## ORDINANCE NO. 2014- /

## AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRISTOL, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, INCREASING THE SEWER RATES AND CHARGES BY FIVE PERCENT (5%) FOR RESIDENTIAL AND NON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES WITHIN THE BRISTOL TOWNSHIP SEWER SYSTEM SERVICE AREA

WHEREAS, the Council of the Township of Bristol is empowered to adopt Ordinances of the Township pursuant to the Pennsylvania First Class Township Code, 53 PS 56502; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Township of Bristol, County of Bucks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is empowered to levy, assess and collect or provide for the levying, assessment and collection of sewer rentals as they shall determine on persons and commercial entities for general revenue purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bristol has enacted an Ordinance with amendments providing for sewer rents and discharge regulations which is codified as Chapter 160, Article II, in the Code of the Township of Bristol; and

WHEREAS, Section 160-24 provides that the residential and non-residential sewer rates shall be set from time to time by Resolution or Ordinance of the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, 53 P.S. Section 57401 of the Pennsylvania First Class Township Code provides that a change in the sewer rate shall be proscribed by Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Council for the Township of Bristol has determined that it is necessary to increase the sewer rates in order for the Bristol Township Sewer System to operate on a sound financial basis and that the debt incurred in connection with such system is properly and adequately secured and repaid.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the Township of Bristol, County of Bucks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania does hereby ordain and enact the following.

## **SECTION 1.** Effective as of January 1, 2014, the sewer rates shall be as follows:

- A. For residential properties, \$100.94 per quarter;
- B. For apartments, \$100.94 per quarter, per unit;
- C. For trailer parks, \$100.94 per quarter, per trailer;
- D. For Keystone Industrial Park, \$333.32 for the first 15,000 gallons and \$11.40 for every 1,000 gallons thereafter per quarter;
- E. For commercial metered properties, schools, and hospitals, \$377.22 for the first 30,000 gallons and \$5.70 for every 1,000 gallons thereafter billed

semi-annually;

- F. For motels, \$377.22 for the first 30,000 gallons and \$5.70 for every 1,000 gallons thereafter plus a 35% surcharge, billed semi-annually;
- G. For non-metered commercial properties, \$425.78 billed semi-annually;
- H. For Dow Chemical properties, \$16.30 per 1,000 gallons plus a \$50.00 administrative fee billed semi-annually.

**SECTION 2.** Whenever the requirements of this Ordinance are in conflict with other requirements of the Ordinances of the Township of Bristol, the most restrictive, or those imposing the higher standards, shall govern.

**SECTION 3.** The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any section, clause, sentence, part or provision hereof shall be held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining sections, clauses, sentences, parts or provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Council that this Ordinance would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional section, clause, sentence, part or provision had not been included herein.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall become effective after its final passage by Council.

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ATTEST:

COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRISTOL,

BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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Bob Lewis, Jr., President