



BOROUGH OF TARENTUM

Allegheny County, Pennsylvania



RESOLUTION #25-17

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DESIGNATING THE 2026 WATER RATES AND ESTABLISHING A FOUR-YEAR PLAN TO PHASE-IN UNIFORM WATER CONSUMPTION RATES AND METER-SCALED BASE CHARGES, INCLUDING AN INCREASE TO THE EAST DEER CONTRACT RATE, AND REPEALING ALL RATES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

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 deemed beneficial to the Borough, 8 Pa C.S. § 3301.1; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Tarentum has determined that the current water rate structure is inequitable, resulting in disproportionate costs being borne by residential customers as compared to larger commercial and institutional users; and

WHEREAS, the Borough seeks to ensure that water consumption rates are equitable, transparent, and aligned with industry best practices, while also generating adequate revenue to maintain and replace the Borough's aging water infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has implemented similar cost-aligned rate strategies in the electric utility system and desires to maintain consistency in rate philosophies across all utilities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's wholesale agreement with East Deer Township allows for periodic rate adjustments based on cost of service and mutual agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Tarentum desires to adopt a phased rate structure, beginning in 2026, and culminating in a uniform per-gallon consumption rate and a meter-based fixed service charge by January 1, 2029.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Tarentum, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION 1: 2026 WATER RATES

The following rates shall be charged for metered water sold by the Borough of Tarentum to its customers, effective January 1, 2026:

Size of Meter	Allowance in Gallons	Base Rate	Costs Per Gallon
5/8"	2,000	\$ 27.90	\$ 0.01395 (frozen rate)
3/4"	3,000	\$ 33.69	\$0.01179
1"	5,000	\$ 52.82	\$0.01129
1 1/4"	9,000	\$ 87.63	\$0.01068
1 1/2"	14,000	\$ 131.74	\$0.01043
2"	23,000	\$ 212.83	\$0.01031
3"	46,000	\$ 415.50	\$0.01014



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4"	92,000	\$ 801.86	\$0.00991
6"	234,000	\$ 2,066.79	\$0.00999

SECTION 2: EAST DEER CONTRACT RATE (WHOLESALE CUSTOMER)

The quarterly bulk rates for metered water sold to East Deer Township shall be changed to read as follows, effective January 1, 2026, for each metered connection:

Usage Per Quarter	Charges Per 1,000 Gallons
First 200,000 gallons	\$6.51
Next 200,000 gallons	\$6.15
Next 200,000 gallons	\$5.83
Next 200,000 gallons	\$5.53
Next 200,000 gallons	\$5.27

For all usage in excess of 1,000,000 gallons per quarter, the charge shall be \$6.01 per thousand (1,000) gallons used.

As of January 1, 2026, a flat rate of \$9.54 per thousand (1,000) gallons of water shall be charged to any bulk use customer, water hauler, or temporary use consumer at locations where a water meter must be temporarily installed. Any requests for this rate category must be approved in advance by the Borough Manager.

SECTION 3: FOUR-YEAR PHASE-IN PLAN (2026-2029)

The Borough shall implement the following phased changes through January 1, 2029:

- Per-Gallon Rate Adjustment**
 - All meter sizes, except 5/8", shall see incremental increases in per-gallon rates each year, reaching **\$0.0135 per gallon (\$13.5 per 1,000 gallons)** by January 1, 2029.
 - 5/8" per-gallon rates shall remain frozen at \$0.01395 through 2028, then adjust to \$0.01350 per gallon in 2029.
- Allowance Reduction**
 - For all meters except 5/8", gallon allowances shall be reduced to 50% in 2027, 25% in 2028, and fully eliminated by 2029.
 - The 5/8" allowance shall remain at 2,000 gallons through 2028 and be eliminated in 2029.
- Base Rate Restructure (Effective January 1, 2029)**
 - All base charges shall be recalibrated to reflect only fixed system costs (billing, meter maintenance, system access).
 - Meter sizes shall be scaled in accordance with AWWA capacity ratios.
- Bulk Rates or Separate Contractual Rates**

This phase-in plan shall apply to all retail water customers. Wholesale customers and bulk users, including East Deer Township, shall remain subject to separate contract rates established by agreement.



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SECTION 4: PHILOSOPHICAL ALIGNMENT

To maintain fairness and consistency across utilities:

- **Electric Rate Philosophy:** Lower per-kWh rates for commercial customers are acceptable because demand charges and infrastructure costs are recovered through other mechanisms.
- **Water Rate Philosophy:** Lower per-gallon rates for commercial customers are not equitable unless fixed system costs and capacity impacts are also being proportionally recovered.

SECTION 5: REPEALER

All prior resolutions or rate schedules inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Resolution shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

ATTEST:

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Dwight Boddorf, Borough Manager

Scott Dadowski, President of Council

EXAMINED AND APPROVED by me this 9th day of September 2025.

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 this 9th day of September 2025 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 this 9th day of September 2025.

Dwight Boddorf, Borough Manager



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Exhibit A — Retail Water Consumption Rates (Per Gallon)

Meter Size	2026	2027	2028	2029 (Uniform)
5/8"	\$0.01395	\$0.01395	\$0.01395	\$0.01350
3/4"	\$0.01179	\$0.01236	\$0.01293	\$0.01350
1"	\$0.01129	\$0.01203	\$0.01276	\$0.01350
1 1/4"	\$0.01068	\$0.01162	\$0.01256	\$0.01350
1 1/2"	\$0.01043	\$0.01145	\$0.01248	\$0.01350
2"	\$0.01031	\$0.01137	\$0.01244	\$0.01350
3"	\$0.01014	\$0.01126	\$0.01238	\$0.01350
4"	\$0.00991	\$0.01111	\$0.01230	\$0.01350
6"	\$0.00999	\$0.01116	\$0.01233	\$0.01350

Notes:

- **Method:** Linear step-ups from the 2026 starting rate to **\$0.01350/gal (\$13.50/1,000 gal)** by **Jan 1, 2029**, except **5/8"** which is frozen at **\$0.01395** through 2028 and then adjusts down to **\$0.01350** in 2029.
- **Scope:** Applies to **retail customers only**. Wholesale/bulk (e.g., East Deer) remain subject to separate contracts/rates.



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Exhibit B — Allowance Phase-Out Schedule

Category	2026	2027	2028	2029
All meters except 5/8"	Current allowance	50% of current	25% of current	0% (eliminated)
5/8"	2,000 gal	2,000 gal	2,000 gal	0% (eliminated)