PENN LAKE PARK BOROUGH ORDINANCE NO.: 1 of 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PENN LAKE PARK, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY INCREASE IN THE MONTHLY SEWER FEE

WHEREAS, it is necessary and prudent for the Borough of Penn Lake Park ("Borough") to maintain, repair, replace, upgrade, and operate the sewer system and provide sewer services in a safe and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that the current schedule of rates and charges for sewage services has been reviewed and found insufficient to cover the costs of maintenance, operation, necessary replacements, and improvements to the sewer system and sewer services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that it is necessary to establish a new schedule of rates and charges to produce sufficient revenue to pay the expenses of maintenance and operation, and to provide funds for necessary replacements and improvements to the sewer system in support of safe and efficient sewer services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY a majority vote of the Borough Council that the following Ordinance is hereby adopted:

SECTION 1: Definitions

Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the meaning of terms used in this Ordinance shall be as follows:

- a. "Board" shall mean the Borough Council of Penn Lake Park, or any duly authorized officials acting on its behalf.
- b. "Debt Service Costs" shall mean the average annual principal and interest payments on all proposed revenue bonds or other long-term capital debt.

SECTION 2: Monthly Sewer Fee Increase

Effective June 1, 2025, the monthly sewer fee for all users shall be increased as follows:

a. Residential Users: \$96.05 per month

SECTION 3: Billing and Payment

The sewer fee shall be billed monthly by Aqua.

SECTION 4: Use of Funds

The revenue generated from the increased sewer fees shall be used exclusively for the maintenance, operation, necessary replacements, and improvements to the sewer system and sewer services, and to pay the principal and interest on the existing PENNVEST Loan.

SECTION 5: Severability

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6: Effective Date

The new sewer rate shall be effective June 1, 2025 and go through February 2026. Beginning March 1, 2026, the new rate of \$79.00 per residential user shall take effect.

Duly Enacted and Ordained this 8th day of May ____, 2025, by the Borough Council of Penn Lake Park, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

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