



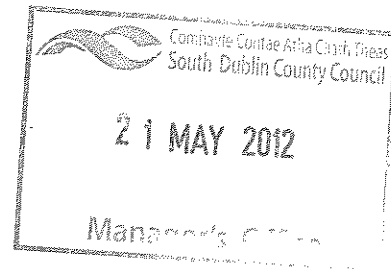
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South Dublin County Council,
County Hall,
Town Centre,
Tallaght, Dublin 24.



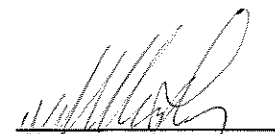
RE: REP1694/PH/12

Dear Ms. Maguire,

I have been asked by Mr. Phil Hogan, T.D., Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, to further reply to your recent letter in connection with the motion passed by the members of the council.

The Local Government (Charges) Act 2009, which sets out the detail of the €200 charge on non-principal private residences, places collection of the charge under the care and management of the local authority concerned. While there is no waiver or appeals system provided for under the Act, the NPPR Project Board, which oversees implementation of the charge, recently drew up guidelines for dealing with individual situations where significant amounts of charges and arrears have built up and where people are experiencing genuine hardship in discharging the resulting liability in a single payment. The guidelines provide for the option of entering into installment payment arrangements over a specified period and have issued to all local authorities.

Yours sincerely,



Eddie Kiernan,
Private Secretary

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