstances as determined by the Authority. All industrial users will be inspected and sampled at least once per year. All inspections will be done in accordance with the guidelines set by the industrial pretreatment program in effect. Whenever facilities for preliminary treatment and handling of wastes shall have been provided by any owner, such facilities continuously shall be maintained, at the expense of the owner, in satisfactory operating condition; and this Authority shall have access to such facilities at reasonable times for purposes of inspection and testing.

### **6.5 Enforcement**

The Authority may take such actions as provided for by applicable law to enforce the provisions of the Industrial Pretreatment Program. Such actions include, but are not limited to the imposition of penalties of up to \$25,000.00 per day and seeking injunctive relief under the provisions of the Publicly Owned Treatment Works Penalty Law, 35 P.S. 752.1 *et seq.*

# SECTION 7

## DEFINITIONS

### 7.1 Definitions

Unless the context specifically and clearly indicates otherwise, the meaning of terms and phrases in this Resolution shall be as follows:

- a) Abandonment Permit – required when service is no longer to be provided. This is the only mechanism that will be used to either reduce EDU's or stop the billing process. Inspection is required for confirmation of completion.
- b) Authority - The University Area Joint Authority a Pennsylvania municipal authority, its officers, Board members, employees and agents.
- c) Equivalent Dwelling Unit – a unit of measurement that estimates an average use of wastewater facilities. Roughly the average amount of wastewater generated by a typical family in one day.
- d) Improved Property - a property upon which there is erected a structure intended for continuous or periodic habitation, occupancy or use by human beings or animals from which structure domestic and/or industrial wastes shall be or may be discharged.
- e) Industrial User - an improved property used, in whole or in part, for manufacturing, processing, cleaning, laundering or assembling any product, commodity or article or from which any process waste, as distinct from domestic waste, shall be discharged.
- f) Industrial Pretreatment Program -The enforcement of the provisions of the regulations and controls of Industrial Users to the extent required by the federal pretreatment regulations set forth in 40 C.F.R. Part 403 and including similar provisions in ordinances of the contributing Municipalities authorized to be administer by and enforced by this Authority.
- g) Industrial Waste: - Any solid, liquid or gaseous substance, or form of energy, which is produced as a result, whether directly or indirectly, of any industrial, manufacturing, trade or business process or activity, or in the course of developing, recovering, or processing of natural resources and which is discharged into the wastewater collection system; but not non-contact cooling water or sanitary sewage. Any wastewater which contains industrial waste and which is discharged from an industrial, manufacturing, trade or business premises is considered industrial waste for the purpose of this Resolution.
- h) Non-contact cooling water – the water from any use such as air conditioning, cooling or refrigeration, or to which the only pollutant added is heat.
- i) Non-residential - improved properties consisting of commercial, industrial, schools, professional offices, churches, institutions, etc.
- j) Owner - any person vested with ownership, legal or equitable, sole or partial, of any improved property.
- k) Private to Private Permit – A private to private permit is required when the connection of a detached or accessory use structure (ie: shed, shop, garage, out-building) to the primary use structure (residential) is desired. The definition of "detached" shall be described as a structure on the recorded building lot, with a separate use, that does not share either a common wall, or roof, or foundation with the primary use structure on that building lot. The private to private lateral shall be constructed following the same requirements for the primary building lateral and shall connect to that lateral at a place and in a manner which will allow future maintenance activity to be properly and efficiently conducted. Inspection prior to backfill is required.
- l) Repair Permit – a repair permit is required anytime excavation is made to repair or relocate any existing sewer lateral piping anywhere on the property from the building to the property line. Inspection prior to backfill is required.
- m) Wastewater – industrial or domestic wastes from dwellings, commercial buildings, industrial facilities, and institutions, together with any groundwater, surface water, and stormwater that may be present, whether treated or untreated, which enters the wastewater collection system.
- n) Wastewater Collection System - all facilities, as of any particular time, for collecting, pumping, treating and disposing of domestic and/or industrial wastes, acquired, constructed, owned and operated by this Authority.

