

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2021 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-56-2021

Proposed by Council Member Hawkins

Introduced by Council Members Hawkins, Taveras, Harrison, Glaros, Ivey, Turner,  
Franklin, Dernoga, Davis, Streeter and Anderson-Walker

Date of Introduction May 27, 2021

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 The Approval of the Fiscal Year 2022 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 2022

5 For the purpose of adopting the Fiscal Year 2022 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 2022.

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, 2021, 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 2022; 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

1 hearing on the Commission's proposed budget on April 6, 2021, at which interested persons were  
2 given an opportunity to be heard by the Prince George's County Council; and

3 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council, following review of said budgets,  
4 approved, proposed additions to, deletions from, increases and decreases from items contained in  
5 the proposed budgets and transmitted these proposed changes to the Montgomery County  
6 Council by letter dated May 11, 2021; and

7 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council received on May 10, 2021, from the  
8 Montgomery County Council its approved proposed additions to, deletions from, and increases  
9 and decreases from items in the Commission's proposed budgets; and

10 WHEREAS, on May 13, 2021, the Montgomery and Prince George's County Councils  
11 jointly reviewed the respective proposed additions to, deletions from, and increases and  
12 decreases regarding items in said submitted capital and operating budgets and further considered  
13 all proposed changes.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
15 County, Maryland, that the following amounts and positions, or as much thereof as may be  
16 necessary to accomplish the purposes designated, are hereby approved for the budget of the  
17 Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and  
18 ending June 30, 2022:

	Operating	Capital
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20	\$ 133,729,757	\$ 27,449,822
21	18,500,900	221,500
22	59,160,000	0
23	21,336,600	444,405,000
24	19,890,000	79,614,000
25	282,648,625	152,055,150
26	<u>316,827,000</u>	
27	\$852,092,882	\$703,745,472
28	Work-years Authorized: 1,786.	
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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 2022 Operating  
5 Budget, the Counties and the Commission recognize that although total operating debt service is  
6 \$316,827,000 and equals 37.2% of the total operating budget, water and sewer operating debt  
7 service, the portion of debt service supported by water and sewer rate revenues is \$309,045,000  
8 or 36.3% of the water and sewer operating budget; and

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

- 12 1. Average rate increase for Water Consumption and Sewer Usage charge: 5.9%.
- 13 2. The Water and Sewer Usage charges will be based on a water production rate of  
14 163.0 million gallons per day; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any supplements to the Washington Suburban  
16 Sanitary Commission's Approved Fiscal Year 2022 budget shall be in accordance with the  
17 provisions of Section 17-202 of the Public Utilities Article, Annotated Code of Maryland; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission shall:

- 19 1. Obtain the approval of both County Councils before increasing operating  
20 expenditures above \$852,092,882.
- 21 2. Obtain the County Councils' approval prior to making any transfer of funds  
22 from any of the approved expenditure categories within the operating and  
23 capital budgets in excess of five percent (5%) of the approved amounts. The  
24 amount approved for debt service is excluded from this transfer authority.
- 25 3. Furnish monthly status reports to each County Council and County Executive  
26 as to the fiscal and budgetary activities of the Commission pursuant to the  
27 Approved Operating and Capital Budgets, commencing with the end of the first  
28 quarter of the fiscal year. These reports shall be submitted not more than 45  
29 calendar days after the close of each month.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Approved Washington Suburban Sanitary  
31 Commission FY 2022 Water and Sewer Rate Schedule (Appendix C), Account

1 Maintenance Fees and Charges (Appendix D), and Infrastructure Investment Fees  
2 (Appendix E) are hereby approved, attached and 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 2022 Budget and/or the water and sewer use rates to be effective July 1, 2021 pursuant to  
6 its authority under the Laws of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District, Public Utilities  
7 Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

Adopted this 27th day of May, 2021.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Calvin S. Hawkins, II  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council

Note: See Appendices C, D, and E from the FY 2021 WSSC Approved Budget