



# Prince George's County Council

## Agenda Item Summary

**Meeting Date:** 5/25/2023

**Effective Date:** 7/1/2023

**Reference No.:** CR-060-2023

**Chapter Number:**

**Draft No.:** 1

**Public Hearing Date:**

**Proposer(s):** Dernoga

**Sponsor(s):** Dernoga, Harrison, Watson, Ivey, Olson, Oriadha, Hawkins and Fisher

**Item Title:** A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION for the purpose of modifying the System Development Charge (SDC) to help finance the capital costs of expanding and augmenting water and sewage systems to accommodate service to subscribers in the Washington Suburban Sanitary District (WSSD) and to provide a financing mechanism to aid the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (Commission) in paying for the capital projects thereof by providing methods and procedures by which the SDC is to be implemented and/or collected.

**Drafter:** Kathleen H. Canning, Legislative Officer  
J. Kenneth Battle, TIEE Committee Director

**Resource Personnel:** Kathleen H. Canning, Legislative Officer  
J. Kenneth Battle, TIEE Committee Director

### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
05/25/2023	County Council	introduced	
	<b>Action Text:</b> This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Dernoga, Harrison, Watson, Ivey, Olson, Oriadha, Hawkins and Fisher.		
05/25/2023	County Council	rules suspended	
	<b>Action Text:</b> A motion was made by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Watson, that the rules be suspended for this Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:  Aye: 10 Hawkins, Harrison, Blegay, Dernoga, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Burroughs, Ivey and Oriadha  Absent: 1 Franklin		
05/25/2023	County Council	adopted	
	<b>Action Text:</b> A motion was made by Council Member Fisher, seconded by Council Member Olson, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:		

Aye: 10 Hawkins, Harrison, Blegay, Dernoga, Watson, Olson, Fisher,  
Burroughs, Ivey and Oriadha

Absent: 1 Franklin

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**AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:**

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:**

Section 25-402 of the Public Utilities Article of the Maryland Annotated Code authorizes the imposition of a System Development Charge (SDC) fee, and Section 25-403 provides that Montgomery and Prince George's County Councils shall meet annually to discuss and approve the SDC fee. The Councils met on May 11, 2023 and agreed to increase the SDC maximum allowable ceiling by a percentage equal to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the prior calendar year. The CPI for November 2021 to November 2022 increased by 5.5%. The Commission is not increasing the SDC fee. The fee has not changed since FY 2000 (July 1999). This action provides the Commission with the flexibility in future fiscal years to increase the base System Development Charge for water supply fixtures with an assigned fixture value of 1 from \$88.00 to a maximum of \$153.00, and the base System Development Charge for a sewage drainage fixture with an assigned drainage fixture unit value of 1 from \$115.00 to a maximum of \$199.00.

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**Document(s):** R2023060