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September 8 & 21, 2015

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2015, Legislative Day No. 31

Bill No. 74-15

Introduced by Mr. Walker, Chairman
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, July 6, 2015

Introduced and first read on July 6, 2015
Public Hearing set for and held on September 8, 2015
Public Hearing on AMENDED BILL set for and held on September 21, 2015
Public hearing on SECOND AMENDED BILL set for and held on October 5, 2015
Bill Expires October 11, 2015

By Order: Elizabeth E. Jones, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Works – Utilities – Water and Wastewater System
2 User Connection Charges
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4 FOR the purpose of revising the water and wastewater system user connection charges;
5 providing for the method of payment of the water and wastewater system user
6 connection charges for certain properties; establishing the method of certifying the
7 average cost of connection to the water and wastewater systems; and generally
8 relating to the water and wastewater user connection charge.
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10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: § 13-5-813(c), (e), (g), (h) and (i)
11 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)
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13 BY adding: § 13-5-813(r)
14 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)
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16 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County,*
17 *Maryland,* That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) read as
18 follows:
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20 **ARTICLE 13. PUBLIC WORKS**
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22 **TITLE 5. UTILITIES**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.
~~Strikeover~~ indicates matter stricken from bill by amendment.

1 **13-5-813. Water and wastewater system connection charges and assessments.**
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3 (c) **Water system user connection charge.** For connections to the County's water
4 system, the user connection charge is:

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6 (1) for a [standard three-quarter-inch] connection [with a five-eighths-inch meter]
7 constructed under a County capital project OR A PETITION PROJECT INITIATED IN
8 ACCORDANCE WITH § 13-5-303, [\$2,100] THE CERTIFIED COST OF A CONNECTION AS
9 DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (R); or

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11 (2) for a [standard three-quarter-inch] connection [with a five-eighths-inch meter]
12 constructed under a private contract administered by the Department [of Public Works:
13 \$2,650; or when the cost of the connection exceeds \$2,650, or for any other size
14 connection, the actual cost of installation as determined by the Department of Public
15 Works], THE LESSER OF THE ESTIMATED COST OF A CONNECTION AS DETERMINED BY
16 THE DEPARTMENT, OR THE ACTUAL COST OF THE CONNECTION.

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18 (e) **Wastewater system user connection charge.** For connections to the County's
19 wastewater system, the user connection charge is:

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21 (1) for a [standard four- to six-inch] connection constructed under a County
22 capital project OR A PETITION PROJECT INITIATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 13-5-303,
23 [\$3,400] THE CERTIFIED COST OF A CONNECTION AS DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR IN
24 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (R); or

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26 (2) for a [standard four- to six-inch] connection constructed under a private
27 contract administered by the Department [of Public Works: \$4,270; or when the cost of
28 the connection exceeds \$4,270 or for any other size connection, the actual cost of
29 installation as determined by the Department of Public Works], THE LESSER OF THE
30 ESTIMATED COST OF A CONNECTION AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT, OR THE
31 ACTUAL COST OF THE CONNECTION.

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33 (g) **Connection under private contract.**

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35 (1) For properties with [new improvements] A CONNECTION CONSTRUCTED
36 UNDER A PRIVATE CONTRACT ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT, whether residential
37 or non-residential[,] the user connection charge shall be paid [in full when an application
38 for connection is made and,] AS FOLLOWS:

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40 (I) A DEPOSIT IN THE AMOUNT OF THE CERTIFIED COST OF A CONNECTION AS
41 DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (R) SHALL BE PAID
42 WHEN AN APPLICATION FOR CONNECTION IS MADE.

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44 (II) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE AN ESTIMATE OF THE COST OF THE
45 CONNECTION, AND PRIOR TO CONNECTION, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE DEPOSIT
46 PAID IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (G)(1)(I) AND THE ESTIMATED COST SHALL BE
47 PAID.

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49 (III) AFTER THE CONNECTION IS COMPLETED, IF THE ACTUAL COST OF THE
50 CONNECTION IS LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT PAID UNDER SUBSECTIONS (G)(1)(I) AND
51 (G)(1)(II), THE DIFFERENCE SHALL BE REFUNDED BY THE DEPARTMENT. IF AN

1 APPLICATION FOR CONNECTION, OR PAYMENT UNDER SUBSECTIONS (G)(1)(I) OR (II), IS
2 MADE FOR CONNECTIONS TO BOTH THE WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM, THE COSTS
3 OF BOTH CONNECTIONS SHALL BE TOTALED FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING WHETHER
4 A REFUND IS OWED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.
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6 (2) [for] FOR a property receiving an allocation under § 13-5-403, the capital
7 facility connection charge shall be paid as provided in that section.
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9 (h) **Residential properties with existing improvements.** Residential properties with
10 existing improvements, AND FOR WHICH A CONNECTION IS CONSTRUCTED UNDER A
11 COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECT OR A PETITION PROJECT INITIATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH §
12 13-5-303, shall pay under one of the following methods:
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14 (1) the user connection charge and the capital facility connection charge shall be
15 paid in full when application for connection is made;
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17 (2) the user connection charge shall be paid within one year from the date of
18 application for connection, with the unpaid balance bearing interest at a rate determined
19 by the Controller based on the current rate on invested County funds, and the capital
20 connection charge shall be paid in full when application for connection is made; or
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22 (3) (i) the user connection charge, ~~UNLESS PAID IN FULL, MAY BE PAID IN~~
23 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (H)(1) OR (H)(2); OR IN FIVE ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS
24 WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE BILLING DATE OR IN 60 MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS BEGINNING
25 ONE MONTH FROM THE DATE OF APPLICATION FOR CONNECTION, WITH THE UNPAID
26 BALANCE BEARING INTEREST AT A RATE DETERMINED BY THE CONTROLLER BASED ON
27 THE CURRENT RATE ON INVESTED COUNTY FUNDS; and
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29 (II) one-third of the capital facility connection charge shall be paid in five
30 annual installments within 60 days of the billing date or in 60 monthly installments
31 beginning one month from the date of application for connection, with the unpaid balance
32 bearing interest at a rate determined by the Controller based on the current rate on
33 invested County funds; and
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35 [(ii)] (III) the remaining two-thirds of the capital facility connection charges
36 shall be paid in 30 annual installments within 60 days of the billing date, with the unpaid
37 balance bearing interest at the rate of 8%.
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39 (i) **Nonresidential properties with existing improvements.** For nonresidential
40 properties with existing improvements AND FOR WHICH A CONNECTION IS CONSTRUCTED
41 UNDER A COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECT OR A PETITION PROJECT INITIATED IN
42 ACCORDANCE WITH § 13-5-303, the user connection charge and the capital facility
43 connection charge shall be paid in full when application for connection is made.
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45 (R) **Standard user connection charge.** ANNUALLY, THE DIRECTOR SHALL CERTIFY
46 THE AVERAGE COST OF A CONNECTION TO THE COUNTY'S WATER AND WASTEWATER
47 SYSTEMS TO THE OFFICE OF FINANCE, THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS AND PERMITS,
48 AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL. ~~THE CERTIFIED COST OF A CONNECTION SHALL BE THE~~
49 ~~AVERAGE COST OF A CONNECTION TO THE COUNTY'S WATER AND WASTEWATER~~
50 ~~SYSTEMS. THE CERTIFIED COST OF A WATER CONNECTION SHALL BE THE AVERAGE~~
51 COST OF CONNECTION TO THE COUNTY'S WATER SYSTEM, BASED ON THE SIZE OF THE

1 WATER METER, AND THE CERTIFIED COST OF A WASTEWATER CONNECTION SHALL BE
2 THE AVERAGE COST OF CONNECTION TO THE COUNTY'S WASTEWATER SYSTEM.
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4 SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days
5 from the date it becomes law.

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED: September 8 and 21, 2015

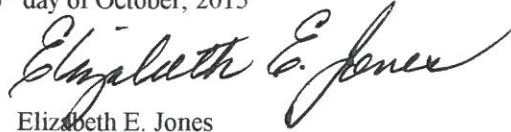
READ AND PASSED this 5th day of October, 2015

By Order:




Elizabeth E. Jones
Administrative Officer

PRESENTED to the County Executive for his approval this 6th day of October, 2015



Elizabeth E. Jones
Administrative Officer

APPROVED AND ENACTED this 13 day of October, 2015



Steven R. Schuh
County Executive

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 27, 2015

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF BILL NO.
74-15 **THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH IS RETAINED IN THE FILES**
OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.



Elizabeth E. Jones
Administrative Officer