

RESOLUTION NO. 26-14

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING SANITARY SERVICE AREA
BUDGETS, ASSESSMENTS AND CHARGES AND ESTABLISHING
CLASSIFICATIONS FOR JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027**

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, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

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. Quarterly Flat user rates are established at \$190.30 per park trailer, which includes water and sewer service.
3. Quarterly Flat user rates are established at \$324.38 per equivalent dwelling unit (hereinafter referred to as EDU) for sewer service only.
4. Quarterly Commercial flat rate charge \$142.73 per EDU for sewer service only.
5. Unimproved Lots - Quarterly Accessibility charge \$204.00 per EDU (Not yet connected).

B. BRIDDLTOWN

1. The budget attached hereto and appropriately labeled is hereby adopted; and
2. Quarterly Flat Domestic user rates are hereby established at \$94.50 per EDU which includes water service only.
3. Quarterly Minimum Commercial user rates are hereby established at \$54.50 per EDU which includes water service only
 - a. Additional commercial water charges based on usage as follows:
 - (1) \$11.00 per 1,000 gallons
4. Flat Swimming pool charge - \$100.00 quarterly.
5. Flat Irrigation system charge - \$100.00 quarterly.
6. Unimproved Lots - Quarterly Accessibility charge \$46.33 per EDU (Not yet connected).

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 \$241.50
 - b. Additional water charges based on usage as follows per EDU:
 - (1) \$8.00 per 1,000 gallons up to 22,500 gallons, and
 - (2) \$15.00 per 1,000 gallons over 22,500
 - c. Flat Domestic water only (not metered) \$228.75
 - d. Flat Domestic sewer only (not metered) \$192.75
3. Unimproved Lots - Quarterly Accessibility charge \$124.95 per EDU (Not yet connected).

D. THE LANDINGS

1. The budget attached hereto and appropriately labeled is hereby adopted; and
2. Quarterly Domestic and Commercial user rates are hereby established as follows:
 - a. Minimum water & sewer \$378.00 per EDU
 - b. Additional water and sewer charges based on usage as follows per EDU:
 - (1) \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons up to 22,500 gallons, and
 - (2) \$15.00 per 1,000 gallons over 22,500 gallons
3. Unimproved Lots - Quarterly Accessibility charge \$321.30 per EDU (Not yet connected).
4. Lewis Road domestic water-only minimum set at \$94.50 per quarter.
5. Lewis Road sewer assessment for debt service is hereby established at \$105 per EDU quarterly.

E. LIGHTHOUSE SOUND

1. The budget attached hereto and appropriately labeled is hereby adopted; and
2. Quarterly Flat Domestic and Commercial user rates are hereby established as follows:
 - a. Improved Lots - Quarterly sewer service only charge \$285.98 per EDU.
 - b. Unimproved Lots - Quarterly accessibility charge \$171.36 per EDU (Not yet connected).

F. MYSTIC HARBOUR

1. The budget attached hereto and appropriately labeled is hereby adopted; and
2. Quarterly Domestic and Commercial user rates are hereby established as follows:
 - a. Minimum water & sewer \$315.00 per EDU
 - b. Additional water and sewer charges based on usage as follows per EDU:
 - (1) \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons up to 22,500 gallons, and
 - (2) \$15.00 per 1,000 gallons over 22,500 gallons
 - c. Flat rate domestic sewer only service \$320.63
3. Sunset Village – The Sunset Village Home Owner’s Association shall pay \$78.75 flat rate per EDU quarterly for water service.
4. Mystic Harbour sewer assessment for debt service is hereby established at \$66.00 per EDU quarterly.
5. Unimproved Lots - Quarterly accessibility charge \$267.75 per EDU (Not yet connected).

G. NEWARK

1. The budget attached hereto and appropriately labeled is hereby adopted; and
2. Quarterly Domestic and Commercial user rates are hereby established as follows:
 - a. Minimum water & sewer \$294.00 per EDU
 - b. Additional water and sewer charges based on usage as follows per EDU:
 - (1) \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons up to 22,500 gallons, and
 - (2) \$15.00 per 1,000 gallons over 22,500 gallons
3. Quarterly Flat Domestic sewer only \$304.88 per EDU
4. Newark water assessments are hereby established at \$27.00 per water EDU quarterly.
5. Newark sewer assessments are hereby established at \$55.00 per sewer EDU quarterly.
6. Unimproved Lots - Quarterly accessibility charge \$249.90 per EDU (Not yet connected).

H. OCEAN PINES

1. The budget attached hereto and appropriately labeled is hereby adopted; and
2. Quarterly Domestic and Commercial user rates are hereby set as follows:
 - a. Minimum water and sewer \$219.45 per EDU
 - b. Additional domestic water and sewer charge based on usage as follows per EDU:
 - (1) \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons up to 22,500 gallons, and
 - (2) \$15.00 per 1,000 gallons over 22,500 gallons
3. Quarterly Flat rate domestic sewer only service \$248.96 per EDU
4. Standard assessments for debt service are hereby established at \$18.00 per EDU quarterly.
5. 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 \$16.00 per EDU per quarter.
6. White Horse Park lots shall pay a quarterly water and sewer flat rate of \$168.00 per lot.
7. Unimproved Lots - Quarterly accessibility charge \$186.53 per EDU (Not yet connected).

I. RIDDLE FARM

1. The budget attached hereto and appropriately labeled is hereby adopted; and
2. Quarterly Domestic and Commercial user rates are hereby established as follows:
 - a. Minimum water & sewer \$367.50 per EDU
 - b. Additional domestic water and sewer charges based on usage as follows per EDU:
 - (1) \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons up to 22,500 gallons, and
 - (2) \$15 per 1,000 gallons over 22,500 gallons
4. Unimproved Lots - Quarterly Accessibility charge \$312.38 per EDU (Not yet connected).
5. Riddle Farm assessment for debt service is hereby established at \$9.00 per EDU quarterly.

J. RIVER RUN

1. The budget attached hereto and appropriately labeled is hereby adopted; and
2. River Run shall pay to Ocean Pines Service Area for water as provided by contract at the following rates:
 - a. Minimum quarterly water \$76.81 per EDU
 - b. Additional water charges based on usage as follows per EDU:
 - (1) \$1.25 per 1,000 gallons up to 22,500 gallons, and
 - (2) \$3.75 per 1,000 gallons over 22,500 gallons
3. User rates are hereby set as follows:
 - a. Flat sewer at \$262.88 per quarter per EDU.
4. Unimproved Lots - Quarterly Accessibility charge \$217.01 per EDU (Not yet connected).

K. WEST OCEAN CITY

1. The budget attached hereto and appropriately labeled is hereby adopted; and
2. Quarterly Domestic and Commercial user rates for sewer are hereby established as follows:
 - a. Flat sewer \$139.38 per EDU
3. Unimproved Lots - Quarterly Accessibility charge \$46.75 per EDU (Not yet connected).

L. LEACHATE

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

M. COST OF SERVICE ALLOCATION

1. The cost of services shall be allocated 25% water and 75% sewer

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 2nd day of June, 2026 and on file with the Worcester County Treasurers' Office are incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

V. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that classifications are adopted as follows:

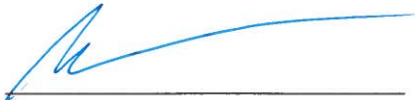
- A. Properties are classified as subdivisions and business or industrial based upon existing land use or committed zoning. Residential properties are classified as subdivisions and all others are classified as business or industrial. Determinations as to equivalent dwelling unit assignments are made in accordance with Section 5-310 of the Public Works Article of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland.
- B. Commercial and residential EDU allocations are to be allocated at 250 gallons per day (gpd). Existing commercial properties that were previously allocated above 250 gpd will be re-allocated their capacity in EDUs by rounding to the nearest whole EDU number.

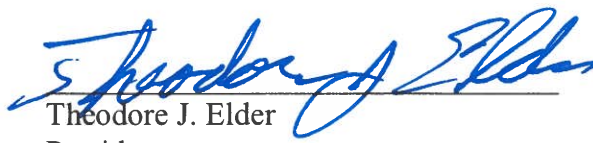
VI. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall not prohibit the charging of contract charges as authorized by Section 5-310(g) of the Public Works Article of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland.

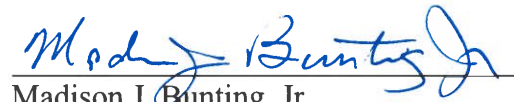
VII. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland that the Sanitary Service Area budgets, assessments and charges and the classifications established herein are adopted this 2nd day of June, 2026.

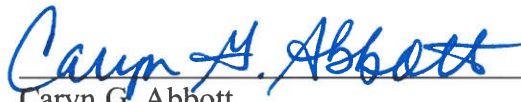
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