

**THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING**

555 Main Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06103
Thursday, November 7, 2024

PRESENT: Commissioner William A. DiBella and Commissioner James Woulfe

ALSO

PRESENT: John S. Mirtle, District Clerk
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer
Jacob Aviles, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)

The public hearing was called to order by District Vice Chairman DiBella at 5:30PM

Vice Chairman DiBella read the following statement:

“This is a public hearing of The Metropolitan District. The District Board will receive public input on the proposed 2025 budget for The Metropolitan District, Water & Sewer Rates, and Revisions to Ordinances.”

“On October 23, 2024, the 2025 proposed budget was made publicly available and posted on www.themdc.org. At its October 7th 2024 meeting, the District Board referred the proposed budget to the Board of Finance. A final decision on the 2025 proposed budget, rates and ordinances has yet to be made. The District Board will consider and approve a final budget at its December 9, 2024 public meeting, and will take into account what is said at this hearing.”

John Mirtle, District Clerk, read the following into the record:

The following hearing notice was published in the Hartford Courant on October 25, 2024 and again on November 1, 2024; and the notice was filed, for public inspection, in the office of the town clerk in each municipality that is a member town of The Metropolitan District.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET, WATER & SEWER RATES AND
REVISIONS TO ORDINANCES
The Metropolitan District Board Room
555 Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut

Pursuant to Special Act 01-3, as adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, and Section 2-14 of the Compiled Charter of The Metropolitan District (“District”), the District will hold a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2025 budget, water and sewer rates, and revisions to the District’s ordinances. The hearing will be held at The Metropolitan District Board Room, 555 Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut, on Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 5:30 PM.

Members of the public that would like to participate remotely may call into the public hearing at

(415) 655-0001 Access Code: 2317 771 1096# or via [Meeting Video Link](#) available on the District’s website. Anyone from the public wishing to submit public comment on the budget, rates or ordinances is encouraged to submit written comments to DistrictClerk@themdc.com prior to the hearing. Comments received in advance of the public hearing will be available to District Commissioners during the public hearing and incorporated into the record. Submitting written comments does not prevent any member of the public from also speaking during the hearing.

The proposed fiscal year 2025 budget, rates and ordinance revisions are available for public inspection at www.themdc.org/budget or by request to DistrictClerk@themdc.com. Proposed changes to the following sections of the ordinances will be considered:

WATER SUPPLY ORDINANCES:

- § W1a WATER USED CHARGE (TREATED WATER)
- § W1f SURCHARGE OUTSIDE THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- § W2d ALL WATER METERED
- § W2f ONE METER FOR EACH SERVICE
- § W2l FIRE SERVICE METERING (NEW)
- § W4h INSTALLATION OF MAINS BY DEVELOPER'S METHOD
- § W5a CHARGES FOR SERVICE PIPE

SEWER ORDINANCES

- § S2l USE OF SANITARY SEWERS

GENERAL ORDINANCES

- § G9a INDEPENDENT CONSUMER ADVOCATE
- § G9b REPORTS

All interested parties from The Metropolitan District’s member municipalities may appear to be heard.

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

John Mirtle, District Clerk, read the public hearing guidelines.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judy Allen, of West Hartford, spoke regarding the 11-cent water rate increase and consumers increased costs in general without increased income.

ADJOURNMENT

The public hearing was adjourned at 5:39 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

Date of Approval