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MEMORANDUM

TO: LCA Board of Directors
FROM: Liesel Gross, CEO
DATE: November 3, 2025
RE: 2026 Water & Sewer Rates

Attached: Sample Residential Bill Calculations for LCA Service Areas
Lehigh Valley Water & Sewer Rate Comparison
Proposed 2026 Water & Sewer Rate Schedules

Important Reminders

1. Lehigh County Authority is a non-profit, municipal authority. All revenues collected through our water and sewer rates are used for the sole benefit of the system to pay for current expenses or to fund future capital improvements.
2. Our Board of Directors are unpaid volunteers, and LCA has no shareholders to pay.
3. While LCA operates as a single organization, the water and sewer revenues collected from our customers in Suburban communities may not be used to pay for expenses associated with the Allentown Division lease agreement, or vice versa. This is specified in all LCA bond documents that prohibit the mixing of revenues.
4. Our nation's water and wastewater systems face staggering public investment needs over the next several decades. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates more than \$1.2 Trillion will be needed for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure improvements over the next 20 years. These investments are needed not only to replace aging systems that are 50 to 100 years old or older, but also to implement new public health initiatives such as the requirement to remove all lead pipes from water systems. In LCA's service area, local needs to address these challenges will place continued stress on the annual budget and rates to all customers for the foreseeable future.
5. These critical system improvements and associated rate increases are necessary for the protection of public health and the environment, and to support a vibrant economy. LCA takes this responsibility very seriously. The decision to raise rates is weighed carefully against the long-term needs of the system so that LCA can fulfill its mission.

Rate Setting & Review Process

Lehigh County Authority's 2026 water and sewer rates are presented in the attached schedules for the Board of Director's consideration for adoption on November 10, 2025. They have been posted on the LCA website in advance of their proposed adoption and shared with key customers directly in accordance with any existing service agreements. Should any customer or member of the general public

have questions or comments about these rates prior to their effective date of January 1, 2026, LCA staff will bring them back to the Board for consideration and to record them publicly for the record.

To assist the Board and the public with reviewing the proposed rates, a summary of the proposed rate changes is shown on the table below, and all changes are highlighted / shaded grey within the rate schedule documents attached. A calculation of the impact to a typical residential customer is also attached to this memo along with a comparison of how LCA’s rates compare to other water/sewer utilities in the Lehigh Valley region and other major urban areas located in Pennsylvania.

It is important to note that these rates were discussed, reviewed, and preliminarily approved as part of the 2026 Budget process that began in July and was concluded in October. This submission represents formal adoption of the rates that were generated based on 2026 Budget calculations of revenue requirements as well as contractual requirements for rate-setting.

Water Rates

Rate	Page #	Description / Discussion
Suburban Water Fixed & Volume Charges	1	Proposed changes in the volume rates align with recommendations made by LCA’s rate consultant in 2022 using a “cost of service” model designed to distribute actual system costs to customers in accordance with their water usage.
Public Fire Protection	2	Fire hydrant and system charges for public fire service provided by the Authority were also evaluated as part of the 2022 water rate study.
Allentown Water Rates	6	The 2026 rates reflect increases based on the terms of the Concession Lease Agreement with the City of Allentown, as amended in the summer of 2020. Such increases include an overall 7.1% increase, comprised of increases to general fixed and volume charges and updated calculations of the Capital Cost Recovery Charge and other fees per the methodology included in the Lease.

Wastewater Rates

Rate	Page #	Description / Discussion
Suburban Common Rate Sewer Systems	1	Sewer rates in LCA’s small sewer systems have not been increased since 2013 and have not kept pace with operations and maintenance costs. The 2026 rate increases on average by about 4% and will be continued annually to address revenue requirements for these small systems.
Suburban Exceptional Strength Charge	4	As calculated in the Western Lehigh Interceptor User Charge Report that was submitted to municipal signatories in October 2025. Rates are calculated by formula in compliance with municipal agreements.
Western Lehigh Interceptor & Little Lehigh Relief Interceptor User Charges	6	As calculated in the Western Lehigh Interceptor User Charge Report that was submitted to municipal signatories in October 2025. Rates are calculated by formula in compliance with municipal agreements.

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Allentown Exceptional Strength Charge	8	As calculated by formula and applied to the City’s municipal signatories and in-City customers with high-strength waste discharges.
Allentown Industrial Pretreatment Charges	8	Fees that may apply to individual customers depending on permit parameters, based on actual costs.

2026 Tapping Fees / Customer Facilities Fees

Any updates to these fees that may be required will be brought to the Board at a later date with required documentation and Resolution.

**LEHIGH COUNTY AUTHORITY
SCHEDULE OF WATER RATES AND CHARGES**

**CENTRAL LEHIGH, NORTH WHITEHALL, WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP,
HEIDELBERG HEIGHTS, ARCADIA, PINE LAKES, MILL CREEK, BEVERLY HILLS,
CLEARVIEW FARM ESTATES, UPPER MILFORD CENTRAL, EMMAUS CONSECUTIVE,
AND MADISON PARK NORTH DIVISIONS**

I. Schedule of Water Rates

A. Metered Water Use

**Central Lehigh, North Whitehall, Washington Township, Heidelberg Heights,
Arcadia, Pine Lakes, Mill Creek, Beverly Hills, Emmaus Consecutive,
Madison Park North, Upper Milford Central & Clearview Farm Estates
Divisions**

(adopted 11/10/2025; effective 1/1/2026)

Current Fixed Charges		2026
Meter Size	Fixed Charge	Fixed Charge
<i>Quarterly</i>		
5/8" & 3/4" *	\$34.50	\$36.50
1"	61.25	65.00
<i>Monthly</i>		
1-1/2"	46.25	49.00
2"	64.00	67.75
3"	115.75	122.75
4"	169.50	179.75
6"	317.50	336.50
8"	493.25	522.75
10"	694.25	736.00

*Typical residential.

Current Volume Charges			2026
Quarterly Usage (gal.)	Monthly Usage (gal.)	Rate per 1,000 Gal.	Rate per 1,000 Gal.
First 120,000	First 0 - 40,000	\$4.02	\$4.14
Next 2,880,000	Next 960,000	\$3.63	\$3.74
Next 24,000,000	Next 8,000,000	\$3.18	\$3.28
Next 147,000,000	Next 49,000,000	\$2.92	\$3.01
Over 174,000,000	Over 58,000,000	\$2.72	\$2.80

Welshtown Road (Washington Township Division)

(adopted 9/19/95; effective 10/1/95)

Volume	Rate per 1,000 Gal.
First 8,000 gal./qtr.	*Minimum Charge/Quarter
All over 8,000 gal./qtr.	\$ 5.50
Meter Size	*Minimum Charge/Quarter
5/8" & 3/4"	\$ 60.00
1"	72.00
1-1/4"	84.00
1-1/2"	108.00
2"	133.00
3"	169.00
4"	266.00
6"	459.00

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VI. Lien Administration Fee

(adopted 12/13/04; effective 01/1/05)

\$56.50 + Current Lehigh County Clerk of Court's Filing Fee

VII. Hydrant Security Device Fee

Central Lehigh Division

(adopted 11/28/16; effective 1/1/17)

\$140.00

VIII. Fire Flow Test Charge

(adopted 11/11/2024; effective 1/1/2025)

\$300.00

IX. Use of Easement Preparation Fee

(adopted 12/07/11; effective 01/01/12)

\$90.00

X. Backflow Prevention Non-compliance Charge

(adopted 12/07/11; effective 01/01/12)

\$50.00

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IX. Tapping, Connection and Customer Facilities Fees

(adopted 7/28/2025; effective 8/1/2025)

**Central Lehigh, North Whitehall, Washington Township, Heidelberg Heights,
Pine Lakes, Mill Creek, Beverly Hills, Madison Park North, Upper Milford
Central & Clearview Farm Estates Divisions**

Size of Service Line	Tapping Fee		Connection Fee	Customer Facilities Fee
	Distribution	Capacity		
MFR*	\$ 173.93	\$ 529.32	Actual Cost See fee schedule	
3/4"	260.89	793.98		
1"	434.82	1,323.30		
1-1/2"	869.63	2,646.59		
2"	1,391.41	4,234.55		
3"	2,608.89	7,939.78		
4"	4,348.16	13,232.97		
6"	8,696.32	26,465.94		
8"	13,914.10	42,345.51		
10"	20,001.52	60,871.67		
12"	37,394.15	113,803.56		

Emmaus Consecutive Division

Inquire with Lehigh County Authority. Tapping fee subject to intermunicipal agreement for water capacity provided by Borough of Emmaus.

Arcadia Division

Size of Service Line	Tapping Fee		Connection Fee	Customer Facilities Fee
	Distribution	Capacity		
MFR*	\$ 194.86	\$ 1,822.92	Actual Cost See fee schedule	
3/4"	292.29	2,734.37		
1"	487.16	4,557.29		
1-1/2"	974.32	9,114.58		
2"	1,558.90	14,583.32		
3"	2,922.95	27,343.73		
4"	4,871.58	45,572.88		
6"	9,743.16	91,145.76		
8"	15,589.05	145,833.22		
10"	22,409.26	209,635.25		
12"	41,895.57	391,926.77		

Special Purpose Fee	
Fire Service System	\$ 0.18 Per Square Foot of Building Space

Notes:

MFR - Applicable to each dwelling unit in a mobile home park or multi-family dwelling with individual service and individually metered.

Connection Fee is based on actual cost of connecting to the Authority water line, extending the service line to the property line, and inspecting the Customer Service Line.

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Customer Facilities Fee

(adopted 12/9/2024; effective 1/1/2025)

This fee includes the supply and installation of a water meter and a backflow protection device for residential facilities (meter component). The fee can also include, at the customer's option and based on actual cost, installation of a service line from the property line to the customer's facility by the Authority.

All service lines must have an approved backflow protection device installed. The Authority will furnish a DC (dual check) device for residential facilities.

Meter Size	Meter Fee - With DC Backflow	Meter Fee - With No Backflow
5/8"	\$530	\$472
5/8" Pit	\$531	\$473
3/4"	\$549	\$491
3/4" Pit	\$550	\$492
1"		\$619
1" Pit		\$562
1 1/2" Displacement *		\$874
1 1/2" Turbine *		\$1,338
1 1/2" Compound *		\$1,831
2" Displacement *		\$1,133
2" Turbine *		\$1,553
2" Compound *		\$2,087

* LCA will install all meters 1" or smaller. Larger meters may be purchased from LCA at the prices listed above, which includes a \$50 inspection fee. If LCA installation of a larger meter is requested, the customer will pay actual costs, on a time and materials basis.

Notes:

Backflow protection devices for commercial/industrial facilities or other facilities with a 1" or larger meter shall be approved by the Authority, and supplied, installed and tested by the applicant. Meters larger than 2" shall be approved by the Authority, supplied and installed by the applicant, and inspected by the Authority at the applicant's expense.

X. Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) Fee

All Divisions

(adopted 9/24/01, effective 1/1/02)

\$25.00

XI. Service Initiation Fee

All Divisions

(adopted 9/24/01, effective 1/1/02)

\$15.00

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SCHEDULE OF WATER RATES AND CHARGES (cont'd)**

CITY OF ALLENTOWN

Adopted 11/10/2025; Effective 1/1/2026

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A. Metered Water Use

Meter Size	2025 Monthly Charge	2026 Monthly Charge	2025 Quarterly Charge	2026 Quarterly Charge
5/8"	n/a	n/a	\$85.57	\$90.28
3/4"	n/a	n/a	\$94.93	\$100.15
1"	n/a	n/a	\$114.11	\$120.38
1 1/2"	\$53.77	\$56.73	n/a	n/a
2"	\$72.63	\$76.62	n/a	n/a
3"	\$122.79	\$129.54	n/a	n/a
4"	\$179.51	\$189.38	n/a	n/a
6"	\$336.58	\$355.09	n/a	n/a
8"	\$525.28	\$554.17	n/a	n/a

Volume	2025 Rate per 1,000 Gallons*	2026 Rate per 1,000 Gallons*
All Volume	\$5.11851	\$5.35708

* Volume charge includes cost recovery for any Change of Law and cost passed through from the Delaware River Basin Commission as allowed under the Lease Agreement with the City of Allentown.

B. Capital Cost Recovery Charge **\$0.40753 per 1000 gallons**

2026 Rate: \$0.42054

C. Private Fire Protection

Each Hydrant	\$506.33 per year (may be billed monthly or quarterly)
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2026 Rate:
\$534.17

D. Tapping Fees

Part 1 – Pre-Concession Rate for Pre-Concession Capital Cost Recovery

\$8.30 per gallon

2026 Rate: \$8.75

Part 2 – Post-Concession Rate for LCA Capital Cost Recovery

Capacity Part	\$0.00851 per gallon
Distribution Part	\$0.02551 per gallon

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E. Customer Facilities Fees

Adopted 12/9/2024; Effective 1/1/2025

Fees includes the supply and installation of a water meter and associated components.

Meter Size	With LCA Installation*	Without LCA Installation*
5/8"	\$394	
3/4"	\$463	
1"	\$448	
1 1/2"	\$784	
2"	\$988	
3" Compound		\$2,279
3" Turbine		\$1,629
4" Compound		\$3,833
4" Turbine		\$3,012
6" Compound		\$6,694
6" Turbine		\$5,445
6" Fireline		\$12,306
8" Compound		\$10,709
8" Turbine		\$9,143
8" Fireline		\$19,425

* LCA will install all meters 2" or smaller. Larger meters may be purchased from LCA at the prices listed above, which includes a \$50 inspection fee. If LCA installation of a larger meter is requested, the customer will pay actual costs, on a time and materials basis.

Other Components	Price
5/8" Meter Horn	\$65.51
3/4" Meter Horn	\$76.69
Curb Box	\$107.33

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F. Connection Fee

Adopted 12/9/2024; Effective 1/1/2025

Actual cost of connecting to the Authority water line, completed by Authority personnel. Additional fees may apply for service line inspection, plan review, construction permits and/or capital recovery charges. Please contact the Authority's Capital Works department for more information.

Tap Size	Connection Fee
3/4"	\$439
1"	\$468
1 1/2"	\$702
2"	\$879
4" x 4"	\$3,097
6" x 4"	\$3,291
6" x 6"	\$3,554
8" x 4"	\$3,568
8" x 6"	\$3,831
8" x 8"	\$4,541
12" x 4"	\$5,024
12" x 6"	\$5,288
12" x 8"	\$6,060
12" x 12"	\$8,152

**LEHIGH COUNTY AUTHORITY
SCHEDULE OF WASTEWATER RATES AND CHARGES**

**UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP, WEISENBERG TOWNSHIP,
HEIDELBERG HEIGHTS, WYNNEWOOD, SAND SPRING, WASHINGTON
TOWNSHIP, LOWHILL TOWNSHIP, LYNN TOWNSHIP, WESTERN LEHIGH
INTERCEPTOR & LITTLE LEHIGH RELIEF INTERCEPTOR SYSTEMS**

I. Schedule of Wastewater Rates

NOTE: For Subsections A – F of this schedule, the following shall apply:

- All residential properties shall be billed based on the first-quarter usage based on water meter readings. If no first-quarter usage data is available, or the property is unmetered, residential properties shall be billed based on an assumed usage of 180 gallons per day.
- All commercial properties shall be billed based on actual usage based on water meter readings.
- Where a per-EDU fixed charge is applied to commercial properties, the assumed value of an Equivalent Dwelling Unit is 235 gallons per day.

A. Common Rate Sewer Collection Systems

Direct customers in Upper Milford, Weisenberg, Lowhill, and Upper Macungie Townships with no local wastewater treatment system (collection systems only).
(adopted 11/10/2025; effective 1/1/2026)

Flow Charge	<u>\$/1,000 gals</u>	
All Flow	4.53	
Fixed Charge per Quarter	<u>\$ per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU)</u>	<u>2026 Fixed Charge per EDU</u>
- Multi-Family Residential	10.50	\$12.00
- All Other Accounts	21.00	\$24.00

B. Common Rate Sewer Collection & Treatment Systems

Wynnewood Terrace, Heidelberg Heights, Sand Spring and Lynn Township systems with wastewater treatment plant service.
(adopted 11/10/2025; effective 1/1/2026)

Flow Charge	<u>\$/1,000 gals</u>	
All Flow	9.53	
Fixed Charge per Quarter	<u>\$ per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU)</u>	<u>2026 Fixed Charge per EDU</u>
- Multi-Family Residential	10.50	\$15.00
- All Other Accounts	21.00	\$30.00

C. Western Weisenberg Township System (Arcadia West)

(adopted 12/11/06; effective 01/01/07)

Quarterly Flow Charge	<u>\$/1,000 gals</u> 58.00
Quarterly Fixed Charge	<u>\$/1000 gals of Allocation per day</u> 7.55

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D. Washington Township System

(adopted by resolution of Washington Township Board of Supervisors 12/2/08; effective 1/1/09 – Administered by Lehigh County Authority per agreement, as operator, approved 4/13/09; effective 1/1/09. Current rate adopted by LCA 12/10/12; effective 01/01/13). All other Authority administrative fees shall apply to these customers, including those set forth in the Metering Fees and Other Charges categories of this schedule.

Fixed Charge	\$/qtr
All customers	\$124.00

Flow Charge	\$/1,000 gals
All flow	\$5.00

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II. Metering Fees

A. Meter Purchase/Installation Fee
(adopted 12/9/2024; effective 1/1/2025)

Meter Size	Purchase & Inspection *
5/8"	\$399
5/8" Pit	\$400
3/4"	\$418
3/4" Pit	\$419
1"	\$546
1" Pit	\$489
1-1/2" Displacement	\$874
1-1/2" Turbine	\$1,338
1-1/2" Compound	\$1,831
2" Displacement	\$1,133
2" Turbine	\$1,553
2" Compound	\$2,087

* Prices include ECR meter with touchpad, radio read unit and installation wire, plus \$50 inspection fee. Plumber shall install all components and call for meter inspection by LCA personnel.

B. Meter Inspection Fee **\$50.00**
(adopted 12/15/14; effective 1/1/15)

C. Meter Test Fee
(adopted 12/15/14; effective 1/1/15)

Meter Size	Fee
5/8", 3/4", 1"	\$50.00
Larger than 1"	Actual Cost if >\$50

III. Other Charges

A. Service Order / Site Visit Fee
(adopted 12/15/14; effective 1/1/15)

Business Hours – 7:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., **\$50.00**
Monday through Friday (except holidays)

After Hours **\$150.00**

B. Site Revisitation Charge **\$100.00**
(adopted 12/15/14; effective 1/1/15)

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- C. Lien Administration Fee**
(adopted 12/13/04; effective 01/01/05)

\$56.50 + Current Lehigh County Clerk of Court's Filing Fee

- D. Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) Fee** **\$25.00**
(adopted 9/24/01, effective 1/01/02)

- E. Service Initiation Fee** **\$15.00**
(adopted 9/24/01, effective 1/01/02)

- F. Sampling and Testing Charges** **\$182.00/day**
(adopted 11/11/19; effective 1/1/20)
(Commercial & Industrial)

Fats-Oils-Greases Analysis **\$68.50/sample**
(adopted 11/11/2024; effective 1/1/2025)

- G. Exceptional Strength Charges**
(adopted 11/10/2025; effective 1/1/2026)

(Commercial & Industrial)	2025 Rates	2026 Rates
	\$ / pound	\$ / pound
BOD	0.34	0.40
TSS	0.28	0.39
TKN	0.42	0.43

- H. Use of Easement Preparation Fee** **\$90.00**
(adopted 12/07/11; effective 01/01/12)

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IV. Capital Recovery Charges

(adopted 7/28/2025; effective 8/1/2025)

System	Tapping Fee \$/gallon/day	Tapping Fee \$/EDU	Connection Fee	Customer Facilities Fee
Upper Milford System			Actual Cost Trended*	Actual Cost Trended*
Route 29 Service Area				
Contributed Area (includes Western Lehigh fees plus UMiT Capacity & Planning Parts)	\$ 24.11	\$ 5,538.20		
LCA-Installed Area (includes Contributed Area fees plus UMiT Collection Part)	37.45	8,779.45		
Lower Macungie Twp. Customer	3.29	768.84		
Other Service Areas				
Contributed Area (includes Western Lehigh fees plus UMiT Capacity Part- Other)	16.80	3,760.08		
Non-Contributed Area (includes Contributed Area fees plus UMiT Collection Part)	30.13	7,001.34		
Western Weisenberg Twp System				
LCA Planning Fee	3.38	887.47	Historical Cost plus Financing	
LCA Land Fee	6.15	1,613.77	Actual Cost Trended	
Wastewater Treatment Plant	51.00	13,388.70	Actual Cost Trended	
Wynnewood System				
Capacity	96.04	22,473.09	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
Collection	23.65	5,533.53		
Heidelberg Heights System				
Capacity	45.40	10,622.77	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
Collection	4.57	1,069.72		
Sand Spring System				
Capacity	178.85	41,851.21	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
Collection	4.50	1,052.55		

*If constructed by Authority; if constructed by property owner, a \$90 inspection fee applies.

The capital recovery fees set forth in this schedule do not apply to the Washington Township sewer system since the Washington Township Board of Supervisors establishes such fees and administers capital recovery fees directly.

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WESTERN LEHIGH INTERCEPTOR SYSTEM

I. Schedule of Wastewater Rates

(adopted 11/10/2025; effective 1/1/2026)

LCA Signatories	2025 Rate (\$)	2026 Rates
Flow (per 1,000 gallons)	1.55	\$1.48
BOD (per pound)	0.34	\$0.40
TSS (per pound)	0.28	\$0.39
TKN (per pound)	0.42	\$0.53
Allocation (per 1,000 gallons per day)	0.31	\$0.36
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Flow (per 1,000 gallons)	0.46	\$0.58

II. Tapping Fee

(adopted 7/28/2025; effective 8/1/2025)

<u>System</u>	Tapping Fee \$/gal/day	Tapping Fee \$/EDU	Costing Method
Treatment Allocation	7.84	1,747.39	Historical Trended Cost
Western Lehigh Interceptor	6.05	1,349.21	

LITTLE LEHIGH RELIEF INTERCEPTOR SYSTEM

I. Schedule of Wastewater Rates

(adopted 11/10/2025; effective 1/1/2026)

	2025 Rates (\$)	2026 Rates
LCA Signatories – Phase 1 Flow (per 1,000 gallons)	0.33	\$0.16
Other Users – Lower Macungie Phase 2 & Brookside Road, Salisbury, and So. Whitehall Townships Flow (per 1,000 gallons)	0.31	\$0.19
LCA Signatories – Phase 2 Flow (per 1,000 gallons)	0.018	\$0.025

II. Tapping Fee

(adopted 7/28/2025; effective 8/1/2025)

<u>System</u>	Tapping Fee \$/gal/day	Tapping Fee \$/EDU	Costing Method
Little Lehigh Relief Interceptor	2.17	484.04	Historical Trended Cost

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A. Sewer Usage Charges

Meter Size	2025 Monthly Charge	2026 Monthly Charge	2025 Quarterly Charge	2026 Quarterly Charge
5/8"	n/a	n/a	\$29.75	\$31.38
3/4"	n/a	n/a	\$32.97	\$34.78
1"	n/a	n/a	\$39.42	\$41.59
1 1/2"	\$18.52	\$19.54	n/a	n/a
2"	\$24.97	\$26.34	n/a	n/a
3"	\$42.29	\$44.62	n/a	n/a
4"	\$61.64	\$65.03	n/a	n/a
6"	\$115.52	\$121.87	n/a	n/a
8"	\$211.92	\$223.58	n/a	n/a

Flow Charge	2025 Rate per 1,000 Gallons*	2026 Rate per 1,000 Gallons*
All flow based on metered water usage**	\$3.65502	\$3.85688

* Flow charge includes cost recovery for any Change of Law and cost passed through from the Delaware River Basin Commission as allowed under the Lease Agreement with the City of Allentown.

** Unmetered residential accounts will be charged for flow based on an average usage of 180 gallons per day.

B. <u>Capital Cost Recovery Charge</u>	\$0.29680 per 1000 gallons	2026 Rate: \$0.65344
C. <u>Administrative Order Fee</u>	\$0.20363 per 1000 gallons	2026 Rate: \$0.20934

Administrative Order Fee is collected to reimburse the City of Allentown for expenses associated with complying with the USEPA Administrative Order to correct / eliminate sanitary sewer system overflows.

D. Tapping Fees

Part 1 – Pre-Concession Rate for Pre-Concession Capital Cost Recovery

\$6.32 per gallon

2026 Rate: \$6.67

Part 2 – Post-Concession Rate for LCA Capital Cost Recovery

Capacity Part \$0.01538 per gallon

Collection Part \$0.00052 per gallon

**LEHIGH COUNTY AUTHORITY
SCHEDULE OF WASTEWATER RATES AND CHARGES**

E. Exceptional Strength Charges

(Commercial & Industrial)	2025 Rate \$ / pound	2026 Rate \$ / pound
BOD	0.330	0.334
TSS	0.293	0.312
TKN	0.430	0.466

F. Industrial Pretreatment Program Fees

Program Charge / Testing Fees	2025 Rate	2026 Rate
Issue Initial Two (2) Year Permit	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Renewal Fee	\$575.00	\$575.00
Review of Monitoring Reports Required by Federal Regulations	\$275.00	\$275.00
Single Occurrence Review	\$350.00	\$350.00
Site Visitations and Inspection	\$130.00	\$130.00
Monitoring Reports Preparation	\$135.00	\$135.00
Placement of Chemical Samplers	\$105.00	\$105.00
Sample Collection and Preparation	\$52.50	\$52.50
Biochemical Oxygen Demand	\$28.50	\$28.50
Cyanide, Total	\$31.00	\$35.50
Oil & Grease	\$68.50	\$68.50
pH	\$13.00	\$13.00
Phenols	\$37.50	\$38.50
Solids, Total Dissolved	\$22.00	\$26.00
Solids, Total Suspended	\$18.00	\$18.00
Solids, Total	\$15.50	\$15.50
Sulfides	\$50.00	\$50.00
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN)	\$30.00	\$30.00
Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons	\$75.00	\$75.00
Total Phosphorous as P	\$15.00	\$15.50
Cadmium	\$15.50	\$15.50
Chromium	\$15.50	\$15.50
Copper	\$15.50	\$15.50
Lead	\$15.50	\$15.50
Molybdenum	\$15.50	\$15.50
Nickel	\$15.50	\$15.50
Silver	\$15.50	\$15.50
Selenium	\$15.50	\$15.50
Zinc	\$15.50	\$15.50
Mercury	\$26.00	\$26.00
Cobalt	\$15.50	\$15.50
Lithium	\$15.50	\$15.50
SVOA 625	\$237.00	\$237.00
VOA 1666	\$449.00	\$449.00
VOA 624	\$125.00	\$128.50
Diesel Range Organics	\$78.00	\$78.00
PFAS	\$357.00	\$450.00