

RESOLUTION 2024-02

**A RESOLUTION OF THE UPPER MONTGOMERY JOINT AUTHORITY,
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
TO IMPLEMENT AN INSPECTION COMPLIANCE PROGRAM REGARDING THE
ELIMINATION OF ILLEGAL CONNECTIONS**

WHEREAS, Upper Montgomery Joint Authority (hereinafter “UMJA”) is a municipal authority organized and existing under the Pennsylvania Municipality Authorities Act of 1945, as amended; and

WHEREAS, operates a Waste Water Treatment Plant (hereinafter “WWTP”) to process sanitary sewage waste from governmental, commercial, industrial and residential customers within the UMJA service area; and

WHEREAS, the introduction of ground and storm water into the sanitary sewer system puts a strain on UMJA’s conveyance and treatment facilities; adversely affects UMJA’s ability to properly process and treat sanitary sewage; leads to increased conveyance and treatment costs; and ultimately to the necessity of raising rates; and

WHEREAS, the mixture of sewage, ground, and storm water may overwhelm the conveyance system and treatment plant that could back up and flood basements and roadways, contaminate streams, creeks, crops, vegetation, and create a serious public health risk in violation of the federal and state environment regulations for which the Authority can be fined; and

WHEREAS, the intentional insertion of ground and storm water into UMJA’s conveyance system and treatment plant is prohibited by UMJA’s Rules, Rates and Regulations and the Ordinances of East Greenville (§78-3), Red Hill (§18-117), and Pennsburg Boroughs (§86-3), and Upper Hanover Township (§383-18(B)); and

WHEREAS, illegal connections to UMJA’s conveyance system and treatment plant consists of sump pumps, perimeter drains, French drains, lateral vents, rain gutters, downspouts and any other connection that allows rain and/or groundwater to enter UMJA’s systems; and

WHEREAS, UMJA has made significant investments to eliminate Inflow and Infiltration (hereinafter “I&I”) from stormwater and groundwater sources from broken sewer mains, manholes, and sewer laterals over the past five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, UMJA seeks to further reduce I&I from private sources by conducting building and site inspections to eliminate illegal connections; and

WHEREAS, UMJA intends to begin a voluntary compliance program beginning May 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, in order to induce property owners to voluntarily enter the program; allow UMJA personnel to inspect private property and comply with UMJA’s inspection program, UMJA desires to provide a onetime reduction in certain fees charged to rate payers who comply.

NOW THEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED**, and it is hereby **RESOLVED** that:

1. The Board of Directors finds that in exchange for a property owner voluntarily allowing UMJA personnel to inspect their premises for illegal connections, UMJA will provide a Twenty Five &00/100 (\$25.00) Dollar reduction in the Property Owner’s next quarterly bill.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 9th Day of April 2024.

UPPER MONTGOMERY JOINT AUTHORITY

BY: 
(Vice) Chair

ATTEST: 
(Assistant) Secretary