



# BOROUGH OF TARENTUM

Allegheny County, Pennsylvania



## RESOLUTION #23-20

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING A UTILITY BILL BUDGET PAYMENT PLAN AND SETTING FORTH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENROLLMENT.

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Tarentum, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is authorized under the Borough Code Section 3301.1 to adopt ordinances and resolutions for any purpose and as deemed beneficial to the Borough, 8 Pa C.S. § 3301.1; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Borough of Tarentum desires to create a utility bill budget payment plan option for specific customers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Borough of Tarentum wishes to set forth the terms and conditions for budget payment plan eligibility and enrollment.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tarentum Borough Council as follows:

### Section 1. Budget Billing Plan Overview.

The Tarentum Borough Utility Budget Billing Plan is a plan to level out payments for residential electric customers. It is being offered as a convenience for the Borough's residential customers. Instead of paying larger bills during peak heating or cooling periods, customers pay their total annual cost in monthly installments under the Budget Billing Plan. There is no extra cost to the customer under this billing plan, and the customer ultimately pays for only the electricity that is actually used.

### Section 2. Calculation.

The monthly average payment amount will be based on one-third (1/3) of the actual usage over the most recent three (3) months. The three-month usage figure is calculated every fourth month for the customer's preceding (3) months' usage. The usage is billed each month at the current applicable rate. If a customer is new or moves to a new location, that customer will have no history of electric usage in the new residence. The resident will be eligible to sign up for the budget plan after the first three (3) months of usage.

We will review and reconcile your account quarterly to determine if your average monthly amount should be modified to achieve a zero balance at the end of your budget year. The reconciliation may result in a charge or credit to the customer. If your usage pattern changes, the budget amount may be updated to reflect these changes.

### Section 3. Application.

Residential customers may participate in the Budget Billing Plan by applying to the Borough. Customers may make applications at any time during the year. To apply in person, please visit the Borough Office, 318 E 2nd Avenue, Monday through Friday, from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. To apply by mail, please



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fill out the budget billing plan application, attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A, and mail to the Borough at the address listed above.

### Section 4. Eligibility.

Customers are eligible for the Budget Billing Plan only if there are no past due bills for municipal services with the Borough on their utility account or associated with the property in question or any other property under the ownership of the applicant. Customers must continue to pay their bills on or by the due date to continue on this plan. Converting to the plan could take up to a month, depending on the date requested and the date that the Borough bills the account.

### Section 5. Tenants.

If you are a tenant, your landlord will be notified of your application and must approve and sign the request for a budget plan.

### Section 6. Other Budget Plan Rules.

1. The budget must be paid in full by the due date on the bill.
2. Any partial or missed payment will result in removal from the budget plan. You may be subject to disconnection if payments are not received on time.
3. Notification of any changes to your budget plan amount will be reflected in the amount due on your next bill.
4. Payment extensions will not be granted to customers on the budget plan.
5. At any time, you may elect to be removed from the budget plan.
6. You must pay your bill in full at the time of request.

### Section 7. Effective Date.

The Tarentum Borough Utility Budget Billing Plan will be effective as of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 and the first recalculation will be the first week of April 2024.

RESOLVED and ENACTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF TARENTUM

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Dwight D. Boddorf, Borough Manager

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Scott Dadowski, President of Council

EXAMINED AND APPROVED by me this 14th day of November 2023.

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Bob Lang, Mayor



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I, the undersigned, duly qualified Secretary of the Borough of Tarentum, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Borough of Tarentum at a regular meeting held on 14th day of November, 2023 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the Borough of Tarentum and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Borough of Tarentum on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.

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Dwight D. Boddorf, Borough Manager