

# PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

City and County of San Francisco

RESOLUTION NO. 17-0018

WHEREAS, On July 2, 2015, the Mayor signed into law amendments to the San Francisco Health Code Article 12C, requiring all new developments of 250,000 square feet or more of gross floor be constructed, operated, and maintained using available alternate water sources for toilet and urinal flushing and irrigation; and

WHEREAS, On December 16, 2016, the Mayor signed into law additional amendments to Article 12C to revise the definition of development projects subject to its requirements, and providing authorization for the review and approval of alternative means of compliance; and

WHEREAS, Article 12C, “[urges] the Public Utilities Commission to review water and wastewater utility fees and to consider allocating those fees in a manner that acknowledges the reduced impact of buildings with onsite water reuse systems”; and

WHEREAS, Buildings with onsite water systems, generally use significantly less potable water and discharge considerably less wastewater to the Sewerage System than buildings without onsite water systems; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) Staff from Water Enterprise, Wastewater Enterprise, Customer Services, and Finance Department collaborated to develop an equitable and accurate process for assessing capacity charges for projects installing onsite water systems; and

WHEREAS, On January 17, 2017 the Planning Department determined that this action is statutorily exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act under the Public Resources Code Section 21080(b) (8) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15273 (Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges);; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, This Commission hereby approves the attached *Rules Providing For Assessment of Capacity Charges for projects Installing Onsite Water Systems* as proposed for the purpose of adjusting the administrative procedures associated with the calculation of water and wastewater capacity charges for developments with onsite water systems.

*I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its meeting of January 24, 2017.*

  
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Secretary, Public Utilities Commission