

RESOLUTION NO. 24-09

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING SANITARY SERVICE AREA
BUDGETS, ASSESSMENTS AND CHARGES AND ESTABLISHING
CLASSIFICATIONS FOR JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5-310 of the Public Works Article of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland, the County Commissioners of Worcester County do hereby adopt the following Sanitary Service Area budgets, assessments and charges and make the following classifications for the purpose of such budgets and assessments for the year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

I. IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland that the following budgets, charges and assessments are adopted and the following classifications made:

A. ASSATEAGUE POINTE

1. The budget attached hereto and appropriately labeled is hereby adopted; and
2. User rates are established at \$117.00 per park trailer quarterly which includes water and sewer service.
3. User rates are established at \$179.00 per equivalent dwelling unit (hereinafter referred to as EDU) quarterly for sewer service only.
4. Grinder pump surcharge - \$50.00 per lot
5. Snug Harbor assessment for debt service is hereby established at \$162.50 per EDU quarterly.
6. Commercial flat rate charge \$89.50 per EDU quarterly for sewer service only.

B. BRIDDLTOWN

1. The budget attached hereto and appropriately labeled is hereby adopted; and
2. Quarterly Domestic user rates are hereby established at \$73.00 per EDU which includes water service only.
3. Quarterly Commercial user rates are hereby established as follows:
 - a. Commercial minimum water:
 - (1) 1 EDU - \$62.43
 - (2) 2 EDUs - \$86.63
 - (3) 3 to 13 EDUs - \$173.25
 - (4) 14 to 24 EDUs - \$259.88
 - (5) 25 to 39 EDUs - \$346.50
 - (6) 40 or more EDUs - \$519.75
 - b. Additional commercial water charges based on usage as follows:
 - (1) \$10.73 per 1,000 gallons
4. Swimming pool charge - \$32.00 quarterly.
5. Irrigation system charge - \$69.00 quarterly.

C. EDGEWATER ACRES

1. The budget attached hereto and appropriately labeled is hereby adopted; and
2. Quarterly user rates are hereby set as follows:
 - a. Domestic minimum water & sewer \$215.60
 - b. Additional water charges based on usage as follows:
 - (1) \$8.00 per 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons, and
 - (2) \$9.00 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons up to 35,000 gallons, and
 - (3) \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons over 35,000 gallons up to 45,000 gallons, and
 - (4) \$15.00 per 1,000 gallons over 45,000 gallons.
 - c. Domestic water only (not metered) \$121.00

d. Domestic sewer only (not metered) \$184.40

3. The standard quarterly assessment for Sussex County debt service is hereby established at \$0.02 per linear front foot per quarter as established in the Worcester County Sanitary District Assessment records.

D. THE LANDINGS

1. The budget attached hereto and appropriately labeled is hereby adopted; and
2. Quarterly Domestic user rates are hereby established as follows:
 - a. Domestic minimum water & sewer \$318.50
 - b. Additional domestic water and sewer charges based on usage as follows:
 - (1) \$1.60 per 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons, and
 - (2) \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons up to 25,000 gallons, and
 - (3) \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons over 25,000 gallons up to 35,000 gallons, and
 - (4) \$9.00 per 1,000 gallons over 35,000 gallons up to 45,000 gallons, and
 - (5) \$15.00 per 1,000 gallons over 45,000 gallons.
2. Quarterly Commercial user rates are hereby established as follows:
 - a. Commercial water & sewer base and usage rates as follows:
 - (1) 1 EDU - \$373.18
 - a. \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons, and
 - b. \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons up to 27,000 gallons, and
 - c. \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons over 27,000 gallons.
 - (2) 2 EDUs - \$487.03
 - a. \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons, and
 - b. \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons up to 54,000 gallons, and
 - c. \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons over 54,000 gallons.
 - (3) 3 to 13 EDUs - \$1,042.36
 - a. \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons, and
 - b. \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons up to 351,000 gallons, and
 - c. \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons over 351,000 gallons.
 - (4) 14 to 24 EDUs - \$1,557.22
 - a. \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons, and
 - b. \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons up to 648,000 gallons, and
 - c. \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons over 648,000 gallons.
 - (5) 25 to 39 EDUs - \$2,070.81
 - a. \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons, and
 - b. \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons up to 1,053,000 gallons, and
 - c. \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons over 1,053,000 gallons.
 - (6) 40 or more EDUs - \$3,113.17
 - a. \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons, and
 - b. \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons up to 1,250,000 gallons, and
 - c. \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons over 1,250,000 gallons.
 - b. Commercial water only service shall be billed at 25% of the above rates as established in 3a and 3b.
3. Unimproved Lots - Quarterly Accessibility charge \$307.00 per EDU (Not yet connected).
4. Lewis Road domestic water minimum set at \$50.00 per quarter.

E. LIGHTHOUSE SOUND

1. The budget attached hereto and appropriately labeled is hereby adopted; and
2. Quarterly user rates are hereby established as follows:
 - a. Improved Lots - Quarterly sewer service only charge \$242.00 per EDU.
 - b. Unimproved Lots - Quarterly accessibility charge \$114.00 per EDU (Not yet connected).

F. MYSTIC HARBOUR

1. The budget attached hereto and appropriately labeled is hereby adopted; and
2. Quarterly Domestic user rates are hereby established as follows:
 - a. Domestic minimum water & sewer \$243.00
 - b. Additional domestic water and sewer charges based on usage as follows:
 - (1) \$1.60 per 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons, and
 - (2) \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons up to 25,000 gallons, and
 - (3) \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons over 25,000 gallons up to 35,000 gallons, and
 - (4) \$9.00 per 1,000 gallons over 35,000 gallons up to 45,000 gallons, and
 - (5) \$15.00 per 1,000 gallons over 45,000 gallons.
 - c. Domestic water only service (metered) shall be billed at 25% of the above rates as established in 2a and 2b.
 - d. Flat rate domestic sewer only service \$212.66
3. Quarterly Commercial user rates are hereby established as follows:
 - a. Commercial water & sewer base and usage rates as follows:
 - (1) 1 EDU - \$282.16
 - a. \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons, and
 - b. \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons up to 27,000 gallons, and
 - c. \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons over 27,000 gallons.
 - (2) 2 EDUs - \$391.55
 - a. \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons, and
 - b. \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons up to 54,000 gallons, and
 - c. \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons over 54,000 gallons.
 - (3) 3 to 13 EDUs - \$783.09
 - a. \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons, and
 - b. \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons up to 351,000 gallons, and
 - c. \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons over 351,000 gallons.
 - (4) 14 to 24 EDUs - \$1,174.64
 - a. \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons, and
 - b. \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons up to 648,000 gallons, and
 - c. \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons over 648,000 gallons.
 - (5) 25 to 39 EDUs - \$1,566.18
 - a. \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons, and
 - b. \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons up to 1,053,000 gallons, and
 - c. \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons over 1,053,000 gallons.
 - (6) 40 or more EDUs - \$2,349.27
 - a. \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons, and
 - b. \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons up to 1,250,000 gallons, and
 - c. \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons over 1,250,000 gallons.
 - b. Commercial water only service shall be billed at 25% of the above rates as established in 3a and 3b.
4. Bulk water (metered) \$20.00 per thousand gallons
5. Sunset Village – The Sunset Village Home Owner’s Association shall pay \$60.75 per EDU quarterly for water service.
6. Oyster Harbor – Domestic Water Only \$60.75
 - (1) \$0.40 per 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons, and
 - (2) \$0.88 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons up to 25,000 gallons, and
 - (3) \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons over 25,000 gallons up to 35,000 gallons, and
 - (4) \$2.25 per 1,000 gallons over 35,000 gallons up to 45,000 gallons, and
 - (5) \$3.75 per 1,000 gallons over 45,000
7. Mystic Harbour sewer assessment for debt service is hereby established at \$66.00 per EDU quarterly.

G. NEWARK

1. The budget attached hereto and appropriately labeled is hereby adopted; and
2. Quarterly user rates are hereby established as follows:
 - a. Domestic minimum water \$120.00
 - b. Domestic minimum sewer \$120.00
 - c. Domestic water \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons over 3,000 gallons based on usage
 - d. Domestic sewer \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons over 3,000 gallons based on usage
 - e. Commercial minimum water \$150.50
 - f. Commercial minimum sewer \$150.50
 - g. Commercial water \$7.00 per 1,000 gallons over 3,000 gallons based on usage
 - h. Commercial sewer \$7.00 per 1,000 gallons over 3,000 gallons based on usage
3. Assessments are hereby established at \$27.00 per EDU quarterly.
4. Classifications are established as follows:

Properties are classified as subdivisions and businesses or industrial (commercial) based upon existing use. Residential properties are classified as subdivisions and all others are classified as business or industrial. Determinations as to equivalent dwelling unit assignments are made in accordance with Section 5-310 of the Public Works Article of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland.
5. Newark sewer assessment for debt service is hereby established at \$55.00 per EDU quarterly.

H. OCEAN PINES

1. The budget attached hereto and appropriately labeled is hereby adopted.
2. Quarterly user rates are hereby set as follows:
 - a. Domestic minimum water and sewer \$207.00
 - b. Additional domestic water and sewer charge based on usage as follows:
 - (1) \$1.60 per 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons, and
 - (2) \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons up to 25,000 gallons, and
 - (3) \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons over 25,000 gallons up to 35,000 gallons, and
 - (4) \$9.00 per 1,000 gallons over 35,000 gallons up to 45,000 gallons, and
 - (5) \$15.00 per 1,000 gallons over 45,000 gallons.
 - c. Commercial water & sewer base and usage rates as follows:
 - (1) 1 EDU - \$267.76
 - a. \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons, and
 - b. \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons up to 27,000 gallons, and
 - c. \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons over 27,000 gallons.
 - (2) 2 EDUs - \$371.33
 - a. \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons, and
 - b. \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons up to 54,000 gallons, and
 - c. \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons over 54,000 gallons.
 - (3) 3 to 13 EDUs - \$743.13
 - a. \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons, and
 - b. \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons up to 351,000 gallons, and
 - c. \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons over 351,000 gallons.
 - (4) 14 to 24 EDUs - \$1,114.69
 - a. \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons, and
 - b. \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons up to 648,000 gallons, and
 - c. \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons over 648,000 gallons.
 - (5) 25 to 39 EDUs - \$1,486.26
 - a. \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons, and
 - b. \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons up to 1,053,000 gallons, and

- c. \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons over 1,053,000 gallons.
- (6) 40 or more EDUs - \$2,229.34
 - a. \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons, and
 - b. \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons up to 1,250,000 gallons, and
 - c. \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons over 1,250,000 gallons.
- 3. Flat rate domestic sewer only service \$186.75.
- 4. Standard assessments for debt service are hereby established at \$36.00 per EDU quarterly.
- 5. Adjusted standard assessments are as follows:
 - a. Open Space Park water - 50% of standard
 - b. Open Space Park no water - 10% of standard
 - c. Applicable parcels as described in Section E(2) and E(3) of 589 Agreement - 25% of Standard.
- 6. Classifications are established as follows:
 Properties are classified as subdivision and business or industrial based upon existing land use or committed or approved zoning or land use. Residential properties are classified as subdivisions and all others are classified as business or industrial. Open space parks and utility lots with water service are designated as Open Space Park - Water. Open space parks and utility lots without water service are designated as Open Space Park - No Water. Determinations as to equivalent dwelling unit assignments are made in accordance with Section 5-310 of the Public Works Article of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland.
- 7. White Horse Park lots shall pay a quarterly water and sewer flat rate of \$160.00 per lot.
- 8. New Ocean Pines Customers who have already paid the required equity contribution do not pay the standard assessment for debt service (as referenced in item 4 above), but instead shall pay supplemental assessments for additional debt service hereby established at \$31.00 per EDU per quarter.

I. RIDDLE FARM

- 1. The budget attached hereto and appropriately labeled is hereby adopted; and
- 2. Quarterly Domestic user rates are hereby established as follows:
 - a. Domestic minimum water & sewer \$288.00.
 - b. Additional domestic water and sewer charges based on usage as follows:
 - (1) \$1.60 per 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons, and
 - (2) \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons up to 25,000 gallons, and
 - (3) \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons over 25,000 gallons up to 35,000 gallons, and
 - (4) \$9.00 per 1,000 gallons over 35,000 gallons up to 45,000 gallons, and
 - (5) \$15.00 per 1,000 gallons over 45,000 gallons.
- 3. Quarterly Commercial user rates are hereby established as follows:
 - a. Commercial water & sewer base and usage rates as follows:
 - (1) 1 EDU - \$326.61
 - a. \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons, and
 - b. \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons up to 27,000 gallons, and
 - c. \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons over 27,000 gallons.
 - (2) 2 EDUs - \$453.22
 - a. \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons, and
 - b. \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons up to 54,000 gallons, and
 - c. \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons over 54,000 gallons.
 - (3) 3 to 13 EDUs - \$906.44
 - a. \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons, and
 - b. \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons up to 351,000 gallons, and
 - c. \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons over 351,000 gallons.

- (4) 14 to 24 EDUs - \$1,359.67
 - a. \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons, and
 - b. \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons up to 648,000 gallons, and
 - c. \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons over 648,000 gallons.
- (5) 25 to 39 EDUs - \$1,812.89
 - a. \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons, and
 - b. \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons up to 1,053,000 gallons, and
 - c. \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons over 1,053,000 gallons.
- (6) 40 or more EDUs - \$2,719.33
 - a. \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons, and
 - b. \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons up to 1,250,000 gallons, and
 - c. \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons over 1,250,000 gallons.
- 4. Unimproved Lots - Quarterly Accessibility charge \$150.00 per EDU (Not yet connected).
- 5. Riddle Farm assessment for debt service is hereby established at \$9.00 per EDU quarterly.
- 6. Effluent disposal charge is hereby established at \$35.00 per EDU quarterly.

J. RIVER RUN

- 1. The budget attached hereto and appropriately labeled is hereby adopted.
- 2. River Run shall pay to Ocean Pines Service Area for water as provided by contract at the following rates:
 - a. Minimum quarterly water \$71.00
 - b. Additional water charges based on usage as follows:
 - (1) \$0.50 per 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons, and
 - (2) \$1.09 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons up to 25,000 gallons, and
 - (3) \$1.88 per 1,000 gallons over 25,000 gallons up to 35,000 gallons, and
 - (4) \$2.81 per 1,000 gallons over 35,000 gallons up to 45,000 gallons, and
 - (5) \$4.69 per 1,000 gallons over 45,000 gallons.
- 3. User rates are hereby set as follows:
 - a. Sewer at \$192.00 per quarter.

K. WEST OCEAN CITY

- 1. The budget attached hereto and appropriately labeled is hereby adopted.
- 2. Quarterly user rates for sewer are hereby adopted at \$10.50 per domestic fixture and \$14.25 per commercial fixture. Swimming pools are to be charged a quarterly flat rate of \$26.75. Car washes shall be charged a quarterly rate of \$2.50 per 1,000 gallons based upon 70% of water consumption.
- 3. An adjusted standard assessment of 25% of standard is hereby established for platted lots in the service area that do not have sewer lines accessible to the property.
- 4. Classifications are adopted as follows:
Properties are classified as subdivisions and business or industrial based upon existing land use or committed zoning. Residential properties are classified as subdivisions and all others are classified as business or industrial. Determinations as to equivalent dwelling unit assignments are made in accordance with Section 5-310 of the Public Works Article of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland.

L. LEACHATE

- 1. Leachate will be charged at \$0.02 per gallon

II. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland that special service fees based upon actual cost are hereby adopted for special services required on all properties in all service areas (see Attachment A).

III. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland that late fees and interest are hereby established as follows:

A. For those bills issued on a quarterly basis the following late fees and interest shall be levied:

1. Accounts that are delinquent over 30 days from the date of billing shall be assessed a \$5.00 penalty plus 3% interest per quarter.

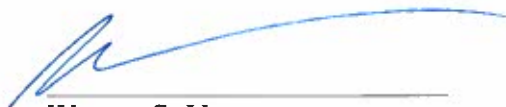
IV. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland that the Water and Wastewater Services departmental budget stamped as approved the 18th day of June, 2024 and on file with the Worcester County Treasurers' Office are incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

V. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall not prohibit the charging of contract charges as authorized by Section 5-310(g) of the Public Works Article of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland.

VI. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland that the Sanitary Service Area budgets, assessments and charges and the classifications established herein are adopted this 18th day of June, 2024.

Attest:

Worcester County Commissioners



Weston S. Young
Chief Administrative Officer




Anthony W. Bertino, Jr.
President



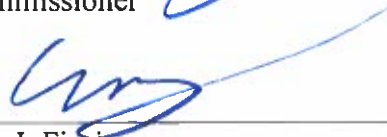
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