

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

WATER RESOURCES BOARD

Title of Rule: Water Quality Protection Charges

Rule Identifier: 490-RICR-00-00-7

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 10/09/2018

Hearing Date: 10/22/2018

End of Public Comment: 11/09/2018

Authority for this Rulemaking:

RIGL § 46-15.3

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The regulation prescribes procedures and requirements for the imposition, collection, remittance and distribution of the water quality protection charge authorized by R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 46-15.3, as amended.

The proposed changes to the existing rule eliminate restatements of statute, clarify and simplify language and reformat the rule for inclusion in the Rhode Island Code of Regulations. The proposed changes also clarify the process and procedures related to the Water Resources Board (Board) and the RI Infrastructure Bank (Bank) for the collection, remittance and disbursements of water quality protection charges. Proposed revisions eliminate exhibits, sections that are no longer applicable (including those that applied only to the former Water Resources Board Corporate), are legally unnecessary, and/or redundant. For a full summary of changes please see Additional Documentation provided.

Additional Information and Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until November 9, 2018 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

Kathleen Crawley
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Public Hearing:

A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, to consider the proposed amendment shall be held on October 22, 2018 at 2:00 pm at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Hearing Room B, Warwick, RI 02888 at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. The seating capacity of the room will be enforced and therefore the number of persons participating in the hearing may be limited at any given time by the hearing officer, in order to comply with safety and fire codes.

The place of the public hearing is accessible to individuals who are handicapped. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-780-2107 or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

The proposed rule making does not impact small business.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person above.