

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION 2020-192

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUATION
OF 2019-2020 SEWER RATES FOR THE SECOND
QUARTER OF 2020 IN EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, Chapter 188 of the East Goshen Township Code outlines the Township's methodology and process for updating sewer rates every April based on water usage for the fourth quarter of the previous year and the first quarter of the current year;

WHEREAS, Chapter 188-4(F) allows for the rates to be "amended from time to time by resolution of the Board of Supervisors";

WHEREAS, the governments of the United States, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and East Goshen Township (the "Township") are all operating under States of Emergency on account of the global COVID-19 pandemic until at least April 30, 2020 and possibly longer;

WHEREAS, the Township is closed to the public and office staff are generally working remotely to inhibit the spread of Coronavirus until April 30, 2020 and possibly longer;

WHEREAS, amending sewer rates causes a substantial increase in questions and inquiries from residents, which Township staff are not in a position to handle while the building is closed and staff are working remotely;

WHEREAS, the Township requires a continuous cashflow to satisfactorily operate the sewer system in conformance with DEP permit requirements and the expectations of Township residents and to meet the contractual obligations of the East Goshen Municipal Authority;

WHEREAS, during uncertain economic times, it is beneficial to Township residents' personal finances to have stable utility bills;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township will charge Township residents served by public sewers the same amount for sewer in the Second Quarter of 2020 that they were charged in the First Quarter of 2020;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Township will charge Township businesses served by public sewers at the existing sewer rates, but based on their actual water consumption during the First Quarter of 2020;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Township Manager and Assistant Township Manager are authorized to adjust the assumed sewer consumption for new residents who, based on Aqua water consumption data, may have consumed demonstrably less water between October 1, 2019, and March 31, 2020 than they are otherwise being billed for in the Second Quarter of

2020;

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED, this 14th day of APRIL 2020.

ATTEST:

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**



Secretary



