

(2) If the property for which the fee or charge was paid has been transferred to a new owner after payment, the claim for refund may be made by the new owner.

(b) (1) Upon the receipt of a claim for a refund under subsection (a) of this section, the WSSC shall investigate the merits of the claim.

(2) The claim for refund shall be in the form and shall contain the information and supporting documents prescribed by the WSSC.

(3) Upon the request of the claimant, the WSSC, or its designee, shall hold a hearing on the claim for a refund.

(4) Unless a claim for refund is filed with the WSSC within {3} 5 years from the date of the payment for which a refund is requested, the claim shall automatically be disallowed.

(5) The WSSC shall pay interest on any amount refunded under this section, calculated at the rate of 6 percent per annum, starting 180 days from the date the claim for refund of the fee or charge was made.

(c) Except for assessments and benefit charges authorized by Title 5 of this article, this section applies to any fee or charge made by the WSSC ~~AND INCLUDES ANY FEE OR CHARGE THAT IS MISTAKENLY OVERPAID BY OR ON BEHALF OF A CLAIMANT.~~

(d) If the WSSC fails to reach a final decision on a claim within 180 days from the date the claim for refund is filed, the failure shall be deemed a final rejection of the claim.

(e) Within 30 days from the date of final action by the WSSC on any claim for refund filed under this section, an appeal from the final action may be made to the circuit court and the appellate courts of this State as provided in the Maryland Rules of Procedure for Administrative Appeals.

(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the WSSC may refund any payment made on or after July 1, {1986} 1983 which the WSSC determines was paid in excess of that amount which was properly and legally collectible, ~~INCLUDING ANY OVERPAYMENT THAT WAS MISTAKENLY MADE,~~ whether or not any claim for a refund was filed by the person who made the payment.

(G) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, THE WSSC MAY GRANT A CREDIT FOR A PART OF ANY PAYMENT MADE ON A BILL FOR WATER AND SEWER USAGE CHARGES IN CONNECTION WITH A MULTIUNIT RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER SERVICE ACCOUNT, REGARDLESS OF WHEN PAID, IF: