## **ORDINANCE NO. 2509**

## ROSS TOWNSHIP ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROSS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING THE BASIC SERVICE CHARGE AND USAGE FEE FOR ALCOSAN TREATMENT SERVICES AND FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SEWER CONVEYANCE SYSTEM IN ROSS TOWNSHIP FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

WHEREAS, the Township of Ross entered into a Standard Municipal Agreement with the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority (hereinafter referred to as "ALCOSAN") for the treatment and disposal of sewage entering sewers within the Township of Ross; and Ross Township and its residents became legally bound to accept and pay for sewage collection and treatment service to ALCOSAN for sewage entering ALCOSAN'S sewage disposal system; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a said Agreement ALCOSAN was permitted to impose upon and collect from all Ross Township water users the sewage charges that were from time to time established by ALCOSAN; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Agreement the Township exercised its option of paying an aggregate amount for all sewage service charges to ALCOSAN on behalf of its citizens, and then collecting the same from its water users; and

WHEREAS, the Township has further exercised its option of assessing an additional fee for the operation and maintenance of the sewer conveyance system in the Township; and WHEREAS, costs of providing services, operation, and maintenance has risen for the purpose of meeting the requirements of the EPA consent order; and

WHEREAS, for the health, safety and general welfare of the Township of Ross and its inhabitants, it is necessary to increase the charge for the use of said sanitary sewer service.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Ross, in meeting assembled and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same:

SECTION 1. SEWAGE TREATMENT AND CONVEYANCE – there is hereby imposed and established charges for the use of the ALCOSAN sewage treatment works and facilities and for the Ross Township operation and maintenance of the sewer conveyance system. The rate of such charges shall be based on the quantity of water used as shown by water consumption readings. All users of the sewer system situate within the territorial limits of the Township of Ross shall be charged as follows:

ALCOSAN Service Charge -\$ 7.81 per billRoss Township Service Charge \$ 1.50 per billALCOSAN User Fee\$ 11.14 per 1,000 gallons of waterRoss Township User Fee\$ 4.82 per 1,000 gallons of water

SECTION 2. Repealer - Any Ordinance or part of Ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed, insofar as same effects this Ordinance. SECTION 3. Savings and Severability Clauses – the provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and, if any of its provisions shall be held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional, it shall not effect or impair any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. Effective Date - The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2024. It being the specific intent of this Ordinance that the increase in said sewage treatment charges shall be effective as of the first month commencing on January 1, 2024.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED THIS 4<sup>th</sup> day of <u>DECEMBER</u>, <u>2023</u>.

ATTEST:

**TOWNSHIP OF ROSS** 

By:\_\_\_\_\_

Ron Borczyk Township Manager Dan DeMarco, President of the Board of Commissioners