

Article 29 – Washington Suburban Sanitary District

12-105.1.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD OF ETHICS ESTABLISHED BY THE WSSC UNDER REGULATIONS ADOPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 15, SUBTITLE 8, PART III OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

(B) ~~(1)~~ THE BOARD MAY:

~~(1)~~ ADMINISTER OATHS; AND

~~(2)~~ ~~ISSUE SUBPOENAS FOR THE ATTENDANCE OF WITNESSES TO TESTIFY OR TO PRODUCE OTHER EVIDENCE.~~

~~(3)~~ ~~A SUBPOENA ISSUED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE JUDICIALLY ENFORCED OR CONTESTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MARYLAND RULES OF PROCEDURE.~~

(C) (1) IF A RESPONDENT IS AGGRIEVED BY A FINAL ORDER OF THE BOARD, THE RESPONDENT MAY SEEK JUDICIAL REVIEW AS PROVIDED IN TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

(2) (I) UNLESS THE BOARD AND THE RESPONDENT MUTUALLY AGREE OTHERWISE, AN ORDER OF THE BOARD IS STAYED UNTIL THE TIME FOR SEEKING JUDICIAL REVIEW HAS EXPIRED.

(II) IF A TIMELY APPEAL IS FILED, THE ORDER IS STAYED UNTIL FINAL DISPOSITION BY THE COURT.

(3) THE WSSC MAY SEEK JUDICIAL ENFORCEMENT:

(I) OF AN ORDER OF THE BOARD; OR

(II) IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 12-106 OF THIS TITLE, TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH ITS REGULATIONS GOVERNING:

1. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST;
2. FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE;
3. LOBBYING; AND
4. ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING.

(D) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THE WSSC CODE OF ETHICS TO THE CONTRARY, JUDICIAL ENFORCEMENT UNDER THIS SECTION IN THE INVESTIGATION OF A COMPLAINT ALLEGING IMPROPER DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION SHALL APPLY ONLY TO INFORMATION THAT IS SUBJECT TO DENIAL OF A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UNDER THE MARYLAND PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT.