

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 29 - Washington Suburban Sanitary District

6-104.

~~(b) (3) -- The WSSC may provide for the billing and collection of the water and sewer usage charges on an estimated basis for periods of 6 months or less, but in that case the WSSC shall require that the meters be read every 6 months, and that the final bill for the 6-month period shall be based on the actual consumption adjusted by the previous estimates, -- USING -- AN ACCOUNT'S -- HISTORICAL -- DAILY AVERAGE CONSUMPTION, -- CALCULATED FROM ACTUAL PREVIOUS USAGE, -- FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING REASONS:~~

~~(i) -- THE METER IS NOT ACCESSIBLE;~~

~~(ii) -- THE METER MALFUNCTIONS;~~

~~(iii) -- THE METER HAS TO BE TAKEN OUT OF SERVICE FOR REPAIRS OR FOR WATER SYSTEM PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE PURPOSES;~~

~~(iv) -- THEFT OF SERVICE; OR~~

~~(v) -- ANY OTHER GOOD AND SUFFICIENT CAUSE AS DETERMINED BY THE WSSC;~~

(b) (3) THE WSSC:

(I) MAY PROVIDE FOR THE BILLING AND COLLECTION OF THE WATER AND SEWER USAGE CHARGES ON AN ESTIMATED BASIS FOR PERIODS OF 6 MONTHS OR LESS, BASED ON THE HISTORICAL DAILY AVERAGE CONSUMPTION CALCULATED FROM ACTUAL PREVIOUS USAGE;

(II) SHALL READ THE METER AT LEAST EVERY 6 MONTHS; AND

(III) 1. SHALL BASE THE FINAL BILL FOR THE 6-MONTH PERIOD ON THE ACTUAL CONSUMPTION ADJUSTED BY PREVIOUS ESTIMATES, IF THE METER HAD NOT BEEN READ BECAUSE IT WAS INACCESSIBLE;

2. SHALL BASE THE FINAL BILL FOR THE 6-MONTH PERIOD ON THE HISTORICAL DAILY AVERAGE CONSUMPTION, CALCULATED FROM ACTUAL PREVIOUS USAGE, IF A FINAL READING CANNOT BE MADE BECAUSE:

A. THE METER MALFUNCTIONED;

B. THE METER HAD BEEN TAKEN OUT OF SERVICE FOR REPAIRS OR MAINTENANCE, OR FOR WATER SYSTEM RELINING PURPOSES; OR

C. THERE WAS THEFT OF SERVICE;