

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2026 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-047-2026

Proposed by Council Member Oriadha

Introduced by Council Member Oriadha

Date of Introduction May 27, 2026

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 The Approval of the Fiscal Year 2027 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 2027

5 For the purpose of adopting the Fiscal Year 2027 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 2027

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, 2026, 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 2027; 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 21, 2026, at which interested persons  
2 were 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 12, 2026; and

7 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council received on May 4, 2026, 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 14, 2026, 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, 2026 and  
18 ending June 30, 2027:

	Operating	Capital
Salaries & Wages	\$ 214,066,200	\$ 44,128,800
Heat, Light & Power	31,880,100	360,100
Regional Sewage Disposal	89,667,000	0
Contract Work	0	439,359,400
Consulting Engineers	0	86,337,200
All Other Items	472,553,800	200,066,500
Debt Service	<u>388,446,000</u>	
Total	\$1,196,613,100	\$770,252,000

28 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 2027 Operating Budget,  
 5 the Counties and the Commission recognize that total operating debt service is \$388,446,000 and  
 6 equals 32.5% 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: 5.0%.
- 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 2027 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 \$1,196,613,100.
- 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 2027 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 2027 Budget and/or the water and sewer use rates to be effective July 1, 2026, pursuant to  
6 its authority under the Laws of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District, Public Utilities  
7 Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

Adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Krystal Oriadha  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council

Note: See Appendices C, D, E, and F from the FY 2027 WSSC Approved Budget