

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

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON**

**B23-548, the 1666 Articles of Peace and Amity Recognition Amendment Act of 2019;  
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**

Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

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On Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Councilmember Mary M. Cheh, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, will hold a public hearing on B23-548, the 1666 Articles of Peace and Amity Recognition Amendment Act of 2019, 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 9:00 AM, and will be broadcast live on DC Council Channel 13 and streamed live at [www.dccouncil.us](http://www.dccouncil.us) and [entertainment.dc.gov](http://entertainment.dc.gov).

B23-548 would provide, without cost, free fishing licenses to members of the Piscataway Indian Nation and the Piscataway Conoy Tribe. 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.

On March 11, 2020, Mayor Muriel Bowser issued the Declaration of Public Emergency: Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the Declaration of Public Health Emergency: Coronavirus (COVID-19) due to the imminent threat to the health, safety, and welfare of District residents posed by the spread of the coronavirus. These orders require that the Council adapt the methods by which committees may hold public hearings and roundtables to comply with social distancing, large public gathering, and other public health and safety requirements. Therefore, this public hearing will be held remotely through the WebEx teleconferencing platform.

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](mailto:abenjamin@dccouncil.us); witnesses will receive with information on how to join the hearing at that time. 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 July 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 at the public roundtable, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record; testimony may be submitted to [abenjamin@dccouncil.us](mailto:abenjamin@dccouncil.us). The public may also leave voicemail testimony for the Committee by calling (202) 350-1344, which will be transcribed and made part of the hearing record. Members of the public leaving voicemail testimony should speak slowly and clearly, state their full name and the organization they represent, if any, and note the bill, hearing, or agency that they are submitting testimony on. Members of the public are asked to not provide an e-mail, phone number, or other person contact information in voicemail testimony.

The record will close at the end of the business day on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020.