

BOROUGH OF MILLVILLE
COLUMBIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NUMBER 113-9211

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MILLVILLE ESTABLISHING A RATE STRUCTURE FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE; ESTABLISHING MISCELLANEOUS FEES INCIDENT TO THE PROVISION OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICE; SETTING FORTH TERMS CONCERNING COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS; AND ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL RULES, REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICE BY THE BOROUGH OF MILLVILLE.

BE IT ORDAINED, and it is hereby ordained by the Council of the Borough of Millville as follows:

1. This ordinance may be known as the "Millville Water and Sewer Ordinance." The purpose of this ordinance is to restructure the water and sewer rates and related charges, and to establish various rules, regulations and policies relating to the provision of water and sewer service in the Borough of Millville, to become effective January 1, 1993.
2. Water Rates:
 - (a) All water customers shall be charged, and shall pay to the Borough of Millville, a minimum charge for water consumption of \$23.10 per calendar quarter. such minimum charge shall entitle the customer to consumption of 2500 gallons or less of water over the course of a quarterly billing period or part thereof.
 - (b) For each gallon of water over 2500 gallons which is consumed during a quarterly billing period or part thereof, the customer shall be charged at the rate of \$1.58 per thousand gallons (\$0.00158/gallon).
3. Sewer Rates:
 - (a) For customers having both municipal water and sewer service:
 - (1) Such customers shall be charged, and shall pay to the Borough of Millville, a minimum charge for sewer service of \$34.65 per calendar quarter or part thereof.

(2) Sewer charges shall be based upon water consumption as determined from water meter readings. The minimum charge set forth in the sub-paragraph (a) (1), above, shall entitle the customer to sewer service based upon water consumption of not more than 2500 gallons per quarterly billing. There shall be an additional charge for sewer service at the rate of \$1.62 per thousand gallons (\$.00162/gallon) of water consumed over the 2500-gallon threshold during any quarterly billing or part thereof.

(b) For customers having municipal sewer service only, there shall be a flat-rate charge of \$69.30 per calendar quarter or part thereof.

4. Broken or malfunctioning water meters:

(a) Customers using the standard residential 3/4" meter connections shall be charged at the minimum rate for any broken or malfunctioning water meter.

(b) Customers using other than the standard 3/4" residential meter connections shall be charged an average of the previous three quarters for water service. The same average shall apply to sewer fees when the customer is connected to the Borough sewer system.

5. Meter reading:

(a) Customers' water meters shall be read quarterly, and it shall be the responsibility of the owner of the property on which a meter is installed to provide authorized borough personnel reasonable access to the meters.

(b) For the convenience of the customer, at his or her option, a remote gauge may be installed at the customer's expense.

(c) In the event reasonable access to a meter is unavailable, the customer shall be charged for both water and sewer service at the rate of one and one-half time the previous quarter's billing.

6. Tap fees:

(a) Tap fees shall be charged at the rate of \$125.00 for a standard 3/4" connection. Larger connections shall be available at the standard tap fee plus all added costs, including the additional actual cost of materials.

(b) The Borough shall provide service from the street to the curb or, in the event no curb exists, a maximum of fifteen feet from the main.

7. Disconnect fees shall be \$60.00. In the case the Borough or its agents deem that the public water supply of any component of the water distribution system is threatened because of a vacancy or lack of heat, disconnection shall be mandatory.

8. New customers without a favorable credit rating with the Borough shall be required to place with the Borough a deposit in an amount equivalent to two quarters' minimum billing for both water and sewer service (for customers desiring both water and sewer service), or in an amount equivalent to two quarters' flat rate billing (for sewer service only).

9. Delinquent Accounts:

(a) All payments shall be due within thirty days after billing. From and after the

thirtieth day following a billing, finance charges shall accrue on any unpaid balances at the rate of 18% per annum (1½% per month).

(b) Thirty days after a billing, a reminder shall be sent to the property owner.

(c) In the event of a bill which has not been paid after sixty days, a warning shall be sent to the property owner.

(d) In the event of a bill which has not been paid after ninety days, the account shall be turned in for collection.

10. In all instances, the record owner of the property to which water and/or sewer service is provided shall be responsible for all fees due the Borough, whether or not the account is established in the property owner's name.

11. All prior ordinance, resolutions, or rate structures enacted or promulgated by the Borough of Millville which are inconsistent with the terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

12. In the event any of the terms of the ordinance are declared unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect any of the remaining terms of the ordinance.

ENACTED as an ordinance of the Borough of Millville by the Council thereof at a meeting of its members duly called and held this 17th day of November, 1992.

ATTEST

BOROUGH OF MILLVILLE:

Murray Holdren, Secretary

Millard C. Ludwig, President of Council

(Seal)

The foregoing ordinance, as thus enacted, is hereby APPROVED by me this 17th day of November, 1992.

Jerre W. Wright, Mayor

