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November 1, 2024

Mr. Seth Abrams
Borough of Munhall
1900 West Street, Suite #4
Munhall PA, 15120

RE: RATE RESOLUTION- 2025 BUDGET VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Dear Mr. Abrams:

The Allegheny County Sanitary Authority (ALCOSAN) Board of Directors approved a five-year rate structure at its public meeting on October 28, 2021. This rate structure is designed to enable ratepayers and our municipal customers to strategically plan for future expenses. The increases, effective for water used beginning January 1 of each year, will be 7% for 2025 and 7% for 2026.

Effective January 1, 2024, the wastewater treatment charge will increase by 78 cents, from \$111.14 to \$111.92 for each thousand gallons used and the quarterly flat rate customer service charge will increase by \$1.64, from \$23.41 to \$25.05 per bill issued. The average customer, who uses 12,000 gallons of water per quarter, will pay \$11.00 more per quarter increasing their quarterly charge from \$157.09 to \$168.09. The rates for effluent surcharges, commercial disposals and auxiliary meters will remain the same.

We recommend that you communicate these increases to your customers by the actual cash amount of the increase; studies show that using percentages confuses the average customer and creates a perception that the rate increase is actually bigger than it is.

Having chosen the alternate method of billing, as provided in the ALCOSAN sewage agreement, your municipality has agreed to pay ALCOSAN sewage charges for the properties located within your municipality.

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The agreement requires the municipality to provide, in its annual budget, funds equal to at least 120% of the amount ALCOSAN estimates will become due within such year. For the 2025 calendar year, the ALCOSAN estimates the requirement for your municipality to be \$2,897,040.65 at 120% is \$3,476,448.78.

ALCOSAN hereby requests that your municipality take timely and appropriate action to collect or obtain during 2025, by any lawful means, the sum of at least \$3,476,448.78. This money shall be deposited in a restricted "Sewage Agency Fund" which is to be used for the purpose of meeting the municipality's wastewater collection system requirements.

Low-income homeowners in the ALCOSAN service area can reduce their bills by applying to the ALCOSAN's Clean Water Assistance Fund. Details are available through Dollar Energy at 412-930-8635. Applications may be filed online at www.dollarenergy.org or through local social service agencies.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the estimated budget for 2025, please contact Leslie Sanford, Manager of Customer Service and Billing Department at 412-734-6208 or leslie.sanford@alcosan.org.

Sincerely,

ALLEGHENY COUNTY SANITARY AUTHORITY

Arletta Scott Williams
Executive Director

Enclosure