

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2015 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-75-2015

Proposed by Council Member Franklin

Introduced by Council Member Franklin

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction November 3, 2015

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 2017 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 2017 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, on October 29, 2015, the Transportation, Housing and Environment
5 Committee discussed the spending control limits for WSSC's FY 2017 Capital and Operating
6 Budgets and made recommendations to the Council. The discussion included the proposed phase
7 in of the Infrastructure Renewal and Rehabilitation Fee, and the corresponding effects on
8 WSSC's revenue stream as it relates to WSSC's FY 2017, spending control limits.

9 WHEREAS, the Prince Georges County Council recommends that WSSC include funding
10 within its FY 2017 Proposed Operating Budget that continues the financial stability and rate
11 structure review work initiated by the Bi-County Working Group, and that staffs from both
12 Prince George's County and Montgomery County participate in this effort.

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 2017 Water and Sewer Operating and Capital Budgets
16 of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission:

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18 Water and Sewer Volumetric Rate increase: Three point five percent (3.5%)
19 Infrastructure Fee 2nd year phase in - \$2.00

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21 New Water and Sewer Debt: Four hundred and seventy six million, eight
22 hundred and ten thousand dollars
23 (\$476,810,000)

24 Water and Sewer Debt Service: Two hundred and fifty million, seven
25 hundred and sixty two thousand dollars
26 (\$250,762,000)

27 Water and Sewer Operating Seven hundred and twenty nine million,
28 Fund Expenditures: one hundred and sixty eight thousand dollars
29 (\$729,168,000)
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Adopted this 3rd day of November, 2015.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Mel Franklin
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council