

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LA PLATA
Ordinance No. 11-8

Introduced By: Mayor Roy G. Hale

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Amendments Adopted:

Date Adopted: June 14, 2011

Date Effective: July 1, 2011

1 **An Ordinance concerning**
2 **Fee Schedule**

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4 **FOR** the purpose of adopting the Fee Schedule, dealing with fees set by the Town of La Plata;
5 and all matters generally relating thereto.

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7 **BY** repealing and reenacting with amendments
8 Chapter 101 – Fees
9 Sections 101-1 through 101-18
10 Code of the Town of La Plata
11 (1998 Edition and Supplements)

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13 **SECTION 1: BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF**
14 **LA PLATA** that Chapter 101 of the Code of the Town of La Plata (1998) be and it is hereby
15 repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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17 **Chapter 101**
18 **FEES**

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20 **§ 101-1. Plat, permit and inspection fees.**

21 The schedule of fees for issuance of the specified permits, as listed in this section, shall
22 be as follows:

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24 **A. Subdivision plat fees:**

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26 (1) Preliminary plats: ((Two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.))) TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-
27 FIVE DOLLARS (\$255.) per plat plus ((six dollars and forty cents (\$6.40))) SIX DOLLARS
28 AND FIFTY CENTS (\$6.50) per lot.

29 (2) Final plats: ((Two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.))) TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE
30 DOLLARS (\$255.) per plat plus ((six dollars and forty cents (\$6.40))) SIX DOLLARS AND

31 FIFTY CENTS (\$6.50) per lot, plus ((six dollars and forty cents (\$6.40))) SIX DOLLARS
 32 AND FIFTY CENTS (\$6.50) recordation fee, plus ((seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50)))
 33 SEVEN DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$7.75) per lot Official Zoning Map
 34 update fee.

35 (3) Revised plats and minor subdivision plats: same as final plats.

36 (4) Plan review: The fee for all proposed improvement plans, including water, sewer,
 37 stormwater management and streets, will be one percent (1%) of the construction costs,
 38 limited to a maximum fee of ((six thousand two hundred ninety dollars (\$6,290.))) SIX
 39 THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS (\$6,430.). These fees will be
 40 collectible prior to recordation of final plat.

41 (5) When the Town has to obtain outside review of stormwater management, there will be a
 42 fee of ((thirty-three dollars (\$33.))) THIRTY-THREE AND FIFTY CENTS (\$33.50), plus
 43 related costs as provided by the Chief Executive Officer.

44 (6) Development plan review fee for the review of development plans for Mixed Use
 45 Developments (MUD) and Traditional Neighborhood Developments (TND): ((five hundred
 46 and ninety-five dollars (\$595.))) SIX HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS (\$610.).

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48 **B. Building permit application fees:**

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50 (1) Building permit application fees for construction, additions, alterations, moving and
 51 demolition:

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Use Group Class	Construction and Addition Fee (per square foot)	Minimum Fee and Interior Alteration Fee*
Use Group A	\$0.45	(((\$78.00)) \$80.00
Use Group B (business)	0.45	((78.00)) 80.00
Use Group F (factory and industrial)	0.45	((78.00)) 80.00
Use Group H (high hazard)	0.45	((78.00)) 80.00
Use Group I (institutional)	0.45	((78.00)) 80.00
Use Group M (mercantile)	0.45	((78.00)) 80.00
Use Group R (residential)	0.40	((36.00)) 37.00
Use Group S (storage)	0.35	((27.75)) 28.50
Use Group T (temporary and miscellaneous – POOLS, DECKS, SHEDS)	((0.30))	((27.75)) 37.00
Moving of buildings	0.30	((27.75)) 28.50
Demolition of buildings	0.25	((27.75)) 28.50

53 (**NOTE: If the building is completely renovated, the Building Inspector may, at his discretion,
54 apply Use Group T.)
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56 (2) Home builder guaranty fund fee - the State of Maryland approved legislation in 2008
57 that created the home builder guaranty fund in the Consumer Protection Division to protect
58 consumers who purchase new homes in Maryland. Consumers who have problems with their
59 new homes that are not addressed by the builder will be able to file claims against the
60 guaranty fund. The guaranty fund fee applies only to contracts entered into between
61 consumers and home builders after January 1, 2009. The legislation requires all permit
62 offices to collect from home builders a non-refundable guaranty fund fee of fifty dollars
63 (\$50.) per dwelling unit being constructed. The fee is to be collected with each application
64 for a permit for construction.

65 (3) A re-inspection fee of one hundred and ten dollars (\$110.) will be applied if re-
66 inspection is required due to failure to comply with the Code or failure to be at a stage of
67 building completion suitable for inspection. Cancellations for inspections must be made one
68 (1) hour in advance of the scheduled inspection. The re-inspection fee must be paid prior to
69 the rescheduling of the inspection.

70 (4) Plan review fee for all proposed building plans, except single-family detached
71 dwellings: ((Seven dollars and forty-five cents (\$7.45))) SEVEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY
72 CENTS (\$7.50) per sheet or page. If outside review is required by the Town, all fees shall be
73 paid by the owner or his agent.
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75 **C. Use and occupancy permit fees:**
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77 (1) Where a building permit is not required by the Town, such as for a change in occupancy
78 in commercial structures, offices, retail spaces or the like, a fee of ((sixty-three dollars and
79 twenty-five cents (\$63.25))) SIXTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$64.50) shall
80 be collected prior to the inspection and issuance of the occupancy permit. This fee will also
81 be collected when an occupant or potential occupant requests an occupancy permit/inspection
82 where the Town does not require the same, such as for licensing or insurance purposes.

83 (2) In the case of a structure constructed to allow for future interior finishing to suit future
84 potential occupants, where the original building permit was completed by final inspection
85 and issuance of an occupancy permit, each tenant layout interior finishing shall require an
86 occupancy inspection and permit and payment of ((sixty-three dollars and twenty-five cents
87 (\$63.25))) SIXTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$64.50) fee, whether or not
88 such tenant layout requires a building permit.
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90 **D. Rental operating license and inspection fees:** As per the requirements of Town Code
91 Chapter 155, Rentals for Human Habitation, the biannual fees for the issuance of operating
92 licenses and for re-inspections are as follows:

93 (1) The fee for the issuance of an operating license is one hundred dollars (\$100.) for each
94 dwelling, dwelling unit or rooming unit.

95 (2) The fee for the issuance of an operating license for multiple dwellings containing four
96 (4) or more dwelling units and rooming houses containing four or more rooming units is
97 ((sixty-six dollars and seventy-five cents (\$66.75))) SIXTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND FIFTY
98 CENTS (\$68.50) per dwelling unit or rooming unit.

99 (3) The fee for the issuance of an operating license for motels and hotels is as follows:
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0-50 rooms:	((two hundred dollars (\$200.00))) TWO HUNDRED FIVE DOLLARS (\$205.).
50-100 rooms:	((two hundred and eighty five dollars (\$285.00))) TWO HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS (\$290.).
over 100 rooms:	((three hundred and forty-five dollars (\$345.00))) THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$355.).

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102 (4) The fee for re-inspection of each dwelling, dwelling unit or rooming unit is ((fifty-four
103 dollars (\$54.00))) FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$55.).
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105 **E. Sign permit application fees:**
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Size of Sign (square feet)	Fee
0 to 24	(((\$20.00)) \$20.50
25 to 49	(((\$40.00)) 41.00
50 to 100	(((\$54.00)) 55.00
Over 100	(((\$66.75)) 68.50
Master Sign Plan	(((\$28.75)) 29.50

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108 **F. Plumbing permit application fees:**

109 (1) ((forty dollars and seventy-five cents (\$40.75))) FORTY-ONE DOLLARS AND FIFTY
110 CENTS (\$41.50) for the first five (5) fixtures and ((four dollars and ten cents (\$4.10)))
111 FOUR DOLLARS AND TWENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$4.25) for each fixture thereafter.
112 (2) ((Thirty-six dollars and fifty cents (\$36.50))) THIRTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND
113 FIFTY CENTS (\$37.50) for alterations.
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115 **G. Grading permit application fees:** As per specifications of the Grading and Sediment
116 Control Ordinance of the Town of La Plata, the following fee shall apply:
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Grading and Control Costs	Fee
\$0 to \$1,000.00	(((\$36.00)) \$37.00
Over \$1,000.00	(((\$36.00)) \$37.00, plus 1% of grade and control costs, limited to a maximum fee of (((\$5,965.00)) SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS

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H. Erosion and Sediment Control Plan and Forest Harvest Operation Plan review fees:

Fee schedule developed by the Charles Soil Conservation District (SCD) and endorsed by the Council of the Town of La Plata; all fees collected by SCD. Contact SCD to obtain information regarding fees for the following services:

- Review of Erosion and Sediment Control Plans for individual residential building permits
- Review of grading permits or combined grading and building permits
- Re-review for revision and/or extension of grading permits or combined grading and building permits

Revisions which add disturbed area to a previously approved Erosion and Sediment Control Plan or which change the grading and/or Erosion and Sediment Control concept will be subject to fees as if a new plan submittal.

- Forest Harvest Operation
- Re-review for revision and/or extension of approval for Forest Harvest Operation

I. Fee in lieu of parkland dedication or reservation:

- (1) As per the requirements of Chapter 173, § 173-11, of the Town Code of Ordinances, the fee per dwelling unit is seven thousand and five hundred dollars (\$7,500.)
- (2) This fee shall be collected upon application for a building permit.

J. Annexation petition fee: The petitioner for an annexation shall deposit with the Town an amount as determined by the Town Treasurer and/or Chief Executive Officer. The amount deposited shall include a nonrefundable fee of ((six hundred ten dollars (\$610.))) SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$625.), plus the reasonable estimate of Town expenses to process the annexation, including legal fees, engineering studies and real estate appraisals. The petitioner shall be liable for any expenses above that deposited and shall be entitled to any refund of monies not used, with the exception of the nonrefundable fee of ((six hundred ten dollars (\$610.))) SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$625.).

K. Farmers Market permit, fees: As per the requirements of Chapter 98, § 98-3 of the Town Code of Ordinances, the season permit is ((one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.))) ONE HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS (\$130.), and the daily permit is ((thirteen dollars and twenty-five cents (\$13.25))) THIRTEEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$13.50) for Saturdays and ((eight dollars and twenty cents (\$8.20))) EIGHT DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$8.50) for Wednesdays.

L. Burning permit fees:

- (1) Fees shall be as follows:
 - (a) Developed single lot/permit issued to homeowner: ((six dollars and seventy cents (\$6.70))) SIX DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$6.75).
 - (b) Single lot or up to five (5) acres cleared, permit issued to developer or builder: ((thirty dollars and twenty-five cents (\$30.25))) THIRTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$31.).
 - (c) Over five (5) acres cleared, permit issued to developer or builder: ((fifty-nine dollars and twenty-five cents (\$59.25))) SIXTY DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$60.50).
- (2) Terms shall be as follows:

- 163 (a) Applicant must present approved permit from Environmental Health Department.
164 (b) Permits shall be valid for the same term as provided on the permit from the
165 Environmental Health Department.
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167 **M. Wills Park fees:**
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- 169 (1) Except for County parks and recreation program uses, permits to use Wills Park shall be
170 issued only to Town residents. Proof of residency may be required. User fees for Wills Park
171 are:

172 (a) Wills Park building:

173 [1] County parks and recreation programs: ((three dollars and sixty cents (\$3.60)))
174 THREE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$3.75) per hour.

175 [2] Private nonprofit organization/Town resident permit holder: ((eight dollars and
176 seventy cents (\$8.70))) NINE DOLLARS (\$9.) per hour for the first four (4) hours
177 and ((five dollars and ninety cents (\$5.90))) SIX DOLLARS (\$6.) each additional
178 hour, excluding La Plata -based youth and senior citizen organizations, La Plata-
179 based Homeowners' Associations, the La Plata Volunteer Fire Department and the
180 Charles County Rescue Squad.

181 [3] Town resident (nonprofit, personal use): ((eleven dollars and seventy-five
182 (\$11.75))) TWELVE DOLLARS (\$12.) per hour.

183 [4] Private for profit: ((twenty-four dollars and seventy-five cents (\$24.75)))
184 TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$25.50) per hour for the first four
185 (4) hours and ((twelve dollars and twenty-five cents (\$12.25))) TWELVE DOLLARS
186 AND FIFTY CENTS (\$12.50) for each additional hour.

- 187 (2) All fees for park use are payable upon issuance of the permit, and are non-refundable.
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189 **N. Noise permits:** As per the requirement of Chapter 137, Noise, § 137-3C, the fee shall be
190 ((twelve dollars and twenty-five cents (\$12.25))) TWELVE DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS
191 (\$12.50).
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193 **O. Private wastewater disposal:** As per the requirement of Chapter 186, Water and Sewers, §
194 186-5C, the permit and inspection fee shall be ((sixty dollars and twenty-five cents (\$60.25)))
195 SIXTY-ONE DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$61.50).
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197 **P. New irrigation system installation:** As per the requirement of Chapter 186, Water and
198 Sewers, § 186-19.D, the irrigation system permit application fee shall be ((fifty-one dollars
199 (\$51.))) FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.).
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201 **Q. Fee in lieu of on-site stormwater management:**
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203 (1) As per the requirements of chapter 167, § 167-4.4, of the town code of ordinances, the
204 fee in lieu of on-site stormwater management is one dollar (\$1.) Per square foot area of the
205 portion of the site within the limits of disturbance of the development, less the actual cost of any
206 environmental site design features installed on the site.

- 207 (2) this fee shall be collected upon the issuance of a grading permit.
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209 **101-2. Miscellaneous utility improvement fees.**

210 A. The developer of any subdivision, lot or new construction requiring water, sanitary sewer,
211 streets or storm sewer will pay one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of these extensions or
212 improvements, to a point(s) approved by the Town.

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214 B. The developer may construct such improvements as specified in Subsection A. of this
215 section, according to applicable Town specifications, upon application and approval of the Chief
216 Executive Officer.

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218 C. Any developer or owner desiring the Town to extend water, sewer and storm sewers to the
219 developer's or owner's property line, or requesting partial assistance in an extension, shall pay the
220 following fees for such service:

221 (1) Water meter charges for meters, including fitting appurtenances:

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Meter size(inches)	Fee
5/8	(((\$325.00)) \$330.00
3/4	(((\$390.00)) \$400.00
1	(((\$625.00)) \$640.00
1 1/2	(((\$835.00)) 855.00
2	(((\$1,075.00)) 1,100.00
Other sizes and types (i.e., compounds, 3+ inches, etc.)	To be determined by Chief Executive Officer.

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224 (2) Water line construction charge:

225 (a) The charge shall be computed by the Chief Executive Officer upon application.

226 (b) The minimum fee shall be ((four thousand six hundred ninety dollars (\$4,690.)))
227 FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$4,795.).

228 (3) Water line boring charge:

229 (a) The charge shall be computed by the Chief Executive Officer upon application.

230 (b) The minimum fee shall be ((five thousand seven hundred dollars (\$5,700.))) FIVE
231 THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS (\$5,830.)

232 (4) Water line fire hydrant charge:

233 (a) The charge shall be computed by the Chief Executive Officer upon application.

234 (b) The minimum fee shall be ((two thousand eight hundred seventy-five dollars
235 (\$2,875.))) TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$2,940.).

236 (5) Sewer line construction charge:

237 (a) The charge shall be computed by the Chief Executive Officer upon application.

238 (b) The minimum fee shall be ((five thousand eighty-five dollars (\$5,085.))) FIVE
239 THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$5,200.).

240 (6) Sewer line boring charge:

241 (a) The charge shall be computed by the Chief Executive Officer upon application.

242 (b) The minimum fee shall be ((seven thousand four hundred ninety-five dollars
243 (\$7,495.))) SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$7,665.).

244 (7) Manhole charge for sewer lines:

245 (a) The charge shall be computed by the Chief Executive Officer upon application.

246 (b) The minimum charge shall be ((one thousand two hundred sixty-five dollars
247 (\$1,265.))) ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$1,295.).

248 **D.** Street lights: As determined by the ((Town)) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

249 **E.** Street name and regulatory signs: As determined by the ((Town)) CHIEF EXECUTIVE
250 OFFICER.

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252 **101-3. Television and sewer cleaning equipment charges.**

253 Charges for the use of television and sewer cleaning equipment shall be as follows:

254 **A.** Equipment used in Town will be at ((eighty-nine dollars and fifty cents (\$89.50))) NINETY
255 TWO DOLLARS (\$92.) per hour, plus the cost of the chemicals.

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257 **B.** Equipment used out of Town will be at ((two hundred forty five dollars (\$245.))) TWO
258 HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.) per hour, plus the cost of the chemicals.

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260 **C.** Calculating time will start when the crew begins traveling to the job site.

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262 **101-4. Major facilities fees.**

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264 **A.** Major facilities fees are levied to partially finance capital improvements to the water and
265 sanitary sewer systems due to increased demands upon the system as a result of new
266 development. Revenues collected from the major facilities fee may be used for the acquisition,
267 construction, improvement and enlargement of all or parts of the Town's water and sanitary
268 sewer systems. Such revenues may not be used for the purpose of operation, maintenance or non-
269 capital repair of the water or sanitary sewer systems, except that revenues collected from the
270 major facilities fee on and after October 1, 2003 and prior to September 28, 2006 shall not be
271 used for any project located in or intended to exclusively serve properties located in the Old
272 Town Utility District. The major facilities fee shall be levied and paid as specified in the
273 following subsections of this section.

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275 **B.** Determination of fee.

276 (1) The charge per unit ((levied)) SHALL BE CALCULATED AT TIME OF BUILDING
277 PERMIT and to be paid with the issuance of all occupancy permits requiring larger or new
278 connections to the Town of La Plata water and sanitary sewer systems shall be:

279 (a) Residential units:

280 [1] Multiple-family dwelling units:

281 [a] Dwelling units having not more than seven hundred (700) square feet of total
282 area: six thousand five hundred and thirty dollars (\$6,530.) per dwelling unit.

283 [b] Dwelling units having more than seven hundred (700) square feet of total
284 area: seven thousand five hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$7,525.) per dwelling
285 unit.

286 [2] Single-family attached dwellings, single family detached dwellings, two-family
287 dwellings and mobile home dwellings: eight thousand five hundred and twenty-five
288 dollars (\$8,525.) per dwelling unit.

289 (b) Commercial, industrial, and public or quasi-public facility units: an amount per unit
290 based upon the estimated water consumption of such facility as set forth in Section 101-
291 4.F. of this chapter.

292 ((2) Commercial, industrial, and public or quasi-public facility units: an amount per unit
293 based upon the estimated water consumption of such facility as set forth in Section 101-4.F.
294 of this chapter.))

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296 C. The major facilities fee shall be paid before an occupancy permit is issued.

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298 D. Permits for water and/or sewer connection(s) shall be issued at the same time the building
299 permit is issued AS SET FORTH IN SECTIONS 101-2, 101-5E. AND 101-6C. OF THIS
300 CHAPTER, and shall be valid as long as the building permit is valid, except existing residential
301 buildings may connect to water and sewer mains as provided in Section 101-2C of this chapter.
302 If a permit for a water and/or sewer connection is to be issued for a use of property where no
303 building permit is required, the permit for the connection must be issued before the issuance of
304 an occupancy permit.

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306 E. A "residential unit" is hereby defined as one (1) dwelling unit, as further defined in Section
307 191-3 of the Town's Zoning Ordinance. The various types of dwelling units, such as multiple-
308 family, single-family attached, single-family detached, two-family and mobile home, will have
309 the same meaning as defined in Section 191-3 of the Town's Zoning Ordinance. A "multiple-
310 family dwelling unit" is more narrowly defined to be only those groups of three (3) or more
311 dwelling units served by a common water service and requiring only one (1) water meter.

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313 F. The major facilities fee for commercial, industrial, quasi-public or public facilities shall be
314 determined by the Chief Executive Officer using units or fractions of units of estimated water
315 consumption as the basis for that determination. Each unit is the equivalent of twenty thousand
316 (20,000) gallons of estimated water consumption per quarter, AS ESTABLISHED AND
317 APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL. The major facilities fee shall be imposed at the rate
318 of eight thousand five hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$8,525.) per unit. The amount of major
319 facilities fee for fractional units shall be based upon a pro-rated amount of eight thousand five
320 hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$8,525.). The standards used for establishing estimated water
321 consumption shall be established and approved by the Town Council.

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323 G. The major facilities fee for uses requiring a new or larger connection to either the water or
324 sanitary sewer systems, but not both, shall, for sewer, be at a rate of seventy-five percent (75%)
325 of the fee provided for in Sections 101-4.B. and 101-4.F., and, for water, be at the rate of thirty-
326 five percent (35%) of the fee provided for in Sections 101-4.B. and 101-4.F.

327 H. No change in the use of a building shall be allowed that would require additional increments
328 of water and/or sewer units without payment of the major facilities fee for the increase in sewer
329 and/or water units. To ensure compliance, the Building Inspector shall not allow such building
330 requiring payment of additional major facilities fees to be occupied until the requisite fees are
331 paid and occupancy is approved by the Chief Executive Officer.

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333 I. As used in Sections 101-4 and 101-4.1, the Old Town Utility District consists of all
334 properties that abut or have access from the following streets, except that as of April 13, 2005 the

- 335 Old Town Utility District does not include those properties or portions of those properties that
336 are located in the Town's CBT Central Business Transition zoning district on that date:
- 337 (1) West Hawthorne Drive to the Town limits as of January 9, 1990.
 - 338 (2) Pine Street.
 - 339 (3) East Hawthorne Drive.
 - 340 (4) US Route 301 from Maryland Route 225 to Glen Albin (formerly Patuxent) Drive.
 - 341 (5) Maryland Route 6 west of US Route 301, to and including the Archbishop Neale
342 property on the north side and to and including the United Methodist Church property on the
343 south side.
 - 344 (6) Maryland Route 6 east of US Route 301 to Willow Lane.
 - 345 (7) Washington Avenue to the Town limits as they existed as of January 9, 1990.
 - 346 (8) Harford Street.
 - 347 (9) Cecil Street.
 - 348 (10) Kent Avenue.
 - 349 (11) Spruce Street.
 - 350 (12) Prospect Street.
 - 351 (13) Caroline Drive from Washington Avenue to the railroad tracks.
 - 352 (14) Centennial Street.
 - 353 (15) Baltimore Street.
 - 354 (16) North Maple Avenue.
 - 355 (17) South Maple Avenue from Charles Street to Carroll Street.
 - 356 (18) North Oak Avenue.
 - 357 (19) Anne Arundel Avenue.
 - 358 (20) Severn Drive.
 - 359 (21) Calvert Street.
 - 360 (22) Howard Street.
 - 361 (23) St. Mary's Avenue to Glen Albin (formerly Patuxent) Drive.
 - 362 (24) Wills Street.
 - 363 (25) La Grange Avenue.
 - 364 (26) Queen Anne's Street.
 - 365 (27) Carroll Street.
 - 366 (28) Graves Avenue.
 - 367 (29) Oak Avenue.
 - 368 (30) Del Ray Circle.
 - 369 (31) Concord Circle.
 - 370 (32) Arlington Drive.
 - 371 (33) Worcester Street.
 - 372 (34) Wicomico Street.
 - 373 (35) Garrett Avenue.
 - 374 (36) Somerset Street.
 - 375 (37) Willow Lane South.
 - 376 (38) Prince George's Street.
 - 377 (39) Forest Lane.
 - 378 (40) Patuxent Court.
 - 379 (41) Glen Albin (formerly Patuxent) Drive from US Route 301 to Willow Lane South.
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381 J. (1) All monies in the Town's major facilities fund as of October 1, 2003 may be expended
 382 for and on behalf of the financing of major improvements to the Town's water and sanitary
 383 sewer systems that are undertaken anywhere in the Town.

384 (2) All monies generated from major facilities fees paid to the Town between October 1,
 385 2003 and April 12, 2005 may not be expended for any improvements to the Town's water and
 386 sanitary sewer systems that are located in or intended primarily to serve properties located in
 387 the Old Town Utility District as that district existed on April 12, 2005.

388 (3) All monies generated from major facilities fees paid to the Town from and after April
 389 13, 2005 may not be expended for any improvements to the Town's water and sanitary sewer
 390 systems that are located in or intended primarily to serve properties located in the Old Town
 391 Utility District as that district existed on April 13, 2005.

392 (4) All monies generated from major facilities fees paid to the Town from and after
 393 September 28, 2006 may be expended for and on behalf of the financing of major
 394 improvements to the Town's water and sanitary sewer systems that are undertaken anywhere
 395 in the Town.

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397 **101-4.1. Major facilities fee for commercial and industrial properties.**

398 A. This section applies to the payment of major facilities fees for commercial and industrial
 399 facilities, WHICH SHALL BE CALCULATED AT THE TIME OF BUILDING PERMIT AND
 400 TO BE PAID WITH THE ISSUANCE OF ALL OCCUPANCY PERMITS.

401 B. (1) For each commercial and industrial facility there is a base major facilities fee. For
 402 purposes of this section, the base major facilities fee is:

403 (a) The amount of major facilities fee assessed and paid pursuant to Subsection 101-
 404 4B(1)(b) based upon estimated water consumption of the facility, AS ESTABLISHED
 405 AND APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL; except that

406 (b) In the case of a property for which water and sewer facilities were paid by a front
 407 foot benefit assessment, the amount of the major facilities fee which would be assessed in
 408 accordance with subsection 101-4B(1)(b) if the property were initially developed on July
 409 1, 1997, based upon the use of the property on that date.

410 (2) When the actual user of a facility is unknown when a building permit is issued, the base
 411 major facilities fee shall be calculated upon such potential use of the facility as reasonably
 412 would be expected to generate the smallest demand for water usage of all potential realistic
 413 uses of the facility as allowed in the zoning district.

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415 C. (1) If a base major facilities fee is calculated pursuant to Subsection B(2) of this section, an
 416 additional major facilities fee shall be charged when the actual user of the facility becomes
 417 known if the estimated water consumption for such user will be greater than the estimated
 418 water consumption upon which the base major facilities fee was calculated. This additional
 419 major facilities fee shall be known as an incremental major facilities fee. The amount of the
 420 incremental major facilities fee shall be calculated based upon the formula set forth in
 421 Subsection 101-4F.

422 (2) An incremental major facilities fee shall be paid prior to the issuance of a certificate of
 423 occupancy for the use of the facility pursuant to Subsection 191-48B of this Code. The Town
 424 shall maintain records of the name of the person who pays any incremental major facilities
 425 fee and the location for which such incremental major facilities fee is paid. The payer of an

426 incremental major facilities fee shall receive a credit in the amount of the incremental major
427 facilities fee paid.

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429 **D.** An incremental major facilities fee credit may be assigned, sold, otherwise lawfully
430 conveyed, or transferred, as provided in this Subsection D. An incremental major facilities fee
431 credit issued to a property located in the Old Town Utility District prior to October 1, 2003 also
432 may be assigned, sold, otherwise lawfully conveyed, or transferred as provided in this Subsection
433 D.

434 (1) When a business for which an incremental major facilities fee has been paid ceases
435 operation at the location for which the fee has been paid, the holder of the incremental major
436 facilities fee credit may:

437 (a) Assign, sell or otherwise lawfully convey all, or any portion, of the credit to another
438 person, for the purpose of applying such credit against the payment of another base major
439 facilities fee or incremental major facilities fee, as applicable:

440 [1] At the same location; or

441 [2] At a different location in the Town;

442 (b) Transfer all or any portion of the credit to be applied by that person against the
443 payment of another base major facilities fee or incremental major facilities fee, as
444 applicable, at a different location in the Town; or

445 (c) Retain the rights to all or any portion of the credit for subsequent use by that person
446 at the same location.

447 Under no circumstances may all, or any portion, of an incremental major facilities fee be
448 refunded by the Town.

449 (2) All or any portion of an incremental major facilities fee credit which has been assigned,
450 sold, conveyed or transferred may be:

451 (a) Applied against a base major facilities fee imposed for the same or another business;
452 or

453 (b) Applied against an incremental major facilities fee imposed for the same or another
454 business.

455 That portion of an incremental major facilities fee credit which is applied against a base
456 major facilities fee may not be further transferred, assigned, sold, or conveyed. However, that
457 portion of an incremental major facilities fee credit which is applied against a new incremental
458 major facilities fee may be further transferred, sold, assigned, or conveyed as provided in this
459 section.

460 (3) The amount of major facilities fee attributable to a property shall be reduced by the
461 amount by which any portion of an incremental major facilities fee is transferred, sold,
462 assigned or conveyed for use at a different location.

463 (4) A transfer, sale, assignment or conveyance of all or part of an incremental major
464 facilities fee credit is not effective unless undertaken as hereafter provided:

465 (a) A person seeking to transfer, sell, assign or convey all or any part of an incremental
466 major facilities fee credit shall file an application under oath on forms provided by the
467 Town for this purpose. If the applicant is not the owner of the property on which the
468 business is located, the application also shall be consented to, in writing, by the property
469 owner. The application shall be accompanied by such application fee as may be
470 prescribed by the Town Council by Resolution. In addition to such other information and

471 documentation as may be required by the Town's Chief Executive Officer, an application
 472 shall be accompanied by documentary proof acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer:

473 [1] As to the amount of incremental major facilities fee credit available for transfer,
 474 sale, assignment or conveyance; and

475 [2] That such fee was paid to the Town by the person applying for the transfer, sale,
 476 assignment or transfer.

477 The burden is on the applicant to prove the amount of incremental major facilities fee
 478 credit available for transfer, sale, assignment or conveyance, and that the applicant is
 479 the person who paid such fee to the Town.

480 (b) If the Town approves an application to transfer, sell, assign or convey all or a part of
 481 an incremental major facilities fee credit, the Town shall deliver to the applicant, to the
 482 property owner if different from the applicant, and to the person to whom the credit will
 483 be transferred, sold, assigned or conveyed, a certificate of approval which contains at
 484 least the following information:

485 [1] Names of the parties;

486 [2] The address for which the incremental major facilities fee had been paid;

487 [3] The address to which the incremental major facilities fee credit is being
 488 transferred;

489 [4] The amount of such transferred, sold, assigned or conveyed incremental major
 490 facilities fee credit which will be available for future transfer, sale, assignment or
 491 conveyance in accordance with Subsection 101-4.1D(2); and

492 [5] The name of the person who will be entitled to apply for such future transfer,
 493 sale, assignment or conveyance in accordance with Subsection 101-4.1D(2).

494 The Town's approval of the application is not effective until a certificate of approval
 495 is issued.

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497 **101-4.2. Major facilities fee loan program.**

498 A. There is a major facilities fee loan program in the Town under the provisions of this section.

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500 B. The purpose of the major facilities fee loan program is to provide an economic development
 501 incentive for the Town to recruit and attract desirable businesses to locate within the Town and
 502 to encourage existing businesses to expand in the Town.

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504 C. The Town Council may appropriate in the Town's annual budget ordinance such amounts
 505 from the Town's General Fund as the Town Council deem necessary and appropriate to fund the
 506 major facilities fee loan program. Amounts to fund the major facilities fee loan program shall be
 507 appropriated as a designated line item in the budget ordinance.

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509 D. The Town Council may grant a loan to an eligible business under the major facilities fee
 510 loan program if sufficient funds have been appropriated in the annual budget ordinance. The
 511 amount of the loan to an eligible business may not exceed seventy-five percent (75%) of the
 512 major facilities fee to be assessed for the business, plus the amount of any costs and expenses to
 513 be included in the loan amount pursuant to Subsection L. of this section.

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515 E. Each major facilities fee loan granted by the Town Council:

516 (1) Shall bear interest at a rate or rates to be established by the Town Council, such rate or
517 rates to be not less than the prime rate established by PNC Bank from time to time plus one
518 percent (1%);

519 (2) Shall be repaid over a period to be established by the Town Council, but not to exceed
520 forty-two (42) months;

521 (3) Shall be guaranteed and/or secured by such personal guarantees, deeds of trust,
522 mortgages, or other security interests as the Town Council deem appropriate;

523 (4) Shall bear a method of repayment as shall be determined by the Town Council, but such
524 method of repayment shall provide for not less than annual payments of accrued interest plus
525 a pro-rata portion of the outstanding principal balance of the loan; and

526 (5) Shall be a lien upon any real property in the Town owned by the business owner and
527 guarantor of the loan, and may be collected and enforced in the same manner as Town real
528 property taxes.

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530 **F.** Each major facilities fee loan, and any guarantees and security interests for the repayment of
531 the loan, shall be evidenced by such agreements and other documents as may be deemed
532 appropriate by the Chief Executive Officer and the Town Council, and approved by the Town
533 Attorney.

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535 **G.** A request for a major facilities fee loan shall be filed with the Chief Executive Officer upon
536 such forms, and accompanied by such information, as may be required by the Chief Executive
537 Officer. The request shall demonstrate how the business is an eligible business under the criteria
538 provided in subsection J. of this section. The request shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable
539 application fee in the amount of two percent (2%) of the requested loan amount or three hundred
540 and twenty-five dollars (\$325.), whichever is more. The applicant also shall be responsible for
541 providing such credit reports, business marketing studies, business plans, real estate appraisals,
542 or other documentation and reports as may be required by the Chief Executive Officer or the
543 Town Council.

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545 **H.** Upon receipt of all information and fees as required by Subsection G., the Chief Executive
546 Officer shall review the loan request and all supporting documentation and shall submit a written
547 analysis and recommendation to the Town Council as to whether the loan should be granted. The
548 analysis and recommendation shall evaluate the loan request based upon the criteria set forth in
549 subsection J. of this section.

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551 **I.** Upon receipt of the written analysis and recommendation from the Chief Executive Officer,
552 the Town Council shall conduct a public hearing on the loan request. Notice of the public
553 hearing shall be published at the expense of the applicant at least once in a newspaper of general
554 circulation in the Town. Upon completion of the public hearing, the Town Council may act upon
555 the loan request. Any act approving the loan request shall be taken in the form of a Resolution,
556 which shall set forth at least the following:

557 (1) Name of the loan grantee;

558 (2) Principal amount of the loan;

559 (3) Term of the loan;

560 (4) Interest rate or rates to be paid upon the unpaid principal balance;

561 (5) The method of repayment of the loan; and

562 (6) All personal guarantees and security interests associated with the loan.
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564 **J.** A business shall be eligible for a major facilities fee loan if it satisfies all of the following
565 criteria:

566 (1) (a) The business will create substantial additional employment opportunities for
567 professional, technical and skilled labor in the Town, or

568 (b) The business has been identified by the Town's Comprehensive Plan or by other
569 official Town policy as being needed or desirable in furtherance of the Town's economic
570 development;

571 (2) The business shall provide a wage base which substantially exceeds minimum wage
572 levels;

573 (3) The business shall add substantially to the property tax base of the Town; and

574 (4) Payment of the major facilities fee without the loan would make location of the business
575 in the Town, or expansion of an existing business in the Town, economically infeasible.

576 Even if a business is eligible for a major facilities fee loan, the Town Council is not required
577 to grant a loan request.

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579 **K.** In addition to the mandatory criteria specified in Subsection J., the Town Council also may
580 consider the following factors in determining whether to grant a request for a major facilities fee
581 loan:

582 (1) Whether a predominant ownership interest in the business is held by one or more Town
583 residents; and

584 (2) Whether the business location will enhance the aesthetic appearance of the Town.
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586 **L.** Upon approval of the loan by the Town Council, the loan shall be accepted by the execution
587 of such loan documents as may be required by the Town Council and Chief Executive Officer
588 and approved by the Town Attorney. The loan obligation shall be accepted, and all required
589 security provided to the Town, prior to the issuance of a building permit for the project on
590 account of which the loan is granted, and the loan obligation shall commence upon issuance of
591 the building permit. The applicant shall be responsible for the payment of all costs and expenses
592 incurred by the Town in connection with the documentation of the loan and perfection of any
593 security interests, including, but not limited to, all costs of document preparation, title and lien
594 searches, recording fees, and attorney fees. With the approval of the Town, these costs and
595 expenses may be included within the amount of the loan.
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597 **M.** Upon issuance of the building permit, the Town Treasurer shall transfer the loan amount
598 from the Town's General Fund to the Major Facilities Fees Fund. Repayment of the loan shall be
599 deposited by the Town Treasurer into the General Fund.
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601 **101-5. Water rates, charges and fees.**

602 **A.** There shall be a tiered water service rate for water use for all property having location within
603 the corporate limits of the Town of La Plata:
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0 - 15,000 gallons per quarter:	((two dollars and eighty cents (\$2.80))) TWO DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-FIVE CENTS ((\$2.85)) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons used.
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15,001 - 100,000 gallons per quarter:	((three dollars and twenty cents (\$3.20))) THREE DOLLARS AND 25 CENTS (\$3.25) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons used.
100,001 gallons per quarter and up:	((two dollars and eighty cents (\$2.80))) TWO DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-FIVE CENTS (\$2.85) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons used.

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606 **B.** It is the declared policy of the Town that no water service shall be extended outside the
607 corporate limits of the Town.

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609 **C.** The water reconnect fee shall be ((twenty-seven dollars and seventy-five cents (\$27.75)))
610 TWENTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$28.50).

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612 **D.** The account maintenance fee for each utility account shall be ((eleven dollars and seventy-
613 five cents (\$11.75))) TWELVE DOLLARS (\$12.) per quarter.

614 **E.** A water connection charge shall be levied per dwelling unit as follows:
615 (1) Dwelling units having not more than seven hundred (700) square feet of total area:
616 ((eighty-six dollars and fifty cents (\$86.50))) EIGHTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$88.).
617 (2) Dwelling units having more than seven hundred (700) square feet of total area: one
618 hundred dollars (\$100.).
619 (3) With commercial, industrial, quasi-public or public facilities the fee shall be determined
620 based on the estimated QUARTERLY water consumption, AS ESTABLISHED AND
621 APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL:
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0 - 20,000	(((\$94.50)) NINETY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$97.)
20,001 - 40,000	((220.00)) TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$225.)
40,001 - 60,000	((330.00)) THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$335.)
60,001 and up	FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$445.)

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624 **F.** Utility bills become past due thirty-one (31) days from the billing date stated on the bill. A
625 late payment penalty shall be levied at the rate of ten percent (10%) of the total of the overdue
626 utility bill, excluding Bay Restoration Fund fee.
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628 **101-6. Sanitary sewer rates and charges.**

629 **A.** There shall be a tiered sanitary sewer rate which shall be computed based on the water
630 consumption. However, the rate for Town residents who are connected to the Town sewer
631 system only will be computed based on the Equivalency Dwelling Unit (EDU) method that is
632 used to calculate Major Facility Fees. One EDU is estimated to use twenty thousand (20,000)
633 gallons of water per quarter.
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0 - 15,000	((eight dollars and sixty-five cents (\$8.65))) EIGHT
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gallons per quarter:	DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-FIVE CENTS (\$8.85) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of water consumption.
15,001 - 100,000 gallons per quarter:	((nine dollars and sixty-five cents (\$9.65))) NINE DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-FIVE CENTS (\$9.85) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of water consumption.
100,001 gallons per quarter and up:	((eight dollars and sixty-five cents (\$8.65))) EIGHT DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-FIVE CENTS (\$8.85) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of water consumption.

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B. It is the declared policy of the Town that no sewer service shall be extended outside the corporate limits of the Town.

C. A sewer connection charge shall be levied per dwelling unit as follows:

- (1) Dwelling units having not more than seven hundred (700) square feet of total area: ((two hundred and fifty five dollars (\$255.))) TWO HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$260.).
- (2) Dwelling units having more than seven hundred (700) square feet of total area: ((three hundred dollars (\$300.))) THREE HUNDRED FIVE DOLLARS (\$305.).
- (3) With commercial, industrial, quasi-public or public facilities the fee shall be determined based on the estimated QUARTERLY water consumption:

0 - 20,000	(((\$280.00)) TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$285.))
20,001 - 40,000	(((\$725.00)) SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$740.))
40,001 - 60,000	(((\$990.00)) ONE THOUSAND TEN DOLLARS (\$1,010.))

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D. Utility bills become past due thirty-one (31) days from the billing date stated on the bill. A late payment penalty shall be levied at the rate of ten percent (10%) of the total of the overdue utility bill, excluding Bay Restoration Fund fee.

E. Bay Restoration Fund fee--The State of Maryland approved legislation in May, 2004 that established the Bay Restoration Fund, which requires all wastewater treatment plant owners to collect from all sewer customers an additional two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per month for residential customers and an additional two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per equivalency dwelling unit (EDU) for commercial customers. The Bay Restoration Fund fee is forwarded directly to the State Comptroller for the benefit of the bay restoration fund. The Bay Restoration Fund was established to provide funding for additional nutrient removal upgrades to wastewater treatment plants in Maryland.

661 **101-7. Refuse collection fees.**

662 All residential units within the Town of La Plata shall avail themselves of the Town municipal
 663 refuse collection service. The quarterly refuse collection fee for all refuse collection within the
 664 corporate limits of the Town of La Plata shall be as follows:

665 **A. Residential: single-family, duplex, triplex and four-unit apartments:**

666 (1) Curbside: ((seventy-three dollars and ten cents (\$73.10))) SIXTY NINE DOLLARS
 667 AND FORTY-FIVE CENTS (\$69.45) per unit (once a week collection).

668 (2) House side: ((one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.))) ONE HUNDRED FORTY-TWO
 669 DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$142.50) per unit (once a week collection).

670 (3) Individuals over age sixty-four (64) or physically impaired may receive house side
 671 collection at ((seventy-three dollars and ten cents (\$73.10))) SIXTY NINE DOLLARS AND
 672 FORTY-FIVE CENTS (\$69.45) upon request to and approval of the Town Council.

673 (4) A surcharge of ((nine dollars and sixty cents (\$9.60))) NINE DOLLARS AND
 674 SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$9.75) will be collected from each utility account to pay for the
 675 recycling project.

676 (5) REFUSE CONTAINERS: THE TOWN WILL ASSIGN ONE REFUSE CONTAINER
 677 TO EACH HOUSEHOLD THAT RECEIVES CURBSIDE OR HOUSE SIDE
 678 COLLECTION, AND IS NON-TRANSFERABLE TO ANOTHER LOCATION. THE
 679 CONTAINERS PROVIDED WILL BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE TOWNS
 680 AUTOMATED REFUSE COLLECTION SYSTEM AND ARE AVAILABLE IN ONE (1)
 681 YARD, TWO-THIRD (2/3) YARD, AND ONE-THIRD (1/3) YARD SIZES. THE FEE
 682 FOR ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT CONTAINERS WILL BE BASED ON THE
 683 SUPPLIERS COST TO THE TOWN. CONTAINERS ARE THE PROPERTY OF THE
 684 TOWN OF LA PLATA.

685 **B. Commercial:**

686 (1) Base rates (quarterly basis):

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GROUP	1 X/WK.	2 X/WK.	3 X/WK.	4 X/WK.	5 X/WK.
I-A	(((\$ 72.50)) \$69.				
I-B	((120.00)) \$114.				
II	((67.50)) \$64.0	((150.00)) \$142.50	((230.50)) \$219.	((307.00)) \$291.50	((374.50)) \$356.
III-A	((96.00)) \$91.	((138.00)) \$131.			
III-B	((120.00)) \$114.	((185.00)) \$176.			

688 (2) Group definitions:

689 (a) Group I: multiple-family dwellings with less than five (5) dwelling units and charged
 690 to a single owner.

- 691 [1] Group I-A: curbside pickup.
 692 [2] Group I-B: house side pickup.
 693 (b) Group II: all container (dumpster) pickups.
 694 (c) Group III: businesses that generate not more than six (6) thirty (30) gallon containers
 695 per week or nine (9) twenty (20) gallon containers per week and require no more than
 696 twice a week pickup.
 697 [1] Group III-A: curbside pickup.
 698 [2] Group III-B: other than curbside pickup (i.e., rear of building).
 699 (3) The yardage charge shall be a charge of ((one dollar and ninety cents (\$1.90))) ONE
 700 DOLLAR EIGHTY CENTS (\$1.80) per yard per quarter based on container size and
 701 frequency of pickup.
 702 (4) Commercial container rental (quarterly):
 703 (a) Two (2) cubic yards: ((Thirty-four dollars (\$34.))) THIRTY-TWO DOLLARS
 704 (\$32.).
 705 (b) Four (4) cubic yards: ((Forty-four dollars (\$44.))) FORTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$42.).
 706 C. The landfill disposal surcharge for Groups II and III shall be 0.5 times the base rates, plus
 707 the yardage charge, and added separately to all refuse collection accounts.
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 709 D. Special pickups for bulk items shall be charged as follows: A minimum of ((twelve dollars
 710 and seventy-five cents (\$12.75))) THIRTEEN DOLLARS (\$13.) for the first five (5) minutes
 711 and one dollar and ten cents (\$1.10) for each additional minute. Bulk items should weigh no
 712 more than fifty (50) pounds. Large amounts of loose material (such as brush) should be bundled
 713 or bagged in such a manner that the weight is less than fifty (50) pounds. The Town reserves the
 714 right to not pick up items too heavy to safely handle. General construction clean-up and
 715 hazardous materials are not eligible. A fee of six dollars (\$6.), or the current landfill disposal fee,
 716 shall be charged for each tire collected.
 717 Commercial accounts requesting an additional pickup of a dumpster shall pay ((one
 718 hundred and thirty dollars (\$130.))) ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$135.) per
 719 dumpster emptied. This service is only for extraordinary circumstances and not meant to occur
 720 regularly. A commercial account needing frequent special pickups shall be reviewed to
 721 determine if a higher level of collection service is required.
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 723 E. Outside corporate limits:
 724 (1) Residential curbside: ((Ninety-nine dollars (\$99.))) ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS
 725 (\$100.) per quarter. This service is subject to Town Council approval.
 726 (2) A surcharge of ((nine dollars and sixty cents (\$9.60))) NINE DOLLARS AND EIGHTY
 727 CENTS (\$9.80) will be collected from each utility account to pay for the recycling project.
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 729 F. Utility bills become past due thirty-one (31) days from the billing date stated on the bill. A
 730 late payment penalty shall be levied at the rate of ten percent (10%) of the total of the overdue
 731 utility bill, excluding Bay Restoration fee.
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 733 **101-8. Zoning fees.**
 734 The petitioner for variance, special exception and zoning appeals, or rehearings on variance,
 735 special exception and zoning appeals applications, shall pay to the Town a nonrefundable
 736 application fee of ((two hundred thirty-five dollars (\$235.))) TWO HUNDRED FORTY

737 DOLLARS (\$240.) for each application, and shall also pay actual expenses to process the
738 application, including legal fees, advertising fees, and any other related costs, which shall be
739 invoiced to the applicant by the Town Finance Department and shall be due upon receipt.

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741 The applicant for a Home Office permit shall pay to the Town a nonrefundable application fee of
742 ((thirty-two dollars and fifty cents (\$32.50))) THIRTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$33.).

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744 Petitions for zoning amendments shall be ((three hundred eighty-five dollars (\$385.))) THREE
745 HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$395.). If an additional public hearing is necessary, the
746 petitioner will pay any related costs as determined by the Chief Executive Officer.

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748 A fee of ((eighty dollars (\$80.))) EIGHTY TWO DOLLARS (\$82.) will be paid to the
749 Town for preparation of a Zoning Certification letter.

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751 **101-9. Updating Official Zoning Map.**

752 Whenever a parcel of land is rezoned, re-subdivided, or subdivided, a fee of ((seven dollars and
753 fifty cents (\$7.50))) SEVEN DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$7.75) per lot will be
754 paid to the Town to pay for the Town's cost of updating the Official Zoning Map.

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756 **101-10. Reduction of certain fees.**

757 The Town Council shall have discretion, after a public hearing is held for that purpose, to abate
758 or reduce any of the fees in sections 101-1, 101-2 and 101-3, if good cause is shown.

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760 **101-11. Water extraction permits.**

761 Water extraction permits may be issued for use of a specified fire hydrant(s). The nonrefundable
762 annual application fee shall be ((eight hundred ten dollars ten)) EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY
763 DOLLARS (\$830.) in cash. The fee for water extracted from the Town system shall be ((six
764 dollars and ninety cents (\$6.90))) SEVEN DOLLARS (\$7.) per one thousand (1,000) gallons of
765 water extracted, to be paid on a monthly basis at the Finance Office in the Town Hall.

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767 **101-12. Fee for returned checks.**

768 A returned check fee of ((twenty-six dollars and seventy-five cents (\$26.75))) TWENTY-
769 SEVEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$27.50) shall be imposed in each instance of a check
770 being returned to the Town for any reason.

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772 **101-13. Fees for miscellaneous items/services sold by the Town.**

773 Zoning map: prices based on suppliers' cost to Town.

774 Comprehensive Plan: prices based on suppliers' cost to Town.

775 Standard Specifications: ((fifty-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$57.50))) FIFTY-NINE DOLLARS
776 (\$59.) per copy in stock; restock items based on suppliers' cost to Town.

777 Accident report: ((five dollars and ninety cents (\$5.90))) SIX DOLLARS (\$6.).

778 Xerographic copies: twenty cents (\$0.20) per page.

779 Miscellaneous promotional items: based on suppliers' cost to Town.

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781 **101-14. Payment of fees and charges.**

782 All moneys due and payable to the Town of La Plata shall be collected solely by the Town
783 Treasurer through the Finance Department of the Town of La Plata or through such County or
784 State agency as deemed appropriate by the Town.

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786 **101-15. Penalty on overdue taxes.**

787 When real property taxes are overdue, the Town will impose a penalty of one third of one
788 percent (1/3 of 1%) for each month or fraction of a month until paid. This is in addition to the
789 interest imposed in section C8-15 of the Town Charter.

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791 WHEN PERSONAL PROPERTY AND PUBLIC UTILITIES TAXES ARE OVERDUE, THE
792 TOWN WILL IMPOSE A PENALTY OF ONE PERCENT (1%) FOR EACH MONTH OR
793 FRACTION OF A MONTH UNTIL PAID.

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795 **101-16. Stormwater management fee.**

796 There shall be a storm water management fee in the amount of three dollars and seventy-five
797 cents (\$3.75) collected quarterly from each utility account. The purpose of the fee is to fund the
798 inspection and maintenance of Town stormwater management facilities.

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800 **101-17. Utility locate Fees.**

801 There shall be a utility locate fee in the amount of thirty-five dollars (\$35.), collected at the time
802 of request by any commercial entity.

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804 **101-18. Credit and debit card Transaction Convenience Fee.**

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806 Whenever a credit or debit card is used to make payment to the town for any fees, invoices or
807 any other charges, two and one half percent (2.5%) of the transaction total will be collected at the
808 time of transaction.

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810 ((When personal property and public utilities taxes are overdue, the Town will impose a
811 penalty of one percent (1%) for each month or fraction of a month until paid.))

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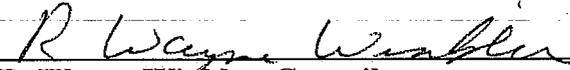
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SEAL:

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LA PLATA



Roy G. Hale, Mayor



R. Wayne Winkler, Councilman

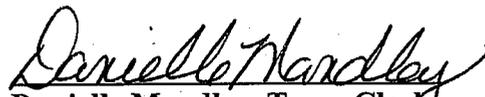


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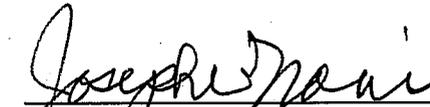
ATTEST:



Paretta D. Mudd, Councilwoman



Danielle Mandley, Town Clerk
Date 6/14/11



Joseph W. Norris, Councilman

EXPLANATION:
CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
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