

RESOLUTION NO.: 2026-2421
Adopted: February 18, 2026
Effective Date: April 1, 2026

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION

Subject: A RESOLUTION establishing a regulation authorizing a Fifty Dollar water bill credit to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Lead and Copper Rule water sampling participants (“Lead and Copper Rule Water Sampling Credit”).

WHEREAS, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (“Commission” or “WSSC”) is authorized and empowered to adopt regulations to protect the public health pursuant to § 17-403 of the Public Utilities Article (“PUA”), Annotated Code of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, with the adoption in 2024 of Chapter 11.175 of the WSSC Code of Regulations titled “Replacement of Lead Lines,” the Commission specifically recognized that there is no safe level of lead exposure in children or adults; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) established the Lead and Copper Rule for the purpose of controlling lead and copper in drinking water; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Lead and Copper Rule all water systems are required to sample for lead and copper at taps used to provide water for human consumption in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations, 40 CFR §141.80 and 40 CFR §141.86; and

WHEREAS, in order to meet the EPA requirements, WSSC must conduct water samples in a minimum of fifty (50) customer homes; and

WHEREAS, customer participation is voluntary and 40 CFR §141.86 sets forth parameters for selecting the homes where sampling can be conducted; and

WHEREAS, sampling is required to take place between June 1, 2026, and September 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, failure to collect samples within this period will result in a monitoring violation under 40 CFR §141.86; and

WHEREAS, when WSSC collected water samples in 2020, pursuant to EPA requirements, it had difficulty obtaining participants within the EPA’s established parameters and found success by offering a Ten Dollar (\$10) water bill credit; and

WHEREAS, when WSSC conducted water samples in 2023, also pursuant to EPA requirements, it increased the water bill credit to Twenty Dollars (\$20), but had difficulty successfully obtaining the minimum number of 50 participants; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to authorize a Fifty Dollar (\$50) one-time bill credit as an incentive to a minimum of 50, and a maximum of 100, water sampling participants during the year of 2026; and

WHEREAS, the \$50 one-time bill credit will only be offered to those customers who meet the parameters for testing as defined by the EPA; and

WHEREAS, the \$50 credit shall be applied to the customer's bill for the billing period following the first sample collected from the customer's home; and

WHEREAS, calendar year 2026, will be the final monitoring period for water sampling under the Lead and Copper Rule with the next monitoring period to occur in 2028 under the EPA's Lead and Copper Rule Improvements; and

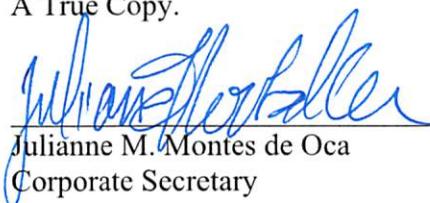
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 18th day of February 2026, that the Commission hereby authorizes and establishes a Lead and Copper Rule Water sampling credit regulation as set forth herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead and Copper Rule Water Sampling Credit regulation shall be effective on April 1, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of this resolution and the actions taken hereunder shall be published in at least one newspaper published in each county of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District for thirty days prior to the effective date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead and Copper Rule Sampling Program credit regulation established herein shall be effective April 1, 2026, and with no further action required of the Commissioners, shall be null and void on December 31, 2026.

A True Copy.



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Corporate Secretary