

SHARED REVENUE AND TAX RELIEF

Public Fire Protection Charges

Motion:

Move to specify that a public or municipal utility could charge the following persons for only one parcel of property, when billing for public fire protections services that are not included in general service charges:

- a. persons owning two or more adjacent parcels; or
- b. persons owning two or more parcels that are divided only by a roadway or a brook, creek, river, or stream.

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Note:

Under current law, if a city, village or town does not pay the charges for the production, storage, transmission, sale and delivery or furnishing of water for public fire protection purposes that are not included in general service charges, the public utility is required to include the charges in the water utility bill of each customer of the public utility in the city, village or town. If the charges involve a municipal utility, the utility may, in addition to including the other allowed charges, bill the charges relating to fire protection services to any person who meets all of the following conditions: (a) the person is not a customer of the municipal utility; and (b) the person owns land that is located in the city, village or town and in an area in which the municipal utility has an obligation to provide water for public fire protection.

The motion would specify that for a person owning two or more adjacent parcels of property or two or more parcels divided only by a roadway or a brook, creek, river, or stream, a public or municipality utility, when billing for public fire protections charges, could only bill the owners of the parcels for one parcel.

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