



Customer Service 202-354-3600

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY | 810 FIRST STREET, NE | FIRST FLOOR | WASHINGTON, DC 20002

December 12th 2014

Capitol Park IV Condo  
C/O CFM Management Services  
5250 Cherokee Ave Suite 100  
Alexandria, VA 22312



Dear Sir or Madam:

Thank you for your letter contesting the impervious area surface fee (now commonly known as the "Clean Rivers IA charge) for the property address listed above. All residential and non-residential structures within the District of Columbia are assessed this fee based on the amount of impervious area surface associated with the existing lot. This charge is necessary to recover the \$2.2 billion cost to control combined sewer overflows (CSOs) in the Anacostia and Potomac rivers and Rock Creek, as mandated by the federal government. Impervious surfaces produce runoff that contributes to CSOs, which is a discharge of wastewater and storm water into local waterways during rainstorms. The rate increases that you have been experiencing are related to the cost of this project.

Regrettably, at this time DC Water cannot classify the accounts in question as part of our residential billing structure for IAC Charges. Standard practice currently dictates that all multi-unit condominiums with more than 5 units be classified as a commercial property. All the accounts that have been disputed have well over 5 units for each complex. DC Water's policy also states that all master metered properties are to be classified as commercial.

Additionally, the definition for commercial condominiums falls under class 2 (Commercial) billing as provided by the Office of Tax and Revenue under the Property Codes guideline:

"Code 048 Commercial-Retail-Condo (CLASS 2): Unit in a predominately residential condo complex used for retail sales/service business."

We understand that you have installed various storm water management devices on the properties and encourage you to contact the District Department of the Environment (DDOE) for more information about their discount program (RiverSmart Rewards), where you may be eligible to save money on the storm water charges that appear on your DC Water bill. Qualification and enrollment into the RiverSmart Rewards program also qualifies you for a discount on the IAC, charged to DC Water



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customers on their DC Water bill. Like the RiverSmart Rewards, the IAC Incentive Program provides customers with the opportunity to save money after the installation of eligible BMPs.

I sincerely hope that I have addressed your concerns and answered all of your questions. If you do not feel satisfied with our response you may move ahead in the dispute process by requesting an administrative hearing using the materials we have provided for you in this letter. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be of service to you.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Omar Javed", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Omar Javed  
GIS IA Billing Supervisor  
DC Water and Sewer Authority  
810 First ST NE, Washington, DC 20002



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**ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING PETITION**

If you disagree with DC Water's determination, you may request an administrative hearing by providing the information below and mailing this petition to:

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER  
District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority  
810 First Street, N.E., Suite 1100, Washington, D.C. 20002  
Fax 202-354-3711

Please include an explanation as to why you disagree with our determination. The petition must be received within fifteen (15) calendar days of the date of this letter to be processed. Failure to include the requested information or filing beyond the fifteen (15) day deadline may result in your petition not being processed.

ACCOUNT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

SERVICE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

BILL BEING CHALLENGED: IDENTIFY BY DATE OR AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY OWNER \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF OCCUPANT \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF PROPERTY OR NUMBER OF UNITS \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS DURING THE PERIOD IN DISPUTE \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of facts concerning the disputed charges. Include supporting data, facts or evidence upon which you, the petitioner, rely as justification for challenging the water and sewer charges. Please attach a copy of all receipts, invoices, plumbers' reports, etc., that are pertinent to the investigation.

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