

**EAGLES MERE BOROUGH AUTHORITY  
SULLIVAN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
RESOLUTION 1-2024**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE EAGLES MERE BOROUGH AUTHORITY,  
SULLIVAN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING RESOLUTIONS  
DATED 28 JULY 1992 (Sewer Use Rules) and 23 NOVEMBER 1992 (User  
Charges) AS AMENDED BY A RESOLUTION ADOPTED 20 DECEMBER  
2005**

**WHEREAS, the Eagles Mere Borough Authority adopted a Sewer User Rules and Regulations Resolution on July 28, 1992, setting forth design standards and conditions for using the Authority’s sewer system; and**

**WHEREAS, the Eagles Mere Borough Authority adopted a User Charges Resolution on November 23, 1992, establishing the basis for charging fees to customers connected to the Authority’s sewer system; and**

**WHEREAS, the November 23, 1992, Resolution was amended by a Resolution adopted on December 20, 2005, to change the rate at which an Accessory Building is charged; and**

**WHEREAS, there has been recent action on the part of the Borough Council to define Accessory Buildings and some Accessory Buildings have been served by the Authority for some time but without billing; and**

**WHEREAS, the Authority has billed customers for the right to discharge sewage to its system from Accessory Buildings since 2005; and**

**WHEREAS, the Authority Board recognizes the distinction between the use of Accessory Buildings as dwellings versus non-dwelling uses and, in the case of a lot that has more than one building that is connected to the Authority’s system, it wishes to reduce the charges related to Accessory Buildings which are not capable of providing the full sewage disposal capability of a dwelling unit; and**

**WHEREAS, the Authority User Rules of July 28, 1992, required a direct lateral connection from an Accessory Building to the Authority’s system, and the Authority has since reconsidered that requirement; and**

**WHEREAS, the Authority wishes to provide customers with the ability to disconnect or “cap” its sewage flow from buildings that no longer generate sewage; therefore**

**The Authority adopts the following amendments to incorporate the changes introduced above:**

*Amendments to 28 July 1992 Resolution:*

Section 4.3 WHEN SEPARATE CONNECTIONS ARE REQUIRED

A separate and independent building sewer shall be provided for every Dwelling Unit, except when one building stands at the rear of another on an interior lot and no private sewer is available or can be constructed to the rear building through an adjoining alley, court-yard, or driveway. In such cases, the building sewer serving the front building may be extended to the rear building. Accessory Buildings shall connect to the Dwelling Unit lateral unless topographic or geologic conditions justify, in the opinion of the Operator, a direct connection to the Authority's sewer system. The Authority assumes no obligation or responsibility for damage caused by or resulting from any single building sewer that serves two buildings.

Section 4.9 CONNECTION INSPECTION

The applicant for a building sewer connection permit or the capping of an existing sewer connection shall notify the Operator when such sewer connection is ready for inspection before its connection or disconnection to the Authority's facilities. Such connection or disconnection and testing, as deemed necessary by the Operator, shall be made under the supervision of the Operator.

*Amendments to 23 November 1992 Resolution:*

Section 1.01 (amend the definitions of "Accessory Building," "Capped Connection," and "Dwelling Unit" added in an amendment of 12/20/2005)

"Accessory Building" shall mean a building that is not a Dwelling Unit, but is instead subordinate to the principal building on a lot and used for a permitted accessory use that has a drain and/or plumbing fixtures connected to the Authority's sewer main either directly through a lateral connection to the Authority system, or indirectly through a lateral from the principal building on the lot. Accessory Buildings only have a commode and/or sink. Any other building that has additional fixtures is a Dwelling Unit.

"Capped Connection" shall mean: 1) when the owner of an unimproved property has submitted an application to connect to the sewer system, has paid all requisite fees, and has not connected to the sewer system within twelve (12) months of the approval of the application; or 2) when the owner of an existing connection to the sewer system has submitted an application for disconnection, paid all requisite fees, and has capped the existing connection under the supervision of the Operator.

"Dwelling Unit" shall mean any room, group of rooms, house trailer, house, single family residence, apartment, condominium, cooperative or other enclosure connected, directly or indirectly, to the Sewer System and occupied, intended for, or capable of occupancy as living quarters on a temporary, seasonal, or permanent basis by an individual, or single family or other discrete group of persons, excluding institutional dormitories.

*Section 2.01 (amend the amendment added by Resolution of 12/20/2005)*

The Owner of a property that has a capped connection will be billed an annual service fee in an amount determined by the Authority from time to time by Resolution.

*Section 2.03 as amended 12/20/2005*

COMPUTATION OF EQUIVALENT DWELLING UNITS

<u>Description of Improved Property</u>	<u>Unit of Measurement</u>	<u>Number of EDUs Per Unit of Measurement</u>
Accessory Building	Each Building	0.5

*Amendments to Sewer Use Rules, 7-28-1992 to describe a process for capping*

Section 1.1 Specific Definitions

(Add the following new definition)

Capping shall mean 1) installing an impervious cap on the end of a sewer pipe lateral extended into a lot that is intended to serve a future connection to a dwelling unit or accessory building, or 2) terminating a pipe connection through the installation of impervious caps on an existing lateral that captures the sewer flow directly or indirectly from a Dwelling Unit or Accessory Building.

Section 4.4 Existing Building Sewers

(Add additional sentences to the end of Section 4.4)

To cap an existing sewer pipe that delivers sewage directly or indirectly to the system, begin by ensuring that all water sources contributing to the point of capping are disconnected or made inoperable and have been drained as thoroughly as possible. Excavate at the point where the disconnect will be created, exposing the pipe all around. Cut the pipe (leaving about 2 feet between stub ends), then, depending on the type of pipe (SDR 35, Schedule 40, clay, other), glue on or install an appropriate type of impervious cap over each stub end after thoroughly cleaning the ends of the pipe stubs. Then backfill the excavation, and seed and mulch the surface of the excavation area. Create a written record of the customer's name and tax map and lot number, who did the work and when, who inspected the capping for the Authority, pictures of the exposed ends and the capped ends, and produce a sketch showing measurements from the corners of a house or other fixed objects so pipes can be found again, if necessary.

Adopted by the Board of Eagles Mere Borough Authority on the 21st day of November 2024.

Attest

Eagles Mere Borough Authority

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Julie Norton, Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cathy Coniff, Chairperson