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Policy 2008-1

Inactive Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) Sewer Fees

Explanation


Sewer capacity is expressed in terms of Equivalent Residential Units (“ERUs”). One ERU represents 262.5 gallons of daily wastewater flow. On February 4, 1992, the Garrett County Sanitary Commission, on behalf of the Garrett County Sanitary District, Inc. (the District) adopted a Resolution authorizing a fee to be assessed for ERU’s that had been purchased and remained in an inactive status for the Deep Creek Lake Sewer System. The 1992 Resolution modified the intention of previous District policy that dictated forfeiture of ERU’s if usage did not occur within the time frame set forth in letters of commitment. In July of 2003, the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County, Maryland (the Board), as the governing body of the District, amended the Equivalent Residential Unit Policy to assess a charge of 50% of the Operation and Maintenance Fee for each inactive ERU associated with the Deep Creek Lake Sewer System. In March 2006, the Board of Commissioners, as the governing body of the District, determined that the inactive fees specified in the District’s February 4, 1992 Resolution and the July 1, 2003 Policy Statement, were not equitable and should be amended to provide for a more appropriate and uniform Inactive ERU Fee structure. Therefore, the Board adopted Policy 2006-3 to reflect the determination and action of the Board in respect to inactive ERU fees and to replace all previous policies with regard to Inactive Fees for the Deep Creek Lake Sewer System. On June 24, 2008, the Board adopted a new Sewer Rate Schedule to become effective July 1, 2008 which established an Inactive ERU Fee for the Deep Creek Lake Sewer System and all other sewer systems owned by the District. Therefore it is the intent of this policy to modify Policy 2006-3 to reflect the revised percentage of the annual sewer user rate on which Inactive ERU Sewer Fees are based and to assess Inactive ERU Sewer Fees for all sewer systems owned by the District.

Inactive Fee Policy

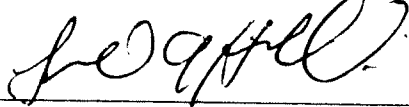
1. It shall be the Policy of the Garrett County Sanitary District that all ERU’s allocated with respect to available sewer capacity that remain in an inactive status beyond a period of two years from the date of purchase and/or allocation shall be assessed a charge of 100% of the annual sewer user rate as established by the most recent action of the Board of County Commissioners.

2. This policy 2008-1 shall remain in effect until changed by the Board of County Commissioners as governing body of the District.
3. This Policy shall become effective on the 1st day of July 2008.

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