# Scott Township Sewer and Water Authority 1038 Montdale Road Scott Township PA 18447

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Date: December 9, 2025

Subject: Notice of Sewer Rate Adjustment Effective February 1, 2026

Dear Valued Resident,

We are writing to inform you of a necessary adjustment to your monthly sewer rate. After careful consideration, the **Sewer Authority Board** has approved a rate increase to ensure the continued reliability and quality of our wastewater services.

### **Details of the Rate Change**

This increase is vital for offsetting the significant increases in operating costs, as well as a recent judgement of \$187,000 plus legal fees from lawsuit that began in 2011. The new rate will help fund necessary **maintenance and repairs** to our aging infrastructure and daily operations.

• Current Monthly Rate: \$84.00

New Monthly Rate: \$94.00

Effective Date: This new rate will be reflected in your bill for service beginning February 1, 2026.

#### **Grinder Pump Maintenance and Ownership**

We also wish to clarify the status of the grinder pumps installed at properties within our service area.

- The **Sewer Authority will continue to own and maintain the grinder pumps** on your property. This includes all required maintenance, repairs, and eventual replacements of the units.
- Your responsibilities remain focused on the proper use of the system (e.g., avoiding flushing prohibited items) to prevent blockages, as outlined in our guidelines. Misuse of the system will lead to additional charges for repairs that you, the rate payer will be responsible for.

# **Online Portal and Emailed Invoices**

We are pleased to offer convenient new options for managing your account and paying your bill.

- Online Portal: You can access your account and make payments through our online portal at <u>www.scotttownship.org/sewers</u>.
- **Emailed Invoices:** You can sign up to receive your invoices via email at no charge. Simply register on the online portal to opt for paperless billing.
- Payment Options: Online payments can be made through the portal. You can also sign up for autopay if you wish. A check made out to Scott Township Sewer & Water Authority can be mailed or dropped off to 1038 Montdale Rd, Scott Township, PA 18447.

## **Our Commitment to the Community**

We understand that any increase in costs affects your household budget. This decision was not made lightly, and we have made every effort to keep the increase to a minimum. Please note, every board member making this decision is a rate payer so we understand the effect it is having on your household.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this rate adjustment, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (570) 319-1296. More information and resources can also be found on our website at scotttownship.org/sewers.