

2/7/2022

Lewes Public Works Board
107 Franklin Ave
Lewes DE 19958

RE: Impact Fees

Austin and LPW Board,

Please consider our request for an adjustment in our Impact Fees to reflect the quoted sum we were informed of on 1/8/21, in an email from the Board of Public Works. I have attached the internal email to reflect the conversation.

I first want to thank everyone involved in trying to get sewer to our property at 1145 Savannah Rd. I realize it's been a long and arduous process. It's amazing how quickly a year can go by.

This microbrewery is a new venture for us, and as a small Mom & Pop company starting off as a new venture, we are on a strict budget. Prior to even purchasing the property in January 2021, we reached out to determine what the Impact Fees would be. We were not aware that LPW posted rates, impact fees, etc. online, and instead reached out to Mr. Calaman directly. The Impact cost quoted was a flat fee of \$2,540, and nothing was discussed relative to EDU's. Apparently after the project was further reviewed by LPW, the cost was discussed internally and determined that the impact fee would be higher. This fee increase was never discussed with us verbally, or in writing. It was not until a recent email about the easement needed from an adjoining property, that the impact fee was increased without our knowledge.

(From LPW Website – note “shared cost”)

Impact Zone 2 Savannah Place/ Donovan's MHP/ Swaanendael/ Donovans Road/ Savannah Road	791	\$2,540 plus, shared internal capital cost to access BPW collection system
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Not only are we going to pay an impact fee for sewer, but we are being required to pay for the infrastructure to bring the line to our property, plus the LPW Attorney fees, Engineer fees, and Developer fees. If your website says plus “shared internal capital cost”, why are we paying the total cost? I don't see where the “shared cost” is coming into play.

Unfortunately, we have been a little blind-sided by the costs associated with our project. When the City said we need to be annexed to get sewer, we had no idea how costly this would be to our project. We

are the unfortunate ones who just happen to be at the end of the sewer line, instead of somewhere in the middle. Otherwise, our cost would only be to hook up to the road, but instead we are having to pay for the huge infrastructure cost to get it down the road to us. Seems to me the total overall Sewer impact fees, Infrastructure cost, Attorney fees, Engineer fees, Developer fees, etc, should be a "shared cost". In the end we will both benefit from the sewer hookup, but LPW will benefit from it eternally.

Any help with shared cost expenses, and a reduction of the impact fee would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You,



Christine Jones



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Christine Jones

From: Austin Calaman <acalaman@lewesbpw.com>
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 3:26 PM
To: Christine Jones
Cc: Darrin Gordon; Charles M. O'Donnell; Vincent A. Luciani; Joshua T. Elliott
Subject: Re: fees

Christine,

I wanted to provide a quick update for you. Darrin and I had a meeting with our engineers, GMB, yesterday to discuss your property. They will be reaching out to you with a preliminary cost estimate for the work needed to tie into our sewer system.

The Lewes BPW sewer impact fee for that property is \$**2540**.

Have a good weekend!

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From: Christine Jones <c.jones@autoworkscoll.com>
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To: Austin Calaman <acalaman@lewesbpw.com>
Cc: Darrin Gordon <dgordon@lewesbpw.com>
Subject: RE: fees

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Thank You!

Thank You,

Christine Jones

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From: Austin Calaman <acalaman@lewesbpw.com>
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To: Christine Jones <c.jones@autoworkscoll.com>
Cc: Darrin Gordon <dgordon@lewesbpw.com>
Subject: Re: fees

Christine,
Thanks for the email and phone call. I will work with Darrin and our engineers to help answer your question!
Give us a couple days and we will be in touch.

Thanks,

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From: Christine Jones <c.jones@autoworkscoll.com>
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 11:43 AM
To: Austin Calaman <acalaman@lewesbpw.com>
Cc: Darrin Gordon <dgordon@lewesbpw.com>
Subject: fees

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]
Austin,

As we just discussed, we are in the process of purchasing the property at 1145 Savannah Rd, Lewes. Tax Map 335-08.15-39.01

We were trying to determine what the cost will be for us to get sewer hooked up to the property?

Thank You,

Christine Jones

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