

POLICY 2012-1

Equivalent Residential Unit Allocation Policy For Subdivisions

Explanation

The Garrett County Sanitary District, Inc. (the “District”) operates sewer systems (the “Systems”) throughout the County. Allocation of and payment for capacity in a sewer system is required prior to approval of a final plat for lots in a subdivision. Capacity in a sewer system is expressed in terms of Equivalent Residential Units (“ERUs”). One ERU represents 262.5 gallons of daily wastewater flow.

The County desires to establish a procedure for allocation of and payment for ERUs for subdivisions in order to promote residential growth and development within sewer service areas.

1. At the time of allocation, a down payment of ten percent (10%) of the prevailing ERU fee shall be paid to the Department of Public Utilities for each ERU to be allocated.

2. At the time of closing on the sale of a lot for which an ERU has been allocated in accordance with Subsection 1. of this Policy, the balance of the ERU fee shall be paid in full.

3. The term for allocation of ERUs under this policy shall not exceed five (5) years from the date of allocation. At the end of the five year term, the balance of the ERU fee shall be paid in full or amortized over five (5) years at Five Percent (5%) simple interest.


4. In accordance with Policy 2008-1, Inactive Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) Sewer Fees, the Sewer Inactive Fee for all ERUs allocated with respect to available sewer capacity that remain in an inactive status beyond a period of two years from the date of purchase and/or allocation shall be assessed a charge of one hundred

percent (100%) of the annual sewer user rate as established by the most recent action of the Board of County Commissioners.

This Policy shall become effective on the 16th day of OCTOBER 2012.

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