PUBLIC ADVOCATE SET #X - 4

PLEASE IDENTIFY THE DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED OF A CUSTOMER
TO BE FOUND EXEMPT FROM PAYING STORM WATER CHARGES.
SEPARATELY PROVIDE A COPY OF ALL STANDARDS FORMS OR
OTHER STANDARD WRITTEN DOCUMENTS INVOLVED WITH
REVIEWING WHETHER, AND/OR MAKING A DETERMINATION OF
WHETHER A PROPERTY/CUSTOMER/ACCOUNT QUALIFIES FOR AN
EXEMPTION FROM PAYING STORM WATER CHARGES.

RESPONSE:

PA-X-26.

A customer's documentation requirements can be found in the Department's Stormwater Credits and Appeals Manual in Section 2.3.2. The Department's Adjustment Appeals Application "Form A", is provided in PWD Statement No. 6. Form A along with the additional documentation provided by the customer, as described in the Manual, are reviewed by the Department to determine whether a property qualifies for an exemption from stormwater charges.

RESPONSE PROVIDED BY: Erin Williams, Philadelphia Water Department

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- A. A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THE INTERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE STEPS BY WHICH A CUSTOMER/ACCOUNT PERIODICALLY REVERIFIES THE ELIGIBILITY OF A PROPERTY/CUSTOMER/ACCOUNT TO BE EXEMPTED FROM PAYING STORM WATER CHARGES. SUCH STEPS SHOULD INCLUDE ALL STEPS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FOR EXAMPLE, INCORPORATING CHANGES INTO THE BILLING SYSTEM, CONFIRMING OWNERSHIP STATUS, ETC.;
- B. A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THE INTERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE STEPS BY WHICH PWD PERIODICALLY REVIEWS EXEMPTIONS FROM STORM WATER CHARGES TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE EXEMPTION SHOULD BE CONTINUED. SUCH STEPS SHOULD INCLUDE ALL STEPS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FOR EXAMPLE, INCORPORATING CHANGES INTO THE BILLING SYSTEM, CONFIRMING OWNERSHIP STATUS, ETC.;
- C. A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THE INTERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE STEPS BY WHICH CUSTOMER WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN EXEMPTED FROM PAYING STORM WATER CHARGES, BUT HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE NO LONGER ELIGIBLE FOR SUCH EXEMPTION, HAS THE EXEMPTION REMOVED. SUCH STEPS SHOULD INCLUDE ALL STEPS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FOR EXAMPLE, INCORPORATING CHANGES INTO THE BILLING SYSTEM, CONFIRMING OWNERSHIP STATUS, ETC.
- D. SEPARATELY INDICATE THE TIME INVOLVED WITH EACH STEP OF EACH PROCESS EXPLAINED IN SUBSECTIONS (A) (C) OF THIS REQUEST.

PLEASE IDENTIFY FOR EACH CLASS/LEVEL/CATEGORY OF EMPLOYEE INVOLVED WITH THE REVIEW AND/OR DETERMINATION OF WHETHER A CUSTOMER SHOULD BE EXEMPT FROM PAYING STORM WATER CHARGES THE HOURLY COST, INCLUDING BOTH DIRECT, INDIRECT AND ALLOCATED COSTS. PROVIDE THIS HOURLY COST DISAGGREGATED BY LINE-ITEM COST COMPONENT.

RESPONSE:

PA-X-30.

Please refer to the Miscellaneous Fee Study Work Papers as previously provided in attachment response PA-III-10. Hourly Salary and Overhead Rates are provided beginning on Page 2 of the Work Papers (Page 6 of the PDF file). Please note that these employees do not track hours specifically devoted towards review or determination of exemptions.

RESPONSE PROVIDED BY: Melissa LaBuda, Philadelphia Water Department