

WEST BRANCH REGIONAL AUTHORITY

LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

2021-001

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE WEST BRANCH REGIONAL AUTHORITY, LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING RATES WITHIN ITS SERVICE AREA, PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN FEES AND CHARGES, AUTHORIZING IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RESOLUTION AND PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT.

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of this Authority has deemed it necessary and proper to adopt a resolution setting for the sewer rental rates to be charged within this Authority's service area and providing for certain related fees and charges;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. In addition to any other applicable charges imposed by the Authority, sewer rental rates and charges for wastewater discharged into the Authority's wastewater collection system from any property shall be on a flat rate basis per equivalent dwelling unit ("EDU"), which shall be defined herein as a family dwelling unit or the equivalent, payable monthly.
2. The sewer rental rate for each EDU shall be fifty-eight dollars (\$58.00) per EDU per month.
3. Except as otherwise approved by the Authority, each structure within the Authority's service area shall have a separate connection to the Authority's wastewater collection system.
4. Each single-family dwelling unit shall be one EDU for purposes of setting the sewer rental rate. When any building or group of buildings contains more than one single family dwelling unit, each single-family dwelling unit shall be one EDU for purposes of setting the sewer rental rate.
5. Each commercial unit shall be one or more EDUs, based upon the Schedule of Sanitary Sewer Rates Effective January 1, 2021, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and is incorporated herein by reference, for purposes of setting the sewer rental rate.
6. Each industrial and institutional unit shall be billed in accordance with a base rate plus usage, based upon the attached Schedule A, effective July 1, 2020, for purposes of setting the sewer rental rate.
7. The Governing Board of this Authority, by separate Resolution, may establish a schedule of surcharges based upon the character of the wastewater discharged into the Authority's wastewater collection system.

8. When any single connection to the Authority's wastewater collection system contains multiple billing units, the Authority shall assess sewer rentals and charges, as appropriate, as though each such billing unit was in a separate structure and had a direct and separate connection to the Authority's wastewater collection system.

9. A tapping fee of 1,500 per EDU, or EDU equivalent in the case of customers billed by usage, shall be charged to all owners of buildings and/or properties connecting to the Authority's wastewater collection system. The Governing Board of this Authority may establish a schedule of additional fees, including without limitation connection fees, administrative fees, inspection fees and any other fees authorized by law, to be imposed upon ratepayers in connection with the wastewater disposal services provided by the Authority.

10. The Governing Board of this Authority may, from time to time, alter, modify, revise, amend and/or add to its list of flat rate classifications and Industrial and Institutional rates, and establish and/or modify the annual and monthly rates applicable thereto.

11. Notwithstanding any provision in this Resolution to the contrary, the Governing Board of this Authority shall have the right to enter into special agreements with the owner of any property, with respect to terms and conditions upon which sewage may be discharged to the Authority's wastewater collection system and with respect to payments to be made to the Authority in connection therewith. Treatment rates for high volume users may be negotiated.


12. If the Governing Board of this Authority deems it appropriate, this Authority may impose temporary or permanent sewer districts in order to impose the cost of construction or reconstruction of the Sewer System equitably upon those who benefit from the construction or reconstruction. Each such district may have separate connection fees, inspection fees and tapping fees and may also have separate user fees.

13. The Authority may provide services to its municipal partners on a time and material basis, including, but not limited to, closed circuit televising, infiltration and inflow investigation, jetting and cleaning, excavation and repair, root cutting, operational services, sewage ordinance enforcement, and general assistance. The Authority may bill for provision of these services in accordance with the current Schedule of Sanitary Sewer Rates.

RESOLVED, ENACTED AND ADOPTED at a meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

ATTEST:

By Deb Stone / HR  
Secretary

  
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Chairperson

# WEST BRANCH REGIONAL AUTHORITY SCHEDULE OF SANITARY SEWER RATES

Effective February 1, 2021

1. Residential and Commercial customers located within the West Branch Regional Authority service area will be billed at a flat rate of fifty-eight (\$58.00) dollars per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU). New connections to the system will be assigned EDUs based on the following schedule:

Residential, each dwelling unit, apartment, or mobile home		1
Each retail store, office, business, warehouse <sup>1</sup>		
*	Ten or fewer employees	1
	Each additional five (5) employees or fraction thereof	0.5
Each business providing showers for employees <sup>1</sup>		
*	Six (6) or fewer employees	1
	Each additional three (3) employees or fraction thereof	0.5
Each day care, per twenty (20) children and staff, or fraction thereof <sup>d</sup>		1
Each improved property having one or more commercial (3/4 horsepower or greater) garbage grinder, per grinder		1
Each hotel, motel, or boarding house, per four rental rooms or fraction thereof, not including restaurant facilities		1
Each restaurant, club, or tavern		
	Per twenty (20) seats	1
	Per ten (10) seats or fraction thereof	0.5
Each church, not including parsonage		1
Each firehouse with hall		1
Each service station or automobile repair garage (same as business)		1
Each wash bay		1
Each barber shop (hair cutting only)		
Each additional three (3) chairs or fraction thereof		1
Each beauty shop (washing bowls)		
	One (1) chair	1
	Each additional chair	0.5
Each laundromat, per five (5) washers or fraction thereof		1
Each convalescent home, per two (2) beds		1
Each municipal building, per ten (10) employees or fraction thereof <sup>d</sup>		1
Each skating rink, per seventy-five (75) skaters or fraction thereof		1

Where a new user does not meet a specific category in the above schedule, the Authority shall determine the number of appropriate EDUs based on information available to it. <sup>1</sup>

2. Industrial and Institutional customers located within the West Branch Regional Authority service area will be billed based on a base rate plus usage, as follows:

First 0 to 5,000 gallons per month..... \$116 (minimum charge)

Next 15,000 gallons per month.            \$12.66 per 1,000 gallons of water use

Next 80,000 gallons per month.            \$11.61 per 1,000 gallons of water use

Above 100,000 gallons per month.....\$10.55 per 1,000 gallons of water use

3. Services provided by the Authority to its municipal partners will be billed in accordance with the following schedule, except where otherwise established in a separate contract:

A. Employees: Individual employees will be billed at rates associated with their Job Description, except for tasks where employee costs are integrated or where costs are otherwise established in a separate agreement:

Water/Sewer Technician	\$30/hour to \$41/hour
Water/Sewer Operator	\$33/hour to \$51/hour
Administration	\$15/hour to \$38/hour
Compliance Technician/Officer	\$27/hour to \$40/hour
Project Coordinator	\$38/hour
Foreman	\$35/hour
Executive Director	\$53/hour
Deputy Director	\$58/hour
Collection System Manager	\$48/hour
Maintenance Technician	\$29/hour to \$43/hour
Intern/Seasonal	\$ 10/hour to \$20/hour

B. Equipment

Backhoe	\$20/hour
Mini Excavator (Small)	\$11/hour
Mini Excavator (Medium)	\$15/hour
Mini Excavator (Large)	\$15/hour
500-gal Vac. Truck*	\$175/hour
1,500 gal-Vac. Truck*	\$205/hour
CCTV Equipment*	\$185/hour
Root Cutter*	\$100/hour
Dump Truck (Red)	\$15/hour

Dump Truck (Yellow)	\$15/hour
Dump Truck (New)	\$57/hour
Pick-Up Truck	\$6/hour
Front End Loader	\$15/hour

*\* Includes Employees*