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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Commissioners, Developers, Engineers, and Interested Parties
FROM: Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer
DATE: October 22, 2026
SUBJECT: Synopsis of Updated Rules and Regulations for Water and Sewer Development — Little Egg Harbor Municipal Utilities Authority (LEHMUA)

1. Purpose and Overview

This memorandum provides a brief synopsis of the recently updated Rules and Regulations of the Little Egg Harbor Municipal Utilities Authority (LEHMUA) regarding water and sewer utility applications, infrastructure design, inspection fees, and development requirements within our service system. All developers, project engineers, and applicants are advised to review these updated standards prior to submitting new development applications or for those applications received, but not yet officially approved.

2. General Application and Escrow Fee Adjustments

The application and escrow fee structure for both water and sewer developments has been updated to streamline processing and ensure adequate coverage of administrative and engineering review costs:

Application Type	Fee / Escrow Requirement
Preliminary Application	Minimum fee of \$1,000
Tentative Application	Minimum fee of \$1,500 plus an escrow to be posted of 3.5% of total estimated construction costs
Final Application	Minimum fee of \$1,000 plus an escrow to be posted of 1.0% of total estimated construction costs
Inspection Escrow	Adjusted to 5% of total construction costs (reduced from the previous 8%)

Note on Escrow Posting: For water and sewer applications, escrow posting is required for developments consisting of three (3) or more units.

3. Estimated Construction Costs & Schedule

To maintain transparency and consistency, the Authority will institute an **annual adoption of a schedule of estimated construction costs**. This schedule will be provided by the Authority Engineer, formally adopted by resolution at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, and posted publicly for prospective developers.

4. Water System Specific Updates

- **Off-Tract Water Storage Infrastructure Fees:** Pursuant to a formal hydraulic study performed by Colliers Engineering & Design, the Authority will assess a Pro-Rata Off-Tract fee for water storage infrastructure costs for developments of three (3) or more units. Fees will be calculated based on an average daily use of 300 gallons per day (GPD) per unit.
- **Fire Suppression and Backflow:** Separate water services are required to feed fire suppression systems where applicable. In addition, approved backflow prevention devices are strictly required.
- **Hydrant Specifications & Painting:** All water hydrants must be painted red in accordance with Authority specifications prior to final project acceptance.
- Detail plates have been updated to specify that stainless steel bolts are required for hydrants and to reference the updated Mueller model numbers.
- **Curb Stops and Valves:** Plate changes were enacted to reflect proper part numbers for water curb stops. C-4 boxes are now required for all curb stop locations.
- **Tracer Wire:** Minor language modifications have been adopted regarding tracer wire installation standards.

5. Sewer System Specific Updates

- **Force Mains:** Updated sewer rules now specify that force mains 4 inches in diameter or larger must utilize C-900 pipe material.
- **Details and Cleanouts:** A sewer detail plate modification was made regarding concrete encasements. Furthermore, C-4 boxes are now required for all sewer cleanout locations.

6. As-Built Submission Standards

To facilitate integration into the Authority's geographic information and mapping systems, **As-Built plans must be provided to the Authority in both PDF and CAD formats** upon completion of construction and prior to final bond release.

For more detail, please refer to www.lehmua.com for questions regarding these updated regulations or to obtain copies of the detailed fee schedules and technical specifications.