

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2017 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-38-2017

Proposed by Council Member Davis

Introduced by Council Members Davis, Turner and Taveras

Date of Introduction May 25, 2017

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 The approval of the Fiscal Year 2018 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 2018

5 For the purpose of adopting the Fiscal Year 2018 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 2018.

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, 2017, 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 2018; 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 18, 2017, 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 9, 2017; and

7 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council received on May 9, 2017, 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 11, 2017, 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, 2017 and  
18 ending June 30, 2018:

	Operating	Capital
Salaries & Wages	\$ 120,919,385	\$ 30,008,906
Heat, Light & Power	22,028,260	0
Regional Sewage Disposal	53,617,000	0
Contract Work	0	453,397,029
Consulting Engineers	0	57,813,906
All Other Items	273,455,532	144,289,475
Debt Service	<u>271,216,000</u>	
Total	\$741,236,177	\$685,509,316

28 Work-years Authorized: 1,776.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Capital and Operating Budgets include the  
30 following changes to the proposed budgets recommended by the respective County Councils:

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1 Reduce revenue impact for the Customer Assistance Program in the amount of  
2 (-\$456,000), based on latest projections;

3 Adjust the Blue Plains Regional Sewage Disposal costs to align with the latest projections  
4 by (-\$386,000);

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

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in adopting its Fiscal Year 2018 Operating  
9 Budget, the Counties and the Commission recognize that although total operating debt service is  
10 \$271,216,000 and equals 36.6% of the total operating budget, water and sewer operating debt  
11 service, the portion of debt service supported by water and sewer rate revenues is \$257,071,000  
12 or 35.4% of the water and sewer operating budget; and

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

- 16 1. Average rate increase for Water Consumption and Sewer Usage charge: 3.5%.
- 17 2. The Water and Sewer Usage charges will be based on a water production rate of  
18 164.0 million gallons per day; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any supplements to the Washington Suburban  
20 Sanitary Commission's Approved Fiscal Year 2018 budget shall be in accordance with the  
21 provisions of Section 17-202 of the Public Utilities Article, Annotated Code of Maryland; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission shall:

- 23 1. Obtain the approval of both County Councils before increasing operating  
24 expenditures above \$741,236,177.
- 25 2. Obtain the County Councils' approval prior to making any transfer of funds  
26 from any of the approved expenditure categories within the operating and  
27 capital budgets in excess of five percent (5%) of the approved amounts. The  
28 amount approved for debt service is excluded from this transfer authority.
- 29 3. Furnish monthly status reports to each County Council and County Executive  
30 as to the fiscal and budgetary activities of the Commission pursuant to the  
31 Approved Operating and Capital Budgets, commencing with the end of the first

1 quarter of the fiscal year. These reports shall be submitted not more than 45  
2 calendar days after the close of each month.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Approved Washington Suburban Sanitary  
4 Commission FY 2018 Water and Sewer Rate Schedule (Appendix C), Account  
5 Maintenance Fees and Charges (Appendix D), and Infrastructure Investment Fees  
6 (Appendix E) are hereby approved, attached and incorporated by reference; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission may find it necessary from time to  
8 time or on an emergency basis to adopt further orders or resolutions in connection with its Fiscal  
9 Year 2018 Budget and/or the water and sewer use rates to be effective July 1, 2017, pursuant to  
10 its authority under the Laws of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District, Public Utilities  
11 Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

Adopted this 25th day of May, 2017.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Derrick Leon Davis  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Redis C. Floyd  
Clerk of the Council

Note: See Appendices C, D, and E from the FY 2018 WSSC Approved Budget