

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION

Subject: A RESOLUTION to update the criteria under which the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission ("WSSC Water" or "Commission") staff may grant outside organizations permission to install communications antennas on Commission structures and to require the establishment and annual adoption of a fee schedule for such applications.

WHEREAS, the Commission is a body corporate pursuant to §17-201 of the Maryland Annotated Code, Public Utilities Article ("PUA") and is authorized under §17-403 of the PUA to adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of Division II of the PUA and any other laws, the enforcement and administration of which are vested in the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has a long history of regulating antenna installations on Commission structures dating back to at least 1961;

WHEREAS, in the ensuing years, the Commission has updated its regulations several times in order to align technological advances in the communications industry and growing public need with Commission policy on allowing antennas on its facilities;

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of this regulation herein to balance the proliferation of antenna installation requests with the Commission's organizational capacity to address the applications it receives by:

(1) establishing who may apply for permission to install communications equipment on a Commission structure;

(2) setting forth the criteria WSSC Water staff shall use to determine whether to grant an antenna application; and

(3) requiring fees and establishing a process for the imposition of fees related to the installation or modification of communications equipment on a Commission structure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 19th day of November, that the Commission hereby adopts these revisions to Chapter 13.10 of the WSSC Code of Regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the revisions shall be effective on January 1, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of this resolution and the actions taken hereunder shall be published in at least one (1) newspaper published in each county of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District for thirty (30) days prior to the effective date.

A True Copy.

Attest:


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