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A regulation governing tapping fees, rates for the use of, and the connection to the Sewer System constructed by the Municipal Authority of Ralpho Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

The following Rules and Regulations shall be and are hereby declared to be the Rules and Regulations of the Municipal Authority of Ralpho Township, Northumberland County, for the Sewer System to wit:

ARTICLE I - DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1.01

Unless the context specifically and clearly indicates otherwise, the meaning of the items used in these Rules and Regulations shall be as follows:

- A. AUTHORITY** shall mean The Municipal Authority of Ralpho Township, County of Northumberland, Pennsylvania.
- B. BUILDING SEWER** shall mean any portion of the Sewer System between the Authority's lateral and the Improved Property.
- C. CONNECTION UNIT** shall mean each individual building or house whether constructed as a detached unit or as a pair or row which is designated or adaptable to separate ownership whether for commercial, industrial or residential use. A school, factory, apartment house, office building or other multiple unit structure whose individual apartments or units are connected to a common internal sewage system and which are not commonly subject to separate ownership shall be considered as one Connection Unit.
- D. CWHM** shall mean Contract Waste Hauling Manifest.
- E. DEVELOPER** shall mean any landowner, agent of such landowner or tenant with the permission of such landowner, whom or causes to be made a subdivision of land or a land development.
- F. IMPROVED PROPERTY** shall mean any property within the Sewered Area upon which there is erected a structure intended for continuous or periodic habitation, occupancy, or use by human beings or animals and from which structure sanitary sewage and or industrial wastes shall be or may be discharged.
- G. LATERAL** shall mean that part of the Sewer System extending from a Sewer to the curb line or if there shall be no curb line, extending fifteen (15) feet from the center of the street. Should the Sewer System enter the property from the side or rear it shall mean that part of the Sewer System extending from the Sewer to the property line.
- H. OWNER** shall mean any person vested with ownership, legal or equitable, sole or partial, of any property located in the Sewered Area.
- I. PERSON** shall mean any individual, partnership, company, association, society, corporation, or other group or entity.
- J. SEWER** shall mean any pipe or conduit constituting a part of the Sewer System used or usable for sewage collection purposes and to which ground surface and storm water is not admitted intentionally.
- K. SEWER RENTAL UNIT** shall mean:
 - 1. each Improved Property which is connected to the Sewer System; and
 - 2. each domestic, professional, commercial, charitable or industrial unit, enterprise or establishment located within or upon an Improved Property which is connected to the Sewer System. An exception shall be allowed in any building where the building owner resides in one portion of the building and one or more units within the building are used for a business wholly owned and operated by the building owner. In such case, only one rental unit shall be billed. In the event the building owner is no longer the sole owner and operator of the business, that business shall constitute a Sewer Rental Unit.
- L. SEWER SYSTEM** shall mean all facilities as of any particular time for collecting, pumping, treating, and disposing of sanitary sewage and industrial waste, situate in the Sewered Area and owned and/or operated or to be owned and/or operated by the Authority or the Township.
- M. SEWERED AREA** shall mean the portion of the Township and in which there shall be constructed a sewage collection system as from time to time constructed and extended by the Authority, the Township, or others.

- N. STREET shall mean and include any street, road, lane, court, alley, and public square.
- O. TOWNSHIP shall mean the Township of Ralpho, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.
- P. WATER SUPPLY COMPANY shall mean the water supply company currently servicing the Sewered Area.
- Q. WWTP shall mean the Municipal Authority of Ralpho Township's Waste Water Treatment Plant.

ARTICLE II - FEES TO CONNECT TO THE SEWER SYSTEM

SECTION 2.01

CONNECTION CHARGES

The fee to connect to the Sewer System shall consist of two (2) separate parts: a connection fee, if applicable; and a tapping fee.

SECTION 2.02

CONNECTION FEE

A. RESIDENTIAL CONNECTION UNIT - – Each Owner of an Improved Property shall be responsible, at the sole cost of Owner, to construct and perform all services and provide all materials necessary to connect the Improved Property to the Sewer System. This shall include, but not be limited to, the cost of any type of required meter, connection to the sewer main, construction of a lateral from the sewer main to the property line or curb line of the Improved Property, and construction of a lateral from the property line or curb line to the structure. In such case, no Connection Fee shall be charged. In the event the Authority is required to or decides to make the connection to the sewer main and install the lateral from the sewer main to the property line or curb line, Owner shall pay a Connection Fee equal to the actual cost of the connection incurred by the Authority.

B. RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS - For residential developments in which the sewer mains and laterals are installed as part of the development and at no cost to the Authority, and subsequently dedicated to the Authority, no connection fee shall be charged, or collected by the Authority, except under special circumstances where a new lateral may be required.

C. UNIQUE CASES - In those cases involving a non-residential structure, a multiple unit structure or any structure presenting unique or extraordinary problems in connecting to the Sewer System, the connection fee shall be determined by the Authority after consideration of the expense to the Authority associated with said connection.

D. NON-MANDATORY CONNECTIONS - Property owners outside the purview of the Ordinance requiring mandatory connection to the Sewer System may apply for permission to connect to the Sewer System. Should the Authority deem it financially feasible to extend the Sewer System to service the premises, the Authority shall make such extension and the customary connection fee, as described in Section 2.02-A above, shall be paid. Should the Authority in its sole discretion, deem the proposed extension to not be economically feasible, the Authority may grant permission to the property owner to connect, if:

1. the property owner agrees to bear all costs and expense associated with extension of the system, including but not limited to materials, labor, permits, and satisfactory restoration of all land and improvements disturbed by said extension;
2. the property owner deposits in escrow with the Authority a sum, to be determined by the Authority's engineer after review of the cost of the proposed extension;
3. the property owner executes an Escrow Account Agreement in form satisfactory to the Authority.

In such case, no connection fee will be charged by the Authority. However the charging of a Tapping Fee shall not be waived by the Authority, and the provisions set forth in Section 2.03 shall control as to payment of the Tapping Fee.

SECTION 2.03

TAPPING FEE

A. A tapping fee is imposed upon the Owner of each unit, except for those instances governed by Section 2.04 as hereinafter set forth, which desires to or is required to connect to the Sewer System in the amount in effect at the time for each Sewer Rental Unit contained in the connection unit, which shall be paid before the connection is made. For residential developments approved by the Authority for sewage collection prior to March 22, 1990, no tapping fee shall be charged nor collected by the Authority. For residential developments approved by the Authority after March 22, 1990, a tapping fee shall be charged for each connection unit within the development which desires to or is required to connect to the Sewer System.

B. RESERVATION OF CAPACITY

- (1) A developer or other person or persons who own land within the area serviced by the Sewer System shall have the right to request the Authority to reserve capacity within the WWTP for all or a portion of the land in question. No landowner is required to reserve capacity within the WWTP, as the decision is to be made by the landowner.
- (2) In order to reserve capacity within the WWTP, the landowner shall apply to the Authority in a writing which sets forth:
 - (a) Name of owner of land;
 - (b) Address and location of land;
 - (c) Proposed use of land;
 - (d) Proposed schedule of construction, if any;
 - (e) Proposed use of capacity, if any at time of application; and
 - (f) Number of equivalent dwelling units requested to be reserved.
- (3) The Authority shall review the capacity available, future needs of the community, environmental concerns, and other relevant matters, and decide whether the request for reservation of capacity shall be approved, either in whole or in part.
- (4) In the event the reservation of capacity is deemed feasible in whole or in part by the Authority, in the sole discretion of the Authority, the reservation of capacity in favor of the land described in the application shall not be effective until:
 - (a) Approved by a majority of the Members of the Board of the Authority at a duly advertised meeting at which a quorum is present; and
 - (b) The landowner has paid in full to the Authority the tapping fee in effect at the time of the reservation of the capacity. If the tapping fee is not paid in full within twenty (20) days of the date of the meeting where the reservation of capacity is approved, the reservation may be declared null and void by the Authority at its next meeting.
- (5) The approval of reservation of capacity for land located within the area serviced by the Sewer System shall not constitute nor replace the need for a sewage connection permit, and shall not constitute an event triggering the one hundred eighty (180) day term set forth in Section 3.01 (A) (2) for the twenty-four (24) month term set forth in Section 3.01 (B) (2). Prior to beginning construction, the landowner shall apply for a sewage connection permit, but shall have no obligation to pay any additional tapping fee.
- (6) It shall be the duty of any landowner to whom a reservation of capacity has been granted to notify any purchaser of all or any part of the owner's land of any reservation of capacity approved by the Authority. The Authority agrees to grant to any subsequent owner of all or any portion of the land the same rights and duties of the initial applicant. The reservation of capacity shall run with and belong to the land in question for which the reservation was approved, and may not be transferred to another parcel of land without the prior approval of the Authority by resolution at a public meeting at which a quorum is present.

SECTION 2.04

EQUIVALENT DWELLING UNIT

Any Connection Unit for which the estimated flow per day shall be in excess of 250 gallons per day and which shall not be otherwise capable of division into Sewer Rental Units based on physical separation, including, but not limited to a school, factory, or office building, shall be charged a tapping fee at a rate of the tapping fee provided in Section 2.03 multiplied by the ratio of the estimated flow per day for the Improved Property divided by two hundred fifty (250) gallons per day. The estimated sewage generation shall be as approved by the Authority, the Department of Environmental Protection as provided by the Planning Module for Land Development, if available, or as estimated by the Authority engineer after review.

For non-residential connections for which the tapping fee is calculated in accordance with this section, the Authority reserves the right to reevaluate the tapping fee based upon actual flow. At any time the Authority determines there is sustained flow higher than reserved capacity, the Authority may review the actual flow per day. Should the actual daily flow for the relevant period be ten (10%) percent or more in excess of the reserved tapping fee, or otherwise exceed the owner's allocated capacity, the Authority shall recalculate the tapping fee utilizing an average flow per day for a three (3) consecutive maximum month period. The Authority shall assess to the Owner an additional tapping fee, after giving

credit to the Owner for any amounts paid for the tapping fee at the time of connection or paid at any subsequent time. The Authority shall provide an invoice to the Owner for the additional tapping fee, which invoice shall be due and payable in full within sixty (60) days of the date of the invoice.

SECTION 2.05
INSPECTION FEE

No connection to the Sewer System shall be made without an inspection of the connection by the Authority for compliance with the Rules and Regulations. No trench shall be closed prior to such inspection, and any trench closed prior to inspection shall be reopened at the expense of the Property Owner. Any fee for said inspection shall be charged in accordance with Section 3.03(H).

ARTICLE III - BILLING PROCEDURES

SECTION 3.01
CHARGES FOR SERVICE

A. RESIDENTIAL –

Water meter size shall be less than one (1) inch and must be installed prior to receiving any service. Charges for sanitary sewage collection service shall commence upon, whichever of the following events shall first occur:

1. installation of the water meter, whereby water consumption shall be utilized in determining the sewer rental in accordance with the residential rate schedule in effect at the time; or

2. upon the expiration of one hundred eighty (180) days after issuance of the sewage connection permit. In such case the sewer rental charge shall be the minimum basic sewer rental in accordance with the residential rate schedule in effect at the time. Upon installation of the meter, water consumption shall be utilized in determining the sewer rental in accordance with the residential rate schedule in effect at the time.

In all cases, residential sewage rental bills shall be distributed quarterly and are due and payable twenty-one (21) days after the date of billing. Any payment received within twenty-one (21) days of the date of billing shall receive the benefit of a discount, as established by the Authority from time to time.

B. COMMERCIAL-

COMMERCIAL-A water meter size shall be one inch. COMMERCIAL-B water meter size shall be greater than one inch. All meters must be installed prior to receiving any service. Charges or sanitary sewage collection service shall commence upon, whichever of the following events shall first occur:

1. installation of the meter, whereby water consumption shall be utilized in determining the sewer rental in accordance with the commercial rate schedule in effect at the time; or

2. upon the expiration of twenty-four (24) months after issuance of the sewage connection permit. In such case the sewer rental charge shall be the minimum basic sewer rental in accordance with the commercial rate schedule in effect at the time. Upon installation of the meter, water consumption shall be utilized in determining the sewer rental in accordance with the commercial rate schedule in effect at the time.

Commercial bills shall be distributed monthly and are due and payable on or before the first day of the next succeeding month in which the bills are delivered.

C. WELL USERS –

1. RESIDENTIAL WELL USERS - An Owner discharging or having the potential to discharge well water into the Sewer System is required to install a Sensus meter with touch read remote on the private well within sixty (60) days of written notice. Any Owner who refuses to accurately meter the well water to monitor flow into the Sewer System will be charged double the minimum basic rate for sewer rental in effect at the time from the time the Owner begins utilizing the Sewer System until the meter is installed. In the event a meter fails to register accurately, the Owner shall be provided thirty (30) days to correct the problem. In the event it is not corrected within thirty (30) days, double the minimum basic rate shall be charged until the meter is repaired.

2. SEASONAL WELL USERS - An Owner described as a Seasonal customer having the potential to discharge well water into the Sewer System is not required to pay to install a Sensus meter or other meter deemed suitable by the Authority. Seasonal customers are those customers owning cottages located within the Reeder's Grove area occupied only during a portion of the year, and not on a year-round basis. Seasonal bills shall be distributed annually and are due

and payable on or before the first day of the next succeeding month in which the bills are delivered. The seasonal rate for sewer service furnished by the Authority is based on a flat rate schedule in effect at the time.

Notwithstanding the above, should the Authority determine that a water meter would be useful for other purposes of the Authority, the Seasonal customer shall install a meter after a thirty (30) day notice. If the Seasonal customer cooperates, the Authority will pay for the meter and cost of installation. Should multiple calls, letters or legal action need to be taken to compel the installation beyond the thirty (30) day period, the cost will be born by the Owner.

D. Properties which have multiple units using a single water meter will be charged the minimum basic sewer rate as set forth in the residential rate schedule in effect at the time for each separate family dwelling unit, apartment, store, commercial or industrial water user, or separate building. The sewer rental usage charge in effect at the time shall be imposed for each one thousand gallons of water registered on the meter.

E. No abatement shall be given to any Owner who has a vacant unit. All units will be charged the minimum basic charge in effect at the time, regardless of vacancy or terminated service.

F. EXCESS STRENGTH SURCHARGE -

The Authority is imposing surcharges for pollutants with strength in excess of medium strength domestic wastewater, in addition to the basic volume or rental charges, to provide for the greater treatment cost and wear and tear on the sewage collection system and the wear and tear on the sewage treatment plant.

The table of surcharges is as follows:

Pollutant	Threshold Limit	Rate per mg/L per Million Gals.
Bio-Chemical Demand (BOD)	250 mg/L	\$4.67
Suspended Solids (SS)	250 mg/L	\$4.09
Total Phosphorus	12 mg/L	\$2.34
Nitrogen (TKN)	40 mg/L	\$7.18

EXAMPLE: If a nonresidential establishment discharges an average of 350 mg/L of BOD and the volume of wastewater used during the billing period was 350,000 gallons, the surcharge would be calculated by (1) subtracting the threshold limit of 250 mg/L from the actual concentration of 350 mg/L; (2) the resultant 100 mg/L of excess BOD is then multiplied by the rate of \$4.67; (3) the resultant product of \$467 is further multiplied by the wastewater volume of 0.35 MG; (4) the resultant product of \$163.45 is the applicable BOD surcharge for the billing period. This calculation would be repeated for Suspended Solids, Total Phosphorus and Nitrogen (TKN), as applicable.

**SECTION 3.02
APPORTIONMENT**

In the event a sewer bill is to be apportioned at a time prior to the expiration of a normal billing period, the following apportionment shall be utilized:

1. The minimum basic rate shall be charged on a per diem basis for each day of service.
2. The usage charge per thousand gallons shall be calculated and imposed based upon the actual meter reading for consumption from the beginning of the billing period up to the reading closest in time to date of apportionment.

**SECTION 3.03
OTHER CHARGES**

A. Any sewer bill which is not paid twenty-one (21) days following the date of the billing will be allowed a five day grace period before the gross amount of the bill is due.

B. No abatement will be made on sewer bills for leaks or for water wasted by damaged fixtures.

C. Credit will be issued on sewer bills for Owners who fill swimming pools in the amount equal to the number of gallons used to fill the pool multiplied by the current overage charge divided by 1,000. This service will be provided for new installations or in the case where a pool has been drained completely and refilled to capacity. This service is provided so that the owner does not have to pay the sewer charges for the amount of water which was used to fill the pool.

D. Any service call made after the normal daily work schedule of Authority personnel shall be billed to the Owner at the rate of \$40.00 per hour, with a minimum charge of \$40.00.

E. The charge for checks returned for non-sufficient funds will be equal to that charged by the Authority's depository bank. The same charge will apply to any automatic payment which is rejected due to non-sufficient funds. After three rejections the automatic payment privilege will be revoked.

F. A reconnection fee of \$75.00 will be charged to any Owner who requests to reconnect after service has been terminated due to non-payment of sewer bills, or uncorrected violations to the sewer system regulations.

G. If any sewer bills assessed after April 7, 1996 require the Authority to incur attorney fees in the collection thereof, the amount of such attorney fees shall be added to and become part of the amount owed to the Authority. The attorney fees to be charged and collected by the Authority shall be in an amount sufficient to compensate attorney's undertaking, collection and representation to the Authority in actions to collect sewer rentals.

1. At least thirty (30) days prior to imposing attorney fees in connection with the collection of a delinquent account, the Authority shall, by United States certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, mail to the property owner a notice.

2. If within thirty (30) days of mailing the notice in accordance with subparagraph (1), the certified mailed is refused or unclaimed or the return receipt is not received, then at least ten (10) days prior to imposing attorney fees, the Authority shall, by United States first class mail, mail the property owner a notice.

3. The notice shall state:

- (a). the Authority's intent to impose attorney fees within thirty (30) days of mailing pursuant to subsection (1) or within ten (10) days of the mailing of the notice pursuant to subsection (2); and
- (b). the amount needed to be paid by the property owner to bring the account current and avoid the imposition of attorney fees.

4. The notice shall be mailed to the property owner's last known post office address as reflected on the records of the Authority and the Northumberland County Assessor. Should two (2) different addresses be reflected on the records of the two (2) offices, a notice shall be mailed to each address.

H. Inspection Fee – All Property Owners conducting repair, modification, connection or work of any type to the Sewer shall pay to the Authority an Inspection Fee as set forth on the Schedule of Charges in effect at the time.

SECTION 3.04

MISCELLANEOUS BILLING PROCEDURES

A. In the event that a billing due date occurs on a day which the Authority office is closed, the due date will become the next regular day of business.

B. Owners shall keep the Authority advised of their correct address.

C. Failure to receive a sewer bill shall not be considered an excuse for non-payment nor shall such failure result in an extension of time during which the bill is payable or result in a retraction of the late penalty.

D. The Authority reserves the right to estimate meter readings in the event that an actual meter reading is not provided or in the event that the meter is malfunctioning.

E. All sewer bills for units occupied by a tenant will be mailed directly to the property owner, who is ultimately responsible for the payment of the bill.

F. A Sensus meter with touch read remote may be purchased and installed at the Owner's expense in order to meter the Owner's outside water usage which does not enter the sewer system. The Authority agrees to read this meter and reduce the Owner's sewer bill according to the consumption on this meter. The Municipal Authority assumes no responsibility for this meter.

SECTION 3.05
TERMINATION

A. In the event a sewer bill remains unpaid for a period of thirty (30) days or more from the due date of said bill, or in the event a violation of the Sewer System regulations remains uncorrected after appropriate notice, the Authority reserves the right to request the Water Supply Company to terminate water service to the premises.

B. In the event the water service is discontinued, water service will be restored only upon payment by the customer of all outstanding charges, including but not limited to

1. the estimated loss of water revenues resulting from terminated service,
2. the Reconnection Fee currently in effect,
3. any additional expenses incurred by the Authority as a result of the failure of the customer to pay the sewer bill in a timely fashion, including but not limited to any charge by the Water Supply Company, court costs, or filing fees.

C. Prior to requesting termination of water service due to nonpayment of sewer bills, the following notices shall be provided to the customer/ property owner:

1. a written notice of intention to terminate shall be served upon the customer at least ten (10) days prior to termination. Service shall be made by:

- (a). mailing to customer at customer's last known address; or
- (b). posting said notice at a main entrance to the premises.

2. the written notice shall contain the following information:

- (a). the right of the customer to avoid termination until there has been a judicial decision so long as the customer delivers to the Authority a written statement, under oath or affirmation, stating the customer has a just defense to the claim, or part of it. The statement must also declare under oath or affirmation it was not executed for the purpose of delay.
- (b.) the right of the customer to avoid termination if anyone presently and normally living in the home is seriously ill. The customer must have a physician certify by phone or in writing the existence of the illness and that it may be aggravated if the water service is terminated. If such proof is supplied and the customer enters into an equitable arrangement to pay past and current bills for service, the termination may be avoided.

3. at least three (3) days prior to the scheduled termination, a representative of the Authority shall personally contact, by phone or in person, the ratepayer or a responsible adult occupant of the premises.

4. immediately preceding termination of service, a representative of the Authority shall attempt to make personal contact with a responsible person at the residence of the ratepayer and the affected premises, if they are different. If evidence is presented indicating:

- (a.) payment has been made, or
- (b.) a serious illness or medical condition exists, or
- (c.) a dispute or complaint is properly pending, then termination shall not occur. If no personal contact is made with a responsible adult, the representative of the Authority shall not terminate service but instead shall conspicuously post a termination notice at the rate payer's residence and the affected premises advising service will be discontinued not less than forty-eight (48) hours from the time and date of the posting.

D. Prior to actual termination of service, anytime a customer or occupant contacts the Authority concerning a proposed termination, an authorized representative of the Authority shall explain fully:

1. the reason for the proposed termination,
2. the available methods to avoid termination, and
3. the medical emergency procedures.

E. Upon termination of service, a written notice containing the address and telephone number of the Authority as well as a Medical Emergency Notice shall be conspicuously posted or delivered to a responsible person at the residence of the rate payer and at the affected premises.

F. If the affected premises contains one or more dwelling units occupied by one or more tenants (except for nursing homes, hotels and motels), the procedures and notices mandated by the Utility Service Tenants Rights Act shall be applied.

ARTICLE IV - PHYSICAL CONNECTION
SECTION 4.01
PERMITS

No person shall uncover, connect with, make any opening into or use, alter or disturb, in any manner, any Sewer of the Sewer System without first obtaining a Sewer Connection Permit, in writing, from the Authority. Such permit shall be issued to each Owner required to connect to a Sewer by ordinance of the Township, subject always to compliance with the Township Planning Code and may be issued by the Authority to Owners not so required to connect.

SECTION 4.02

No person shall make or cause to be made a connection of any Improved Property with a Sewer until such person shall have applied for and obtained a permit as required by section 4.01; and given the Authority at least twenty-four (24) hours notice of the time when such connection will be made so that the Authority may supervise and inspect the work of the connection.

SECTION 4.03

Except as otherwise provided in this section, each Connection Unit on each Improved Property shall be connected separately and independently with a sewer through a Building Sewer. Grouping of more than one Connection Unit on one Building Sewer shall not be permitted, except under special circumstances and for good sanitary reasons or other good cause shown, and then only after special permission of the Authority, in writing, shall have been secured.

SECTION 4.04

All costs and expenses of the construction of the Building Sewer and all costs and expenses of the connection of a Building Sewer to a Sewer shall be borne by the Owner of the Improved Property to be connected, and such Owner shall indemnify and save harmless the Authority from all loss or damage that may be occasioned, directly, or indirectly, as a result of construction of a Building Sewer or of connection of a Building Sewer to a Sewer.

SECTION 4.05

Material for a Building Sewer, jointing materials and methods of installation shall be in accordance with Article V of the Sewer Rules and Regulations and the Municipal Authority Construction Specifications and shall be subject to the approval of the Authority.

SECTION 4.06

A Building Sewer shall be connected to a sewer main at the Lateral. No person shall make a connection directly to or tamper with a sewer main in any manner. The invert of a Building Sewer at the point of connection to a Lateral shall be at a higher elevation than the invert of the sewer main. A smooth neat joint shall be made and the connection of a Building Sewer to a Lateral shall be made secure and watertight. Special fittings for connection of a Building Sewer to a Lateral may be used only after approval of the Authority has been secured. For those Owners connecting to the Sewer and making the connection to the sewer main in lieu of payment of a Connection Fee as set forth in Section 2.02, the Owner shall, prior to making connection to the sewer main, notify the Authority, obtain permission, and make arrangements for Authority personnel to be present to observe the connection to the sewer main.

ARTICLE V - BUILDING SEWER AND CONNECTION

SECTION 5.01

Building Sewers shall be no less than four (4) inches in diameter and shall be polyvinyl chloride pipe - SDR 35 (ASTM 3034) with flexible joints constructed with locked-in rubber sealing rings.

SECTION 5.02

No Building Sewer shall be laid in the same trench as a gas pipe, water line, or any other facility of a public service company or within three (3) feet of any other excavation or vault.

SECTION 5.03

Uniform bearing shall be provided along the entire length of a Building Sewer; and all joints of a Building Sewer shall be watertight and rustproof. No cement mortar joints shall be used.

SECTION 5.04

Where an Improved Property, at the time of securing a permit under section 4.01 to connect to a Sewer, shall be served by its own sewage disposal system or device, the existing house sewer line shall be broken on the structure side of such sewage disposal system or device and attachment shall be made, with proper fittings, to continue such house sewer line, as a Building Sewer, undiminished in inside diameter, but not less than four (4) inches to the Lateral. If the existing pipe leading to a septic tank or cesspool is of approved type and size, then it may be extended from the house side of the septic tank or cesspool to the sewer connection.

SECTION 5.05

All pipes of an improved or new installation of a Building Sewer Lateral or sewer main laid in a trench must be constructed with a minimum of 6 inches of PA #2 stone or smaller, or equivalent, below the pipes and a minimum of 12 inches of PA #2 stone or smaller, or equivalent, above the pipes throughout the entire Building Sewer.

SECTION 5.06

Fittings in a Building Sewer shall conform to the type of pipe used in construction.

SECTION 5.07

Changes in direction in a Building Sewer must be made by use of "Y" branches or of 1/8" or 1/16" bends with clean-outs installed as per Section 5.09.

SECTION 5.08

Fittings or connections in a Building Sewer which have an enlargement, chamber or recess with a ledge, shoulder or reduction of pipe area that shall offer any obstruction to flow shall not be allowed.

SECTION 5.09

Providing that all internal plumbing fixtures are properly trapped and vented, an outside running trap will not be required. However, clean-outs are required and shall be provided at changes of direction and at a maximum distance of fifty (50) feet for four (4) inch Building Sewer and one hundred (100) feet for six (6) inch Building Sewers.

SECTION 5.10

The slope or grade of a Building Sewer when the inside diameter is 4" shall be no less than 1/4" per foot of length and shall be downward in the direction of the Sewer main. If the Building Sewer has an inside diameter of 6 inches or more, the slope or grade may be no less than 1/8" per foot of length.

SECTION 5.11

All building sewers shall be tested in accordance with industry standards and shall be the Owner's responsibility. All tests must be witnessed and approved by the Authority inspector. In the event a Building Sewer is not approved by the Authority, a further inspection shall be made following completion of necessary corrections.

SECTION 5.12

No building sewer shall be covered until it has been inspected and approved, as provided in Section 5.11. If any part of a building sewer is covered before so being inspected and accepted, it shall be uncovered for inspection at the cost and expense of the owner of the improved property to be connected to a sewer.

SECTION 5.13

Whenever the Authority has reason to believe any Building Sewer has become defective; such Building Sewer shall be subject to inspection. Defects found upon such inspection, if any, shall be corrected as required by the Authority in writing, at the cost and expense of the Owner of the Improved Property served through such Building Sewer.

SECTION 5.14

Every Building Sewer of any Improved Property shall be maintained in a sanitary and safe operating condition by the Owner and shall include the installation of a two-way clean-out inspection tee with piping to surface and sealed as close as possible to the curb line or property line of the Improved Property to be connected to the Sewer. The purpose of this tee is for inspection. Clean-out plug shall be glue weld adapter with threaded plug. Lamping manhole shall be installed if clean-out is located in a driveway.

SECTION 5.15

Owners may install a check valve on the lateral at their own expense providing the installation is inspected as required in Section 5.12.

SECTION 5.16

Every excavation for a Building Sewer shall be guarded adequately with barricades and lights to protect all persons from damage and injury. Streets, sidewalks, and other public property disturbed in the course of installation of a Building Sewer shall be restored, at the cost and expense of the Owner of the Improved Property being connected, in a manner satisfactory to the Authority.

SECTION 5.17

After any section of the Sewer System constructed by the Authority or by the Township shall have been completed and after all Sewer Rental Units required to be connected to such section shall have been so connected, the Owner of each additional Sewer Rental Unit thereafter connected to such section shall comply with respect to such connection with the provisions of Article IV and Article V.

SECTION 5.18

Sewer lines and the construction of sewer lines must be in accordance with the Municipal Authority of Ralpho Township Construction Specifications, latest revision.

ARTICLE VI - PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO DO WORK RELATING TO CONNECTIONS

SECTION 6.01

Any persons performing any plumbing work upon any Improved Property which is connected to a Sewer or which is to be connected to a Sewer, shall acquire a permit as required by Section 4.01.

SECTION 6.02

After any section of the Sewer System constructed by the Authority or by the Township shall have been completed, and after all Sewer Rental Units required to be connected to such section shall have been so connected, any person desiring to do plumbing work with respect to the connection of any additional sewer rental unit to such section shall first obtain the permit required by Section 4.01.

ARTICLE VII - INDUSTRIAL WASTES

SECTION 7.01

PROHIBITED WASTES

No person shall discharge, or permit to be discharged into the Sewer System or into any part thereof, nor construct, maintain or allow existing any drain, pipe or a connection of any nature which would or might discharge into the Sewer System or into any part thereof:

- (1.) roof or surface water, exhaust water, exhaust steam, or any other unpolluted drainage; or
- (2.) oils, tar, grease, gasoline, benzene, or other combustible gases and liquids, offal or insoluble solids or other substances which would impair, impede, affect, interfere with or endanger the sewer system or any part thereof, in any manner whatsoever, or the functioning of the processes of the Waste Water Treatment Plant

SECTION 7.02

INDUSTRIAL WASTE; PROHIBITED DISCHARGED; VIOLATION; COMPLIANCE

No person shall discharge or permit to be discharged into the Sewer System any industrial waste which would impair, impede, affect, interfere with or endanger the Sewer System, or any part thereof, or the functioning of the process of the Waste Water Treatment Plant. No permit shall be issued for a connection, nor shall any connection be made, to the Sewer System for the purpose of discharging industrial waste therein until the Authority shall have first determined that such industrial waste to be discharged into the Sewer System is or has been rendered, by pretreatment or otherwise, reasonable harmless and would not impair, impede, affect, interfere with or endanger the Sewer System or any part thereof or the functioning of the processes of the Waste Water Treatment Plant. This determination will be made on an individual basis and based on a formal submission to the Authority by the applicant of all information and data deemed necessary by the Authority to make a proper evaluation of the proposal. In the event the Authority determines it is possible and the Authority, in its sole discretion, is willing to accept such industrial or high strength waste, an excess strength surcharge will be imposed under the rates set forth in Section 3.01(F), or at rates otherwise established by the Authority.

SECTION 7.03

REQUIRED CONTROL MANHOLE

When required by the Authority, the owner of any Sewer Rental Unit which shall discharge industrial waste into the Sewer System shall install a suitable control manhole in the Building Sewer to facilitate observation, sampling and measurement of the wastes. Such manhole, when required, shall be accessible and safely located and shall be constructed in accordance with plans approved by the Authority. The manhole shall be installed by the Owner at his expense and shall be maintained by him so as to be safe and accessible at all times.

SECTION 7.04

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR UNUSUAL INDUSTRIAL WASTE

Nothing contained in these Rules and Regulations shall be construed as preventing any special arrangement or agreement between the Authority and any industrial concern whereby an industrial waste of unusual strength or character may be accepted into the Sewer System for collection and treatment, subject to payment therefore by the industrial concern.

SECTION 7.05

RIGHT OF INSPECTION, TESTING, DAMAGES, ETC.

Duly authorized representatives of the Authority shall be permitted to enter upon all properties for the purpose of inspection, observation, measurement, sampling and testing, in furtherance of the provisions of these Rules and Regulations. If discharge limits are exceeded, the Owner will be charged for additional testing expenses at a rate of one hundred twenty five (125%) percent of the actual testing cost. The additional twenty-five (25%) percent is intended to reimburse Authority for its related labor and other expenses. Additionally, the Owner will be responsible to pay and be billed for all measures needed to address and reimburse the Authority for the damages caused, including, but not limited to, repairs, clean up and all related expenses and cost incurred due to the prohibited discharge.

SECTION 7.06

REQUIRED NOTICE OF CHANGE IN INDUSTRIAL WASTE

Any industry which is connected to the Sewer System, and is discharging industrial wastes thereto, and shall change its methods of operating so as to alter the type of wastes previous discharged, shall, notify the Authority at least ten (10) days previous to such change, so that the Authority can sample the waste immediately after the change takes place and determine whether or not the new waste is injurious to the Sewer System or the Authority's Waste Water Treatment Plant. All costs associated with this sampling and testing shall be borne by the industry.

SECTION 7.07

FATS, OIL AND GREASE PRETREATMENT

A. In recognition of the damage and potential damage to the SEWER SYSTEM and the WWTP from excessive grease and/or oil and/or fats entering the SEWER SYSTEM, these regulations and rules are adopted to provide a method to stop grease and/or oil and/or fats from entering the SEWER SYSTEM and offset AUTHORITY'S additional maintenance and treatment costs.

B. A PERSON engaged in a land development project which is reasonably expected to discharge fats, oils, and/or grease shall submit installation specifications, including the proposed location of the pretreatment facility, prior to being granted capacity for the land development project.

C. There shall be no discharge from an IMPROVED PROPERTY of wastewater containing more than 50 milligrams per liter of fats, oils and/or grease. The AUTHORITY will take wastewater samples of an IMPROVED PROPERTY in a manner and under such frequency deemed appropriate by the plant operator and the sections that follow.

D. In the event higher than allowed readings are shown, the AUTHORITY will notify the OWNER as set forth in Section E, below, and gain compliance as follows:

1. 50-100 milligrams per liter: Whenever the wastewater sample from an IMPROVED PROPERTY results in a reading of between 50 and 100 milligrams per liter, AUTHORITY shall require the IMPROVED PROPERTY to increase the grease trap cleaning to a schedule recommended by the AUTHORITY engineer and supply cleaning and service records to the Authority office. The AUTHORITY will also re-test the IMPROVED PROPERTY on a monthly basis until there are two consecutive readings below the 50 milligrams per liter standard. In the event the readings do not conform to the standard within six (6) months, sampling will be reduced to a quarterly frequency, but a surcharge of ten (10%) of the monthly bill will be imposed beginning the seventh (7th) month after notification. That surcharge will remain until two (2) consecutive readings show the wastewater output complies with the standard.

2. 101-200 milligrams per liter: Whenever the wastewater sample from an IMPROVED PROPERTY results in a reading of between 101 and 200 milligrams per liter, AUTHORITY shall also require the IMPROVED PROPERTY to increase the grease trap cleaning to a schedule recommended by the AUTHORITY engineer and supply cleaning and service records to the Authority office. The AUTHORITY will also continue to test the IMPROVED PROPERTY on a monthly basis until there are two consecutive readings below the 50 milligrams per liter standard. In the event the readings do not conform to the 50 milligrams per liter standard within sixty (60) days of notification under Section E, below, and AUTHORITY allows an OWNER to discharge wastewater containing more than 100 milligrams per liter of fat, oil, or grease content, a surcharge equal to twenty percent (20%) of the total monthly bill is hereby imposed by AUTHORITY upon the OWNER beginning the third (3rd) month following notification. In the event the readings do not conform to the standard within six (6) months, samples will be reduced to a quarterly frequency, but a surcharge of twenty percent (20%) of the monthly bill will continue to be imposed. That surcharge will remain until two (2) consecutive readings show the wastewater output complies with the standard. In the event there is improvement in compliance and the average of the readings since notification falls within the 50 to 100 milligrams per liter tier, the surcharge will be reduced to ten percent (10%).

3. Greater than 201 milligrams per liter: Whenever the wastewater sample from an IMPROVED PROPERTY results in a reading 201 milligrams per liter or higher, AUTHORITY shall also require the IMPROVED PROPERTY to increase the grease trap cleaning and pay for monthly testing as set forth above until there are two consecutive readings below the 50 milligrams per liter standard. In the event the readings do not conform to the 50 milligrams per liter standard within sixty (60) days of notification under Section E, below, and AUTHORITY allows an OWNER to discharge wastewater containing greater than 201 milligrams per liter of fat, oil, or grease content, a surcharge equal to thirty percent (30%) of the total monthly bill is hereby imposed by AUTHORITY upon the OWNER beginning the third (3rd) month following notification. In the event the readings do not conform to the standard within six (6) months, samples will be reduced to a quarterly frequency, but a surcharge of thirty percent (30%) of the monthly bill will continue to be imposed. That surcharge will remain until two (2) consecutive readings show the wastewater output to comply with the standard. In the event there is improvement in compliance and the average of the readings since

notification falls within the 50 to 100 milligrams or 101 to 200 milligrams per liter tier, the surcharge will be reduced to twenty percent (20%) or ten percent (10%), as appropriate.

4. After an IMPROVED PROPERTY has been surcharged at any tier for 6 months and the IMPROVED PROPERTY still has not achieved compliance with the Authority standard, the surcharge amount will double. In the event another 12 months elapse, and the readings remain at higher than acceptable limits, the surcharge will triple and remain at that level until compliance has been achieved.

5. Results greater than 500 milligrams per liter: Whenever the wastewater sample from an IMPROVED PROPERTY results in an average reading of 500 milligrams per liter or higher for a 6 month period, or AUTHORITY'S engineer otherwise determines that the discharge level is a danger to AUTHORITY'S system, AUTHORITY shall have the right to require OWNER to install, at the expense of OWNER, a grease, oil and/or fat pretreatment facility in order to reduce or eliminate the amount of grease, oils or fats entering the SEWER SYSTEM. An additional notification shall be given under these circumstances.

E. The first time AUTHORITY determines that an IMPROVED PROPERTY is discharging higher level of fats, oils, or grease, than allowable, AUTHORITY shall notify OWNER by notice delivered personally to the IMPROVED PROPERTY or sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the address to which AUTHORITY sends sewer bills to OWNER. Such notice shall include:

1. A copy of the Rules and Regulations of the AUTHORITY.

2. A copy of the expert report indicating the results of OWNER'S wastewater sample, or other determination of inappropriate output.

3. Notification that the AUTHORITY will be testing the IMPROVED PROPERTY on a monthly basis and charge that expense to the OWNER at a rate of one hundred twenty five (125%) percent of the actual testing cost. The additional twenty-five (25%) percent is to partially reimburse Authority for its related labor and other expenses.

Imposition of the above charges on the accounts of each OWNER is specifically authorized by this Section.

F. In the event the AUTHORITY has determined that a pretreatment facility is required, the OWNER shall have thirty (30) days from the date of the mailing of the additional notice to provide to AUTHORITY the installation specifications and proposed location of the pretreatment facility along with the method of installation. The pretreatment facility shall be located at a place easily accessible for cleaning by OWNER and inspection by AUTHORITY. Such specifications shall be reviewed by the engineer for the AUTHORITY prior to installation.

G. Within thirty (30) days of submission by OWNER of the specifications, AUTHORITY shall notify OWNER if the specifications provided are acceptable. OWNER shall have forty-five (45) days from the date of that notice to install the pretreatment facility. If the specifications are unacceptable, the Authority Engineer shall indicate what changes are required, and OWNER shall have fifteen (15) days to object to the requested changes. Should no objection be filed in writing with AUTHORITY by OWNER or should objections be overruled, OWNER shall have forty-five (45) days to complete installation of the pretreatment facility.

H. All OWNERS shall maintain their pretreatment facilities in working condition at the sole expense of OWNER.

I. All OWNERS shall, at the expense of OWNER, have the pretreatment facility pumped out, emptied and cleaned no less frequently than quarterly. Within ten (10) days of such quarterly pumping, OWNER shall provide a written report from OWNER or the firm or PERSON who did the pumping certifying the date of such work and what was done.

J. AUTHORITY shall have the right to inspect any pretreatment facility at any IMPROVED PROPERTY at reasonable times.

K. In the event an OWNER fails to comply with the provisions of any part of Section 7.07, the AUTHORITY may pursue all remedies under Article 10, below, as well as file a petition with the Court of appropriate jurisdiction to issue upon OWNER a rule to show cause why the OWNER should not be ordered to comply with Section 7.07 and install the required pretreatment facility, proceed to petition for assessment of a fine or imposition of an injunction under the Publicly Owned Treatment Works Penalty Law, or proceed under any remedy available at law or in equity, either under civil or criminal law.

ARTICLE VIII - EXTENSIONS TO THE SEWER SYSTEM

SECTION 8.01

CONSTRUCTION OF EXTENSIONS

In case where a Developer is required to provide the subdivision/land development with a public sanitary sewer system in accordance with Section 5.03 of the Ralpho Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) and in all other cases where the Developer desires to furnish such a public sanitary sewer system in the development, they shall meet all conditions as set forth in this paragraph and in other such sections of these Rules and Regulations. Plans for such a development must be submitted to the Authority for approval prior to any construction. The following shall constitute minimum plan and design standards:

- A.** Submit overall sewer system plan(s) of development at a scale similar to that of the Subdivision/Land Development Plan(s) submitted under SALDO.
- B.** Submit four (4) separate Sanitary Sewer Plan and Profile Drawings as follows:
 - 1. Drawings size shall be 34" x 22"
 - 2. Scale: plan view = 1" to 50' profile = horizontal: 1" = 50', vertical: 1" = 4'
 - 3. Plan shall include a plan view of that portion of the Sewer System to be shown in the profile. Profile shall correspond with the plan view.
 - 4. Drawings shall be neat, legible and completed in accordance with good engineering and drafting practices.
 - 5. All drawings shall contain the following note: "Requirements and Construction Standards for Sewer System shall be in accordance with the Municipal Authority of Ralpho Township Rules and Regulations and Construction Specifications, Latest Edition, as of the date of commencement of construction." It shall be the Developer's responsibility to insure that any contractor(s) that are engaged to perform any work in conjunction with the sewer construction are aware of the construction requirements and standards of the Authority and Ralpho Township.
 - 6. Plan Views and Profile Views shall include all proposed and existing grades, utilities, storm water pipes, swales and any other subsurface appurtenances, conflicts or conditions that may exist or are proposed.
 - 7. Datum shall be consistent with the datum utilized for the existing Authority Sanitary Sewer System.
- C.** System design shall be consistent with the Department of Environmental Protection "Domestic Waste Water Facilities Manual", Latest Edition and accepted engineering practices and any special provisions of the Authority.
- D.** Special Design Standards:
 - 1. Preferred maximum length of manhole run, 350 feet
 - 2. Preferred minimum slope for 8-inch pipe, 0.0050 ft./ft.
 - 3. The following standards shall be used as minimum drops through manhole channels:
 - (a). Straight through run - 0.10 ft.
 - (b). Change of direction up to 45 degrees - 0.15 ft.
 - (c). Change of direction greater than 45 degrees - 0.25 ft.
 - 4. Manhole covers shall contain two (2) non-penetrating pick holes
 - 5. Sewer pipe used in constructing any extension to the Sewer System shall have a minimum nominal diameter of eight (8) inches. Authority reserves the right to require sewer pipe in excess of eight (8) inch nominal diameter in unique circumstances.
- E.** All required permits and costs for permits are the responsibility of the Developer.
- F.** All submissions to the Authority shall be reviewed and approved by the Authority's Consulting Engineer. All engineering fees, legal fees, inspection fees, charges and associated review costs will be paid by the Developer out of an escrow account previously established.
- G.** Developer will be responsible for all construction and associated costs of construction.
- H.** All construction shall be performed under the inspection of an inspector designated by the Authority. The cost of such inspection, including salaries and expenses, shall be borne by the Developer making the extensions.

SECTION 8.02

AS-BUILT DRAWINGS

Prior to acceptance of any sewer line extension by the Authority and issuance of any sewer connection permits, it shall be the Developer's responsibility to provide to the Authority for review and approval, four (4) copies of as-built plans of the sewer construction showing all constructed conditions and data relative to the final constructed extension.

- A.** As-built plans shall contain the following minimum information:
 - 1. Final sewer lengths (manhole to manhole)

2. Final pipe grades
3. Final inverts at manhole
4. Wye station (measured from low to high manhole)
5. End of lateral station (measured from low to high manhole) Additional references shall be provided from nearby property corners or other permanent features
6. Length of laterals
7. Depths of laterals (at end to top of bell)
8. Special details for unusually installed laterals
9. Final plan view locations of sewer lines, utility lines and any other constructed appurtenance
10. Final profile showing final grades, utility crossings, storm pipe crossing, concrete cradle (with length plus start and stop stations) and any other pertinent construction data that can be shown in the profile
11. Where rock is encountered in the trench, location and depth shall be shown graphically in the profile
12. Any other project specific data that the Authority may require

B. When the Authority has reviewed the plans and is satisfied with all as-built information, the Developer shall be required to submit as-built plans in the following formats: one digital copy on CD in CAD file format and one digital copy on CD in Tiff file format. Reproducible SEPIAS or MYLARS of the plans will NOT be acceptable.

SECTION 8.03

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A. Escrow Requirements

1. An Escrow Account Agreement must be executed prior to any review of plan(s).
2. An escrow account must be established in the amount of:
 - (a.) \$1,000.00 for single family residential units
 - (b.) \$2,000.00 for all other applicants
3. Funds deposited into an escrow account shall cover engineering, legal, inspection and associated costs.

B. Plans must be submitted in sets of four (4).

C. Plans must be submitted 21 days prior to the regularly scheduled meeting of the Authority for any action to be taken.

SECTION 8.04

REIMBURSEMENT

Where a Developer constructs a sewer line from Authority's sewer line to the point of connection with the subdivision's sanitary sewer system and Authority obtains additional connections along said extended line within a period of ten (10) years after the acceptance of the line by the Authority, the Authority will pay the Developer constructing said extended sewer line 30% of the collected tapping fee.

ARTICLE IX - HAULED WASTE

SECTION 9.01

TYPES OF WASTE

The Authority will consider for acceptance any liquid waste that is (1.) nontoxic to the biological treatment process and has no adverse impact on any physical/chemical treatment process at the WWTP, and (2.) is biodegradable and determined to have no adverse impacts on the WWTP operation and discharge effluent. Hauled waste can be categorized into three categories:

A. Normally Acceptable Waste:

1. residential septic tanks;
2. residential holding tanks;
3. commercial holding/septic tanks used for non-process wastewater

B. Conditionally Acceptable Wastes (considered on a case-by-case basis):

1. municipal sludges if they are from biological processes, meet all State and Federal guidelines for agricultural use.

C. Prohibited Wastes:

1. any waste as defined in Section 7.01 and 7.02 of the Authority Rules and Regulations;
2. industrial and commercial process wastewater;
3. special waste such as leachates, condensates, wash waters and others;
4. chemical toilet waste;
5. any flammable, explosive or corrosive waste

6. any wastewater or sludges with unacceptable levels of metals;
7. fats, oils, grease (FOG) and Grease Trap Waste.

In all cases, the Authority reserves the unconditional and discretionary right to accept or reject any hauled waste as deemed necessary by the Authority to protect its employees, facilities or treatment process.

SECTION 9.02

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

All haulers are required to complete and file with the Authority an Application For Hauled Waste Discharge Permit, and obtain approval of said application by the Authority prior to discharging any waste at the Ralpho Township Wastewater Treatment Plant. Approval of said application shall be granted only upon compliance by the hauler of all conditions set forth in said application. If approved by the Authority, the approved application form shall act as the hauler's permit for a period of twelve (12) months for the date of approval. Every twelve (12) months, a hauler shall submit a renewal application.

- A.** Prior to the discharge of any hauled waste into the Ralpho Township Wastewater Treatment Plant, the hauler shall complete a Contract Waste Hauling Manifest (CWHM) for each source of waste on a truckload. In the event a truckload contains any waste from a nonresidential location, each generator of said waste must complete and sign the appropriate portion of the CWHM. In all cases, the hauler must complete and sign the CWHM. In all cases, the Authority's representative must complete and sign the CWHM. The original CWHM shall be retained by the Authority and maintained at the Municipal Authority office.
- B.** Except for waste generated by residential properties used solely for residential purposes, no hauled waste shall be accepted by or into the Ralpho Township Wastewater Treatment Plant until the hauler has:
 1. submitted the results of a representative sample of the waste to the WWTP for analysis; or
 2. provided the Authority personnel with a copy of a current Form 43 Analysis for the waste.

SECTION 9.03

FEES

A Disposal Fee shall be charged by the Authority and shall be in accordance with the Hauled Waste Rate Schedule in effect on the date of the disposal. Invoices shall be prepared at the beginning of each month and shall be payable within twenty (20) days of the date of invoice. A delinquent handling charge of five (5%) percent shall be charged for each additional twenty (20) days the invoice remains unpaid.

SECTION 9.04

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR HAULERS

In addition to any other requirements set forth herein, all approved haulers shall adhere to the following requirements:

- A.** Hauler shall maintain and provide proof to Authority the following insurance coverage for the handling and disposal of wastes:
 1. General liability insurance of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence including personal injury, bodily injury, and property damage with an aggregate of coverage for any one policy year of no less than \$2,000,000, and
 2. Automobile liability insurance of at least \$500,000 combined limit for bodily injury and property damage, and
 3. Worker's compensation insurance in an amount equal to or greater than statutory limits imposed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- B.** Hauler shall deliver waste for treatment only during the normal hours of operation of the Ralpho Township WWTP.
- C.** Hauler shall be responsible for and clean up any spillage which may occur during unloading.
- D.** Hauler agrees to allow the Authority to sample at random any load or any part of a load delivered for dumping.
- E.** Hauler shall be solely responsible for and maintain in full force and effect all federal, state or local permits required for the transportation of waste to be dumped.
- F.** Dumping will be permitted by any hauler utilizing only those trucks described and listed on the Application for Hauled Waste Discharge Permit.

ARTICLE X - ENFORCEMENT, RELIEF AND PENALTIES

SECTION 10.01 INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

When Authority finds that an OWNER or PERSON has violated, or continues to violate, any provision of these Rules and Regulations, a wastewater discharge permit, or order issued hereunder, or any other pretreatment standard or

requirement, the Authority may petition the Court of Common Pleas of Northumberland County, Pennsylvania through the Authority's Attorney for appropriate legal and equitable relief for the issuance of a temporary or permanent injunction, as appropriate, which restrains or compels the specific performance of the wastewater discharge permit, order, or other requirement imposed by this resolution on activities of the user. The Authority may also seek such other action, as is appropriate for legal and/or equitable relief, including a requirement for the violator to conduct environmental remediation. A petition for injunctive relief shall not be a bar against, or a prerequisite for, taking any other action against a user.

SECTION 10.02 CIVIL PENALTIES

- A. An OWNER or PERSON who has violated, or continues to violate, any provision of these Rules and Regulations, a wastewater discharge permit, or order issued hereunder, or any other pretreatment standard or requirement shall be liable to the Authority for a maximum civil penalty of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) per violation, per day. In the case of a monthly or other long-term average discharge, penalties shall accrue for each day during the period of the violation.
- B. The Authority may recover reasonable attorneys fees, court costs, and other expenses associated with enforcement activities, including sampling and monitoring expenses, and the cost of any actual damages incurred by the Authority.
- C. In determining the amount of civil liability, there shall be taken into account all relevant circumstances, including, but not limited to, the extent of harm caused by the violation, the magnitude and duration of the violation, any economic benefit gained through the users violation, corrective actions by the user, the compliance history of the user, and any other factor as justice requires.
- D. Filing a suit for civil penalties shall not be a bar against, or a prerequisite for, taking any other action against a user.

SECTION 10.03 CRIMINAL PROSECUTION

An OWNER or PERSON who willfully or negligently violates any provision of these Rules and Regulations, a wastewater discharge permit, or order issued hereunder, or any other pretreatment standard or requirement, or who willfully or negligently introduces any substance into the wastewater facilities which causes personal injury or property damage, or any user who knowingly makes any false statements, representations or certifications in any application, record, report, plan, or other document filed, or required to be maintained pursuant to these Rules and Regulations, a wastewater discharge permit or order issued under these Rules and Regulations or who falsifies, tampers with or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device of method required under these Rules and Regulations, may be subject to criminal prosecution in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Municipal Authorities Act and the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, 18 Pa. C.S. Section 101, et seq.

SECTION 10.04 REMEDIES NONEXCLUSIVE

The remedies provided for in these Rules and Regulations are not exclusive. The Authority may take any, all, or any combination of these actions against a non-compliant user. Enforcement of pretreatment violations will generally be in accordance with the Authority's enforcement response plan. However, the Authority may take other action against an OWNER or PERSON when the circumstances warrant. Further, the Authority is empowered to take more than one enforcement action against any noncompliant user.

ARTICLE XI MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 10.01

RIGHT OF ACCESS

The Authority shall have the right of access at reasonable times to any part of any Improved Property served by the Sewer System as shall be required for purposes of inspection, measurement, sampling and testing and for performance of other functions relating to service rendered by the Authority through the Sewer System.

SECTION 10.02

ADDITIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Authority reserves the right to amend these Rules and Regulations or to adopt additional Rules and Regulations from time to time as it shall deemed necessary and proper in connection with the use and operation of the Sewer System or as may be required to meet necessary costs and expenses.

SECTION 10.03

VARIANCE FROM RULES

No officer or employee of the Authority is authorized to vary these Rules without action by the Authority.

SECTION 10.04

CONTROL OF SERVICE

The Authority shall not be liable for a deficiency or failure of service when occasioned by an emergency, required repairs, or failure from any cause beyond its control. The Authority reserves the right to restrict the use of sewer service whenever the public welfare may require it.

SECTION 10.05

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP

Each Owner must give the Authority written notice of any change of ownership of any Improved Property.

SECTION 10.06

CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY

Should any section or provision, paragraph, word, section, or article of this resolution be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction, to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of this resolution as a whole, or any part or section thereof.

SECTION 10.07

CONFLICT

All other regulations and parts of other regulations of the Authority which are inconsistent or may conflict with any part of this regulation are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict.

SECTION 10.08

EFFECTIVE DATE

This regulation shall be in full force and effect as of the date of its adoption.

Adopted by The Municipal Authority of Ralpho Township, County of Northumberland, Pennsylvania, this 12th day of July, 2006.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OF RALPHO TOWNSHIP

HAULED WASTE RATE SCHEDULE

4/13/06

The rates utilized to determine the Disposal Fee for delivery by approved haulers to the Ralpho Township Wastewater Treatment Plant should be:

A. Sewage and septage rates per gallon with solids from

0.0% to 2%	will be charged 4 cents
2.1% to 6%	will be charged 5 cents
Greater than 6%	will be charged 1 cent for each additional percentage

Any hauled waste with solids greater than 6% will not be accepted unless prior approval has been granted by the Authority and a specific rate established.

B. Leachate material with less than 1% solids will be charged three (3) cents per gallon. Leachate material with 1% or more of solids will be charged according to the schedule above.

C. This rate may and shall be changed by the Authority from time to time. The Authority shall provide written notification of any rate change to all approved haulers.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OF RALPHO TOWNSHIP

RATE SCHEDULES

RESIDENTIAL

Effective for the billing cycle of July 1, 2009

METER SIZE:	3/4 INCH
BILLING PERIOD:	QUARTERLY
MINIMUM BASIC CHARGE:	SEWER RATE: \$72.00
USAGE CHARGE:	\$5.00 PER THOUSAND GALLONS USED

SEASONAL

Effective for usage period beginning May 1, 2008

METER SIZE:	UNMETERED
BILLING PERIOD:	5 MONTHS – May 1 st through September 30 th
MINIMUM BASIC CHARGE:	SEWER RATE: \$24.00/month (\$120.00/season)
USAGE CHARGE:	NONE

OTHER CHARGES

TAPPING FEE: \$2,000.00 per EDU

INSPECTION FEE: The inspection fee for a connection under Section 2.05 shall be \$50.00. In the event the Authority incurs costs for inspections relating to repairs, modifications, or work of any other type under Section 3.03(H) or other required observation of third parties working on the System or facilities connected to the System, the Authority reserves the right to seek reimbursement of all such costs.

SERVICE CALL - Any service call made after normal working hours, Monday through Friday, will be charged \$40.00 per hour with a minimum charge of \$40.00.

RETURNED CHECK CHARGE - Any check returned due to non-sufficient funds will be charged a service charge equal to that charged by the depository bank of the Municipal Authority.

RECONNECTION FEE - Any owner who requests to reconnect after service has been terminated due to non-payment of sewer bills, or uncorrected violations to the rules and regulations of the sewer system shall be charged a reconnection fee in the amount of \$75.00

SECOND WATER METER - this meter will record all water that does not enter the sewer system, such as water used to fill a swimming pool or for gardening. The purchase of this second meter is completely by the owner's choice. The cost of the meter and its installation is the responsibility of the owner. The Authority will assume no responsibility for this meter.

THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OF RALPHO TOWNSHIP
COMMERCIAL RATE SCHEDULE

COMMERCIAL-A RATE SCHEDULE

METER SIZE: 1 INCH
BILLING PERIOD: MONTHLY

MINIMUM BASIC CHARGE: SEWER RATE: \$65.00

USAGE CHARGE: \$7.00 PER THOUSAND GALLONS USED

COMMERCIAL-B RATE SCHEDULE

METER SIZE: GREATER THAN 1 INCH
BILLING PERIOD: MONTHLY

MINIMUM BASIC CHARGE: SEWER RATE: \$270.00

USAGE CHARGE: \$7.00 PER THOUSAND GALLONS USED

COMMERCIAL-C RATE SCHEDULE

METER SIZE: GREATER THAN 1 INCH
BILLING PERIOD: MONTHLY

MINIMUM BASIC CHARGE: SEWER RATE: \$270.00

USAGE CHARGE: \$2.00 PER THOUSAND GALLONS USED

OTHER CHARGES:

TAPPING FEE CHARGED AT A RATE OF \$2,000 PER E.D.U. THE EQUIVALENT DWELLING UNIT ARRIVED AT BY DIVIDING THE TOTAL EXPECTED GALLON PER DAY BY 250.