

Amendment No. 3 to Council Bill No. 33-2026

**BY: Chairperson at the request
of the County Executive**

**Legislative Day No. 7
Date: May 20, 2026**

Amendment No. 3

(This is an amendment to the Operating Budget that includes:

- 1. A technical amendment moving appropriation in the amount of \$43,432 in overtime and shift differential from Water and Sewer Operating Fund to Shared Septic Fund.*
- 2. An update to the Fund statement to reflect item number 1 and to reflect that the prefiled fee increase to water and sewer fees was 10%, rather than originally proposed 12.3%.)*

1 In the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Howard County, Fiscal Year 2027,
2 attached to this Act, amend pages 190, 191 and 243 as indicated on the attached Exhibit A to this
3 Amendment.

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5 Correct all subtotals, totals, and other calculated figures within this Act to accommodate this
6 Amendment including adding any applicable Fund Statements to the Act.

Proprietary Funds

Water and Sewer Operating Fund

Description

This fund covers the operation of the County water and sewer systems. Water and sewer operations are further detailed in the Department of Public Works operating budget under the Bureau of Utilities. The money to fund the water and sewer services comes primarily from user charges. This fund is self-sustaining and does not depend upon general tax dollars.

Revenues	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Estimated	FY 2027 Budget
Sewer Use Charges	38,417,249	42,900,000	48,069,186 <u>47,219,402</u>
Water Use Charges	30,111,641	34,100,000	38,123,529 <u>37,618,093</u>
Industrial Waste Surcharge	2,856,379	2,751,921	2,500,000
Fire Protection Charge	1,645,125	1,617,777	1,819,194 <u>1,617,777</u>
Water and Sewer Penalty	1,012,923	999,391	1,000,000
Other	704,833	622,131	950,000
Water Reclamation	0	900,000	900,000
Special Charges	1,788,277	864,826	800,000
Water and Project Pro-Rata	120,000	120,000	480,000
Water & Sewer Connections	192,112	135,026	245,000
Appropriation From Fund Balance	0	0	2,754,679 <u>4,267,884</u>
Total Revenues	76,848,539	85,011,072	97,641,588 <u>97,598,156</u>

Expenses	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Estimated	FY 2027 Budget
Personnel Costs	19,781,757	22,283,189	22,460,679 <u>22,417,247</u>
Contractual Services	17,666,828	21,568,417	26,307,919
Supplies and Materials	24,897,053	37,471,288	39,247,920
Capital Outlay	0	723,677	60,000
Debt Service	0	495,707	720,277
Expense Other	11,275,747	8,666,868	8,844,793
Total Expenses	73,621,385	91,209,146	97,641,588 <u>97,598,156</u>

Net Position	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Estimated	FY 2027 Budget
Beginning Position	10,714,965	13,942,119	7,744,045
Net Change Current Year	3,227,154	(6,198,074)	0
Appropriation from Fund Balance	0	0	(2,754,679) <u>(4,267,884)</u>
Net Position Ending - Unrestricted	13,942,119	7,744,045	4,989,366 <u>3,476,161</u>