

**NOTICE**  
**Intent to Amend Plumbing & Fuel Gas Code (2009 Edition)**  
**And Standard Procedure CUS 99-02,**  
**“Billing and Collection of Water/Sewer Charges and Related Fees”**  
**Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC)**

WSSC proposes to amend the Plumbing & Fuel Gas Code to require that two meters be installed in mixed use buildings containing both residential and commercial units to allow for the separate registering or computation of residential unit and commercial unit water consumption at the building.

WSSC also proposes to amend CUS 99-02 to require that in order to receive the benefit of “unit count” billing for occupied residential units in mixed use, multi-unit buildings, residential and commercial units must be separately metered.

These Amendments are expected to become effective January 1, 2010. For details on these Amendments, visit [www.wsscwater.com](http://www.wsscwater.com). Hard copies of the Amendments are also available at the “One-Stop Shop,” located at 14501 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel, MD 20707.

Contact Chief Plumbing Inspector Thomas Buckley at 301-206-8606, or [TBuckle@wsscwater.com](mailto:TBuckle@wsscwater.com) for questions about the Plumbing & Fuel Gas Amendment. For questions about the Procedure amendment, e-mail [cust-relations@wsscwater.com](mailto:cust-relations@wsscwater.com) or call Customer Relations Group Leader Jacquelyn Barry at 301-206-8840.

All written public comments should be directed to [cust-relations@wsscwater.com](mailto:cust-relations@wsscwater.com) or via US Mail to Customer Relations, 14501 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel, MD, 20707, no later than November 10, 2009.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE  
WSSC PLUMBING AND FUEL GAS CODE [2009 EDITION]**

(Proposed new language is underlined)

111.5.8 **Multi-Unit Buildings.** The Commission shall *not* provide separate water meters to units within a multi-unit building except as required in 111.5.8.1. Where required by the owner, unit water meters shall be privately installed and maintained.

111.5.8.1 **Mixed-Use Buildings.** Where both residential and commercial units in the same building (a “Mixed-Use” building) are served by a single water service connection or multiple service connections forming into a single system on property, two meters *shall* be installed, as set forth below, to allow for the separate registering or computation of residential unit and commercial unit water consumption at the building.

111.5.8.1.1 **Inside Meters.** When a Mixed-Use building is allowed by other sections of this Code to be served by an inside meter application, the two required meters, one to register only residential unit water consumption and the other to register only commercial unit water consumption, shall be installed inside per Chapter 6 of this Code.

111.5.8.1.2 **Outside Meters.** When a Mixed-Use building is required by other sections of this Code to be served by an outside meter application, the two required meters shall be installed per Chapter 6 and as follows: One meter shall be installed outside on the water service connection to register all consumption on-property. The other meter shall be installed inside to register the commercial unit water consumption only so that the difference between the two meter readings represents the residential unit water consumption at the building.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SP CUS 99-02 SECTION 3-6

### Current § 3-6:

WSSC provides service to multi-unit residential properties for example apartment buildings. To ensure consistency with how WSSC bills a single family or town house property, the ADC used to bill a multi-unit residential property is determined by dividing its total water use by number of calendar days in the billing period, by the total number of units served by the property's meter.

### Proposed Revision to Section 3-6 (Proposed new language is underlined)

WSSC provides service to multi-unit residential properties, for example, apartment buildings. To ensure consistency with how WSSC bills a single family or town house property, the ADC used to bill a multi-unit residential property is determined by dividing its total water use by number of calendar days in the billing period, by the total number of occupied residential dwelling units served by the property's meter.

Existing multi-unit "mixed use" properties containing both residential and commercial units shall be entitled to unit count billing for the occupied residential dwelling units only, as long as the commercial units and residential units are separately metered. New multi-unit "mixed use" properties containing both residential and commercial units also must meter the residential and commercial units separately in order to qualify for unit count billing for the occupied residential dwelling units.

For the purposes of this section, a residential dwelling unit is defined as a unit that 1) contains at least one bathroom and one kitchen and 2) is utilized exclusively as a place of residence pursuant to a deed or lease agreement. A commercial unit consists of any unit that does not meet the definition of residential dwelling unit.

Customers seeking the adjustment shall be required to certify as to the number of occupied units biannually, or when the vacancy rate goes above 25%.