

RESOLUTION NO.: 2010-1848
Adopted: November 18, 2009
Effective Date: January 1, 2010

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION

Subject: A RESOLUTION amending Section 3.6 of Standard Procedure CUS 99-02 "Billing and Collecting Water/Sewer Charges and Related Fees".

WHEREAS, the Commission adopted Standard Procedure (SP) CUS 99-02 on November 17, 1999 pursuant to its authority to adopt rules and regulations as set forth in the Maryland Annotated Code, Article 29, Section 9-101; and

WHEREAS, the Commission wishes to amend Section 3.6 of SP CUS 99-02 to clarify how Multi-Unit "Mixed Use" properties containing both commercial and residential units are to be billed ; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is authorized and empowered to amend SP CUS 99-02 pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code, Article 29, Section 9-101; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has therefore proposed to amend Section 3.6 of SP CUS 99-02, and a copy of the proposed amendment is attached hereto; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 18th day of November, 2009, that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission hereby adopts the amendment to Section 3.6 of SP CUS 99-02, as attached hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of this resolution and the actions taken hereunder be published in at least one (1) newspaper published in each county of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District as soon as practicable, but in any event not later than December 1, 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution and the amendment to Section 3.6 of WSSC Standard Procedures 99-02 hereby adopted shall take effect on January 1, 2010.

A True Copy.

ORIGINAL SIGNED

Charlett Bundy
Corporate Secretary

Amendment to SP CUS 99-02 Section 3-6

Current § 3-6:

WSSC provides service to multi-unit residential properties for example apartment buildings. To ensure consistency with how WSSC bills a single family or town house property, the ADC used to bill a multi-unit residential property is determined by dividing its total water use by number of calendar days in the billing period, by the total number of units served by the property's meter.

Proposed Revision to Section 3-6 (*Proposed new language is shown in underlined italics*)

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Existing multi-unit "mixed use" properties containing both residential and commercial units shall be entitled to unit count billing for the occupied residential dwelling units only, as long as the commercial units and residential units are separately metered. New multi-unit "mixed use" properties containing both residential and commercial units also must meter the residential and commercial units separately in order to qualify for unit count billing for the occupied residential dwelling units.

For the purposes of this section, a residential dwelling unit is defined as a unit that 1) contains at least one bathroom and one kitchen and 2) is utilized exclusively as a place of residence pursuant to a deed or lease agreement. A commercial unit consists of any unit that does not meet the definition of residential dwelling unit.

Customers seeking the adjustment shall be required to certify as to the number of occupied units biannually, or when the vacancy rate goes above 25%.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE
WSSC PLUMBING AND FUEL GAS CODE [2009 EDITION]**

(Proposed new language is underlined)

111.5.8 **Multi-Unit Buildings.** The Commission shall *not* provide separate water meters to units within a multi-unit building except as required in 111.5.8.1. Where required by the owner, unit water meters shall be privately installed and maintained.

111.5.8.1 **Mixed-Use Buildings.** Where both residential and commercial units in the same building (a “Mixed-Use” building) are served by a single water service connection or multiple service connections forming into a single system on property, two meters *shall* be installed, as set forth below, to allow for the separate registering or computation of residential unit and commercial unit water consumption at the building.

111.5.8.1.1 **Inside Meters.** When a Mixed-Use building is allowed by other sections of this Code to be served by an inside meter application, the two required meters, one to register only residential unit water consumption and the other to register only commercial unit water consumption, shall be installed inside per Chapter 6 of this Code.

111.5.8.1.2 **Outside Meters.** When a Mixed-Use building is required by other sections of this Code to be served by an outside meter application, the two required meters shall be installed per Chapter 6 and as follows: One meter shall be installed outside on the water service connection to register all consumption on-property. The other meter shall be installed inside to register the commercial unit water consumption only so that the difference between the two meter readings represents the residential unit water consumption at the building.