

**METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017
5:00 P.M.**

Location

Board Room
District Headquarters
555 Main Street, Hartford

Quorum: 5

Commissioners

Avedisian	Holloway
Buell	Ionno
DiBella (Ex Officio)	Magnan
Gardow	Marotta (VC)
Hoffman	Taylor

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1. CALL TO ORDER
 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS
 3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2017 AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 2017
 4. ADDITION OF PART G9 TO DISTRICT GENERAL ORDINANCES - "INDEPENDENT CONSUMER ADVOCATE"
 5. REVISIONS TO DISTRICT WATER ORDINANCES §§ W1a, W1d, W2b, W2c, W4h, W4i, W5g, W6b, W6f, W7o
 6. OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS
 7. ADJOURNMENT

**PROPOSED ADDITION TO THE GENERAL ORDINANCES § G9
OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

To: Committee on MDC Government for consideration on December 4, 2017

District staff, through the Office of District Counsel, submits the addition of Section G9, "INDEPENDENT CONSUMER ADVOCATE", to The Metropolitan District General Ordinances for consideration by the Committee on MDC Government. Pursuant to the authority set forth in Section 1(g) of Special Act 08-9 (Regular Session 2008).

Therefore, it is **RECOMMENDED** that it be

VOTED: That the Committee on MDC Government recommends to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the addition to The Metropolitan District's General Ordinances be adopted as follows:

**G-9 INDEPENDENT CONSUMER ADVOCATE
PART 9, GENERAL ORDINANCES**

<u>Section</u>	<u>Section Title</u>
G9a	Independent Consumer Advocate
G9b	Reports

SEC. G9a INDEPENDENT CONSUMER ADVOCATE

The State of Connecticut Consumer Counsel ("Consumer Counsel") will appoint an Independent Consumer Advocate ("Consumer Advocate") who shall be a member of the Connecticut bar and shall have private legal experience in public utility law and policy. The Consumer Advocate shall act as an independent advocate for consumer interests in all matters which may affect District consumers, including, but not limited to, rates, water quality, water supply and wastewater service quality. The Consumer Counsel will appoint the Independent Consumer Advocate prior to November 1, 2017 and then in each odd numbered year thereafter to serve for a two-year term commencing on the following first day of January. The Consumer Advocate shall be independent of the District Board and may not be removed by the District Board for any reason. The District Board shall not direct or oversee the activities of the Consumer Advocate. The District Board shall cooperate with reasonable requests of the Consumer Advocate to enable the Consumer Advocate to effectively perform his or her duties and functions. The Consumer Advocate may be terminated by the Consumer Counsel prior to the completion of a two-year term only for misconduct, material neglect of duty or incompetence. Costs related to the Consumer Advocate, including, but not limited to, hourly fees and necessary expenses shall be paid for by the District. The annual amount of such costs shall not exceed seventy thousand dollars for the period from