

Pages 7-8 – Hardship exemption for charitable, non-profit organizations exempt from taxation under 501(c)(3) or (d) of the Internal Revenue Code that suffer substantial, financial hardship as a result of paying the fee and implement an approved alternative compliance plan.		X	X	Required by State law.
Page 8 – Removed the table of gross income criteria from the Maryland Department of Human Resources to qualify for home energy assistance.	X			The gross income criteria are incorporated by reference, ensuring consistency with the home energy assistance program without the need to update the table annually.
Page 9 – Clarifies what “MS4” and “City Code” refer to.	X			Uses the full term for “MS4” and “City Code” to increase public understanding and transparency.
Page 9 – Exempts roads in cemeteries from the fee.	X			The law already exempts streets that are privately maintained and open to the public in residential communities. This provision will assist cemeteries, many of which are struggling financially.
Page 12 – Decreases the eligibility threshold from 24 hours to 12 hours in order to obtain the Participation			X	Encourages residents to participate in community events that reduce pollution and support local

Credit.				communities.
Page 12 – Increases the tree planting credit from \$3/year to \$5/year.			X	If the tree remains healthy, the homeowner can re-apply for the credit every three (3) years. Minimum of two (2) trees needed for the credit.
Pages 12, 17 – Rain Barrel Credit: deletes the \$24/year for Rainwater Harvesting System and replaces with a one-time credit of \$25/barrel up to a \$100 one-time credit for approved rain barrels that are 50 gallons or larger and installed/operated properly.			X	Consistent with rain barrel credits provided by other Maryland counties.
Pages 13, 21 – Re-names the “Vacant Lot Credit” the “Green Space Credit.”			X	Reflects the purpose of the credit.
Page 15 – Decreases the time to register Participation Events in advance from 30 days to 14 days	X			Makes it easier to register Participation Events.
Pages 15-16 – Decreases the number of hours necessary to qualify for a credit to four (4) hours minimum for a \$10 credit, eight (8)			X	Loosens requirements to allow shorter events to qualify and encourages participation.

hours for a \$20 credit, and 12 hours maximum for a \$30 credit.				
Page 16 – Clarifies that Participation Credits may be donated to organizations.	X			Clarifies existing practices surrounding donation of Participation Credits.
Pages 17-18 – Clarifies that best management practices (BMPs) for stormwater must be approved by MDE and the City.	X	X		Clarifies existing rules to ensure conformity with State and local law.
Page 20 – Clarifies that the City may also accept inspections performed by Professional Engineers who are licensed and in good standing.	X			Clarifies existing language.