

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION & THE ENVIRONMENT
MARY M. CHEH, CHAIR

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON

**B23-624, Impervious Area Charge Water Utility Consumer Protection Fund Act of 2020; and
B23-640, District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority Transparency Amendment Act of 2020**

Wednesday, April 29, 2020, at 11:00 AM
in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

On Wednesday, April 9, 2020, Councilmember Mary M. Cheh, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, will hold a public hearing on B23-624, the Impervious Area Charge Water Utility Consumer Protection Fund Act of 2020, and B23-640, the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority Transparency Amendment Act of 2020. The hearing will begin at 11:00 AM in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

B23-624 would allow funds from the Clean Rivers Impervious Area Charge Relief Assistance Fund to be used for accounts belonging to low-income residents that are in arrears. B23-640 would require DC Water to hold a public comment period following notice of any proposed establishment or adjustment of water and sewer rates and post public comments received within 5 days of the close of the comment period, submit to the Mayor and Council and post on their website a Cost of Service study, provide residents with 30 days to dispute a bill and to notify customers of this requirement when contacted regarding a dispute, list contact information for the DC Water complaint line and the Office of the People's Counsel on water bills, and prescribe annual reporting requirements on the Clean Rivers Impervious Area Charge Relief Assistance Fund; and would also amend the Lead Service Line Priority Replacement Assistance Act of 2004 to prescribe annual reporting requirements regarding the status of the replacement assistance program.

The Committee invites the public to testify or to submit written testimony, which will be made a part of the official record. Anyone wishing to testify should contact Ms. Aukima Benjamin, Staff Assistant to the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, at (202) 724-8062 or via e-mail at abenjamin@dccouncil.us. Persons representing organizations will have five minutes to present their testimony. Individuals will have three minutes to present their testimony. Witnesses should bring eight copies of their written testimony and should submit a copy of their testimony electronically to abenjamin@dccouncil.us. Witnesses who anticipate needing language interpretation, or requiring sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee of the need as soon as possible but no later than five business days before the hearing, which is April 22, 2020. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests,

however requests received in less than five business days may not be fulfilled and alternatives may be offered.

If you are unable to testify in person, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to Ms. Benjamin at the following address: Committee on Transportation and the Environment, John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 108, Washington, D.C. 20004. Statements may also be e-mailed to abenjamin@dccouncil.us or faxed to (202) 724-8118. The record will close at the end of the business day on May 13, 2020.