

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2025 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-061-2025

Proposed by Council Member Burroughs

Introduced by Council Members Burroughs, Watson and Hawkins

Date of Introduction May 29, 2025

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 The Approval of the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating and Capital Budgets of the Washington
3 Suburban Sanitary Commission and the Recommendation of Water and Sewer Rates and
4 Ad Valorem Tax Levies for Fiscal Year 2026

5 For the purpose of adopting the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating and Capital Budgets of the
6 Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and the recommended Water and Sewer Rates and
7 Ad Valorem Tax Levies for Fiscal Year 2026

8 WHEREAS, Section 17-202 of the Public Utilities Article, Annotated Code of Maryland
9 establishes a procedure for the preparation, review and approval of the annual capital and
10 operating budgets of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, and further provides for
11 recommendations by the Montgomery and Prince George's County Councils regarding the rates
12 for water consumption and sewer usage charges and the ad valorem tax levies of the
13 Commission; and

14 WHEREAS, on March 1, 2025, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission submitted
15 to the County Executives of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties its proposed capital and
16 operating budgets for Fiscal Year 2026; and

17 WHEREAS, the Commission forwarded to the County Executives of both Counties the
18 record of the public hearings held by the Commission regarding its budget proposal; and

19 WHEREAS, the County Executives of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties
20 transmitted their recommendations on the Commission's proposed budget, including the record
21 of the public hearings held by the Commission, to the respective County Councils; and

22 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council, upon due public notice, held a public

hearing on the Commission's proposed budget on April 15, 2025, at which interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard by the Prince George's County Council; and

WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council, following review of said budgets, approved, proposed additions to, deletions from, increases and decreases from items contained in the proposed budgets and transmitted these proposed changes to the Montgomery County Council by letter dated May 6, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council received on May 5, 2025, from the Montgomery County Council its approved proposed additions to, deletions from, and increases and decreases from items in the Commission's proposed budgets; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2025, the Montgomery and Prince George's County Councils jointly reviewed the respective proposed additions to, deletions from, and increases and decreases regarding items in said submitted capital and operating budgets and further considered all proposed changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that the following amounts and positions, or as much thereof as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes designated, are hereby approved for the budget of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026:

	Operating	Capital
Salaries & Wages	\$ 200,396,100	\$ 42,194,100
Heat, Light & Power	29,214,700	302,400
Regional Sewage Disposal	83,661,000	0
Contract Work	0	383,031,000
Consulting Engineers	0	117,541,200
All Other Items	446,024,400	153,746,900
Debt Service	<u>373,801,000</u>	
Total	\$1,133,097,200	\$696,815,600

Work-years Authorized: 2,040.

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in implementing the above operating budget, the
 2 Commission shall establish its work program priorities within the dollar and work-year levels
 3 approved herein; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in adopting its Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget,
 5 the Counties and the Commission recognize that total operating debt service is \$373,801,000 and
 6 equals 33.0% of the total operating budget, and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Prince George's County Council joins with the
 8 Montgomery County Council in recommending to the Washington Suburban Sanitary
 9 Commission the following:

- 10 1. Average rate increase for Fixed Fees and Volumetric Water Consumption and
 11 Sewer Usage charges: 9.5%.
- 12 2. The Water and Sewer Usage charges will be based on a water production rate of
 13 162.0 million gallons per day; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any supplements to the Washington Suburban
 15 Sanitary Commission's Approved Fiscal Year 2026 budget shall be in accordance with the
 16 provisions of Section 17-202 of the Public Utilities Article, Annotated Code of Maryland; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission shall:

- 18 1. Obtain the approval of both County Councils before increasing operating
 19 expenditures above \$1,133,097,200.
- 20 2. Obtain the County Councils' approval prior to making any transfer of funds
 21 from any of the approved expenditure categories within the operating and
 22 capital budgets in excess of five percent (5%) of the approved amounts. The
 23 amount approved for debt service is excluded from this transfer authority.
- 24 3. Furnish monthly status reports to each County Council and County Executive
 25 as to the fiscal and budgetary activities of the Commission pursuant to the
 26 Approved Operating and Capital Budgets, commencing with the end of the first
 27 quarter of the fiscal year. These reports shall be submitted not more than 45
 28 calendar days after the close of each month.


29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Approved Washington Suburban Sanitary
 30 Commission FY 2026 Water and Sewer Rate Schedule (Appendix C), Account
 31 Maintenance Fees and Charges (Appendix D), Infrastructure Investment Fees (Appendix

1 E), and Miscellaneous Fees and Charges (Appendix F) are hereby approved, attached and
2 incorporated by reference; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission may find it necessary from time to
4 time or on an emergency basis to adopt further orders or resolutions in connection with its Fiscal
5 Year 2026 Budget and/or the water and sewer use rates to be effective July 1, 2025, pursuant to
6 its authority under the Laws of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District, Public Utilities
7 Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

Adopted this 29th day of May, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: 
Edward P. Burroughs III
Chair

ATTEST:


Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

Note: See Appendices C, D, E, and F from the FY 2026 WSSC Approved Budget