

Amendment No. 9 to Council Bill No. 36-2025

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

**Legislative Day No. 8
Date: May 21, 2025**

Amendment No. 9

(This is an Operating Budget amendment to the Water and Sewer Operating Fund to account for the reduced increase in certain water and sewer fees that are set forth in Council Resolution No. 94-2025 and adjusts appropriation from fund balance.)

1 In the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Howard County, Fiscal Year 2026,
2 attached to this Act, amend the Fund Statement on page 239, as indicated on the attached Exhibit
3 A to this 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.

	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimated	FY 2026 Budget
Revenues			
Sewer Use Charges	35,271,699	39,000,000	44,850,000 <u>42,900,000</u>
Water Use Charges	27,911,912	31,000,000	35,650,000 <u>34,100,000</u>
Industrial Waste Surcharge	2,165,904	2,165,904	2,500,000
Fire Protection Charge	1,629,994	1,629,994	1,670,000
Water and Sewer Penalty	1,020,631	1,020,631	1,000,000
Water Reclamation	1,452,429	1,452,429	1,000,000
Other	1,439,128	1,185,095	950,000
Special Charges	2,585,719	2,585,719	800,000
Water & Sewer Connections	200,592	200,592	245,000
Water and Project Pro-Rata	134,000	134,000	120,000
Appropriation From Fund Balance	0	0	2,393,662 <u>5,893,662</u>
Total Revenues	73,812,008	80,374,364	91,178,662
Expenses			
Personnel Costs	17,378,183	19,780,468	21,556,152
Contractual Services	17,472,216	19,435,949	21,506,650
Supplies and Materials	34,883,157	38,455,418 <u>29,455,418</u>	38,913,285
Capital Outlay	774,278	118,000	40,000
Debt Service	37,089	233,507	495,707
Expense Other	7,866,545	9,104,349	8,666,868
Total Expenses	78,411,468	87,127,691 <u>78,127,691</u>	91,178,662
Net Position			
Beginning Position	16,384,991	11,785,531	5,032,204 <u>14,032,204</u>
Net Change Current Year	(4,599,460)	(6,753,327) <u>2,246,673</u>	0
Appropriation from Fund Balance	0	0	(2,393,662) <u>(5,893,662)</u>
Net Position Ending - Unrestricted	11,785,531	5,032,204 <u>14,032,204</u>	2,638,542 <u>8,138,542</u>