



The Metropolitan District
water supply · environmental services · geographic information

**COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026
5:00 PM**

Location

Board Room
District Headquarters
555 Main Street, Hartford

Dial in #: (415)-655-0001
Access Code: 2316 506 4599 #

[Meeting Video Link](#)

Commissioners

Anderson	Healy
Avedisian	Johnson
Bazzano	Magnan
Buell	Tierinni
Currey (Ex-Officio)	Torres
Gardow	Woulfe

Quorum: 6

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**
3. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS**
5. **INDEPENDENT CONSUMER ADVOCATE COMMENTS & QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS**
6. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 2025 AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 2025**
7. **CONSIDERATION AND POTENTIAL ACTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF 2026 LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANTS**
8. **DISCUSSION RE: 2026 LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES**
9. **OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**
10. **COMMISSIONER REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
11. **ADJOURNMENT**

**COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT
APPOINTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANTS**

To: Committee on MDC Government

January 28, 2026

Over the past year, the firms of Gaffney, Bennett and Associates Inc. (Attorney Brendan Fox), Strategic Outreach Solutions, LLC (Janice Flemming) and Levin, Paolino and Christ Government Relations Consulting, LLC (Michael Christ) have provided exemplary service in the area of government relations and advocacy within state government on behalf of the District, and the same holds true for Squire Patton Boggs (William Schuster) and SJB Strategies, LLC (Attorney Stephen Bonafonte) on the federal level. Staff recommends the appointment of the same lobbying team for 2026. With the exception of Levin, Paolino and Christ Government Relations Consulting, LLC, the term of the appointments would be from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. As to Levin, Paolino and Christ Government Relations Consulting, LLC, the term of its appointment would be from February 1, 2026 to May 31, 2026, all subject to Board approval.

Furthermore, in the event the Committee on MDC Government forwards the appointments to the District Board, District staff recommends the following annual fees for state legislative/administrative consultants: (1) Gaffney, Bennett and Associates, Inc., \$69,000.00, (2) Levin, Paolino and Christ Government Relations Consulting, LLC, \$14,000.00 and (3) Strategic Outreach Solutions, LLC, \$66,000.00.

On the Federal level, in the event the Committee on MDC Government forwards the appointments to the District Board, District staff recommends the following annual fees: (1) Squire Patton Boggs, \$150,000.00; and (2) SJB Strategies, LLC, \$95,000.00.

It is therefore recommended that it be:

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

Resolved: That the firms of Gaffney, Bennett and Associates Inc. and Strategic Outreach Solutions, LLC be retained to perform state lobbying services for a period commencing on January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, and the firm of Levin, Paolino, and Christ Government Relations Consulting, LLC, shall be retained for the period from February 1, 2026 through May 31, 2026. Gaffney, Bennett and Associates, Inc. fee will receive \$69,000.00, Levin, Paolino and Christ Government Relations Consulting, LLC will receive \$14,000.00, and Strategic Outreach Solutions, LLC will receive \$66,000.00, all subject to the execution of a written agreement prepared and approved by District Counsel as to form and content, reflecting the scope of services, reporting requirements and such other terms and conditions as District Counsel, may specify.

**Further
Resolved:**

That the firms of Squire Patton Boggs and SJB Strategies, LLC be retained to perform federal lobbying services for a period commencing on January 1, 2026 and terminating on December 31, 2026. Squire Patton Boggs will receive \$150,000.00 and SJB Strategies, LLC will receive \$95,000.00, subject to the execution of a written agreement prepared and approved by District Counsel as to form and content, reflecting the scope of services, reporting requirements and such other terms and conditions as District Counsel may specify.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Mirtle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John S. Mirtle
District Clerk

**COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT
SPECIAL MEETING**

555 Main Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06103
Monday, December 1, 2025

Present: Commissioners John Bazzano, Peter Gardow, Chris Tierinni, Calixto Torres and District Chairman Donald Currey (5)

Remote

Attendance: Commissioner Avery Buell and Maureen Magnan (2)

Absent: Commissioner Kyle Anderson, John Avedisian, James Healy and James Woulfe (4)

Also

Present: Commissioner William A. DiBella
Christopher Stone, District Counsel
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk
Jonathan Perugini, Chief Financial Officer
Susan Negrelli, Director of Engineering
Dave Ruty, Director of Operations
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Systems (Remote Attendance)
Tom Tyler, Director of Facilities
Shereese Rodgers, Assistant Manager of Budget and Analysis
Kim Cummings, Financial Analyst
Burton Freeman, Budget Analyst
Haider Nawaz, Budget Analyst
Victoria Escoriza, Assistant Administrative Officer and Special Assistant
Amanda Litvak, Professional Level Associate (Remote Attendance)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman John Bazzano called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

**INDEPENDENT CONSUMER ADVOCATE COMMENTS & QUESTIONS RELATIVE
TO AGENDA ITEMS**

Independent Consumer Advocate Tavelli did not have any comments or questions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Commissioner Torres and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of September 22, 2025 and public hearing minutes of October 7, 2025 were approved.

Without objection, Commissioner Torres moved to consolidate agenda items #5 “Revisions to Water Supply Ordinances,” #6 “Revisions to Sewer Ordinances” and #7 “Revisions to General Ordinances”.

REVISION TO DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY ORDINANCES

To: Committee on MDC Government for consideration December 1, 2025

District staff, through the Office of District Counsel, submits the following ordinance revisions to The Metropolitan District Water Supply Ordinances for consideration by the Committee on MDC Government.

WATER SUPPLY ORDINANCES:

§ W1b	CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARGE
§ W1c	SURCHARGE OUTSIDE THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
§ W1f	SURCHARGE OUTSIDE THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
§ W5b	APPLICATIONS FOR LARGER SERVICE PIPES
§ W6f	CHARGES FOR PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION

SEC. W1b CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARGE

The CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARGE is a service charge applicable to all metered services and services to be metered. The charge shall be determined from the size of each meter installed or to be installed on the premises, as follows:

<u>SIZE OF METER</u>	<u>MONTHLY BILLING</u>
5/8"	\$14.98 \$15.73
3/4"	\$14.98 \$15.73
1"	\$14.98 \$15.73
1 1/2"	\$48.60 \$49.35
2"	\$77.80 \$78.55
3"	\$145.89 \$146.64
4"	\$243.55 \$244.30
6"	\$486.07 \$486.82
8"	\$771.16 \$771.91
10"	\$1,777.77 \$1,778.52
12"	\$1,896.38 \$1,897.13

SEC. W1c SURCHARGE OUTSIDE THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

In towns outside the limits of The Metropolitan District, in addition to charges under SEC. W1a and W1b, there shall be a surcharge determined from the size of the meter installed on the premises, excluding meters installed on dedicated fire services, as follows:

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SEC. W1f SURCHARGE OUTSIDE THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

In towns outside the limits of The Metropolitan District for which capital improvements or layout and assessment projects are constructed, in addition to the charges set forth in SEC. W1a, W1b and W1c, there shall be a surcharge on the water rates determined from the size of the meter installed on the premises, excluding meters installed on dedicated fire services, as follows:

1. On or before the end of each fiscal year, The Metropolitan District shall determine the actual cost of each capital improvement constructed for each non-member town and the net cost (cost less assessments) of layout and assessment projects constructed for each non-member town. The costs and/or net costs, as applicable, shall be allocated to the towns for which the work was performed and shall be a surcharge on the water rates of the users located in such towns.
2. The annual surcharge to be added to each user's water rate shall equal the total amount of the costs and/or net costs, as applicable, allocated to the town in which such user is located [excluding costs which the town has paid as set forth in Section W1f(3)] amortized over a twenty year period using an interest rate computed by the District which approximates the District's long-term cost of funds for its General Obligation Bond portfolio-multiplied by the percentage of hydraulic capacity of each user's meter size (based on the American Water Works Association meter size capacity) of the aggregate hydraulic capacity of all meters in such town excluding meters installed on dedicated fire services. The surcharge shall be billed in ~~either quarterly or~~ monthly installments, ~~as~~

~~applicable~~, commencing with the first bill sent out in the fiscal year succeeding the fiscal year in which the work was performed and continuing over the twenty-year period.

3. The District shall, as soon as possible after the completion of each capital improvement project or separate phase thereof, provide to the non-member towns for which a capital improvement was constructed a compilation of the costs associated with the construction of such project(s). If, on or before the end of the District's fiscal year in which such construction was completed, a non-member town agrees to pay and does in fact pay all or a portion of the cost of a capital improvement constructed for such town, then the amount paid by such town shall be deducted from the total amount of costs and/or net costs allocated to such town as described in Section W1f(1) and used to calculate the individual surcharges as set forth in Section W1f(2).

MONTHLY BILLING

METER SIZE	Farmington		Glastonbury		South Windsor		Manchester	
	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
5/8"	\$1.88	\$1.78	\$1.50	\$1.75	\$1.18	\$1.35	\$2.68	\$2.63
3/4"	-	-	\$2.25	\$2.63	\$1.78	\$2.03	-	-
1"	\$3.76	\$3.57	\$3.00	\$3.51	\$2.37	\$2.71	\$5.36	\$5.25
1½"	\$7.53	\$7.13	\$6.00	\$7.02	\$4.74	\$5.41	-	-
2"	\$141.13	\$133.73	\$112.50	\$131.58	\$88.86	\$101.47	-	-
3"	\$329.29	\$312.04	\$262.49	\$307.02	\$207.34	\$236.76	\$469.05	\$459.80
4"	\$564.51	\$534.92	\$449.99	\$526.32	\$355.44	\$405.88	-	-
6"	\$752.67	\$713.23	\$599.98	\$701.76	\$473.92	-	\$1,072.10	\$1,050.96
8"	\$1,881.68	\$1,783.06	-	-	-	-	-	-

SEC. W5b APPLICATIONS FOR LARGER SERVICE PIPES

Before the approval of the installation of a service pipe larger than 1-inch in diameter, a ~~form request~~ listing the water requirements of the property to be supplied shall be filed with the Water Bureau, so that consideration shall be given to the quantity, time or times, rate and manner of water demand, the size of the water main from which it is or is to be supplied from, the probable volume of water in said water main at the time of demand, the other pertinent facts and the proper size of meter may be determined. The Water Bureau shall establish and publish Availability & Capacity Guidelines ("A&C Guidelines") for determination of the availability of water mains and the capacity of said water mains to supply proposed demands from the District's water distribution system in accordance with District Ordinances and any municipal, state & federal regulatory requirements. Any approval under the Availability & Capacity process shall be valid for 1 year from the date of the District's Availability & Capacity determination letter.

SEC. W6f CHARGES FOR PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE

Rates for private fire protection are charged to all fire service accounts, including combination services, based on the size of the service connection.

<u>SIZE OF CONNECTION</u>	<u>MONTHLY CHARGE</u>
1"	\$5.00 \$5.50
2"	\$22.85 \$23.35
3"	\$33.75 \$49.50
4"	\$60.00 \$88.00
6"	\$135.00 \$198.00
8"	\$240.00 \$352.00
10"	\$375.00 \$550.00
12"	\$540.00 \$792.00
16"	\$960.00 \$1,408.00
20"	\$1,500.00 \$2,200.00
24"	\$2,160.00 \$3,168.00

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 following revisions to The Metropolitan District Water Supply Ordinances be adopted, effective January 1, 2026, as follows:

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Respectfully submitted,



John S. Mirtle
District Clerk

REVISION TO DISTRICT SEWER ORDINANCES

To: Committee on MDC Government for consideration December 1, 2025

District staff, through the Office of District Counsel, submits the following ordinance revisions to The Metropolitan District Sewer Ordinances for consideration by the Committee on MDC Government.

SEWER SUPPLY ORDINANCES:

§ S2e WASTES EXCLUDED FROM ALL SEWERS

§ S2f DETERMINATION FOR AVAILABILITY AND CAPACITY EXCLUSION

§ S2i USE OF SANITARY SEWERS

§ S2q USE OF COMBINED SEWERS

§ S2s STATE OF CT GENERAL PERMIT FOR DISCHARGES FROM
MISCELLANEOUS NON-SIGNIFICANT INDUSTRIAL USERS

§ S2w STATE OF CT GENERAL PERMIT FOR DISCHARGE OF
STORMWATER FROM SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER
SYSTEMS

§ S7o CONNECTIONS TO LAND NOT PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED AND
SUPPLEMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED PROPERTY

SEC. S2e WASTES EXCLUDED FROM ALL SEWERS

- (a) No person or property owner shall discharge or permit to be discharged, directly or indirectly, from any premises under his control into any public sewer of any kind or type, any of the following:
- (1) Any substance or object likely to damage, injure, destroy or cause an obstruction in any sewer, or appurtenance thereof, into which it may be discharged;
 - (2) Any substance which may attack, damage or alter by either abrasion or chemical action the materials of which the sewer and its appurtenances are composed or built;
 - (3) Sticks, stones of material size, coarse rubbish, rags, unground or unshredded garbage or refuse, portions of any animal carcass more than one inch in longest dimension;
 - (4) Any debris or substance which by depositing any considerable quantity of sediment, by coagulation, by congealing or by attaching itself to the lining of the sewer or to other substances being transported within the sewer is likely to cause an obstruction in any sewer or appurtenance;
 - (5) Any gasoline, kerosene, alcohol, oil, tar, flammable or explosive gas or vapor or any substance which may generate or form any flammable, explosive or combustible substance, fluid, gas, vapor or mixture when combined with air, water or other substances commonly found in sewers; (See Section S2g).
 - (6) Steam, water vapor or other substance at a temperature above 150F, or substance which, upon coming into contact with water or sewage, will generate steam or vapor within such sewer; (See Section S2g).
 - (7) Any waste or waste water which is strongly acid, and which, when tested in the usual technical manner, has a "pH" less than 5.5 or which is strongly alkaline and has a "pH" more than 10.0; ("pH" means the logarithm of the reciprocal of the weight of the hydrogen ions in grams per liter of solution).
 - (8) Objectionable poisons, cyanides, or any substance likely to generate poisonous fumes that may interfere with, constitute a hazard to, or be dangerous to human beings or domestic animals;
 - (9) Any waste water or sewage containing animal guts or tissues, entrails, offal, blood, feathers, hair, hides, scraps, unshredded fruits or vegetables, straw or cinders;
 - (10) Any water containing disinfectants, formaldehyde, toxic or poisonous substances in quantities sufficient to delay or interfere with sewage treatment and

sludge digestion processes including the sedimentation, biological and chemical processes used by the District at its sewage treatment plants;

(11) Any considerable quantity of waste from an industrial or commercial process or processes containing more parts per million than the limit indicated below, for any of the following:

Arsenic	0.1 ppm
Cadmium	0.2 ppm
Chromium (total)	2.0 ppm
Chromium (hexavalent)	0.2 ppm
Copper	2.0 ppm
Cyanide	2.0 ppm
Lead	0.5 ppm
Mercury	Prohibited
Nickel	2.0 ppm
Oil and Grease	100 ppm
Silver	0.5 ppm
Tin	4.0 ppm
Total Nitrogen*	16 lbs/day
Zinc	2.0 ppm
Hydrogen sulfide, sulfur dioxide, nitrous oxide	10 ppm
or any halogen gas	
Suspended solids other than above (i.e., solids that float on the surface of or are in suspension in sewage which are removable by laboratory filtering)	600 ppm

*Total Nitrogen shall be measured by analyzing the wastewater for Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) plus Nitrate-nitrite. The total mass loading (flow multiplied by concentration) shall not exceed 16lbs per day.

(12) Any waste waters or sewage likely to cause damage, injury or loss to other persons or to the property of other persons who are lawfully entitled to use the sewer or sewers through which said wastes are discharged, or to any person or equipment engaged in sewage treatment and disposal for the District. This prohibition shall be understood as applying to the kind or character of wastes discharged into any sewer and as limiting the quantity of wastes or waters which may be discharged from any one parcel or plot of property and the rate or rates at which wastes are discharged to approximately the quantity of sewage or water which the sewer was intended to receive from that particular parcel or plot or from a typical parcel of that size or area.

(13) Unusual biochemical oxygen demand (B.O.D.), chemical oxygen demand (C.O.D.), or chlorine demand in such quantities as to constitute a significant load and/or harmful effect on the MDC sewerage system including the sewage treatment plants.

(14) Any radioactive wastes or isotopes of such half-life or concentration as may exceed limits in applicable State or Federal regulations.

(15) Any discharge of any pollutant that may cause pass through or interference, as defined in 40 CFR Part 403.

- (b) In determining whether any waste discharged or proposed to be discharged into any public sewer or drain is to be excluded under this Section, Section S2f and Sections S2l through S2v, inclusive, or any subdivisions of any of them, of this ordinance, consideration shall be given to the quantity, time or times, rate and manner of discharge, dilution and character of the waste in question, the size of the sewer or drain into which it is or is to be discharged, the probable quantity of other sewage in said sewer or drain at the time of discharge, impacts upstream and down from combined sewer overflow regulators, the quantities of other objectionable wastes likely in said sewer or drain, and other pertinent facts. Minute quantities of a waste which would be objectionable in larger quantity may be permitted if sufficiently diluted when and as discharged, or if the quantity discharged is very small in comparison to the receiving sewer or drain and the flow therein at the time of discharge, upon specific permission from the Manager of the Bureau of Public Works; but any permission to discharge minute quantities of an otherwise excluded waste shall be revocable at any time by said Manager or his successor

SEC. S2f DETERMINATION FOR **AVAILABILITY AND CAPACITY EXCLUSION**

~~In determining whether any waste discharged or proposed to be discharged into any public sewer or drain is to be excluded under Section S2e, and Sections S2l through S2n, inclusive, or any subdivisions of any of them, of this ordinance, consideration shall be given to the quantity, time or times, rate and manner of discharge, dilution and character of the waste in question, the size of the sewer or drain into which it is or is to be discharged, the probable quantity of other sewage in said sewer or drain at the time of discharge, the quantities of other objectionable wastes likely in said sewer or drain, and other pertinent facts. Minute quantities of a waste which would be objectionable in larger quantity may be permitted if sufficiently diluted when and as discharged, or if the quantity discharged is very small in comparison to the receiving sewer or drain and the flow therein at the time of discharge, upon specific permission from the Manager of the Bureau of Public Works; but any permission to discharge minute quantities of an otherwise excluded waste shall be revocable at any time by said Manager or his successor.~~

The Bureau of Public Works shall establish and publish Availability & Capacity Guidelines ("A&C Guidelines") for determination of the availability and capacity of the District's

sewers and drains to accept proposed discharges in accordance with District Ordinances and any municipal, state & federal regulatory requirements.

(a) For purpose of this ordinance:

- (1) a property is determined to be an “existing connection”, if the property is currently directly connected, or at any time in the past had a house connection or house drain, to a District combined sewer, sanitary sewer or storm drain. Subsoil drainage/ groundwater drainage will not be considered as existing discharges.
- (2) a property is determined to be a “new connection”, if the property has never been directly connected to the District’s sewer system and therefore has never directly discharged to a District combined sewer, sanitary sewer or storm drain. All new connections shall be in accordance with Section S3r requiring separate sanitary and storm connections.

(b) Existing Connections

- (1) When a redeveloped property with an existing connection(s) is served by a combine sewer or a storm drain that is tributary to a combined sewer and the redevelopment is exempt from any applicable municipal and State of Connecticut requirements, the discharge shall be permitted.
- (2) When a redeveloped property with an existing connection(s) is served by a combined sewer or a storm drain that is tributary to a combined sewer, and municipal or State of Connecticut requirements apply, the applicant will be required to demonstrate that post-development total stormwater runoff volumes and peak discharge rates are controlled to at least pre-development discharge rates and corresponding total runoff volumes for all storms described in any applicable municipal and/or State of Connecticut requirements. If the applicant can demonstrate control of post-development volume and discharge rates to pre-development volume and discharge rates, the discharge shall be permitted.
- (3) If the requirements of subsection (b)(2) above are satisfied through the use and maintenance of an onsite detention system, the applicant may consider off-site improvements to the combined sewer, or a storm drain that is tributary to a combined sewer, to eliminate the need for or reduce the size of the on-site detention system. In those cases where the off-site improvements benefit the stormwater system generally, the District would consider completing the off-site improvement under a cost sharing agreement with the applicant, with the amount of the applicant’s contribution to the off-site improvements being the applicant’s estimated costs to construct the on-site detention system or the applicant’s estimated cost savings for the reduced size of the on-site detention system. In either case, the amount paid by the applicant under the cost sharing agreement will be used for improvements to the District storm drainage system within the same municipality as the redeveloped property.
- (4) When a redeveloped property with an existing connection(s) is served by a combined sewer or a storm drain that is tributary to a combined sewer, and the

- applicant is unable to control post-development stormwater volume and discharge rates to pre-development volume and discharge rates on-site, the applicant shall be required to install a new storm drain that discharges to an existing storm drain or water course through a Developer's Permit Agreement or, in those cases where the new storm drain benefits the stormwater system generally, the District would consider completing the off-site improvement under a cost sharing agreement with the applicant, with the amount of the applicant's contribution to the off-site improvements being the applicant's estimated costs to construct the on-site detention system or the applicant's estimated cost savings for the reduced size of the on-site detention system. In either case, the amount paid by the applicant under the cost sharing agreement will be used for improvements to the District storm drainage system within the same municipality as the redeveloped property.
- (5) When a redeveloped property with an existing connection(s) is served by a storm drain that ultimately discharges to a water course, the applicant will be required to demonstrate that post-development total stormwater runoff volumes and peak discharge rates are controlled to at least pre-development discharge rates and corresponding total runoff volumes for all storms subject to municipal and State of Connecticut requirements. The post-development peak discharges will be evaluated against existing conditions of the existing storm drain during a 10-yr storm event. If the applicant can control post-development volume and discharge rates to pre-development volume and discharge rates and the existing drain has adequate capacity to accept the post-development discharges, the discharge shall be permitted.
- (6) If the requirements of subsection (b)(5) above are satisfied through the use and maintenance of an onsite detention system, the applicant may consider off-site improvements to the combined sewer or a storm drain that is tributary to a combined sewer to eliminate the need for or reduce the size of the on-site detention system, or in those cases where the off-site improvements benefit the stormwater system generally, the District would consider completing the off-site improvement under a cost sharing agreement with the applicant, with the amount of the applicant's contribution to the off-site improvements being the applicant's estimated costs to construct the on-site detention system or the applicant's estimated cost savings for the reduced size of the on-site detention system. In either case, the amount paid by the applicant under the cost sharing agreement will be used for improvements to the District storm drainage system within the same municipality as the redeveloped property.
- (7) When a redeveloped property with an existing connection(s) is served by a storm drain that ultimately discharges to a water course, and the applicant is unable to control post-development stormwater volume and discharge rates to pre-development volume and discharge rates, the applicant will be required to increase the capacity of the storm drain through a Developer's Permit Agreement or, in those cases where the new storm drain benefits the

stormwater system generally, the District would consider completing the off-site improvement under a cost sharing agreement with the applicant, with the amount of the applicant's contribution to the off-site improvements being the applicant's estimated costs to construct the on-site detention system or the applicant's estimated cost savings for the reduced size of the on-site detention system. In either case, the amount paid by the applicant under the cost sharing agreement will be used for improvements to the District storm drainage system within the same municipality as the redeveloped property.

- (8) For an existing sanitary sewer house connection to a sanitary sewer, Sewer Ordinance S2I "Use of Sanitary Sewers" and the District's Availability & Capacity determination shall govern.

(c) New Connections

- (1) No new house drain connection shall be authorized to discharge to a combined sewer. A property prohibited from connecting a new house drain to a combined sewer, and which does not have access to connect to an existing storm drain, may only connect said new house drain to the District's system by installing a storm drain through a Developer's Permit Agreement.
- (2) When new house drain connections are proposed to be served by an existing storm drain that ultimately discharges to a water course, the applicant will be required to demonstrate that post-development total stormwater runoff volumes and peak discharge rates are controlled to at least pre-development discharge rates and corresponding total runoff volumes for all storms required by municipal and State of Connecticut requirements. The post-development peak discharges will be evaluated against existing conditions of the existing storm drain during a 10-yr event. If the existing drain has adequate capacity to accept the new house drain connection discharges, the discharge shall be permitted.
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improvements being the applicant's estimated costs to construct the on-site detention system or the applicant's estimated cost savings for the reduced size of the on-site detention system. In either case, the amount paid by the applicant under the cost sharing agreement will be used for improvements to the District storm drainage system within the same municipality as the redeveloped property.

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- (5) For a new sanitary sewer house connection to a sanitary sewer, Sewer Ordinance S2l "Use of Sanitary Sewers and the District's Availability & Capacity determination shall govern.
- (6) For a new sanitary sewer house connection to a combined sewer, Sewer Ordinance S2q "Use of Combined Sewers" and the District's Availability & Capacity determination shall govern.

SEC. S2l USE OF SANITARY SEWERS

- (a) In addition to the restrictions on use of the District's sanitary sewers set forth elsewhere in the District Charter and ordinances, and except as may be specifically otherwise permitted provided with reference to for some particular sewer, sanitary sewers shall be used only for the conveyance and disposal of sanitary sewage as defined in Section S1b(2) of this ordinance and for diluted, water-carried industrial wastes which are not objectionable as provided hereinafter. Except as specifically provided for some particular sewer or location, no sanitary sewer shall be used to receive and convey or dispose of other substance(s), including but not limited to any storm or surface water, subsoil drainage, any flows of water seeping into buildings or excavations from soils or other underground sources, flows of natural

springs, or ground waters, surplus from flowing wells, the discharge from roofs, roof conductors, yard drains, street or highway drains.

- (b) New connections, or increases in dry weather flow discharge resulting from development or redevelopment of a property, to a separated sanitary sewer shall be subject to the findings within an availability and capacity analysis performed by the District. If the District's separated sewer system's capacity in the vicinity sewershed of the connection is limited due to existing illegal wet weather inflow(s) of the type described above in the District's sewer, the District shall either: (1a) exclude such discharge or connection to the District's sewer; or (2b) require payment of an Equivalent Inflow Removal Rate for the removal of an equivalent volume per day of inflow from the subject sewershed at the cost of the property owner or developer seeking connection or discharge to the District's sewers. Removal of existing inflow sources from the property can be used to reduce the overall increase in future discharge volume and volume required to be removed.
- (c) The District Board shall establish an Equivalent Inflow Removal Rate ("EIRR") based on the calculated cost for removal of the average volume per day of inflow from a typical single-family property. The EIRR shall be a fixed rate per number of gallons which rate and volume in gallons may be modified from time to time by the District Board. A property owner or developer required to remove an equivalent volume per day of inflow from the sewershed shall pay the EIRR based on the equivalent volume per day of inflow required to be removed. The minimum EIRR due shall be 1 and additional EIRR's will be rounded up to the nearest whole number. Proceeds from the EIRR will be used for improvements, or removal of inflow, to the District's sewer system within the same sewershed in order to improve capacity within the sewershed.

SEC. S2q USE OF COMBINED SEWERS

A combined sewer, except as provided in Section S2p or as otherwise specifically provided in any particular case, may be used to receive and convey any sewage or waste waters which under the preceding sections of this ordinance may be lawfully discharged into either a sanitary sewer or a storm drain. No waste water or substance which is or has been excluded from both sanitary sewers and storm drains by the preceding sections of this ordinance shall be discharged, directly or indirectly, into any combined sewer. (See also Section S2p). The District prohibits the construction of new combined sewers. ~~The District prohibits the introduction of new inflow sources to the existing combined sewer system.~~ Modified stormwater discharge to a combined sewer as a result of development or redevelopment of a property shall be subject to the District's determination for availability and capacity under Section S2f.

SEC. S2s STATE OF CT GENERAL PERMIT FOR DISCHARGES FROM MISCELLANEOUS NON-SIGNIFICANT INDUSTRIAL USERS

No person or property owner shall discharge or permit to be discharged, directly or indirectly, from any premises under his/her control into any public sewer of any kind or type, any ~~new~~ discharge of ~~miscellaneous~~ sewer compatible wastewater subject to the State of Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection's ("CT DEEP") General Permit for Discharges from ~~Miscellaneous Non-Significant~~ Industrial Users ("MIU Non-SIU General Permit") ~~or Significant Industrial Users (SIU General Permit)~~ without first submitting the required notification forms ~~in accordance with under~~ the ~~Non-SIU MIU~~ General Permit ~~or SIU General Permit~~ to the District. All ~~notification~~ form submittals to the District ~~under the MIU General Permit~~ shall include an administrative review fee as established, and amended or modified, by the District Board. No variances shall be granted by the District to any discharger ~~under the MIU General Permit~~ unless the discharger has taken actions to achieve compliance and has implemented best management practices that are determined to be appropriate by the District. For any person or property owner requesting a variance, under the CT DEEP ~~Non-SIU General Permit or Significant Industrial User~~ SIU General Permit and/or other applicable state permit(s) ~~they~~ shall provide information to the District as to why the discharger is unable to comply with the conditions of the permit and the best management practices that have been implemented. The District retains the right to deny any variance request.

SEC S2w STATE OF CT GENERAL PERMIT FOR DISCHARGE OF STORMWATER FROM SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS

No person or property owner shall, without the express consent of the District, discharge or permit to be discharged, as related to water quality, directly or indirectly, from any premises under his/her control into any District owned or controlled storm sewer or combined sewer any quality of stormwater that is subject to the State of Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection's ("CT DEEP") General Permit for Discharge of Stormwater from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems ("MS4 General Permit"). The MS4 General Permit, issued pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, Section 22a-430b, authorizes the discharge of stormwater and specific non-stormwater discharges from or associated with the MS4 General Permit. The implementation of the MS4 General Permit is detailed within the terms and conditions of a Memorandum of Decision ("MOU") dated January 14, 2025 by and between the District and the City of Hartford ("COH"), as may be amended. The MOU sets forth the terms, conditions, and specific obligations under which the MDC and COH will comply with and enforce MS4 General Permit, as may be amended. Both the MOU and the MS4 permit are incorporated by reference herein, and are available to the public on the District website. Any express consent by the District to discharge as required above shall be consistent with the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Decision ("MOU") dated January 14, 2025 by and between the District and the City of Hartford ("COH") , as may be amended.

Sec. S7o CONNECTIONS TO LAND NOT PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED AND SUPPLEMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED PROPERTY

- (a) Whenever a sewer has been laid out and constructed by the District to serve a particular section of highway or particular area, no connection shall be permitted thereto for any land which has not been assessed therefor or has not shared in an equitable manner in the expense thereof, unless prior to such connection, the owner of such land first signs a special agreement, and pays a sanitary sewer connection charge in full, if such charge does not include frontage charges, or, if such charge includes frontage charges, arranges to pay said sanitary sewer connection charge in the manner provided for in Section S7s herein. Such special agreement signed by the land owner shall be recorded in the land records of the town in which the land is situated. The Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Bureau of Public Works is authorized to sign all such agreements on behalf of The Metropolitan District. The Chairman of the Bureau of Public Works may at his or her discretion authorize the District Clerk to sign all such agreements on behalf of The Metropolitan District.

Whenever buildings or structures are constructed or expanded after an initial assessment, the District, pursuant to Conn. Gen. Statute 7-249, may issue a supplemental assessment upon the land previously assessed. The amount of the initial assessment shall be credited against the amount of the supplemental assessment. No connection for the new or expanded buildings or structures shall be permitted, unless prior to such connection, the owner of such land first signs a special agreement, and pays a sanitary sewer connection charge in full, if such charge does not include frontage charges, or, if such charge includes frontage charges, arranges to pay said sanitary sewer connection charge in the manner provided for in Section S7s herein. Such special agreement signed by the landowner shall be recorded in the land records of the town in which the land is situated. The Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Bureau of Public Works is authorized to sign all such agreements on behalf of The Metropolitan District. The Chairman of the Bureau of Public Works may at his or her discretion authorize the District Clerk to sign all such agreements on behalf of The Metropolitan District

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 following revisions to The Metropolitan District Sewer Ordinances be adopted, effective January 1, 2026, as follows:

SEC. S2e WASTES EXCLUDED FROM ALL SEWERS

- (a) No person or property owner shall discharge or permit to be discharged, directly or indirectly, from any premises under his control into any public sewer of any kind or type, any of the following:
- (1) Any substance or object likely to damage, injure, destroy or cause an obstruction in any sewer, or appurtenance thereof, into which it may be discharged;
 - (2) Any substance which may attack, damage or alter by either abrasion or chemical action the materials of which the sewer and its appurtenances are composed or built;
 - (3) Sticks, stones of material size, coarse rubbish, rags, unground or unshredded garbage or refuse, portions of any animal carcass more than one inch in longest dimension;
 - (4) Any debris or substance which by depositing any considerable quantity of sediment, by coagulation, by congealing or by attaching itself to the lining of the sewer or to other substances being transported within the sewer is likely to cause an obstruction in any sewer or appurtenance;
 - (5) Any gasoline, kerosene, alcohol, oil, tar, flammable or explosive gas or vapor or any substance which may generate or form any flammable, explosive or combustible substance, fluid, gas, vapor or mixture when combined with air, water or other substances commonly found in sewers; (See Section S2g).
 - (6) Steam, water vapor or other substance at a temperature above 150F, or substance which, upon coming into contact with water or sewage, will generate steam or vapor within such sewer; (See Section S2g).
 - (7) Any waste or waste water which is strongly acid, and which, when tested in the usual technical manner, has a "pH" less than 5.5 or which is strongly alkaline and has a "pH" more than 10.0; ("pH" means the logarithm of the reciprocal of the weight of the hydrogen ions in grams per liter of solution).
 - (8) Objectionable poisons, cyanides, or any substance likely to generate poisonous fumes that may interfere with, constitute a hazard to, or be dangerous to human beings or domestic animals;
 - (9) Any waste water or sewage containing animal guts or tissues, entrails, offal, blood, feathers, hair, hides, scraps, unshredded fruits or vegetables, straw or cinders;
 - (10) Any water containing disinfectants, formaldehyde, toxic or poisonous substances in quantities sufficient to delay or interfere with sewage treatment and

sludge digestion processes including the sedimentation, biological and chemical processes used by the District at its sewage treatment plants;

(11) Any considerable quantity of waste from an industrial or commercial process or processes containing more parts per million than the limit indicated below, for any of the following:

Arsenic	0.1 ppm
Cadmium	0.2 ppm
Chromium (total)	2.0 ppm
Chromium (hexavalent)	0.2 ppm
Copper	2.0 ppm
Cyanide	2.0 ppm
Lead	0.5 ppm
Mercury	Prohibited
Nickel	2.0 ppm
Oil and Grease	100 ppm
Silver	0.5 ppm
Tin	4.0 ppm
Total Nitrogen*	16 lbs/day
Zinc	2.0 ppm
Hydrogen sulfide, sulfur dioxide, nitrous oxide	10 ppm
or any halogen gas	
Suspended solids other than above (i.e., solids that float on the surface of or are in suspension in sewage which are removable by laboratory filtering)	600 ppm

*Total Nitrogen shall be measured by analyzing the wastewater for Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) plus Nitrate-nitrite. The total mass loading (flow multiplied by concentration) shall not exceed 16lbs per day.

(12) Any waste waters or sewage likely to cause damage, injury or loss to other persons or to the property of other persons who are lawfully entitled to use the sewer or sewers through which said wastes are discharged, or to any person or equipment engaged in sewage treatment and disposal for the District. This prohibition shall be understood as applying to the kind or character of wastes discharged into any sewer and as limiting the quantity of wastes or waters which may be discharged from any one parcel or plot of property and the rate or rates at which wastes are discharged to approximately the quantity of sewage or water which the sewer was intended to receive from that particular parcel or plot or from a typical parcel of that size or area.

- (13) Unusual biochemical oxygen demand (B.O.D.), chemical oxygen demand (C.O.D.), or chlorine demand in such quantities as to constitute a significant load and/or harmful effect on the MDC sewerage system including the sewage treatment plants.
- (14) Any radioactive wastes or isotopes of such half-life or concentration as may exceed limits in applicable State or Federal regulations.
- (15) Any discharge of any pollutant that may cause pass through or interference, as defined in 40 CFR Part 403.
- (b) In determining whether any waste discharged or proposed to be discharged into any public sewer or drain is to be excluded under this Section, Section S2f and Sections S2l through S2v, inclusive, or any subdivisions of any of them, of this ordinance, consideration shall be given to the quantity, time or times, rate and manner of discharge, dilution and character of the waste in question, the size of the sewer or drain into which it is or is to be discharged, the probable quantity of other sewage in said sewer or drain at the time of discharge, impacts upstream and down from combined sewer overflow regulators, the quantities of other objectionable wastes likely in said sewer or drain, and other pertinent facts. Minute quantities of a waste which would be objectionable in larger quantity may be permitted if sufficiently diluted when and as discharged, or if the quantity discharged is very small in comparison to the receiving sewer or drain and the flow therein at the time of discharge, upon specific permission from the Manager of the Bureau of Public Works; but any permission to discharge minute quantities of an otherwise excluded waste shall be revocable at any time by said Manager or his successor

SEC. S2f DETERMINATION FOR AVAILABILITY AND CAPACITY

The Bureau of Public Works shall establish and publish Availability & Capacity Guidelines ("A&C Guidelines") for determination of the availability and capacity of the District's sewers and drains to accept proposed discharges in accordance with District Ordinances and any municipal, state & federal regulatory requirements.

- (a) For purpose of this ordinance:
- (1) a property is determined to be an "existing connection", if the property is currently directly connected, or at any time in the past had a house connection or house drain, to a District combined sewer, sanitary sewer or storm drain. Subsoil drainage/ groundwater drainage will not be considered as existing discharges.
 - (2) a property is determined to be a "new connection", if the property has never been directly connected to the District's sewer system and therefore has never directly discharged to a District combined sewer, sanitary sewer or storm drain. All new connections shall be in accordance with Section S3r requiring separate sanitary and storm connections.

(b) Existing Connections

- (1) When a redeveloped property with an existing connection(s) is served by a combined sewer or a storm drain that is tributary to a combined sewer and the redevelopment is exempt from any applicable municipal and State of Connecticut requirements, the discharge shall be permitted.
- (2) When a redeveloped property with an existing connection(s) is served by a combined sewer or a storm drain that is tributary to a combined sewer, and municipal or State of Connecticut requirements apply, the applicant will be required to demonstrate that post-development total stormwater runoff volumes and peak discharge rates are controlled to at least pre-development discharge rates and corresponding total runoff volumes for all storms described in any applicable municipal and/or State of Connecticut requirements. If the applicant can demonstrate control of post-development volume and discharge rates to pre-development volume and discharge rates, the discharge shall be permitted.
- (3) If the requirements of subsection (b)(2) above are satisfied through the use and maintenance of an onsite detention system, the applicant may consider off-site improvements to the combined sewer, or a storm drain that is tributary to a combined sewer, to eliminate the need for or reduce the size of the on-site detention system. In those cases where the off-site improvements benefit the stormwater system generally, the District would consider completing the off-site improvement under a cost sharing agreement with the applicant, with the amount of the applicant's contribution to the off-site improvements being the applicant's estimated costs to construct the on-site detention system or the applicant's estimated cost savings for the reduced size of the on-site detention system. In either case, the amount paid by the applicant under the cost sharing agreement will be used for improvements to the District storm drainage system within the same municipality as the redeveloped property.
- (4) When a redeveloped property with an existing connection(s) is served by a combined sewer or a storm drain that is tributary to a combined sewer, and the applicant is unable to control post-development stormwater volume and discharge rates to pre-development volume and discharge rates on-site, the applicant shall be required to install a new storm drain that discharges to an existing storm drain or water course through a Developer's Permit Agreement or, in those cases where the new storm drain benefits the stormwater system generally, the District would consider completing the off-site improvement under a cost sharing agreement with the applicant, with the amount of the applicant's contribution to the off-site improvements being the applicant's estimated costs to construct the on-site detention system or the applicant's estimated cost savings for the reduced size of the on-site detention system. In either case, the amount paid by the applicant under the cost sharing agreement will be used for improvements to the District storm drainage system within the same municipality as the redeveloped property.

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- (8) For an existing sanitary sewer house connection to a sanitary sewer, Sewer Ordinance S2I "Use of Sanitary Sewers" and the District's Availability & Capacity determination shall govern.

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- (a) In addition to the restrictions on use of the District's sanitary sewers set forth elsewhere in the District Charter and ordinances, and except as may be specifically otherwise permitted provided with reference to for some particular sewer, sanitary sewers shall be used only for the conveyance and disposal of sanitary sewage as defined in Section S1b(2) of this ordinance and for diluted, water-carried industrial wastes which are not objectionable as provided hereinafter. Except as specifically provided for some particular sewer or location, no sanitary sewer shall be used to receive and convey or dispose of other substance(s), including but not limited to any storm or surface water, subsoil drainage, any flows of water seeping into buildings or excavations from soils or other underground sources, flows of natural springs, or ground waters, surplus from flowing wells, the discharge from roofs, roof conductors, yard drains, street or highway drains.
- (b) New connections, or increases in dry weather flow discharge resulting from development or redevelopment of a property, to a separated sanitary sewer shall be subject to the findings within an availability and capacity analysis performed by the District. If the District's separated sewer system's capacity in the sewershed of the connection is limited due to existing illegal wet weather inflow(s) of the type described above in the District's sewer, the District shall either: (1) exclude such discharge or connection to the District's sewer; or (2) require payment of an Equivalent Inflow Removal Rate for the removal of an equivalent volume per day of inflow from the subject sewershed at the cost of the property owner or developer seeking connection or discharge to the District's sewers. Removal of existing

inflow sources from the property can be used to reduce the overall increase in future discharge volume and volume required to be removed.

- (c) The District Board shall establish an Equivalent Inflow Removal Rate ("EIRR") based on the calculated cost for removal of the average volume per day of inflow from a typical single-family property. The EIRR shall be a fixed rate per number of gallons which rate and volume in gallons may be modified from time to time by the District Board. A property owner or developer required to remove an equivalent volume per day of inflow from the sewershed shall pay the EIRR based on the equivalent volume per day of inflow required to be removed. The minimum EIRR due shall be 1 and additional EIRR's will be rounded up to the nearest whole number. Proceeds from the EIRR will be used for improvements, or removal of inflow, to the District's sewer system within the same sewershed in order to improve capacity within the sewershed.

SEC. S2q USE OF COMBINED SEWERS

A combined sewer, except as provided in Section S2p or as otherwise specifically provided in any particular case, may be used to receive and convey any sewage or waste waters which under the preceding sections of this ordinance may be lawfully discharged into either a sanitary sewer or a storm drain. No waste water or substance which is or has been excluded from both sanitary sewers and storm drains by the preceding sections of this ordinance shall be discharged, directly or indirectly, into any combined sewer. (See also Section S2p). The District prohibits the construction of new combined sewers. Modified stormwater discharge to a combined sewer as a result of development or redevelopment of a property shall be subject to the District's determination for availability and capacity under Section S2f.

SEC. S2s STATE OF CT GENERAL PERMIT FOR DISCHARGES FROM NON-SIGNIFICANT INDUSTRIAL USERS

No person or property owner shall discharge or permit to be discharged, directly or indirectly, from any premises under his/her control into any public sewer of any kind or type, any discharge of sewer compatible wastewater subject to the State of Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection's ("CT DEEP") General Permit for Discharges from Non-Significant Industrial Users ("Non-SIU General Permit") or Significant Industrial Users (SIU General Permit) without first submitting the required notification forms in accordance with the Non-SIU MIU General Permit or SIU General Permit to the District. All form submittals to the District shall include an administrative review fee as established, and amended or modified, by the District Board. No variances shall be granted by the District to any discharger unless the discharger has taken actions to achieve compliance and has implemented best management practices that are determined to be appropriate by the District. For any person or property owner requesting a variance, under the CT DEEP Non-SIU General Permit or SIU General Permit and/or other applicable state permit(s) shall provide information to the District as to why the discharger is unable to comply with the conditions of the permit and the

best management practices that have been implemented. The District retains the right to deny any variance request.

**SEC S2w STATE OF CT GENERAL PERMIT FOR DISCHARGE OF
STORMWATER FROM SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM
SEWER SYSTEMS**

No person or property owner shall, without the express consent of the District, discharge or permit to be discharged, as related to water quality, directly or indirectly, from any premises under his/her control into any District owned or controlled storm sewer or combined sewer any quality of stormwater that is subject to the State of Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection's ("CT DEEP") General Permit for Discharge of Stormwater from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems ("MS4 General Permit"). The MS4 General Permit, issued pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, Section 22a-430b, authorizes the discharge of stormwater and specific non-stormwater discharges from or associated with the MS4 General Permit. The implementation of the MS4 General Permit is detailed within the terms and conditions of a Memorandum of Decision ("MOU") dated January 14, 2025 by and between the District and the City of Hartford ("COH"), as may be amended. The MOU sets forth the terms, conditions, and specific obligations under which the MDC and COH will comply with and enforce MS4 General Permit, as may be amended. Both the MOU and the MS4 permit are incorporated by reference herein, and are available to the public on the District website. Any express consent by the District to discharge as required above shall be consistent with the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Decision ("MOU") dated January 14, 2025 by and between the District and the City of Hartford ("COH") , as may be amended.

**Sec. S7o CONNECTIONS TO LAND NOT PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED AND
SUPPLEMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED
PROPERTY**

- (b) Whenever a sewer has been laid out and constructed by the District to serve a particular section of highway or particular area, no connection shall be permitted thereto for any land which has not been assessed therefor or has not shared in an equitable manner in the expense thereof, unless prior to such connection, the owner of such land first signs a special agreement, and pays a sanitary sewer connection charge in full, if such charge does not include frontage charges, or, if such charge includes frontage charges, arranges to pay said sanitary sewer connection charge in the manner provided for in Section S7s herein. Such special agreement signed by the land owner shall be recorded in the land records of the town in which the land is situated. The Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Bureau of Public Works is authorized to sign all such agreements on behalf of The Metropolitan District. The Chairman of the Bureau of Public Works may at his or her discretion authorize the District Clerk to sign all such agreements on behalf of The Metropolitan District.

Whenever buildings or structures are constructed or expanded after an initial assessment, the District, pursuant to Conn. Gen. Statute 7-249, may issue a supplemental assessment upon the land previously assessed. The amount of the initial assessment shall be credited against the amount of the supplemental assessment. No connection for the new or expanded buildings or structures shall be permitted, unless prior to such connection, the owner of such land first signs a special agreement, and pays a sanitary sewer connection charge in full, if such charge does not include frontage charges, or, if such charge includes frontage charges, arranges to pay said sanitary sewer connection charge in the manner provided for in Section S7s herein. Such special agreement signed by the landowner shall be recorded in the land records of the town in which the land is situated. The Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Bureau of Public Works is authorized to sign all such agreements on behalf of The Metropolitan District. The Chairman of the Bureau of Public Works may at his or her discretion authorize the District Clerk to sign all such agreements on behalf of The Metropolitan District.

REVISION TO DISTRICT GENERAL ORDINANCES

To: Committee on MDC Government for consideration December 1, 2025

District staff, through the Office of District Counsel, submits the following ordinance revisions to The Metropolitan District General Ordinances for consideration by the Committee on MDC Government.

GENERAL ORDINANCES

§ G3a	ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND
§ G3b	MONIES DEPOSITED IN THE FUND
§ G3c	EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND
§ G3d	SURPLUS OF THE FUND

SEC. G3a ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND

There shall be a fund to be known as the Assessable Sewer Construction Fund, and the Treasurer shall maintain within said fund an accounting of:

- I. Sewer projects the cost of which is to be paid in whole by assessment of benefits or in part by assessment of benefits ~~or~~ and in part by Federal, or State grants, or by bond funds or budget appropriations, or other income.
- II. Sewer projects where separate accounting and financing are required by State or Federal regulations.
- III. Sewer projects the costs of which are paid, in whole or in part, by proceeds from cost sharing agreements as referenced in Sewer Ordinance S2f and/or Equivalent Inflow Removal Rate payments defined in Sewer Ordinance S2l.

SEC. G3b MONIES DEPOSITED IN THE FUND

The Treasurer shall deposit in said fund

- a. All collections from assessments
- b. All payments for outlet and connection charges
- c. Portions of Federal or State grants as specified
- d. Authorized transfers from other funds
- e. All payments from cost sharing agreements under Sewer Ordinance S2f
- f. All Equivalent Inflow Removal Rate payments as defined in Sewer Ordinance S2l
- g. Other income resulting from operations of the fund

SEC. G3c EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND

The Treasurer shall make expenditures from said fund upon proper authorization for:

- a. Construction and related costs of sewers as defined in Sewer Ordinance Sec. S10e.
- b. Construction and related costs of sewers as defined in Sewer Ordinance S2f.
- c. Construction and related costs of sewer system, including removal of inflow, as described in Sewer Ordinance S2l.
- d. Reimbursement to developers of sewer connection charges under Sewer Ordinance S7n.
- e. The transfer of monies to the Debt Service Fund - Assessable Sewer for the purpose of paying principal and interest on debt obligations.
- f. Awards by court or approved settlements in connection with appeals on assessments.
- g. Transfers to other accounts of unexpended portions of monies deposited in the fund from such other accounts.

SEC. G3d SURPLUS OF THE FUND

Any surplus accumulated in the fund, as determined by the District Board, except for surplus resulting from the layout and assessment of sewers, may be used to defray assessable sewer construction fund costs not collectible by assessment, or said surplus ~~upon proper authorization~~ may be transferred to revenue surplus of the General Fund or the Debt Service Fund - Assessable Sewer as ~~may be recommended by the Board of Finance and approved by the District Board., or in the absence of such recommendation by a vote of the District Board.~~

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 following revisions to The Metropolitan District General Ordinances be adopted, effective January 1, 2026, as follows:

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Respectfully submitted,



John S. Mirtle
District Clerk

On motion made by Commissioner Torres and duly seconded, the reports were received and resolutions for #5 “Revisions to Water Supply Ordinances”, #6 “Revisions to Sewer Ordinances” and #7 “Revisions to General Ordinances”, approved by unanimous vote of those present.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no Commissioner requests for future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

Date of Approval