

RESOLUTION No. 2683

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP
REPLACING RESOLUTION NO. 2679
ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE OF
SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT,
ZONING, BUILDING AND OTHER FEES**

Whereas, the Township of Buckingham has determined it necessary to collect certain fees for directly rendered services, and

Whereas such fees offset the expenses incurred by the Township relating to such services, and

Whereas such fees must stay current to effectively cover the related expenses, and

Whereas the Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors annually reviews and amends a schedule related to such fees,

Therefore, be it Resolved, by the Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors that the following schedule sets forth the fees for such services:

Subdivision and Land Development and Related Filing Fees and Escrows

Note: Should Township deplete the escrow sum by payment to its “Professional Consultants” (as used in this Resolution the term “Professional Consultants” is as defined in the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, 53 P.S. 10107), developer must immediately deposit sums to bring the escrow back to its original amount. Unpaid escrow balances will be charged interest at a rate of 1.25% per month.

	<u>FEE</u>	<u>ESCROW</u>
1. <u>Pre-Submission Sketch Plan</u> (May be waived if Twp. has a current Professional Services Reimbursement Agreement)	\$ 200.	\$5,000.
2. <u>Lot Line Change</u> (per plan submission)	\$ 200.	\$10,000.
3. <u>Minor Subdivision & Large Lot Subdivision</u> (per plan submission)	\$ 500.	
Escrow without public improvements		\$10,000.
Escrow with public improvements		\$15,000.
4. <u>Major Subdivision</u> (per plan submission)		Minimum Balance
a. Residential Single & Multi Family	<u>FEE</u>	<u>ESCROW</u>
3 Lots	\$ 750.	\$ 50,000.
4 - 10 Lots	\$1,000.	\$ 80,000.
11 - 50 Lots	\$1,250.	\$160,000.
51 - 100 Lots	\$2,000.	\$240,000.
101 - 150 Lots	\$3,000.	\$300,000.
Over 150 Lots	\$4,000.	\$300,000.

b. Commercial & Industrial (All Non-Residential Uses)

1 - 2 Lots	\$1,000.	\$ 60,000.
3 - 10 Lots	\$1,500.	\$ 80,000.
11 - 20 Lots	\$2,000.	\$120,000.
Over 20 Lots	\$2,500.	\$200,000.

5. **Land Developments:** Fee based on Flat Fee per 1000 sq. ft. of building space (per plan submission)

<u>ACRES</u>	<u>FEE</u>	<u>ESCROW</u>
a. Residential - Single & Multi Family		
0 - 4.99	\$ 300 + \$10 per 1,000 sq. ft.	10 times Fee
5 - 9.99	\$ 350 + \$10 per 1,000 sq. ft.	10 times Fee
10 - 19.99	\$ 600 + \$10 per 1,000 sq. ft.	10 times Fee
20 - 39.99	\$ 700 + \$10 per 1,000 sq. ft.	10 times Fee
40 - 60.00	\$ 900 + \$10 per 1,000 sq. ft.	10 times Fee
Over 60.00	\$1500 + \$10 per 1,000 sq. ft.	10 times Fee

<u>ACRES</u>	<u>FEE</u>	<u>ESCROW</u>
b. Commercial & Industrial (All Non-Residential Uses)		
0 - 2.49	\$ 550 + \$10 per 1,000 sq. ft.	10 times Fee
2.50 - 4.99	\$ 650 + \$10 per 1,000 sq. ft.	10 times Fee
5.00 - 7.50	\$ 850 + \$10 per 1,000 sq. ft.	10 times Fee
Over 7.50	\$1500 + \$10 per 1,000 sq. ft.	10 times Fee

c. **Requests for Waiver of Land Development**

	<u>FEE</u>	<u>ESCROW</u>
Residential	\$125.	\$1,000.
Non-residential	\$250.	\$2,500.

6. **Act 537 Planning Module Reviews**

	<u>FEE</u>	<u>ESCROW</u>
3 to 14 Lots (or equivalent EDUs)	\$1,000.	\$ 2,000.
15 or more Lots (or equivalent EDUs)	\$5,000.	\$15,000.

7. **Conditional Use Applications**

a. Single lot Residential & Agricultural	\$ 500.
b. Residential use related to a pending or prospective subdivision	\$4,000.
c. Commercial, Industrial and pending or prospective land development	\$2,000.

8. **Subdivision & Land Development (SALDO) Park and Recreation Fee**

Fee in lieu of Recreation Use \$3,440.00 per building lot for the year 2026 to be committed to the Park Fund.

- 9. **Professional Consultant Escrow** Set by Township Manager based on project.
Cost based on Professional Consultants' Current Fee Agreements.
- 10. **Administrative Billing Charges for Professional Consultant Escrows**
10% of the amount of bill.

CODE DEPARTMENT PERMIT FEES AND ESCROWS

Note: All fees and escrows must be paid/posted prior to the issuance of any permit.

SECTION I - ZONING PERMIT FEES

Unit as defined in this Resolution shall be each portion of a building capable of being separately owned or leased. Zoning permit fees will be collected at time of application and are non-refundable.

A. Residential

Single Family Dwelling / Townhouses	<i>\$200.00 per dwelling unit</i>
Residential additions	<i>\$175.00</i>
Carports, detached garages, greenhouses, or sheds that are less than 1,000 sq. ft.	<i>Fee - \$85.00</i>
Carports, detached garages, greenhouses, or sheds that are 1,000 sq. ft. or greater	<i>Fee - \$175.00</i>
Residential accessory structures other than carports, detached garages, greenhouses, or sheds that are less than 1,000 sq. ft.	<i>Fee - \$175.00</i>
Residential accessory structures other than carports, detached garages, greenhouses, or sheds that are 1,000 sq. ft. or greater	<i>Fee - \$175.00</i>
Home Occupations	<i>Fee - \$85.00</i>
Permanent Generators	<i>Fee - \$85.00</i>
Uncovered decks less than 30" above grade, patios, or walkways	<i>Fee - \$85.00</i>

Driveways and driveway extensions	<i>Fee - \$85.00</i>
Fences	<i>Fee - \$60.00</i>

B. Non-Residential

New construction, additions, accessory buildings and permanent generators	<i>Fee - \$300.00 per unit, use or occupancy</i>
Initial occupancy by owners or tenants	<i>Fee - \$250.00 per unit, use or occupancy</i>
Subsequent changes in occupancy and/or use	<i>Fee - \$250.00 per unit, use or occupancy</i>
Fences	<i>Fee - \$75.00</i>
Exterior Lighting – new installations / alterations	<i>Fee - \$100.00 plus \$3,000.00 for Professional Consultant Escrows</i>

C. Agriculture – Includes new construction and additions to existing agricultural structures for farm support such as barns, livestock shelters, poultry buildings, and equipment sheds.

Fee - \$85.00 per unit or use

D. Temporary Structures

Fee - \$85.00 per unit

SECTION II - ZONING HEARING BOARD AND RELATED ZONING FEES

A. Zoning Hearing Board

1. Residential \$1,250.00
2. Commercial, Industrial and pending or prospective Land Development application. \$2,500.00
3. Pending or prospective Subdivision application \$4,000.00 plus \$1,000 due at time of application to cover half the costs of the court reporter.
4. Challenge to Validity of Zoning Ordinance or Map \$25,000.00
5. Continuance Fees: 25% of original fee and costs of posting and notices.

Continuance means an applicant petitions the ZHB for their case to be moved from a scheduled meeting date to a future meeting resulting in the requirement of new postings and new public notices.

6. Supplemental Fees: 50% of the original filing fee will be required if the ZHB must spend more than six meeting hours (total) hearing an appeal.

- B. **Petitions for Change of Zoning** Fee - \$5,000.00 Escrow - \$3,000.00
- C. **Curative Amendments** Fee - \$25,000.00

SECTION III - BUILDING PERMIT FEES

All building permits are subject to a \$8.00 educational surcharge.

A. Residential

1. Single Family Dwelling – Plan Review & Building Permit Fees

Record Plan Review	\$375.00
Subsequent reviews using record plan	\$100.00
Single Family Dwelling (no record plan)	\$325.00

Single Family Dwellings *\$0.90 per square foot plus additional fees hereinafter specified.*

Temporary Certificate of Occupancy	\$100.00
Certificate of Occupancy	\$100.00

Note: Area calculations shall be made using outside dimensions of construction for all usable areas including covered decks, garages, and basement area. Crawl spaces and unusable attic spaces shall not be included in area calculations.

Note: From the Subdivision & Land Development (SALDO), the Park and Recreation Fee in lieu of recreation use is \$3,440.00 per building lot for the year 2026 to be committed to the Park Fund.

2. Multi-Family Dwelling Unit – Plan Review & Building Permit Fees

Record Plan Review	\$375.00
Subsequent reviews using record plan	\$100.00

Multi-Family Dwellings *\$0.90 per square foot plus additional fees hereinafter specified.*

Temporary Certificate of Occupancy	\$100.00
Certificate of Occupancy	\$100.00

Note: Area calculations shall be made using outside dimensions of construction for all usable areas including covered decks, plus garage and basement area. Crawl spaces and unusable attic spaces shall not be included in area calculations.

Note: From the Subdivision & Land Development (SALDO), the Park and Recreation Fee in lieu of recreation use is \$3,440.00 per building lot for the year 2026 to be committed to the Park Fund.

3. **Alterations including Finishing Basements**
Fee - \$85.00 plus \$15.00 per \$1,000.00 construction cost plus plumbing, mechanical, electrical, and fire protection fee hereinafter specified.
Minimum Fee - \$275.00
4. **Additions to primary residential buildings**
Fee - \$150.00 plus \$0.90 per square foot plus plumbing, mechanical, electrical, and fire protection fees hereinafter specified.
5. **Carports, detached private garages, greenhouses, sheds, and any other structures that are accessory to detached one-family dwellings and are 1,000 sq. ft. or greater**
Fee - \$125.00 plus \$0.60 per sq. ft. plus plumbing, mechanical, electrical, and fire protection fees hereinafter specified.
6. **Decks greater than 30" above grade**
Fee - \$225.00
7. **Decks greater than 30" above grade supporting spas OR decks with structures that are NOT attached to the home.**
Fee - \$260.00

B. Non-Residential (PA UCC Commercial)

1. **New non-residential (PA UCC Commercial)**
Fee - \$1.15 per sq. ft. plus \$400.00 plan review fee due at time of application.

Note: Area calculations shall be made using outside dimensions of construction for all usable area.

2. **Alterations or non-ordinary repairs to existing occupant or tenant spaces**
\$400.00 plan review fee due at time of application.

For alterations/repairs where construction costs are \$1,000 or greater, permit fee is \$25.00 per \$1,000.00 construction cost plus the \$400.00 plan review fee due at time of application.

3. **Additions** – All additions to non-residential buildings.
Fee - \$1.15 per sq. ft. plus \$400.00 architectural plan review fee due at time of application.
4. **Non-Residential Accessory Buildings 400 sq. ft. or less**
Fee - \$300.00
5. **Mini warehouse complex** - Includes warehouse complexes utilizing prefabricated storage units on block and/or skids with tie downs.
Fee - \$750.00
- C. **Plastic type greenhouses** – Includes new construction, alterations and additions.
Fee - \$350.00 per acre covered or part thereof.
- D. **Temporary Certificate of Occupancy** *Fee \$150.00*
- E. **Cancellation, change, or transfer of any approved building permit or its terms.**
Fee - 50% of all permit fees excluding architectural review fees, zoning, and educational fees which are non-refundable.

SECTION IV - PLUMBING PERMIT AND REGISTRATION FEES

Plumbing Permit Fees

Includes but is not limited to: toilets, stall showers, sinks, urinals, disposals, floor drains, dishwashers, and washing machine outlets.

- A. **Residential**
Fee - \$20 per fixture, minimum fee \$100.00
- B. **Non-Residential (PA UCC Commercial)**
Fee - \$25.00 per fixture, minimum fee \$200.00
- C. **Building Sewer Inspection**
Fee - \$150.00

Plumbing Registration Fees

- A. **Master Plumber**
Fee - \$70.00
- B. **Journeyman Plumber**
Fee - \$30.00

SECTION V – MECHANICAL PERMITS & FUEL BURNING APPLIANCES

- A. Residential Fee - \$85.00 for the first \$1,000.00 plus \$15.00 for each additional \$1,000.00 of construction cost.
- B. Residential Solar Installations Fee - \$500.00
- C. Non-residential Fee - \$95.00 for the first \$1,000.00 plus \$30.00 for each additional \$1,000.00 of construction cost.

SECTION VI – ELECTRICAL PERMITS

- A. Residential Processing fee of \$100.00 for any permit requiring electrical Plan submissions.
- B. Non-Residential Processing fee of \$200.00 for any permit requiring electrical Plan submissions.

SECTION VII- WELL PERMITS

- A. New Well ESCROW
Fee - \$165.00 *\$500.00*
- B. Replacement Well ESCROW
Fee - \$85.00 *\$500.00*
- C. Monitoring Well ESCROW
Fee - \$85.00 *\$500.00*
- D. New Well – Permit B or C ESCROW
Fee - \$900.00 *\$5,000.00*
- E. Geothermal Well *N/A*
Fee - \$85.00

If final inspection/approval is not received in 5 years, the escrow is forfeited.

SECTION VIII - SWIMMING POOL PERMIT FEES

- A. In-ground pools
*Fee - \$525.00 each / Fence Escrow - \$750.00 ***plus electrical fees*
- B. Above-ground pools 24” in depth or greater
*Fee - \$325.00 each / Fence Escrow - \$750.00 ***plus electrical fees*

*** Filling pool with water prior to approval of the fence/pool enclosure will result in forfeiture of the escrow. If final inspection/approval is not received in 5 years, the escrow is forfeited.

SECTION IX - SIGNS

All escrows shall be held until all signage is removed.

- A. Temporary signs including all moveable signs such as those advertising commercial sale; advertising civic, social or political gatherings; and fundraising activities
Fee - \$75.00
Escrow \$100.00
- B. Overhead Signs & Banners: Highway Permit (per sign/banner)
Fee - \$100.00
Escrow -\$100.00
- C. **All other signs**, excepting those specified in Section 2112(A)(2) of the Ordinance as exempt from permit fee requirements, shall be in accordance with the following schedule:
 - 1. 1 to 12 sq. ft. per side, per sign *Fee - \$100.00*
 - 2. 13 to 40 sq. ft. per side, per sign *Fee - \$115.00*
 - 3. 41 sq. ft. and over, per side, per sign *Fee - \$145.00*

SECTION X - FIRE PREVENTION PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS

- A. **Annual Fire Prevention permit for non-residential buildings, spaces and uses**
Fee - \$ 75.00
Failure to respond resulting in a second notice – Fee \$95.00
Failure to respond resulting in a third notice – Fee \$125.00
Failure to respond to third notice will result in citations being issued. Citations carry a maximum penalty of \$1,000.00 per day of violation.
- B. **Fire Marshal inspection for existing residential buildings, additions and alterations**
Fee - \$125.00
- C. **Construction Inspections**
 - 1. New single family detached:
Fee - \$300.00 per unit
 - 2. Multi-family (single family attached, townhouse, apartment):
Fee - \$575.00 per unit
 - 3. Non-residential: [new/renovation/
conversion/addition]: *Fee - \$175.00 per floor*
- D. **Permit for removal of non-residential fuel storage tanks**
(per tank)
 - 1. 0-1000 gallon underground tank *Fee - \$125.00*
 - 2. 1001-3000 gallon underground tank *Fee - \$175.00*

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| 3. | 3001-5000 gallon underground tank | Fee - \$500.00 |
| 4. | 5000+ gallon underground tank | Fee - \$750.00 |
| 5. | Aboveground Tank | Fee - \$150.00 |
- E. **Permit for installation of non-residential fuel storage tanks**
1. Aboveground: Fee - \$200.00.00 per tank plus electrical fees
 2. Underground: Fee - \$225.00 per tank plus electrical fees
- F. **Permit for removal/installation/abandonment of residential oil tank**
Fee \$100.00 per tank; maximum fee \$200.00 for a combined tank system.
- G. **Fire Protection Systems – non-residential**
1. Fire sprinkler system non-residential
Fee \$100.00 per floor plus \$1.25 per sprinkler
 2. Fire suppression system (wet/dry/special agent) Fee \$125.00
 3. Non-residential fire alarm/detection systems Fee \$125.00
- H. **Permit for blasting**
Fee - \$750.00 per five day work week (Mon.-Fri.) or part thereof.
- I. **Professional Fireworks in Accordance with the International Fire Code**
Fee - \$500.00

SECTION XI- PENALTY / REINSPECTION FEES

- A. **Penalty Fee** - In the event construction is started without first obtaining the required zoning and/or building permits, all applicable fees shall **double**.
- B. **Reinspection** - Any reinspection required as the result of incomplete or improper work shall be charged to the permit holder. No Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued to any permit holder until such reinspection fees are paid in full.
Fee - \$100.00 for each additional inspection
- C. **Re-review Fee** – Plan alterations, plan modifications, or plan deficiencies forcing rejection and requiring resubmittal, are all subject to a new plan submission fee.
- D. **Expedited Inspection** – Inspections provided by Township approved third-party services, if requested through the Township, shall be provided at the cost of \$200.00 per inspection. All other fees still apply.
- E. **Enforcement Costs** – any costs incurred by the Township, including legal and expert witness fees, necessary to enforce any Township Ordinance or regulation shall be charged to the offender at the Township’s cost plus 10% thereof as an administrative charge.

SECTION XII - STORMWATER MANAGEMENT (SWM)
PERMIT FEES AND ESCROW

- | <u>A.</u> | <u>Stormwater Management (SWM) Permit Application</u> | <u>Fee</u> | <u>Escrow*</u> |
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| | SWM Permit (under 500 SF of Imp. Surf.) – Application only | \$300.00 | N/A |
| | SWM Permit (w/o SWM PLAN) (501-1,000 SF of Imp. Surf.) | \$300.00 | N/A |
| | Small Project SWM Permit (1,001-5000 SF of Imp. Surf.) | \$300.00 | N/A |
| | SWM Permit (w/SWM PLAN) (>1,000 SF of Imp. Surf.) | \$500.00 | \$10,000 |
| | All other Regulated SWM Activity (as defined by SWM Ord.) | \$500.00 | \$10,000 |
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| <u>B.</u> | SWM Plan Review by Township Engineer – Consultant costs to be paid by Applicant based on Consultant’s Current Agreement plus the Township’s Administration Fee. | | |
| <u>C.</u> | SWM As-Built Plan Review by Township Engineer – Consultant costs to be paid by Applicant based on Consultant’s Current Agreement plus the Township’s Administration Fee. | | |
| <u>D.</u> | SWM Site Inspections by Township Engineer – Consultant costs to be paid by Applicant based on Consultant’s Current Agreement plus the Township’s Administration Fee. | | |
| <u>E.</u> | Any additional work of Township “Professional Consultants” required by virtue of any Stormwater Management Permit Application or to enforce any permit provision Regulated by the Stormwater Ordinance will be charged to the Applicant based on the Consultant’s Current Agreement plus the Township’s Administration Fee. | | |

SECTION XIII- MISCELLANEOUS PERMIT FEES

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| <u>A.</u> | Demolition | |
| | Primary Building – Residential | \$200.00 |
| | Primary Building – Non-Residential | \$500.00 |
| | Accessory Building – Residential | \$100.00 |
| | Accessory Building – Non-Residential | \$150.00 |
| | Agricultural Building per PA UCC | \$100.00 |
| | Swimming Pools | \$100.00 |
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| <u>B.</u> | Mobile home and Trailers | |
| | 1. Trailer pad and initial installation (new) | |
| | Fee - \$400.00 per unit | |
| | 2. Trailer installation on existing pad | |
| | Fee - \$350.00 per unit | |

C. Road Opening Permit (opening existing roadway for such projects as utility installation)

Fee: \$150.00 per opening

\$750.00 escrow if no water or connection

\$1500.00 escrow if there is a water or sewer connection

A performance escrow for Road Opening Permits may also be required. The amount of the performance escrow will be determined on a case by case basis by the Township Engineer may also be required. Full performance escrow is due prior to approval of the road opening permit.

If final inspection/approval is not received in 5 years, the escrow is forfeited.

D Highway Occupancy - Residential and Non-Residential (connecting driveway or entrance access to roadway)

Fee - \$ 100.00 per opening

Escrow - \$750.00

If final inspection/approval is not received in 5 years, the escrow is forfeited.

E. Vacating of Township Roads Escrow \$750.00

F. Special Plan Review Fees

Fees for special review of plans, as may be required or permitted by applicable regulations, codes, ordinances or resolutions:

Total reimbursement of review costs by The Department of Labor and Industry or other agency plus administration costs.

G. Fire Reports - \$35.00

H. Zoning Letters of Certification

1. Residential

Fee - \$ 35.00

2. Non-Residential

Fee - \$200.00

3. Fire Marshal: Residential

Fee - \$ 35.00

4. Fire Marshal: Non-Residential

Fee - \$125.00

I. Distributed antenna system right of way maintenance fee

Annual fee \$270.00 per location (Act 50 of 2021)

J. Technical Code Review Appeals Board Review Fee \$ 300.00

K. Historical Architectural Review Board Review Fee \$ 300.00

L. Permit to Exceed Permitted Noise Limitations \$100.00 plus \$500 Escrow

WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT FEES

SECTION XIV - PUBLIC WATER FEES

TAPPING / CONNECTION FEE SCHEDULE

Each owner of each premises connecting to the water system shall pay the following charges:

Site 1, Buckingham Village System	
Tapping Fee per EDU*	\$1,500.00
Site 3, Cold Spring System	
Tapping Fee per EDU*	\$2,138.25
Site 5, Furlong/Vandor HSCA Site Extension	TBD

*An EDU is an equivalent dwelling unit as defined in Buckingham Township Resolution #1317 (Sewer and Water EDU is the same).

All Sites:

1. \$2,500.00 performance escrow is required for all connections, prior to the approval of the EDU.
2. Water Inspection Fee per inspection pass or fail \$ **55.00**
3. Manual Meter reading fee in areas served by radio-read \$ **200.00 per**
meters where customer has refused the radio-read meters **quarter**

SHUTOFF WATER SERVICE

On delinquent accounts, there will be a \$150.00 fee for POSTING OF SHUTOFF notices in addition to the \$150.00 fee to shutoff water service at the curb stop. In accordance the Buckingham Township Water Shutoff Manual, a 10 day shut off notice, a 48-hour Shutoff notice and a Post Shutoff notice is required. At the time of service restoration an additional fee for the cost of any laboratory testing must be paid. Please note that the Capital Reserve Fee is still due and payable during periods in which service is shut off for any reason.

WATER SERVICE CHARGE - QUARTERLY

**Water Rate District Number 1 – Buckingham Village, Fieldstone,
Cold Spring, and Furlong**

MINIMUM CHARGE PER QUARTER PER CUSTOMER EDU FOR FIRST 3,000 <u>GALLONS</u> <u>USED</u>	CAPITAL RESERVE CHARGE PER CUSTOMER EDU PER QUARTER	GALLONS USED PER EDU PER QUARTER	<u>TOTAL QUARTERLY CHARGE</u> <u>PER EDU</u>
\$21.40	\$62.15	Less Than or equal to 3,000	\$83.55
\$21.40	\$62.15	Less than or equal to 37,500	\$83.55+ \$3.54 for each 1,000 gallons used over 3,000
\$21.40	\$62.15	More than 37,500 but less than or equal to 100,000	\$83.55+ \$3.54 for each 1,000 gallons used over 3,000 and less than or equal to 37,500 + \$7.08 for each 1,000 gallons used over 37,500
\$21.40	\$62.15	More than 100,000	\$83.55+ \$3.54 for each 1,000 gallons used over 3,000 and less than or equal to 37,500 + \$7.08 for each 1,000 gallons used over 37,500 and less than or equal to 100,000 + \$14.16 for each 1,000 gallons used over 100,000

For years 2021 and later, the total quarterly charge comprised of capital reserve and operations and maintenance charges will be automatically increased by CPI (Consumer Price Index) + 2% increase each year thereafter unless otherwise determined by the Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors.

b. Water Rate District Number 2 – Mill Creek Ridge and Fenton’s Corner

MINIMUM CHARGE PER QUARTER PER CUSTOMER EDU FOR FIRST 3,000 GALLONS USED	CAPITAL RESERVE CHARGE PER CUSTOMER EDU PER QUARTER	GALLONS USED PER EDU PER QUARTER	TOTAL QUARTERLY CHARGE PER EDU
\$29.65	\$141.50	Less Than or Equal to 3,000	\$171.15
\$29.65	\$141.50	Less than or Equal to 37,500	\$171.15 + \$4.59 for each 1,000 gallons used over 3,000
\$29.65	\$141.50	More than 37,500 but less than or equal to 100,000	\$171.15 + \$4.59 for each 1,000 gallons used over 3,000 and less than or equal to 37,500 + \$9.18 for each 1,000 gallons used over 37,500
\$29.65	\$141.50	More than 100,000	\$171.15 + \$4.59 for each 1,000 gallons used over 3,000 and less than or equal to 37,500 + \$9.18 for each 1,000 gallons used over 37,500 and less than or equal to 100,000 + \$18.36 for each 1,000 gallons used over 100,000

Construction Water in all Water Rate Districts - \$100.00/per building permit.

PENALTIES ON DELINQUENT BALANCES - Payments exceeding thirty (30) days from original billing date will be assessed a 5% penalty plus 6% per annum interest charge. Any accounts that are delinquent two (2) billing periods from original date will prompt further action: certified mailing fees and if legal action, \$150.00 administration charge plus reimbursable District Court costs and attorney’s fees will be added to the outstanding balance; if discontinuance of service, \$150.00 fee plus the cost of laboratory testing, if necessary, will be required (in cash, money order, or certified check) for re-issuance of service. There is a service charge of \$75.00 for liens and satisfactions. For liens made before 2/1/2025 there is a \$20 lien satisfaction fee. On delinquent accounts, there will be a \$150 fee for each POSTING OF SHUTOFF notices.

Meter Testing: If a meter is tested at the customers written request and the meter is found to be accurate (recording less than 104%), the fee will be the current cost to calibrate the meter, labor fee of \$150.00 to remove and install a new meter plus any shipping cost. If the meter is inaccurate, then the cost of the meter test will be borne by the Township. See Resolution 1318, Article 307.

SEWER SERVICE CHARGE - QUARTERLY

a. Sewer Rate District Number 1 – Buckingham Village, Fieldstone, Stonyead, Cold Spring, and Furlong

CUSTOMER TYPE	CAPITAL RESERVE CHARGE PER EDU PER QUARTER	OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE CHARGE PER EDU PER QUARTER	GALLONS DISCHARGED PER QUARTER	TOTAL QUARTERLY CHARGE
Residential Use and unmetered accounts	\$70.45	\$169.20	unlimited	\$239.65
Non-Residential Use metered accounts	\$70.45	\$169.20	Up to but not more than the customer's EDU allocation	\$239.65 + \$0.005061 for each gallon discharged
Non-Residential Use metered accounts	\$70.45	\$169.20	More than the customer's EDU allocation for a period of not more than 3 consecutive months	\$239.65 + \$0.005061 for each gallon discharged under the customer's EDU allocation and \$0.010123 for each gallon discharged over the customer's EDU allocation.
Non-Residential Use metered accounts	\$70.45	\$169.20	More than the customer's EDU allocation for a period of more than 3 consecutive months	\$239.65 + \$0.005061 for each gallon discharged under the customer's EDU allocation and \$0.030035 for each gallon discharged over the customer's EDU allocation.
Non-Residential Use metered accounts - Penalty for Excessive Discharge	\$70.45	\$169.20	More than double the customer's EDU allocation for a period of more than 6 consecutive months	\$239.65 + \$0.005061 for each gallon discharged under the customer's EDU allocation and \$0.030035 for each gallon discharged over the customer's EDU allocation PLUS a penalty for excessive use of 10% of the amount so calculated.

Minimum O&M charge –metered accounts \$169.20
 *charge is retroactive to beginning of quarter

For years 2019 and later, the total quarterly charge comprised of capital reserve and operations and maintenance charges will be automatically increased by CPI (Consumer Price Index) + 2% increase each year thereafter.

b. Sewer Rate District Number 2 – Mill Creek Ridge

CUSTOMER TYPE	CAPITAL RESERVE CHARGE PER EDU PER QUARTER	OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE CHARGE PER EDU PER QUARTER	GALLONS DISCHARGED PER QUARTER	TOTAL QUARTERLY CHARGE
Residential Use and unmetered accounts	\$141.35	\$357.80	unlimited	\$499.15
Non-Residential Use metered accounts	\$141.35	\$357.80	Up to but not more than the customer's EDU allocation	\$499.15 + \$0.0174 for each gallon discharged
Non-Residential Use metered accounts	\$141.35	\$357.80	More than the customer's EDU allocation for a period of less than 3 consecutive months	\$499.15 + \$0.0174 for each gallon discharged under the customer's EDU allocation and \$.035 for each gallon discharged over the customer's EDU allocation
Non-Residential Use metered accounts	\$141.35	\$357.80	More than the customer's EDU allocation for a period of more than 3 consecutive months (to be retroactively charged)	\$499.15 + \$0.0174 for each gallon discharged under the customer's EDU allocation and \$.105 for each gallon discharged over the customer's EDU allocation

Strong Waste Surcharge Program

Industrial and commercial customers, which include food service establishments, nursing homes, users with discharges greater than 25,000 gallons per day or other manufacturing facilities, generate wastewater streams that are higher in strength than the average residential customer. Indicators of “strength” are Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD5), Total Suspended Solids (SS), Total Phosphorus (TP), and Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN). Higher strength wastes cost more to treat and are often more troublesome for maintenance of the sanitary sewerage system. To recover costs and to make the difference between industrial/commercial and residential customers more equitable, a strong waste surcharge program was established around 1990. These facilities are monitored by Buckingham Township to determine if a high strength waste surcharge is warranted. The rate is determined and established by Buckingham Township in the same manner as other water and sewer rates.

Strong Waste Surcharge Formulas based on rates effective 03/25/2026

The formula for calculating a strong waste charge is as follows:

$$[(\text{Volume of wastewater}/1,000,000) \times ((\text{BOD5 (mg/l)} - \text{BOD5 Threshold(mg/l)}) \times (8.34))]$$

$$\#/\text{BOD5} * \text{rate} = \$ \text{ amount of surcharge.}$$

and

$$[(\text{Volume of wastewater})/1,000,000 \times ((\text{FOG (mg/l)} - \text{FOG Threshold (mg/l)}) \times (\text{Rate}))]$$

= \$ amount of surcharge.

Rates per system

Buckingham Township set the rate by system for BOD5:

Buckingham Village Wastewater System	\$	0.21/#BOD5 over threshold
Cold Spring Wastewater System	\$	0.26/#BOD5 over threshold
Furlong Wastewater System	\$	0.27/#BOD5 over threshold
Fieldstone Wastewater System	\$	0.22/#BOD5 over threshold
Mill Creek Wastewater System	\$	0.22/#BOD5 over threshold
Fenton’s Corner Wastewater System	\$	0.17/#BOD5 over threshold
Stonemead Wastewater system	\$	0.29/#BOD5 over threshold
FOG (all systems)	\$	0.0002/#fog over threshold

For each customer sampled, the values for BOD5 and SS are entered into our customer information system on their account and used to calculate strong waste surcharges on

their water and sewer bill. These values remain active on accounts until new values are reported. Most bills are generated quarterly.

The dollar amounts represent the strong waste surcharges that would appear on a customer's bill below the water and sewer charges.

Useful Definitions

Wastewater volume determination.

The wastewater volume shall be determined on the basis of actual flow measurement. In the event that actual flow measurement is not provided, the industrial waste charge shall be computed using the metered water flow to the premises as a basis for water flow. Metered water flow shall include all water delivered to or used on the premises and which is discharged to regional facilities. Cooling waters or waters not discharged to a sanitary sewer shall be separately metered at the user's expense using deduct meters or any other manner approved by the plant superintendent prior to allowing deduction of such flow from the total water used on the premises in computing the industrial waste sewer service charge. All metered water flows shall be metered at the user's expense.

Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD5)

The biochemical oxygen demand, generally referred to as BOD5, is a measure of the oxygen utilized in the biochemical oxidation of organic matter under standard laboratory procedures for five days at 20 degrees Celsius. It is simply an indicator of the organic strength of wastewater. As the strength of wastewater increases, greater amounts of energy are required to clean the wastewater. As strength increases so do the costs of dealing with it. BOD5 is expressed in terms of weight and concentration (milligrams per liter).

High Strength

Food service establishments make up a large percentage of facilities that may discharge high strength waste into the sewerage system. Discharge of food solids, animal and vegetable oils and greases and cleaning chemicals can all increase insoluble BOD5 and SS concentrations. Improper maintenance of grease control devices or lack of a grease control device may also result in higher strength waste discharges. In addition, the use of garbage grinders may increase wastewater strength by introducing additional solids into the waste stream. The strength is

determined by laboratory analysis of samples taken from a customer's wastewater discharge and reported in milligrams per liter (mg/L).

Monitoring

The monitoring for strong waste is accomplished by deploying an automatic sampling device to sample only the isolated wastewater discharged by one customer account. In some instances, a series of grab samples are collected and composited together to make one sample. Whatever the sampling method performed, the account is monitored for a full business day to gather a representative sample. Monitoring is performed by a lab consultant hired by the customer.

Sewerage System

A sewerage system is the network of pipes and pumping stations leading to a treatment facility. Sewerage and sewage are often used interchangeably; however, this is not correct. Sewage is what passes through the sewerage system.

Strong Waste

This is a term applied to the relative strength of an industrial or commercial discharge into the Township's sewerage system. If the discharge exceeds thresholds for BOD₅ or FOG > 120 mg/L it is a strong waste. If any commercial or industrial customer exceeds the threshold values that customer is automatically a "strong waste customer."

Strong Waste Monitoring

The composite sample testing is accomplished by deploying an automatic sampling device to sample only that waste discharged by the facility. A composite sample consists of a series of individual, proportional grab samples taken every 15 minutes or more apart over a period of one full business day during normal operating conditions.

Supplemental Self-Monitoring

Use of a private environmental consultant to perform strong waste monitoring at a customer location.

Surcharge Thresholds

Buckingham Township set the thresholds by system for BOD₅:

Buckingham Village Wastewater System	255 mg/l
Cold Spring Wastewater System	315 mg/l
Furlong Wastewater System	273 mg/l
Fieldstone Wastewater System	250 mg/l
Mill Creek Wastewater System	225 mg/l
Fenton's Corner Wastewater System	245 mg/l
Stonemead Wastewater system	165 mg/l

Buckingham Township set the threshold for F.O.G. for all systems at 100 mg/l

Above these values, a customer is subject to receiving a surcharge on the water/sewer bill.

PENALTIES ON DELINQUENT BALANCES - Payments exceeding thirty (30) days from original billing date will be assessed a 5% penalty plus 6% per annum interest charge. Any accounts that are delinquent two (2) billing periods from original date will prompt further action: certified mailing fees and if legal action, \$150.00 administration charges plus reimbursable District Court costs and attorney's fees will be added to the outstanding balances. A \$150.00 fee will be assessed; if discontinuance of service where water service is provided by another entity, and a \$150.00 fee will be required (in cash, money order, or certified check) for re-issuance of service. If service is shut off to a property with public sewer only, the cost to restore service will be the actual excavation and restoration cost plus 15%. There will be a service charge of \$75.00 for liens and satisfactions. For liens made before 2/1/2025 there is a \$20.00 lien satisfaction fee. On delinquent accounts, there will be a \$150.00 fee for each POSTING OF SHUTOFF notices.

SECTION XVI - REFUSE COLLECTION PERMIT FEES

- A. **Municipal Waste and Source-Separated Recyclable Materials** –
For complete requirements see Township Ordinance No. 88-01 as amended by Ordinance No. 2003-04 and Ordinance No. 92-01 as amended by Ordinance 2003-05.

POLICE DEPARTMENT FEES

SECTION XVII - POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND FEES

- A. **Theft, burglary, vandalism, incident and criminal reports.**
Fee - \$15.00

- B. **Accident Reports (per Pa. C.S.A. 75 §3751(b))**
Fee - \$15.00

- C. **Subpoenaed photographs**
(3 X 5) Fee - \$5.00 each
(8 X 10) Fee - \$10.00 each
Plus \$7.00 per thumb drive if electronic copies can be produced.

- D. **Videos**
Fee - \$150.00

- E. **Soliciting Permit Applications**
Application Fee - \$50.00
Fee per month - \$25.00
Permit Renewal for Successive 30-day Intervals - \$25.00 per 30-day Interval

ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

SECTION XVIII - TOWNSHIP MEETING ROOM RENTAL

- A. **Not for profit or service organizations**
Fee - \$ 25.00 per use
Custodial services, as required per use
Escrow - \$ 50.00
Note: Escrow may be returned after inspection.

SECTION XVIV - TOWNSHIP PARKS and FIELDS

Please note: Although an approved request assures that an organization will have primary use of the fields/pavilion as reserved, other portions of the park will remain open for public use.

PAVILION/BAND SHELL USE

- A. 50 or less people:
Fee - \$50.00 per use Escrow - \$100.00
- B. Over 50 people to pavilion capacity:
Fee - \$100.00 per use Escrow - \$200.00

GENERAL PARK USAGE (Pavilion reservation additional charge - see applicable section)

- A. Over 50 people but less than 250 people:
Fee - \$100.00 per use Escrow - \$300.00
- B. Over 250 people (private function):
Fee - \$250.00 Escrow - to be determined dependent on type of function and number of attendees
- C. Over 250 people (public function):
Fee - \$350.00 Escrow and additional fees - please refer to Public Gathering Ordinance #52 as amended

FIELD USE (Athletic use of fields) - per season fees and escrows

Escrows are to be replenished to maintain the full escrow amount throughout the season.

*Seasons are as follows: Spring (April 1- July 31) and Fall (August 1 - December 31)

- A. For organizations that use the field 2 times per week or less
Fee - \$250.00 per field, per season*
Escrow - \$500.00 per field, per season* maximum escrow - \$1,000.00
- B. For organizations that use the field 5 times a week or less:
Fee - \$750.00 per field, per season*
Escrow - \$1,000 per field, per season* maximum escrow \$3,000.00.
- C. For organizations that use the field 7 times a week:
Fee - \$1,250.00 per field, per season*
Escrow - \$1,200 per field, per season * maximum escrow \$6,000.

TOURNAMENTS (Pavilion reservation additional charge - see applicable section)

- A. Fee - \$ 100.00 per day, per field
Escrow - \$200.00 per day, per field
- B. In the case of additional facility restoration needed due to damages from excessive misuse, additional charges required equal to the reimbursement of costs incurred by the Township to restore the facilities.
- C. The Township may call for additional requirements of the organization based on anticipated attendance and type of event. (For example: traffic control, portable lavatories)

SECTION XX - PUBLICATIONS AND MAPS

All charges for publications and maps shall be set from time to time by the Township Manager and such charges are posted at the township front desk.

SECTION XXI - OTHER FEES AND CHARGES

- A. **Water and/or Wastewater Certification for Sale**
Fee - \$50.00 Please note fee is double if the township is not contacted at least two business days prior to settlement.
- B. **Flood Plain Review & Certification Review by Township Engineer**
Fee - \$ 350.00
- C. **Floodplain Permit Fee – if applicable**
Fee - \$120.00 minimum plus \$0.50 per \$1000.00 construction cost
- D. **Storm Water Inspections**
Fee - \$250.00 per annum per facility
- E. **Deed Registration**
Fee - \$ 10.00
- F. **Billing Administrative Charge**
Fee - 10%
- G. **Returned Check or eCheck Administrative Fee**
Fee - \$25.00 plus Certified Letter Postage fee at current Post Office rate.
- H. **Fee for replacing lost checks - \$25.00**
- I. **Thumb Drive for receiving electronic copies of plans or documents**
Fee - \$7.00 per thumb drive
- J. **For Responses to Right to Know Requests:** The township will follow as closely as possible the fee schedule adopted by the Pennsylvania Office of Open Records, unless contrary to statutory law. The fees set forth in the Township’s right to know policy and procedure shall apply.
- K. **Township Engineer review of projects within the Carbonate Geological Formation areas in accordance with Ordinance #94-06**
Fee - \$100 and an escrow based on the scope of the project

RESOLVED and ENACTED this 25th DAY OF MARCH, 2026.

Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors



Maggie Rash, Chairman


Jon Forest, Vice-Chairman


Mike Bateman, Member

Attest:


Dana S. Cozza, Secretary