



## **ITEM 2. DISCUSS POLICY QUESTIONS RELATED TO UPCOMING AMENDMENTS TO RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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# Recommendation

The Committee is asked to provide policy direction on potential amendments to the District's Rules and Regulations.

- Topics include
  - Deed restrictions
  - High-efficiency dishwasher and clothes washer requirements
  - Ultra High Efficiency Toilet (UHET) requirements
  - Rebates and Water Credits

Staff will present five policy questions and seek direction on each topic.



# Deed Restrictions



## Background:

- Water Demand Division routinely uses deed restrictions to convey permanent water efficiency requirements and fixture counts to current and future homeowners
  - High Efficiency Dishwashers and Washing Machines
  - Instant-Access Hot Water Systems
  - Ultra High Efficiency Toilets

## Policy Question:

Should deed restrictions be recorded for ALL Water Permits? Or should deed restrictions only be recorded when there are one or more “high efficiency” appliance requirements?

# Permit Requirements

## Background:

- High Efficiency appliances are required in new construction. These appliances reduce indoor water use compared to standard models.
- All permits require high efficiency toilets, showerheads and faucet aerators

## Policy Question:

Should High Efficiency Dishwashers and Clothes Washers be required for all Water Permits?

If so, should the requirement apply only to new fixtures or to existing appliances as well?



# Multiple HEDW

## Background:

- High Efficiency Dishwashers use significantly less water than handwashing and significantly less water than older dishwashers
- Additional high-efficiency dishwashers may have little or no impact on total water use.

## Policy Question:

Should multiple high-efficiency dishwashers be allowed without requiring additional water capacity?



# Ultra High Efficiency Toilets

## Background:

- UHETs receive fixture credits under current District policy, and there are only two manufacturers of these toilets
- The District records a deed restriction that calls out UHETs as permanent requirements when listed on the Water Permit
- Without knowledge of this requirement, these toilets could be replaced with higher volume toilets

## Policy Questions:

Should UHET credits continue?

Should the deed restriction notification stay in place?



# Rebates & Water Credit

## Background:

- Permanent water-saving retrofits can earn Water Credits.
- Water credit is valid for up to ten years
- Rebates are available for eligible retrofits

## Policy Question:

Should a retrofit that receives a rebate also be eligible for a Water Credit, or should applicants be required to choose one benefit or the other?

# For More Information

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