

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

### FINANCING HOUSE CONNECTIONS

WHEREAS, under Article 20 (Metropolitan District), Section 20-3-211 of the Baltimore County Code, 2003, the County Executive is authorized to amortize the property owner's cost of water and sewer house connections; and

WHEREAS, it is typically the responsibility of the homeowner to replace any items necessary when the water and sewer connection between the house and the water meter is damaged;

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Executive Order is to provide alternative means of financing the cost of replacing water and sewer house connections for residential properties; and

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 20-3-211 of the Baltimore County Code, 2003 and Section 307(b) of the Baltimore County Charter and consistent with the provisions of Chapter 539 of the Laws of Maryland, 1924, as amended, known as "The Metropolitan District Act", it is this 24<sup>th</sup> day of JULY 2014, ORDERED as follows:

SECTION 1. Whenever a water or sewer house connection fails and the connection requires replacement, County financing of the replacement cost may be available to residential properties. Financing shall not be made available for condominium and homeowner association properties, apartments, mobile home parks or any other multiple dwelling properties under one ownership.

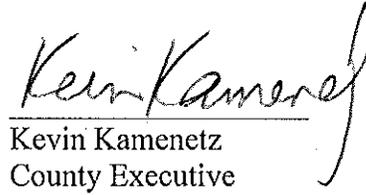
SECTION 2. Property owners shall select their own plumbing contractor and provide to the County a cost for the replacement of the water or sewer house connection. The plumbing contractor and cost to be financed shall be reviewed and approved by Baltimore County prior to any offer of financing.

SECTION 3. The approved cost of the house connection may be amortized on the owner's real property tax bill. The charge to repay the cost of the house connection shall be billed annually on July 1 in each year. The charge shall constitute a lien on the property and shall be collected by the Director of Budget and Finance in the same manner as ordinary real property taxes.

SECTION 4. The charge shall be amortized at an interest rate of 5% and collected for 40 years on the real property tax bill. The principal balance of the cost of replacing the water or sewer house connection may be re-paid at any time during the 40 year collection period. Payment of the principal balance will terminate future annual payments.

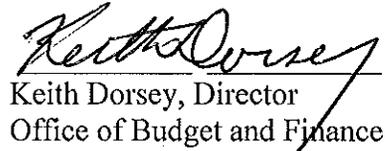
SECTION 5. The procedures set forth in Sections 1 – 4 above shall continue in force and effect until changed by further Executive Order.

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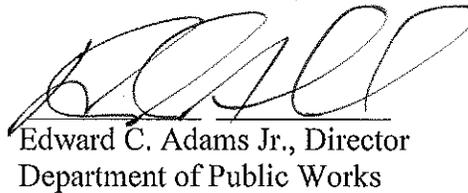


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County Executive

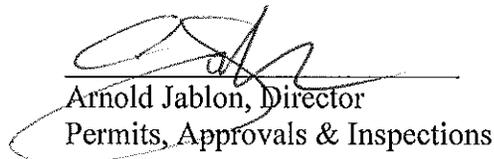
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