



## CHANGES COMING to the SAC Program

If your business is connecting to the regional wastewater system for the first time, or it grows or changes use in a way that creates more potential demand on the system, you pay a Sewer Availability Charge (SAC) to the Metropolitan Council. Your city may charge an additional SAC fee.

### CHANGES TO SAC we think you'll like

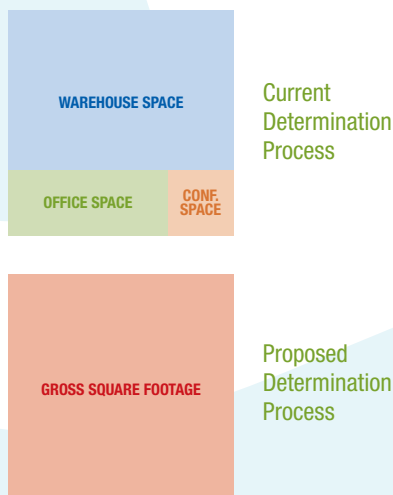
A task force of community representatives and business groups met in 2016-2017 to review the SAC program. The group recommended:

#### Keep outdoor seating policy, but increase "free" space

Restaurants will receive twice the amount of "free" outdoor capacity. (Some outdoor expansions may result in a higher SAC charge if enough indoor capacity is also added.)

#### Switch to gross square feet as the basis for many SAC determinations

Currently, the Council makes determinations based on usage or category (for example, office, warehouse, restaurant, etc.). This will continue, but for many uses, property owners or tenants will not need to distinguish different uses within a property.



#### Eliminate SAC for remodels with no change of use

SAC will not be owed for remodels that don't change use unless the size of the floor plan grows.



#### Move the SAC "grandparent" date from 1973 to 2009

If SAC was paid previously on a property, a new owner or tenant will likely get credit for that payment. When no record of a prior determination exists, the business will only need to provide proof of usage as of Jan. 1, 2009, to receive SAC credits.

The Council approved these changes, which will take effect on July 1, 2018.



#### How does this impact you?

- SAC determinations will be easier, faster, and simpler.
- Determinations on remodels will result in fewer "surprise" charges.
- The credit process will be simpler for everyone.

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