

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2006 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-86-2006

Proposed by Council Member Dernoga

Introduced by Council Members Dernoga and Harrington

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction November 28, 2006

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Spending Affordability Limits for the

3 Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission

4 For the purpose of establishing spending control limits on the Fiscal Year 2008 Water and Sewer
5 Operating and Capital Budgets of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC).

6 WHEREAS, during the Fiscal Year 1994 Bi-County budget process the Montgomery and
7 Prince George's County Councils established a Bi-County Working Group to recommend
8 changes that would control the growth of debt and maintain future rate increases at WSSC close
9 to the level of inflation; and

10 WHEREAS, the Working Group's January 1994 Report recommended the establishment of
11 a spending affordability process; and

12 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council endorsed the entire Working Group's
13 report through the adoption of CR-12-1994 and the Montgomery County Council endorsed part
14 of the report's recommendations through Resolution #12-1558; and

15 WHEREAS, the Councils jointly endorsed in concept the January 1994 Working Group
16 Report spending affordability process; and

17 WHEREAS, both Councils endorsed the utilization of the spending affordability process
18 beginning with the formulation of the Fiscal Year 1996 budget; and

19 WHEREAS, the Spending Affordability Working Group, consisting of the staffs of the
20 Montgomery and Prince George's County Councils and both County Executive's offices, make
21 certain recommendations on the WSSC Fiscal Year 2008 Operating and Capital Budgets; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council and the Montgomery Council have
 2 reviewed the information compiled by the staff relating to spending control limits on the
 3 percentage of water and sewer increase; new debt; debt service and operating expenditures;

4 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council recommends that WSSC, in conjunction
 5 with its Fiscal Year 2008 Budget transmittal, identify priority items that would not be funded
 6 within the approved Fiscal Year 2008 spending control limits. These items can be considered for
 7 funding at the May 2007 Bi-County meeting; and

8 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council urges WSSC to expeditiously dispose of
 9 surplus property, such as the closed regional composting facility (Site II) in Silver Spring and the
 10 Elmer School Road property in Poolesville, both of which Montgomery County has made offers
 11 to purchase. Revenue from surplus property sales increases WSSC fund balance which can be
 12 used to address one-time budgetary needs and/or provide one-time rate relief;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
 14 County, Maryland, that the Prince George's County Council hereby endorses the following
 15 spending control limits for the Fiscal Year 2008 Water and Sewer Operating and Capital Budgets
 16 of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission:

18	Water and Sewer Bill increase:	five point three percent (5.3%)
19	New Water and Sewer Debt:	One hundred and sixty-one million,
20		four hundred and fifty thousand dollars
21		(\$161,450,000)
22	Water and Sewer Debt Service:	One hundred and sixty million, nine
23		hundred and twenty-two thousand
24		dollars
25		(\$160,922,000)
26	Water and Sewer Operating	Four hundred and fifty-four million,
27	Fund Expenditures:	thirty-eight thousand dollars
28		(\$454,038,000)
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Adopted this 28th day of November, 2006.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Thomas E. Dernoga
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council