

PUBLIC NOTICE

The County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County will hold a series of three (3) public hearings beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at the Kent Island High School's auditorium located at 900 Love Point Road, Stevensville, Maryland 21666. The purpose of the hearings is to receive public comment on the following:

1. Proposed amendments to Resolution 14-07, originally adopted on May 27, 2014 which established the Southern Kent Island Wastewater Subdistrict including:

Recitals and Findings – clarification as to the utilization of the State of Maryland's Bay Restoration Fund grant.

Section 5. Quarterly Payments – adding the provision, “Notwithstanding any other provision of this Resolution, including the provisions of Section 4, the special assessment for Class A (improved) properties shall not exceed \$70.00/month,”

Section 7. Partial Deferral of Principal of Sewage System Benefit Assessments – revising this provision such that the deferral of the payment of the principal portion of the Economic Benefit Premium (assessed to unbuildable vacant lots) is the default option when no repayment option is selected by the property owner., as well as other refinements.

Section 9. Contiguous Lots – Extending the deadline for lot combinations to October 1, 2018.

2. The establishment of a wastewater rate schedule for the Southern Kent Island Wastewater Subdistrict with initial rates as listed below.

Customer Charge	\$	6.00 per quarter
Bay Restoration Fee (mandated by State)	\$	15.00 per quarter
User Charge (all uses in Phase 1)	\$	69.00 per quarter
Vacant Lot Credit (applies until property is improved)	\$	60.00 per quarter
Miscellaneous Charges		
Permit Fee (all new construction)	\$	250.00 each
Allocation Fee (all new construction)	\$	8,550.00 each
Connection Charge (only new lots created)	\$	27,920.00 each
Water Conditioner Connection Charge	\$	100.00 per quarter*

*This charge only applies when a water conditioner connection to the public sewer system creates inefficient operation of the system that result with the need for more frequent maintenance.

3. To fix and levy a special benefit assessment on vacant, unimproved Class B and Class C properties defined in Resolution 14-07 in the Southern Kent Island Wastewater Subdistrict – Phase 1 pursuant to Section 24-29 of the code of public local laws of Queen Anne's County effectively on October 1, 2018 as outlined below.

Class B Assessment – Vacant Lot <u>without</u> a valid percolation test	
Sewer Base Cost	\$ 2,320.00
Economic Benefit Premium (EBP)	<u>\$ 25,600.00</u>
Total Assessment	\$ 27,920.00
Operations & Maintenance (O&M)– <u>per Quarter</u> (while vacant)	
Customer Charge	\$ 6.00
Bay Restoration Fee (State mandate)	\$ 15.00
User Fee	<u>\$ 69.00</u>
O&M Fee	\$ 90.00
Vacant Lot Credit (applies until lot is improved)	<u>\$ -60.00</u>
Vacant Lot O&M Fee	\$ 30.00

Repayment Options for a Class B Assessment:

Option 1 – Pay Assessment Upfront

- \$27,920.00 assessment on or before October 1, 2018
- \$30 per quarter vacant lot O&M fee commencing October 1, 2018

Option 2 – 10-year Deferral of EBP Principle

- Amortize the base cost (\$2,320) over 20 years at 1.0% (\$33/quarter)
- Interest only on EBP for first 10 years, principle and interest for last 20 years
- \$30 per quarter vacant O&M fee commencing October 1, 2018

Class C Assessment– Vacant Lot <u>with</u> a valid percolation test	
Sewer Base Cost	\$ 2,320.00
Total Assessment	\$ 2,320.00
Operations & Maintenance (O&M)– <u>per Quarter</u> (while vacant)	
Customer Charge	\$ 6.00
Bay Restoration Fee (State mandate)	\$ 15.00
User Fee	<u>\$ 69.00</u>
O&M Fee	\$ 90.00
Vacant Lot Credit (applies until lot is improved)	<u>\$ -60.00</u>
Vacant Lot O&M Fee	\$ 30.00

Repayment Options for a Class C Assessment:

Option 1 – Pay Assessment Upfront

- \$2,320.00 assessment on or before October 1, 2018
- \$30 per quarter vacant lot O&M fee commencing October 1, 2018

Option 2 – 10-year Deferral of EBP Principle

- Amortize the base cost (\$2,320) over 20 years at 1.0% (\$33/quarter)
- \$30 per quarter vacant lot O&M fee commencing October 1, 2018

Information concerning these special benefit assessments and repayment options has been sent via Certified Mail to all affected Class B and Class C property owners.

For additional information on these hearings please check our website at www.skisewer.com or contact the SKI project office by calling 1-443262-4675. Persons who wish to comment may do so at the hearing. Speakers will be limited to three minutes each, but written testimony of any length may be submitted before the hearing date to the Director of Public Works, 312 Safety Drive, Centreville,

Maryland 21617.

All hearing sites are accessible to individuals with disabilities. Sign language interpreters and assistive listening systems will be available for individuals with a hearing impairment. Please contact Tina M. Miles at (410) 758-4406 or TDD (410) 758-2126 seven (7) days before the hearing date if the above assistance is needed for the meeting.

(Record Observer on August 3rd and 10th, 2018)