

7-5 LEAST COST HOUSING.

7-5.1 Senior Citizen User Fee.

**This section will also be made reference to in the Senior Citizen User Fee established under Section 7-5 in subsection 7-5.2

- a. Lambertville Municipal Utilities Authority may charge a separate reduced rate to be known as the "senior citizen rate",
- b. The senior rate only applies to the dwelling unit that the qualified person lives in.
- c. To qualify for the senior citizen rate the owner must personally occupy the unit and live in a unit owned by the person or occupied by the person.
 1. Be qualified by the City of Lambertville for the senior citizen/disabled person reduced property tax rate.

7-5.2 Elderly Cottage Housing Opportunity (ECHO Housing).

- a. Housing designated as ECHO housing by the City of Lambertville shall be subject to the following modification of the normal LMUA Rules and Regulations:
 1. ECHO housing will be allowed to connect to the existing lateral of the existing housing unit on the property.
 2. ECHO housing will not be required to pay a connection fee so long as the criteria is met for the guidelines as set forth by the City of Lambertville.
 3. ECHO housing will be required to file a sewer connection permit prior to connection.
 4. ECHO housing will be billed for sewer use as any single dwelling unit.
- b. Should a dwelling cease to be ECHO housing for any reason and not be removed within thirty (30) days of the use change, the following rules shall apply:
 1. The lateral of the former ECHO unit shall be disconnected from the lateral of any other building on the property. A new application must be made in order to obtain a permit to reconnect the unit to the sanitary sewerage system. The Authority will require the physical connection be extended to the sewer main.
 - (a) In addition to the payment of a connection fee all other municipal approvals must have been obtained in order to continue the residential use of the ECHO unit.
 2. A connection fee shall be paid equal to the connection fee at the time the ECHO unit was first connected to the sewer.

- c. The property owner of record of any lot on which an ECHO unit is built shall be responsible for all sewer charges relating to the ECHO unit. A lien may be placed on the entire property for failure to pay any fee relating to the ECHO unit.