

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-\_\_\_\_\_**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM, COUNTIES OF LEHIGH AND NORTHAMPTON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ARTICLE 927 OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM CODIFIED ORDINANCES TITLED "SEWER RENTAL".

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AND ENACT THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE:

**SECTION 1.** Article 927 of the City of Bethlehem Codified Ordinances relating to Sewer Rental, Section 927.02 relating to General Rates of Rental, is hereby amended to read as follows (underlined text denotes additions, whereas ~~strikeouts~~ denote deletions):

**927.02 GENERAL RATES OF RENTAL.**

The City of Bethlehem hereby establishes the following rates governing the furnishing of sewer service with respect to properties inside and outside the City:

(a) The sewer charges for the City of Bethlehem shall be as listed below based on whether the billing is quarterly or monthly:

CUSTOMER CHARGES METER SIZE	MONTHLY		QUARTERLY	
	<del>9.57</del>	<u>10.34</u>	<del>28.71</del>	<u>31.02</u>
5/8"	<del>9.57</del>	<u>10.34</u>	<del>28.71</del>	<u>31.02</u>
3/4"	<del>18.30</del>	<u>19.76</u>	<del>54.89</del>	<u>59.28</u>
1"	<del>35.58</del>	<u>38.43</u>	<del>106.73</del>	<u>115.29</u>
1.5"	<del>69.54</del>	<u>75.14</u>	<del>208.62</del>	<u>225.42</u>
2"	<del>111.57</del>	<u>120.51</u>		
3"	<del>229.13</del>	<u>247.46</u>		
4"	<del>359.02</del>	<u>387.74</u>		
6"	<del>716.43</del>	<u>773.74</u>		
8"	1438.24	1553.30		

All gallons used shall be charged as listed below:

**RESIDENTIAL/RESALE**

Each 1000 gallons	<del>3.255</del>	<u>3.515</u>
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COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL/INSTITUTIONAL/PUBLIC

Each 1000 gallons                      ~~3.255~~ 3.515

(Ord. 4234. Passed 12/16/2003; Ord. 4333. Passed 8/2/2005; Ord. 4372. Passed 2/21/2006; Ord. 2012-4. Passed 2/21/2012; Ord. 2014-3. Passed 2/18/2014; Ord. 2016-33. Passed 11/15/2016; Ord. 2019-37. Passed 11/19/2019.)

(b) The sewer charges for those properties in Hanover Township, Northampton County, who are direct service customer, i.e., charges to those customers who receive City of Bethlehem water service and billing statements for said service predicated on water meter reading shall be the same as those charged in 927.02 (a) above. Those properties not in the City of Bethlehem water service area that have water meters and readings supplied by others shall be the same as those listed in 927.02 (a) above. All properties not in the City of Bethlehem water service area and not having water meters shall be based on 32,000 gallons per quarter in accordance with the agreement dated 1 June 1967. All rates shall be increased by five (5%) percent for system maintenance of mains by agreement between the City of Bethlehem and the Township dated April 16, 2007. Therefore, the rates shall be as noted below:

CUSTOMER CHARGES METER SIZE	MONTHLY		QUARTERLY	
5/8"	<del>10.05</del>	<u>10.85</u>	<del>30.14</del>	<u>32.55</u>
3/4"	<del>19.21</del>	<u>20.75</u>	<del>57.63</del>	<u>62.25</u>
1"	<del>37.35</del>	<u>40.34</u>	112.06	<u>121.02</u>
1.5"	<del>73.02</del>	<u>78.86</u>	<del>219.05</del>	<u>236.58</u>
2"	117.15	<u>126.52</u>		
3"	240.59	<u>259.84</u>		
4"	376.98	<u>407.14</u>		
6"	752.25	<u>812.43</u>		
8"	<del>1510.15</del>	<u>1630.96</u>		

All gallons shall be charged as listed below:

RESIDENTIAL/RESALE

Each 1000 gallons                      ~~3.418~~ 3.691

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL/INSTITUTIONAL/PUBLIC

Each 1000 gallons                      ~~3.418~~ 3.691

(Ord. 4333. Passed 8/5/2005; Ord. 4372. Passed 2/21/2006; Ord. 2012-4. Passed 2/21/2012. Ord. 2014-3. Passed 2/18/2014; Ord. 2016-33. Passed 11/15/2016; Ord. 2019-37. Passed

11/19/2019.)

(c) A bulk service rate per 1000 gallons plus an annual capital payment where applicable for Hanover Township (Lehigh County), Borough of Hellertown, Borough of Fountain Hill, Bethlehem Township, Lower Saucon Township, Salisbury Township, Borough of Freemansburg, ~~and the City of Allentown,~~ and Lower Nazareth Township, and East Allen Township shall be calculated annually by the Director of the Water and Sewer Resources Department based on the agreement between the City of Bethlehem and the respective municipality. (Ord. 2015-14. Passed 3/17/2015; Ord. 2016-33. Passed 11/15/2016.)

(d) All sanitary sewer services bills shall be subject to a penalty of one and one-half (1.50%) percent per month if not paid within twenty (20) calendar days from the date the bill is mailed.

**SECTION 2.** All ordinances and parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Sponsored by \_\_\_\_\_

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PASSED finally in Council on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

This Ordinance approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Mayor