

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Council Bill 12-0155**

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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING**

**Stormwater Remediation Fees**

1  
2 FOR the purpose of imposing a stormwater remediation fee to fund the costs of the City's  
3 stormwater management system; providing for the setting of rates and calculation of the fee;  
4 providing for the establishment of a system of credits; providing for the collection and  
5 enforcement of the fee; specifying the uses to which the proceeds of the fee may be  
6 expended; specifying the accounting and expenditure system for the stormwater utility;  
7 defining certain terms; prohibiting certain conduct; imposing certain penalties; providing for  
8 a special effective date; and generally relating to fees for stormwater management.

9 BY authority of

10 Article - Environment  
11 Section 4-202.1  
12 Maryland Code

13 BY adding

14 Article 27 - Stormwater Remediation Fees  
15 Baltimore City Code  
16 (Edition 2000)

17 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
18 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

**Baltimore City Code**

**ARTICLE 27. STORMWATER REMEDIATION FEES**

**SUBTITLE 1. DEFINITIONS; GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**EXPLANATION:** CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.  
Underlining indicates matter added to the bill by amendment.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by  
amendment or deleted from existing law by amendment.

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1 **§ 1-1. DEFINITIONS.**

2 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

3 IN THIS ARTICLE, THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

4 (B) CITY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

5 “CITY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM” INCLUDES:

6 (1) THE CITY’S CONVEYANCE OR SYSTEM OF CONVEYANCES DESIGNED OR USED TO  
7 COLLECT OR CONVEY STORMWATER THROUGH INFRASTRUCTURE, SUCH AS  
8 GUTTERS, SWALES, INLETS, PIPES, MANHOLES, PUMPING STATIONS, CULVERTS AND  
9 OTHER MAN-MADE CHANNELS, AND OUTFALLS;

10 (2) CITY PRACTICES THAT RETAIN, FILTER, OR INFILTRATE STORMWATER FOR THE  
11 PURPOSE OF REDUCING POLLUTANT LOADINGS; AND

12 (3) THE CITY’S SYSTEM OF RECEIVING WATERS, SUCH AS STREAMS, WETLANDS,  
13 RIVERS, AND HARBORS.

14 (C) ~~(B)~~ *DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS; DIRECTOR.*

15 “DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS” OR “DIRECTOR” MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC  
16 WORKS OR THE DIRECTOR’S DESIGNEE.

17 (D) ~~(C)~~ *ENABLING LAW.*

18 “ENABLING LAW” MEANS STATE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE § 4-202.1 {“WATERSHED  
19 PROTECTION AND RESTORATION PROGRAMS”}, WHICH MANDATES THAT THE CITY ADOPT  
20 AND IMPOSE A STORM WATER MANAGEMENT FEE.

21 (E) ~~(D)~~ *IMPERVIOUS SURFACE.*

22 (1) *IN GENERAL.*

23 “IMPERVIOUS SURFACE” MEANS ANY SURFACE THAT DOES NOT ALLOW STORMWATER  
24 TO INFILTRATE INTO THE GROUND.

25 (2) *INCLUSIONS.*

26 “IMPERVIOUS SURFACE” INCLUDES ROOFTOPS, DRIVEWAYS, SIDEWALKS, OR  
27 PAVEMENT.

28 (3) *EXCLUSIONS.*

29 “IMPERVIOUS SURFACE” DOES NOT INCLUDE BALLASTED RAILROAD TRACKS.

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1        ~~(F)~~ ~~(E)~~ *INCLUDES; INCLUDING.*

2            “INCLUDES” OR “INCLUDING” MEANS BY WAY OF ILLUSTRATION AND NOT BY WAY OF  
3            LIMITATION.

4        ~~(G)~~ ~~(F)~~ *PERSON.*

5            “PERSON” MEANS:

6            (1) AN INDIVIDUAL;

7            (2) A PARTNERSHIP, FIRM, ASSOCIATION, CORPORATION, OR OTHER ENTITY OF ANY  
8            KIND;

9            (3) A RECEIVER, TRUSTEE, GUARDIAN, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, FIDUCIARY, OR  
10            REPRESENTATIVE OF ANY KIND; AND

11            (4) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE OR BY OTHER APPLICABLE LAW,  
12            A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY OR AN INSTRUMENTALITY OR UNIT OF A  
13            GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.

14        ~~(H)~~ ~~(G)~~ *PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER.*

15            “PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER” MEANS A PERSON LICENSED TO PRACTICE ENGINEERING  
16            UNDER STATE CODE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS ARTICLE, TITLE 14  
17            {“PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS”}.

18        ~~(I)~~ ~~(H)~~ *PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR.*

19            “PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR” MEANS A PERSON LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAND  
20            SURVEYING UNDER STATE CODE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS ARTICLE,  
21            TITLE 15 {“PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS”}.

22        ~~(J)~~ ~~STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.~~

23            “~~STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM~~” INCLUDES:

24            ~~(1) THE CITY’S CONVEYANCE OR SYSTEM OF CONVEYANCES DESIGNED OR USED TO~~  
25            ~~COLLECT OR CONVEY STORMWATER THROUGH INFRASTRUCTURE, SUCH AS~~  
26            ~~GUTTERS, SWALES, INLETS, PIPES, MANHOLES, PUMPING STATIONS, CULVERTS AND~~  
27            ~~OTHER MAN-MADE CHANNELS, AND OUTFALLS;~~

28            ~~(2) CITY PRACTICES THAT RETAIN, FILTER, OR INFILTRATE STORMWATER FOR THE~~  
29            ~~PURPOSE OF REDUCING POLLUTANT LOADINGS; AND~~

30            ~~(3) THE CITY’S SYSTEM OF RECEIVING WATERS, SUCH AS STREAMS, WETLANDS,~~  
31            ~~RIVERS, AND HARBORS.~~

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1 (J) "SINGLE-FAMILY PROPERTY" DEFINED.

2 (1) IN GENERAL.

3 "SINGLE-FAMILY PROPERTY" MEANS A DEVELOPED LOT THAT CONTAINS BUT 1  
4 DWELLING UNIT AND IS USED EXCLUSIVELY AS A SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING.

5 (2) SUPPLEMENTAL DEFINITIONS.

6 IN THIS SUBSECTION, "DWELLING", "DWELLING UNIT", "LOT", "MULTIPLE-FAMILY  
7 DWELLING", AND "SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING" HAVE THE MEANINGS STATED IN THE  
8 BALTIMORE CITY ZONING CODE.

9 (K) ~~(J)~~ STORMWATER REMEDIATION FEE; FEE.

10 "STORMWATER REMEDIATION FEE" OR "FEE" MEANS THE STORMWATER REMEDIATION FEE  
11 IMPOSED UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

12 (L) ~~(K)~~ WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION FUND; FUND.

13 "WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION FUND" OR "FUND" MEANS THE  
14 STORMWATER ENTERPRISE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER CITY CHARTER ARTICLE VI, § 18  
15 {"WATER, SANITARY WASTEWATER, AND STORMWATER UTILITIES"}.

16 **§ 1-2. RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

17 (A) DIRECTOR TO ADOPT.

18 THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT  
19 THIS ARTICLE.

20 (B) PUBLIC NOTICE AND COMMENT.

21 THE DIRECTOR MUST FIRST PUBLISH THE PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS AND  
22 PROVIDE ADEQUATE PUBLIC NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

23 (C) ~~(B)~~ FILING WITH LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE.

24 A COPY OF ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS  
25 UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MUST BE FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE  
26 REFERENCE AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE THEY TAKE EFFECT.

27 **§ 1-3. SEVERABILITY.**

28 THE INVALIDITY OF ANY SECTION, CLAUSE, SENTENCE, OR PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE DOES  
29 NOT AFFECT THE VALIDITY OF ANY OTHER PART OF THIS ARTICLE THAT CAN BE GIVEN EFFECT  
30 WITHOUT THE INVALID PART.

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**SUBTITLE 2. WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION FUND**

**§ 2-1. PURPOSE OF FUND.**

THE FUND IS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THE ENABLING LAW FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION FUND IS TO FINANCE THE COSTS OF IMPROVING THE ~~CITY'S~~ CITY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, INCLUDING ITS WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION PROGRAM.

**§ 2-2. REQUIRED DEPOSITS INTO FUND.**

THE CITY SHALL DEPOSIT IN THE WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION FUND THE FOLLOWING RECEIPTS:

- (1) ALL PROCEEDS RECEIVED FROM STORMWATER REMEDIATION FEES;
- (2) ALL INTEREST OR OTHER INCOME EARNED ON THE INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE FUND; AND
- (3) ANY ADDITIONAL MONEY MADE AVAILABLE FROM OTHER SOURCES FOR THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED.

**§ 2-3. PERMITTED USES OF FUND.**

MONEY IN THE WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION FUND MAY BE USED FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES ONLY:

- (1) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING STREAM AND WETLAND RESTORATION PROJECTS;
- (2) OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE CITY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ~~SYSTEMS~~ SYSTEM AND FACILITIES;
- (3) PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH RELATING TO STORMWATER MANAGEMENT OR STREAM AND WETLAND RESTORATION;
- (4) STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING, INCLUDING:
  - (I) MAPPING AND ASSESSMENT OF IMPERVIOUS SURFACES; AND
  - (II) MONITORING, INSPECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THE FUND;
- (5) TO THE EXTENT THAT FEES IMPOSED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF STATE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE § 4-204 ARE DEPOSITED INTO THE FUND, REVIEW OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLANS AND PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT;
- (6) GRANTS TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR UP TO 100% OF A PROJECT'S COSTS FOR WATERSHED RESTORATION AND REHABILITATION PROJECTS RELATING TO:

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1 (I) PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT  
2 PRACTICES;

3 (II) STREAM AND WETLAND RESTORATION; AND

4 (III) PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH RELATED TO STORMWATER MANAGEMENT  
5 OR STREAM AND WETLAND RESTORATION;

6 (7) REASONABLE COSTS NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER THE FUND; AND

7 (8) ANY OTHER USE AUTHORIZED BY THE ENABLING LAW.

8 **SUBTITLE 3. FEE IMPOSITION AND COLLECTION**

9 **§ 3-1. FEE IMPOSED.**

10 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

11 A STORMWATER REMEDIATION FEE IS IMPOSED ON ALL PROPERTIES LOCATED IN  
12 BALTIMORE CITY AND THE OWNERS OF THOSE PROPERTIES.

13 (B) *EXEMPTIONS.*

14 THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY PROPERTY THAT IS EXPRESSLY EXEMPTED BY THE  
15 ENABLING LAW.

16 ~~(C) (B) FEE IN ADDITION TO OTHER CHARGES.~~

17 THE STORMWATER REMEDIATION FEE IS IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER FEE OR CHARGE  
18 THAT THE CITY HAS THE RIGHT TO CHARGE UNDER ANY OTHER LAW, RULE, OR  
19 REGULATION.

20 **~~§ 3-2. RATES.~~**

21 ~~(A) *IN GENERAL.*~~

22 ~~ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THE DIRECTOR OF~~  
23 ~~FINANCE, THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES MAY ESTABLISH, ASSESS, AND CHANGE THE RATES~~  
24 ~~FOR THE STORMWATER REMEDIATION FEE.~~

25 ~~(B) *STANDARD.*~~

26 ~~THE RATES SHALL BE BASED ON THE SHARE OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SERVICES~~  
27 ~~RELATED TO A PROPERTY AND PROVIDED BY THE CITY.~~

28 ~~(C) *PUBLIC NOTICE.*~~

29 ~~AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION ON THE DIRECTORS' RECOMMENDATION,~~  
30 ~~THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES SHALL:~~

31 ~~(1) PUBLISH NOTICE OF THE RECOMMENDATION;~~

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- 1           ~~(2) SEND THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL; AND~~
- 2           ~~(3) AFFORD AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILMEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC TO COMMENT.~~

3           ~~(D) ADOPTION OF RATES:~~

4           ~~AFTER THE NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT, THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES MAY:~~

- 5           ~~(1) ADOPT OR MODIFY THE DIRECTORS' RECOMMENDATION; AND~~
- 6           ~~(2) SET THE RATES ACCORDINGLY.~~

7           **§ 3-2. § 3-3. ASSESSMENT OF BASE FEE – SINGLE-FAMILY PROPERTIES.**

8           ~~(A) "SINGLE-FAMILY PROPERTY" DEFINED:~~

9           ~~(1) IN GENERAL:~~

10           ~~"SINGLE-FAMILY PROPERTY" MEANS A DEVELOPED LOT THAT CONTAINS BUT 1~~  
11           ~~DWELLING UNIT AND IS USED EXCLUSIVELY AS A SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING.~~

12           ~~(2) EXCLUSIONS:~~

13           ~~"SINGLE-FAMILY PROPERTY" DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING OR THEIR~~  
14           ~~RESPECTIVE UNITS:~~

- 15           ~~(i) AN APARTMENT BUILDING;~~
- 16           ~~(ii) A CONDOMINIUM; OR~~
- 17           ~~(iii) ANY OTHER MULTIPLE-FAMILY DWELLING.~~

18           ~~(3) SUPPLEMENTAL DEFINITIONS:~~

19           ~~IN THIS SUBSECTION, "DWELLING", "DWELLING UNIT", "LOT", "MULTIPLE-FAMILY~~  
20           ~~DWELLING", AND "SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING" HAVE THE MEANINGS STATED IN THE~~  
21           ~~BALTIMORE CITY ZONING CODE.~~

22           ~~(A) (B) ASSESSMENT FORMULA.~~

23           ~~THE CHARGE FOR A SINGLE-FAMILY PROPERTY IS THE FLAT RATE SET BY THE BOARD OF~~  
24           ~~ESTIMATES FOR THE APPLICABLE TIER CATEGORY WITHIN WHICH THE PROPERTY FALLS, AS~~  
25           ~~DETERMINED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.~~

26           THE FEE FOR A SINGLE-FAMILY PROPERTY IS THE FLAT RATE DETERMINED BY:

- 27           (1) THE APPLICABLE TIER CATEGORY WITHIN WHICH THE PROPERTY FALLS, AS  
28           DETERMINED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION;
- 29           (2) THE NUMBER OF EQUIVALENT RESIDENTIAL UNITS (OR "ERUS") ASSIGNED TO THAT  
30           TIER; AND

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1                    (3) THE RATE PER ERU SET IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 3-4 {"INITIAL RATES"} OR § 3-5  
2                      {"SUBSEQUENT RATES"} OF THIS SUBTITLE.

3                    (B) ~~(E)~~ TIER CATEGORIES.

4                    (1) THE TIER CATEGORIES FOR SINGLE-FAMILY PROPERTIES ARE BASED ON A PROPERTY'S  
5                    IMPERVIOUS SURFACE AREA, AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
6                    WORKS.

7                    (2) THE TIER CATEGORIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

8                    (I) TIER 1 – PROPERTY WITH IMPERVIOUS SURFACE AREA LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO  
9                    820 SQUARE FEET.

10                    (II) TIER 2 – PROPERTY WITH IMPERVIOUS SURFACE AREA GREATER THAN 820  
11                    SQUARE FEET AND LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1,500 SQUARE FEET.

12                    (III) TIER 3 – PROPERTY WITH IMPERVIOUS SURFACE AREA GREATER THAN 1,500  
13                    SQUARE FEET.

14                    (C) CORRECTIONS.

15                    IF A PROPERTY OWNER CONTESTS THE PROPERTY'S TIER ASSIGNMENT AND PRESENTS PLAT  
16                    INFORMATION, NON-AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY, OR NON-AERIAL VIDEOGRAPHY TO SUPPORT A  
17                    CLAIM THAT THE PROPERTY BELONGS IN A LOWER TIER, THE DEPARTMENT MUST:

18                    (1) DEMONSTRATE THAT THE HIGHER TIER IS CORRECT; OR

19                    (2) FAILING TO SO DEMONSTRATE, MAKE THE REQUESTED CORRECTION.

20                    **§ 3-3. § 3-4. ASSESSMENT OF BASE FEE – ALL OTHER PROPERTY.**

21                    (A) *SCOPE OF SECTION.*

22                    THIS SECTION APPLIES TO ALL PROPERTIES IN THE CITY THAT ARE NOT SINGLE-FAMILY  
23                    PROPERTIES SUBJECT TO ~~§ 3-3~~ § 3-2 {"ASSESSMENT OF BASE FEE – SINGLE-FAMILY  
24                    PROPERTIES"} OF THIS SUBTITLE.

25                    (B) *ASSESSMENT FORMULA.*

26                    (1) THE ~~CHARGE FEE~~ FOR PROPERTIES SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION IS THE RATE PER  
27                    EQUIVALENT RESIDENTIAL UNIT (OR "ERU") SET ~~BY THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES IN~~  
28                    ACCORDANCE WITH § 3-4 {"INITIAL RATES"} OR § 3-5 {"SUBSEQUENT RATES"} OF  
29                    THIS SUBTITLE TIMES THE NUMBER OF ERUS ON THE PROPERTY.

30                    (2) FOR THIS PURPOSE, 1 ERU COMPRISES 1,050 SQUARE FEET OF IMPERVIOUS SURFACE  
31                    AREA.



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1 (C) *METHODS OF MEASUREMENT.*

2 (1) FOR PROPERTIES SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING METHODS MAY BE USED,  
3 AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, TO DETERMINE THE  
4 IMPERVIOUS SURFACE MEASUREMENT OF A PROPERTY:

5 (I) GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS;

6 (II) MEASUREMENT FROM APPROVED AS-BUILT ENGINEERING DRAWINGS THAT ARE  
7 SIGNED AND SEALED BY A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER;

8 (III) FIELD SURVEYS THAT ARE SIGNED AND SEALED BY A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER  
9 OR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR; AND

10 (IV) THE USE OF ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT CAN RELIABLY SUPPLEMENT  
11 THE DATA DERIVED FROM THE OTHER MEASURES.

12 (2) THE RESULTANT ERU COUNT SHALL BE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST WHOLE NUMBER.

13 (3) THE COMPUTATIONS AND BACK-UP MATERIALS FOR ALL RESULTANT ERU COUNTS  
14 SHALL BE MAINTAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND MADE  
15 AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC, IN THE DEPARTMENT'S MAIN OFFICE AND ON THE  
16 DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

17 (D) *MINIMUM ASSESSED ~~CHARGE FEE~~.*

18 THE MINIMUM ASSESSED STORMWATER ~~CHARGE FEE~~ FOR ALL PROPERTIES SUBJECT TO  
19 THIS SECTION SHALL BE EQUAL TO THE ~~CHARGE FEE~~ FOR 1 ERU.

20 (E) *MAXIMUM ASSESSED FEE.*

21 (1) *IN GENERAL.*

22 THE MAXIMUMS SET BY PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION DO NOT APPLY  
23 TO ANY PROPERTY OR PORTION OF A PROPERTY FOR WHICH A CREDIT OR EXEMPTION  
24 HAS BEEN APPLIED FOR UNDER § 3-6 {"CREDITS; EXEMPTIONS"} OF THIS ARTICLE.

25 (2) *MAXIMUM AS PERCENTAGE OF PROPERTY TAX.*

26 (I) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE FEE FOR ANY PROPERTY  
27 THAT IS SUBJECT TO PROPERTY TAX AND IS SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENT UNDER THIS  
28 SECTION MAY NOT EXCEED AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 20% OF THE TOTAL OF ALL  
29 STATE AND LOCAL REAL PROPERTY TAXES LEVIED ON THE PROPERTY.

30 (II) THIS PARAGRAPH (2) APPLIES ONLY TO PROPERTIES FOR WHICH EACH OF THE  
31 FOLLOWING EXCEEDS \$1,000:

32 (A) THE NET STATE AND LOCAL REAL PROPERTY TAXES LEVIED ON THE  
33 PROPERTY; AND

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1 (B) THE STORM WATER REMEDIATION FEE OTHERWISE ASSESSABLE UNDER  
2 THIS ARTICLE.

3 (3) RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS.

4 NOTWITHSTANDING § 3-4 {"INITIAL ... RATES"} AND § 3-5 {"SUBSEQUENT RATES"},  
5 THE FEE FOR STRUCTURES LOCATED ON PROPERTY OWNED BY RELIGIOUS GROUPS OR  
6 ORGANIZATIONS IS \$12 PER ERU PER YEAR IF:

7 (1) THE PROPERTY IS NOT SUBJECT TO STATE OR CITY PROPERTY TAX; AND

8 (2) THE STRUCTURES ON THE PROPERTY ARE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR:

9 (I) PLACES OF WORSHIP; OR

10 (II) ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, OR HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION.

11 **§ 3-4. INITIAL QUARTERLY RATES THOUGH FY 2017.**

12 (A) IN GENERAL.

13 FROM JULY 1, 2013, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017, THE RATES PER QUARTER ARE AS PROVIDED  
14 IN THIS SECTION.

15 (B) SINGLE-FAMILY PROPERTIES.

16 FOR SINGLE-FAMILY PROPERTIES ASSESSED UNDER § 3-2 {"ASSESSMENT OF BASE FEE –  
17 SINGLE-FAMILY PROPERTIES"}, THE RATE PER QUARTER IS THE FOLLOWING MULTIPLE OF  
18 THE RATE-PER-QUARTER-PER-ERU ESTABLISHED FOR PROPERTIES ASSESSED UNDER § 3-3  
19 {"ASSESSMENT OF BASE FEE – ALL OTHER PROPERTY"}:

20 (1) TIER 1 PROPERTIES: 2/3 OF THE RATE PER ERU.

21 (2) TIER 2 PROPERTIES: THE RATE PER ERU.

22 (3) TIER 3 PROPERTIES: TWICE THE RATE PER ERU.

23 (C) ALL OTHER PROPERTY.

24 FOR ALL PROPERTIES ASSESSED UNDER § 3-3 {"ASSESSMENT OF BASE FEE – ALL OTHER  
25 PROPERTY"}, THE RATE PER QUARTER IS \$15 PER ERU.

26 **§ 3-5. SUBSEQUENT RATES.**

27 (A) IN GENERAL.

28 FOR ALL FISCAL YEARS BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2017, THE BOARD OF  
29 ESTIMATES, ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THE  
30 DIRECTOR OF FINANCE MAY CHANGE THE RATES FOR THE STORMWATER REMEDIATION  
31 FEE.

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1 (B) STANDARD.

2 THE RATES SHALL BE BASED ON THE SHARE OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SERVICES  
3 RELATED TO A PROPERTY AND PROVIDED BY THE CITY.

4 (C) PUBLIC NOTICE.

5 AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION ON THE DIRECTORS' RECOMMENDATION,  
6 THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES SHALL:

7 (1) PUBLISH NOTICE OF THE RECOMMENDATION;

8 (2) SEND THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL; AND

9 (3) AFFORD AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILMEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC TO COMMENT  
10 AT A PUBLIC HEARING.

11 (D) ADOPTION OF RATES.

12 AFTER THE NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT, THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES MAY:

13 (1) ADOPT OR MODIFY THE DIRECTORS' RECOMMENDATION; AND

14 (2) SET THE RATES ACCORDINGLY.

15 **§ 3-6. § 3-5. CREDITS; EXEMPTIONS ~~HARDSHIP EXEMPTIONS.~~**

16 (A) IN GENERAL.

17 THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS UNDER  
18 THIS ARTICLE SHALL ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF CREDITS AND ~~HARDSHIP~~ EXEMPTIONS THAT  
19 MAY BE USED TO REDUCE ~~STORMWATER REMEDIATION FEES~~ THE BASE FEE.

20 (B) BASIS.

21 (1) THE SYSTEM SHALL PROVIDE:

22 (1) ~~+~~ CREDITS FOR:

23 (I) SPECIFIC ACTIONS THAT REDUCE THE QUANTITY OR IMPROVE THE QUALITY  
24 OF STORMWATER DISCHARGED FROM THE PROPERTY; ~~AND~~

25 (II) SPECIFIC ACTIONS THAT IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF STORMWATER  
26 DISCHARGED TO THE ~~CITY'S~~ CITY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM;  
27 ~~AND~~

28 (III) PROPERTIES SUBJECT TO AN NPDES INDUSTRIAL STORMWATER DISCHARGE  
29 PERMIT THAT REQUIRES STORMWATER MANAGEMENT OR THAT HAVE BEEN  
30 DETERMINED BY THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT TO  
31 BE EXEMPT FROM STORMWATER PERMITTING DUE TO A CONDITION OF NO  
32 EXPOSURE, FOR A CREDIT EQUAL TO 55% OF THE BASE FEE; AND

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1                   (IV) ANY PORTION OF A PROPERTY THAT DISCHARGES DIRECTLY TO THE  
2                   BALTIMORE HARBOR AND NOT THROUGH THE CITY’S STORMDRAIN  
3                   SYSTEM, FOR A CREDIT EQUAL TO 30% OF THE BASE FEE.

4                   ~~(3) EXEMPTIONS FOR PROPERTY ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL~~  
5                   ~~HARDSHIP AS A RESULT OF THE STORMWATER REMEDIATION FEE.~~

6                   (2) THE SYSTEM SHALL PROVIDE HARDSHIP EXEMPTIONS FOR:

7                   (I) ANY PORTION OF A PROPERTY WHERE THE STORMWATER IS PERMITTED BY  
8                   THE DEPARTMENT TO CONNECT TO THE PUBLIC WASTEWATER SYSTEM;

9                   (II) STREETS THAT, IN LIEU OF PUBLICLY MAINTAINED STREETS, ARE PRIVATELY  
10                   MAINTAINED, BUT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, IN SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL  
11                   COMMUNITIES;

12                   (III) ANY PORTION OF A PROPERTY WHERE CAPS OR OTHER IMPERVIOUS  
13                   SURFACES ARE REQUIRED TO ENCAPSULATE A RECOGNIZED SUPERFUND  
14                   AREA OR TO PROTECT SUBTERRANEAN STRUCTURES, AS REQUIRED BY THE  
15                   STATE OF MARYLAND OR THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
16                   AGENCY; AND

17                   (IV) ANY OTHER PROPERTY WHERE A DEMONSTRABLE AND SUBSTANTIAL  
18                   FINANCIAL HARDSHIP EXISTS AS A RESULT OF THE STORMWATER  
19                   REMEDATION FEE.

20                   (C) HISTORIC COOPERATIVE PROPERTY.

21                   (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION “HISTORIC COOPERATIVE PROPERTY” MEANS PROPERTY OWNED BY  
22                   A COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION:

23                   (I) FORMED UNDER THE MARYLAND COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION ACT,  
24                   STATE CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS ARTICLE, TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 6B;  
25                   AND

26                   (II) EXISTING ON OR BEFORE 1965.

27                   (2) RESIDENTS OF AN HISTORIC COOPERATIVE PROPERTY THAT MAINTAINS AN ONSITE  
28                   STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND ARE EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP  
29                   BECAUSE THEY ARE SUBJECT TO DUAL ASSESSMENTS TO FUND BOTH A COMMUNITY  
30                   SYSTEM AND THE CITY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SHALL RECEIVE A  
31                   REDUCTION OF ITS STORMWATER REMEDIATION FEE AS FOLLOWS:

32                   (I) AN HISTORIC COOPERATION PROPERTY THAT MAINTAINS AN ONSITE  
33                   STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM THAT CONVEYS STORMWATER FROM ITS  
34                   PROPERTY TO A PUBLIC STORMWATER MAINTENANCE SYSTEM SHALL RECEIVE  
35                   A 40% CREDIT AGAINST ITS TOTAL FEE; AND

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(II) AN HISTORIC COOPERATIVE PROPERTY THAT MAINTAINS AN ONSITE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM THAT CONVEYS STORMWATER FROM A NEIGHBORING COMMUNITY TO A PUBLIC STORMWATER MAINTENANCE FACILITY SHALL RECEIVE A 40% CREDIT AGAINST ITS TOTAL FEE.

**§ 3-7. § 3-6. COLLECTIONS.**

(A) ~~BILLINGS.~~

(A) WHEN PAYMENT REQUIRED. (1)

ALL BILLS FOR STORMWATER REMEDIATION FEES SHALL BE PAID WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED.

(B) HOW BILLED AND COLLECTED. (2)

THESE FEES:

(1) (1) SHALL BE BILLED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS;

(2) (2) MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE SAME BILLS RENDERED FOR WATER CHARGES OR STATED IN SEPARATE BILLS; AND

(3) (3) MAY BE COLLECTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, AT THE SAME TIME, IN THE SAME MANNER, AND SUBJECT TO THE SAME INTEREST RATES AND PENALTIES FOR LATE- OR NONPAYMENT AS PROVIDED FOR CHARGES FOR SUPPLYING WATER.

(C) MAXIMUM OF INTEREST AND PENALTIES.

THE COMBINED INTEREST AND PENALTIES FOR ANY PROPERTY MAY NOT EXCEED 10 TIMES THE AMOUNT OF THE FEE IMPOSED FOR THAT PROPERTY.

(D) SCOPE OF SECTION. (3)

THIS SECTION APPLIES TO ALL PROPERTIES AND THE OWNERS OF PROPERTIES THAT ARE SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE FEE IMPOSED UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

**§ 3-8. § 3-7. LIABILITY AND LIEN FOR CHARGES, INTEREST, AND PENALTIES.**

(A) PERSONAL DEBT.

THE STORMWATER ~~CHARGES FEE~~ IMPOSED UNDER THIS ARTICLE AND ALL INTEREST AND PENALTIES ON THE ~~CHARGES FEE~~ ARE A PERSONAL DEBT OWED BY THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE ~~CHARGE FEE~~.

(B) LIEN.

THESE ~~CHARGES FEES~~, INTEREST, AND PENALTIES ARE A LIEN IN FAVOR OF THE CITY ON THE PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE ~~CHARGE FEE~~.

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(C) COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT.

THESE CHARGES FEES, INTEREST, AND PENALTIES MAY BE COLLECTED AND ENFORCED IN THE SAME WAY THAT THE CITY COLLECTS AND ENFORCES DEBTS DUE TO IT OR LIENS IN ITS FAVOR.

§ 3-9. § 3-8: RULES AND REGULATIONS BY FINANCE DIRECTOR.

(A) DIRECTOR OF FINANCE MAY ADOPT.

THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE MAY ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY OR PROPER TO FULLY ENFORCE AND COLLECT THE CHARGES IMPOSED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) FILING WITH LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE.

A COPY OF ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MUST BE FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE THEY TAKE EFFECT.

SUBTITLE 4. STORMWATER UTILITY

§ 4-1. "UTILITY" DEFINED.

IN THIS SUBTITLE, "UTILITY" MEANS THE STORMWATER UTILITY GOVERNED BY CITY CHARTER ARTICLE VI, § 18.

§ 4-2. ACCOUNTING SYSTEM.

(A) IN GENERAL.

THE ACCOUNTING SYSTEM FOR THE STORMWATER UTILITY:

(1) SHALL CONFORM TO GENERALLY ACCEPTED PRINCIPLES OF UTILITY ACCOUNTING; AND

(2) SHALL BE KEPT ON THE ACCRUAL BASIS AND IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED UNDER CITY CHARTER ARTICLE VII, § 11 {"DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE: ACCOUNTING"}.

(B) REVENUE RECORDS BY CLASS.

THE RECORDS OF REVENUES OF THE STORMWATER UTILITY SHALL BE KEPT SO THAT THE CHARGES IMPOSED ON EACH CLASS OF PROPERTY, ACCORDING TO THE RATE SCHEDULES ADOPTED UNDER THIS ARTICLE, CAN BE DETERMINED.

§ 4-3. ANNUAL REPORT.

(A) SUBMISSION REQUIRED.

AFTER THE CLOSE OF EACH FISCAL YEAR, A REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL OPERATIONS OF THE STORMWATER UTILITY SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES, THE BOARD OF FINANCE, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

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~~(B) REQUIRED CONTENTS.~~

~~THE REPORT SHALL CONTAIN AT LEAST THE FOLLOWING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:~~

- ~~(1) A COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS SHOWING THE FINANCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE UTILITY AS OF THE BEGINNING AND CLOSE OF THE FISCAL YEAR;~~
- ~~(2) A COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE LAST 2 FISCAL YEARS; AND~~
- ~~(3) A COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE LAST 2 FISCAL YEARS.~~

~~(C) SUBMISSION.~~

~~THE REPORT REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION:~~

- ~~(1) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER REPORT REQUIRED BY LAW; BUT~~
- ~~(2) MAY BE SUBMITTED AS A SEPARATE SECTION OF THE STATEMENTS PROVIDED FOR IN CITY CHARTER ARTICLE VII, § 11 {"DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE: ACCOUNTING"}.~~

~~§ 4-4. EXCESS REVENUES.~~

~~(A) OPTIONAL USE.~~

~~AFTER THE BUDGET FOR THE STORMWATER UTILITY HAS BEEN ADOPTED, IF IT APPEARS THAT THERE WILL BE REVENUES IN EXCESS OF THOSE BUDGETED:~~

- ~~(1) THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES MAY AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING THE EXCESS REVENUES, FOR USES PERMITTED BY § 2-3 {"PERMITTED USES OF FUND"} OF THIS ARTICLE; OR~~
- ~~(2) ON RECOMMENDATION OF THE DIRECTORS OF FINANCE AND PUBLIC WORKS, THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES MAY DECREASE THE UTILITY RATES AND CHARGES.~~

~~(B) EXPENDITURES SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION PROCEDURES.~~

~~ALL ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES OF THE STORMWATER UTILITY ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROPRIATION PROCEDURES PROVIDED IN CITY CHARTER ARTICLE VI {"BOARD OF ESTIMATES"}.~~

~~§ 4-5. CITY LOANS TO UTILITY.~~

~~(A) IN GENERAL.~~

~~THE CITY MAY LEND TO THE STORMWATER UTILITY AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE EQUIVALENT TO A 60-DAY CASH-WORKING-CAPITAL REQUIREMENT.~~

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~~(B) REPAYMENT REQUIREMENTS.~~

~~THE LOAN SHALL BE repaid BY THE UTILITY ON OR BEFORE 24 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE LOAN, WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF THE AVERAGE INTEREST EARNED BY THE CITY ON ITS INVESTED FUNDS DURING THE SAME PERIOD.~~

~~§ 4-6. CONFLICTS WITH COVENANTS, ETC.~~

~~IF ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE FOR THE STORMWATER UTILITY IS INCONSISTENT WITH ANY COVENANT, CONDITION, LAW, OR RULE OR REGULATION GOVERNING ANY CONTRACT, PROJECT, OR GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES OR FROM THE STATE OR FUNDS DEDICATED BY AN ACT OF CONGRESS OR BY STATE LAW OR BY THE TERMS OF ANY PRIVATE GRANT, THE PROVISION IN THIS SUBTITLE APPLIES ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT IT IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE COVENANT, CONDITION, LAW, OR RULE OR REGULATION.~~

~~SUBTITLE 4. 5: ADMINISTRATIVE AND JUDICIAL REVIEW~~

~~§ 4-1. § 5-1. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL OF CHARGES FEES.~~

~~(A) APPEAL AUTHORIZED APPEAL TO DIRECTOR.~~

~~(1) ANY PERSON PROPERTY OWNER AGGRIEVED BY A STORMWATER CHARGE FEE MAY APPEAL THE CHARGE FEE TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.~~

~~(B) METHOD OF APPEAL.~~

~~(2) THE APPEAL SHALL:~~

~~(i) (+) CONTAIN THE INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS ARTICLE; AND~~

~~(ii) (2) BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE BILL CONTAINING THE CONTESTED STORMWATER CHARGE FEE.~~

~~(B) FURTHER APPEAL TO BMZA.~~

~~(1) A PERSON AGGRIEVED BY THE FINAL DECISION OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS MAY APPEAL THAT DECISION TO THE BOARD OF MUNICIPAL AND ZONING APPEALS.~~

~~(2) THE APPEAL MUST BE TAKEN WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DIRECTOR'S FINAL DECISION.~~

~~§ 4-2. § 5-2. JUDICIAL REVIEW.~~

~~(A) BY CIRCUIT COURT.~~

~~A PERSON AGGRIEVED BY THE FINAL DECISION OF THE DEPARTMENT BOARD OF MUNICIPAL AND ZONING APPEALS MAY SEEK JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THE DECISION BY PETITION TO THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE CITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MARYLAND RULES OF PROCEDURE.~~



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1 (B) *BY COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS.*

2 A PARTY TO THE JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY APPEAL THE COURT’S FINAL JUDGMENT TO THE  
3 COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MARYLAND RULES OF  
4 PROCEDURE.

5 **SUBTITLE 5. STORMWATER UTILITY**

6 **§ 5-1. “UTILITY” DEFINED.**

7 IN THIS SUBTITLE, “UTILITY” MEANS THE STORMWATER UTILITY GOVERNED BY CITY  
8 CHARTER ARTICLE VI, § 18.

9 **§ 5-2. ACCOUNTING SYSTEM.**

10 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

11 THE ACCOUNTING SYSTEM FOR THE STORMWATER UTILITY:

12 (1) SHALL CONFORM TO GENERALLY ACCEPTED PRINCIPLES OF UTILITY ACCOUNTING;  
13 AND

14 (2) SHALL BE KEPT ON THE ACCRUAL BASIS AND IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED UNDER  
15 CITY CHARTER ARTICLE VII, § 11 {“DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE: ACCOUNTING”}.

16 (B) *REVENUE RECORDS BY CLASS.*

17 THE RECORDS OF REVENUES OF THE STORMWATER UTILITY SHALL BE KEPT SO THAT THE  
18 FEES IMPOSED ON EACH CLASS OF PROPERTY, ACCORDING TO THE RATE SCHEDULES  
19 ADOPTED UNDER THIS ARTICLE, CAN BE DETERMINED.

20 **§ 5-3. ANNUAL REPORT.**

21 (A) *SUBMISSION REQUIRED.*

22 AFTER THE CLOSE OF EACH FISCAL YEAR, A REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL OPERATIONS OF  
23 THE STORMWATER UTILITY SHALL BE:

24 (1) SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES, THE BOARD OF FINANCE, AND THE  
25 MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL;

26 (2) FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE; AND

27 (3) POSTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ON ITS WEBSITE.

28 (B) *REQUIRED CONTENTS.*

29 THE REPORT SHALL CONTAIN AT LEAST:

30 (1) THE FOLLOWING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

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1                   (I) A COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATING AND CAPITAL REVENUES AND  
2                   EXPENDITURES AND OF NET ASSETS SHOWING THE FINANCIAL CONDITIONS  
3                   OF THE UTILITY AS OF THE BEGINNING AND CLOSE OF THE FISCAL YEAR;

4                   (II) A COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS AND  
5                   OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE LAST 2  
6                   FISCAL YEARS; AND

7                   (III) A COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE LAST 2 FISCAL  
8                   YEARS; AND

9                   (2) PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES.

10                  (C) SUBMISSION.

11                  THE REPORT REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION:

12                   (1) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER REPORT REQUIRED BY LAW; BUT

13                   (2) MAY BE SUBMITTED AS A SEPARATE SECTION OF THE STATEMENTS PROVIDED FOR  
14                   IN CITY CHARTER ARTICLE VII, § 11 {"DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE:  
15                   ACCOUNTING"}.

16                  **§ 5-4. EXCESS REVENUES.**

17                  (A) OPTIONAL USE.

18                   AFTER EACH FISCAL YEAR OF OPERATION, IF IT APPEARS THAT THERE WILL BE REVENUES  
19                   IN EXCESS OF THOSE BUDGETED FOR THAT FISCAL YEAR:

20                   (1) THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES MAY AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE  
21                   FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR OR YEARS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING THE EXCESS  
22                   REVENUES, FOR USES PERMITTED BY § 2-3 {"PERMITTED USES OF FUND"} OF THIS  
23                   ARTICLE; OR

24                   (2) ON RECOMMENDATION OF THE DIRECTORS OF FINANCE AND PUBLIC WORKS, THE  
25                   BOARD OF ESTIMATES MAY DECREASE FOR THE FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR OR  
26                   YEARS THE RATES FOR THE STORMWATER REMEDIATION FEE.

27                  (B) EXPENDITURES SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION PROCEDURES.

28                   ALL ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES OF THE STORMWATER UTILITY ARE SUBJECT TO THE  
29                   APPROPRIATION PROCEDURES PROVIDED IN CITY CHARTER ARTICLE VI {"BOARD OF  
30                   ESTIMATES"}.

31                  (C) NO REVERSION, ETC., TO GENERAL FUND.

32                   MONEY IN THE WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION FUND MAY NOT REVERT OR  
33                   BE TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CITY.

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1 **§ 5-5. CITY LOANS TO UTILITY.**

2 (A) IN GENERAL.

3 THE CITY MAY LEND TO THE STORMWATER UTILITY AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE  
4 EQUIVALENT TO A 60-DAY CASH-WORKING-CAPITAL REQUIREMENT.

5 (B) REPAYMENT REQUIREMENTS.

6 THE LOAN SHALL BE REPAYED BY THE UTILITY ON OR BEFORE 24 MONTHS FROM THE DATE  
7 OF THE LOAN, WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF THE AVERAGE INTEREST EARNED BY THE  
8 CITY ON ITS INVESTED FUNDS DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

9 **§ 5-6. CONFLICTS WITH COVENANTS, ETC.**

10 IF ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE FOR THE STORMWATER UTILITY IS INCONSISTENT WITH  
11 ANY COVENANT, CONDITION, LAW, OR RULE OR REGULATION GOVERNING ANY CONTRACT,  
12 PROJECT, OR GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES OR FROM THE STATE OR FUNDS DEDICATED BY  
13 AN ACT OF CONGRESS OR BY STATE LAW OR BY THE TERMS OF ANY PRIVATE GRANT, THE  
14 PROVISION IN THIS SUBTITLE APPLIES ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT IT IS NOT INCONSISTENT  
15 WITH THE COVENANT, CONDITION, LAW, OR RULE OR REGULATION.

16 **SUBTITLE 6. 5. PROHIBITED CONDUCT; PENALTIES**

17 **§ 6-1. PROHIBITED CONDUCT.**

18 NO PERSON MAY:

- 19 (1) PARTICIPATE OR AID, IN ANY MANNER, IN THE EVASION OF A CHARGE IMPOSED UNDER  
20 THIS ARTICLE;
- 21 (2) MAKE ANY FALSE STATEMENT OR REPRESENTATION OR SUBMIT ANY FALSE RECORD,  
22 PLAN, OR OTHER DOCUMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS UNDER OR IN  
23 CONNECTION WITH THIS ARTICLE; OR
- 24 (3) OTHERWISE VIOLATE ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE OR OF ANY RULE OR  
25 REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

26 **§ 6-2. CRIMINAL PENALTIES.**

27 ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES A PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR  
28 AND, ON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$500 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT  
29 EXCEEDING 6 MONTHS OR BOTH FINE AND IMPRISONMENT FOR EACH OFFENSE.

30 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance  
31 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior  
32 Ordinance.

33 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on July 1,  
34 2013.

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Certified as duly passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Mayor, Baltimore City