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COMMISSION SUMMARY

AGENDA CATEGORY: Intergovernmental Relations Office

ITEM NUMBER: 1 **DATE**: January 27, 2021

SUBJECT	Legislative Update
SUMMARY	Updates on WSSC Water-related bills for the 2021 Legislative Session.
SPECIAL COMMENTS	The legislative update is current as of January 7, 2021, and will be updated as legislation is received and/or positions are taken.
CONTRACT NO./ REFERENCE NO.	N/A
COSTS	N/A
AMENDMENT/ CHANGE ORDER NO. AMOUNT	N/A
MBE PARTICIPATION	N/A
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RECOMMENDATION TO COMMISSION	
COMMISSION ACTION	

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SESSION 2021
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

As of January 7, 2021

WSSC Water Sponsored Legislation

Bill #	Title (Sponsor)/Description	Position	Status/Notes
MC/PG 102-21	**Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Board of Ethics - Financial Disclosure Statements - Late Fees** Authorizes the WSSC Board of Ethics to impose a late fee on individuals who file late or fail to file required financial disclosure statements.	**SUPPORT** (10/21/2020)	Hearings: MCHD Public Bill Hearing 12/8/2020 PGHD Public Bill Hearing 12/3/2020 Positions: MCCE – Support MCCC – Support

WSSC Water Related Legislation

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MC/PG 100-21	**Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Video Streaming and Archiving Meetings and Late Payment Charges (Charkoudian)** Requires WSSC to stream live video of the open meetings of the Commission and to maintain on its website a complete and unedited archived video recording of these meetings. Also alters the amount the Commission can impost as a late payment charge for unpaid water and sewer usage charges. 1/7/2021 – As amended, audio and/or video of all open meetings are to be live streamed. If live streaming is	OPPOSE (11/18/2020)	Hearings: PGHD Public Bill Hearing 12/3/2020 Positions: MCHD – FWA (1/7/2021) MCCE – Support w/Amendment MCCC – Hold

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	unavailable, the meetings are to be recorded. Video, audio and recordings are to be posted to the Commission's website. Provisions were added to protect the validity of actions taken by the Commission should a failure involving the live streaming or recording occur during an open meeting. Changes to the amount the Commission as a late payment charge for unpaid water and sewer usage charges have been removed from the bill. Language has been added to specify financial assistance may include the reduction or waiver of fees, including late fees, under the Customer Affordability Program.		

Legislation of Interest

Bill #	Title (Sponsor)/Description	Position	Status/Notes
MC 3-21	**Montgomery County – Cooperative Housing Corporations, Condominiums, and Homeowners Associations – Reserve Studies (Crutchfield & Stewart)** Requires the governing body of Montgomery County cooperative housing corporations (CO-OP), condominium, or homeowners association (HOA) to conduct a study of the reserves required for future major repairs and replacement of common elements. Studies are to be conducted by a certain time based on the establishment date of the CO-OP, condominium board, or HOA and must be conducted at least every 5 years thereafter.	Monitor	Positions: MCHD – FWA (1/7/2021) MCCE – Support MCCC – Hold

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MC 6-21	**Montgomery County – Public Ethics – Payments to Elected Officials (Acevero & Carr)** Prohibits an applicant or agent of the applicant from making a payment to an elected official, or a slate that includes an elected official, during the pendency of the application a land use matter.		Withdrawn (12/7/2020)
PG 407-21	**Maryland Emergency Management Agency, Department of Transportation, and Department of the Environment – Study on Historic and Recent Flooding in Prince George's County (Ivey)** Requires the MEMA, the Department of Transportation and the Department of the Environment to conduct a study analyzing flooding in Prince George's County and develop recommendations for mitigation solutions.	Monitor	Hearings: PGHD Public Bill Hearing 12/3/2020

Positions

MCCC = Montgomery County Council: MCCE = Montgomery County Executive; MCHD = Montgomery County House Delegation; MCSD =Montgomery County Senate Delegation; PGCC = Prince George's County Council PGCE = Prince George's County Executive; PGHD = Prince George's House Delegation; PGSD = Prince George's Senate Delegation

Key Dates

- January 13, 2021 – Opening Day of Session
- April 5, 2021 – Sine Die

Websites

Maryland General Assembly: http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/
2021 Session Calendar (PDF): http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/pubs-current/current-session-dates.pdf
Track Legislation**:** http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmTrackingMain.aspx?pid=trackpage
Montgomery County Delegation: http://www.montgomerycountydelegation.com/
Prince George's County Delegation: https://www.princegeorgeshousedelegation.com/