

Chapter 639

(House Bill 1075)

AN ACT concerning

~~Public Utilities~~ Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – System Development Charge – Definitions

PG/MC 106–14

FOR the purpose of defining the ~~term~~ terms “apartment unit” and “property” for purposes of certain provisions of law relating to system development charges imposed by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission; altering the definition of “new service” to include a direct connection of an improvement or building and a connection through an existing on-site system; and generally relating to system development charges imposed by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 25–401
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Public Utilities

25–401.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) **“APARTMENT UNIT” MEANS A SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING UNIT THAT:**
 - (1) IS ONE OF MULTIPLE UNITS WITHIN A BUILDING;**
 - (2) CONTAINS AT LEAST ONE FULL BATH AND ONE FULL KITCHEN;**

AND

- (3) DOES NOT CONTAIN MORE THAN TWO TOILETS.**
- (c) “Fixture unit” means the assigned value for a plumbing fixture or group of plumbing fixtures, as set forth in the Commission’s plumbing and gas fitting

regulations, that is standardized with a common lavatory having an assigned value of one based on its probable discharge into the drainage system or hydraulic demand on the water supply.

[(c)] (D) “New service” means:

(1) a first time connection of a property to the Commission water or sewer system, **INCLUDING:**

(I) A DIRECT CONNECTION OF AN IMPROVEMENT OR BUILDING; OR

(II) A CONNECTION OF THE IMPROVEMENT OR BUILDING THROUGH AN EXISTING ON-SITE SYSTEM; or

(2) a new connection or increased water meter size for a property previously or currently served by the Commission if the new connection or increased meter size is needed because of a change in the use of the property or an increase in demand for service at the property.

(E) “PROPERTY” MEANS AN IMPROVEMENT OR A BUILDING ON A LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND THAT CONTAINS PLUMBING FIXTURES.

[(d)] ~~(E)~~ (F) “Toilet” means a water closet, as set forth in the Commission’s plumbing and gas fitting regulations.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2014.

Approved by the Governor, May 15, 2014.