LOWER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
CAPE MAY COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 141-2026

ADOPTING SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS OF THE LOWER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority ("LTMUA" or "Authority") is a local sewer and water utilities authority, duly formed, organized and existing in accordance with the County and Local Utilities Authority Law, N.J.S.A. 40:14B-1, *et. seq.*, and the ordinances of the Township of Lower; and

WHEREAS, the Authority owns and operates a "water system," as that term is defined at *N.J.S.A.* 40:14B-3, within the Townships of Lower and Middle in Cape May County; and

WHEREAS, the Authority owns and operates a "sewerage system," as that term is defined at *N.J.S.A.* 40:14B-3, within the Township of Lower in Cape May County; and

WHEREAS, the County and Local Utilities Authority Law, at N.J.S.A. 40:14B-21, indicates that every municipal authority is "authorized to charge and collect rents, rates, fees or other charges (in [the] act sometimes referred to as 'water charges') for direct or indirect connection with, or the use, products or services of, the water system, or for the sale of water or water supply services, water supply facilities or products;" and

WHEREAS, the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:14B-21 further provide that in addition to water services charges every municipal authority also is authorized to impose a separate charge in the nature of a connection fee or tapping fee in respect of each connection of any property with the water system; and

WHEREAS, the County and Local Utilities Authority Law, at N.J.S.A. 40:14B-22, indicates that every municipal authority is "authorized to charge and collect rents, rates, fees or other charges (in [the] act sometimes referred to as 'sewer service charges') for direct or indirect connection with, or the use or services of, the sewer system;" and

WHEREAS, the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:14B-21 further provide that in addition to sewer service charges, every municipal authority is also authorized to impose a separate charge in the nature of a connection fee or tapping fee in respect of each connection of any property with the sewerage system; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:14B-23, the Authority proposed a schedule of water charges and sewer service charges and, as required by N.J.S.A. 40:14B-23, the Authority mailed notice of the proposed charges to the Clerks of Lower Township, Middle Township, and the City of Cape May and published a Notice of Public Hearing in two newspapers of general circulation in the area serviced by the Authority -namely, the Press of Atlantic City and the Cape May County Herald- all of which occurred more than twenty (20) days prior to the date of the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:14B-23, the Authority conducted a rate hearing on October 7, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at the Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority offices located at 2900 Bayshore Road., Villas, NJ 08251; and

WHEREAS, upon consideration of the evidence presented at the public hearing, the Authority Members have determined that the "FY2026-2027 Rate Schedule (Sewer & Water)," annexed hereto as Exhibit "A" should be adopted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Members of the Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority, in the County of Cape May and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1) All of the statements of the Preamble are repeated and are incorporated herein and made a part hereof by this reference thereto.

2) The "FY2026-2027 Rate Schedule (Sewer & Water)," annexed hereto as Exhibit "A" is adopted.

3) To the extent that any provision of Resolution 125-2024 (pertaining to water charges for customers with connections in Middle Township), adopted November 6, 2024, is inconsistent with any provision of the FY2026-2027 Rate Schedule (Sewer & Water) then the provision of Resolution 125-2024 shall prevail as to customers with connections in Middle Township; otherwise the provisions of FY2026-2027 Rate Schedule (Sewer & Water) which are not inconsistent with Resolution 125-2024 shall apply to all Authority customers, including those with connections in Middle Township.

4) Except for Resolution 125-2024 (pertaining to rates for customers with connections in Middle Township), any and all prior water rate and sewer rate Resolutions are rescinded.

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		RIDGWAY	STEERE	HENDERSON	RECHNER	PRINCE
MOTION			X			
SECOND					X	
AYES		X	X	X	X	
NAY						
ABSENT						X
ABSTAIN						

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a resolution introduced and adopted by the Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority at a meeting held on October 7, 2026.

Melissa Jasinski, Board Secretary