

City of Philadelphia

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Howard M. Neukrug, Commissioner

Dave Katz, Deputy Commissioner

Erin Williams, Stormwater Billing Manager

Philadelphia Water Department

FROM: Scott Schwarz, Divisional Deputy City Solicitor

Water Division

DATE: June 8, 2015

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO PHILADELPHIA WATER DEPARTMENT

REGULATIONS

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I have reviewed the attached amendments to Section 204.0 of the Philadelphia Water Department Regulations and find the regulations to be legal and in proper form.

In accordance with Section 8-407(a) of The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, you may forward this Regulation to the Department of Records where they will be made available for public inspection.

Scott Schwarz

Deputy Divisional City Solicitor

204.0 ENHANCED CAP

- (A) Enhanced CAP is an assistance program that sets limits on a Non-residential property's monthly SWMS charge increase due to the phase-in of parcel area-based charges, subject to eligibility criteria. Enhanced CAP is an account-based program effective January 1, 2013 and it replaces the SWAPP described in section 203.0 of these Regulations.
- (B) Eligibility. To be eligible for Enhanced CAP, an account must meet all of the following criteria:
- (i) Account must be for a Non-residential property;
- (ii) For a fiscal year with a scheduled rate increase, the current fiscal year monthly SWMS charge must be at least 10% more than the prior fiscal year's monthly SWMS charge;
- (iii) For a fiscal year with a scheduled rate increase, the current fiscal year monthly SWMS charge must be at least \$100 more than the prior fiscal year's monthly SWMS charge;
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- (v) Account shall not be for a property owned by the City, state, or federal governments, or owned by any quasi-City or City-related agency.
- (C) Base Year. The Base Year refers to the fiscal year to which the Enhanced CAP eligibility criteria shall be applied and from which the Enhanced CAP monthly SWMS charge shall be calculated. The Base Year SWMS charge shall be set as follows:

- enrolled in SWAPP as of December, 2012, the Base Year SWMS charge will be the SWAPP SWMS charge that existed on June 30, 2012.
- (ii) For new enrollees in the Enhanced CAP program, the base year SWMS charge will be the SWMS charge that existed on the last day of the prior fiscal year.
- (D) Enrollment Period. Eligible accounts? may enroll in Enhanced CAP from January 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013.
- (E) The Enhanced CAP program is subject to further review, extension, modification or termination in a subsequent Rate Determination.
- (F) Assistance.

Eligible accounts shall receive payment assistance in the form of an adjustment towards the account's monthly stormwater bill. Starting January 1, 2013, the adjustment shall be set at such an amount so that the eligible account's monthly stormwater bill during the remainder of Fiscal Year 2013 shall be equal to the account's Fiscal Year 2012 monthly bill plus 10.00% (ten percent). For Fiscal Year 2014, the adjustment shall be set at such an amount so that the eligible account's monthly stormwater bill during that Fiscal Year shall be equal to its Fiscal Year 2013 monthly bill plus 10.00% (ten percent). For Fiscal Year 2015 and any subsequent fiscal year for the duration of the Enhanced CAP assistance program, the adjustment shall be set at such an amount so that the eligible account's monthly stormwater bill during the current fiscal year shall be equal to the preceding fiscal year's monthly bill plus 10.00% (ten percent).

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