

LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION #29-2024

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PERMIT APPLICATION FEE & ESCROW SCHEDULE FOR
ON-LOT SEWAGE SYSTEMS IN LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Council of Lower Saucon Township has enacted Ordinance No. 87-13 (as amended by Ordinance No. 89-6 and 95-5), entitled "AN ORDINANCE DEFINING AND REGULATING THE INSTALLATION, CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION AND REPAIR OF INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY ON-LOT SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS; REQUIRING PERMITS FOR AND PROVIDING FOR INSPECTION AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES"; and further codified by (Township Code Chapter 130, Article II) Entitled "On-lot Sewage Disposal Systems"; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Lower Saucon Township wishes to improve the administration of the application process for On-lot Sewage Permits; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Lower Saucon Township wishes to establish a schedule of fees & escrows for On-lot Sewage Permits, and Sewage Facilities Planning for Land Developments and Subdivisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved and it is hereby resolved by the Council of Lower Saucon Township that the Schedule of Fees for On-lot Sewage Permits are fixed as follows:

1. All "whereas" clauses are incorporated therein by reference.
2. All fees be made payable to Lower Saucon Township.
3. The total fees paid at the time of permit issuance must be equal to the most recently adopted fee schedule.
4. All site evaluation be conducted as per Section 130-15, D (3) of the "Lower Saucon Township On-lot Sanitary Sewer Ordinance §130.7, and in accordance with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Regulations.
5. Actual permit fees, soil testing fees, and inspection fees are non-refundable even in case of failure or rejection.
6. All other resolutions inconsistent herewith are repealed.

I. Individual Permits

A. Fees for Carbonate & Non-Carbonate Areas

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| 1. | Application Fee | \$75.00 |
| 2. | Escrow Fee | \$2,000.00 |

- a. Inspections include up to four (4) soil probe observations, initial design review and one (1) revised review (additional soil probes may be required).
- b. Elevated Systems One (1) preconstruction meeting and four (4) inspections.
- c. In-Ground systems One (1) preconstruction meeting and two (2) inspections.
- d. Perform or witness up to two (2) percolation tests simultaneously.
- e. Any need for more inspections/tests or review will be charged against the escrow.

B. Fees for Repairs to Existing Systems

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| 1. | Application Fee | \$75.00 |
| 2. | Escrow Fee | \$1,500.00 |

- a. Inspections includes up to two (2) soil probe observations, initial design review and one (1) revised review (additional probes may be required).
- b. Elevated Systems One (1) preconstruction meeting and four (4) inspections.
- c. In-Ground systems One (1) preconstruction meeting and two (2) inspections.
- d. Perform or witness up to one (1) percolation test.
- e. Any need for more inspections/tests or review will be charged against the escrow.

C. Callback Fee/Minor Repairs/Modifications \$135.00

1. A callback fee will be imposed under the following circumstances:
 - a. A contractor or consultant for the applicant is not present at the scheduled time and requires the Sewage enforcement Officers to reschedule the appointment.
 - b. The Sewage Enforcement Officer is required to conduct an additional inspection because the Contractor was not ready as scheduled or the installation to be inspected was not installed correctly, and would require the Sewage Enforcement Officer to conduct an additional inspection.
 - c. If a percolation test is canceled after one (1) of the Sewage Enforcement Officer required observations has already been conducted, i.e., the Sewage Enforcement Officer observed the required initial presoak of the percolation test the day before the test was to be conducted and the following day the applicant canceled the remainder of the test. Therefore, when the testing is rescheduled, the Sewage Enforcement Officer would have to re-observe the initial presoak the day before the rescheduled test.
 - d. The issuance of Permit and inspection of minor repairs such as; treatment tank baffle repair, repair or replace broken building sewer or delivery pipe, installation of tank manhole extensions, etc.

II. Subdivision and Land Development

- A. Initial escrow deposit with the Township of \$250.00 per lot or \$2,000.00 minimum, to cover soils testing and planning module review (NOTE: this work does not qualify for reimbursement by the State.)

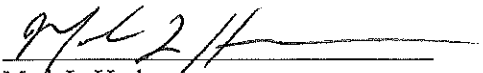
NOTE: All testing and planning cost shall be reimbursed by the Developer to the Township. The costs of services to be reimbursed by the Developer will be in accordance with the adopted Township Engineer Fee Schedule in place at the time the services were provided.

III. Violation/Malfunction Enforcement Activities

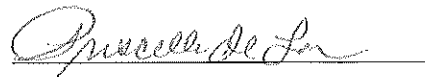
- A. All activity necessary for the investigation and enforcement of DEP regulations as they relate to observable, confirmed violations shall be charged at \$93.00 per hour plus any associated lab testing fees, and shall be assessed to the violator up to the point that the application for repair has been completed and submitted for approval. The violator will be charged these fees along with the application fees.

ADOPTED AND ENACTED this 2nd day of January, 2024.

Attest


Mark L. Hudson
Township Secretary

Lower Saucon Township


Council President