

County being Article 16 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland (1972 Edition and 1974 Supplement, as amended), being also Section 83-58 of the Public Local Laws of Prince George's County being Article 17 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland (1963 Edition and 1967 Supplement, as amended) be and they are hereby added to read as follows:

The Code of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District

1-4. (86-1-4 AND 83-58) CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGETS.

(A) PREPARATION OF BUDGETS. THE COMMISSION PRIOR TO JANUARY 15 OF EACH YEAR, SHALL CAUSE TO BE PREPARED CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGETS FOR THE SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEAR, AND THE BUDGETS SHALL BE OPEN FOR INSPECTION BY THE PUBLIC AND COPIES SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST. THE COMMISSION SHALL HOLD, PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 15 OF EACH YEAR, A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGETS AFTER GIVING AT LEAST 21 DAYS' NOTICE OF THE HEARING BY PUBLICATION IN AT LEAST ONE NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED AND GENERALLY CIRCULATED IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY AND TWO NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED AND GENERALLY CIRCULATED IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.

(B) SUBMISSION OF BUDGETS; CONTENT. THE COMMISSION SHALL PREPARE AND SUBMIT, ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1 OF EACH YEAR, TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVES OF MONTGOMERY AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTIES, THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGETS FOR THE COMMISSION, FOR THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR TOGETHER WITH THE RECORD OF ANY PUBLIC HEARING WHICH WAS HELD ON THEM. THE COMMISSION SHALL IDENTIFY THE SOURCES OF REVENUE ALLOCABLE TO THE VARIOUS PROPOSED EXPENDITURES. THE COMMISSION SHALL PROPOSE A COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR THE WATER CONSUMPTION AND SEWER USAGE CHARGES, AND AD VALOREM TAX LEVIES IT DEEMS NECESSARY TO FINANCE THE BUDGETS. IT SHALL ALSO CERTIFY THE AMOUNTS NECESSARY TO BE RAISED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR FOR THE PAYMENT OF INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL ON ALL OUTSTANDING BONDS AND NOTES OF THE COMMISSION. BETWEEN MARCH 1 AND APRIL 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE COMMISSION MAY SUBMIT TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVES OF MONTGOMERY AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTIES AMENDATORY ITEMS TO THE PROPOSED BUDGETS, TOGETHER WITH A DECLARATION OF NEED IDENTIFYING THE SOURCES OF REVENUE ALLOCABLE TO THE PROPOSED AMENDATORY ITEMS.

(C) THE ROLE OF COUNTY EXECUTIVES. EACH COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL TRANSMIT THE PROPOSED BUDGETS TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF HIS COUNTY, TOGETHER WITH RECOMMENDATIONS THEREON, NOT LATER THAN MARCH 15 OF EACH YEAR. HE SHALL ALSO TRANSMIT THE RECORD OF ANY PUBLIC HEARING HELD BY THE COMMISSION. IN THE CASE OF ANY AMENDATORY ITEMS TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET SUBMITTED TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVES BY THE COMMISSION, AS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVES SHALL TRANSMIT THEM WITH THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTY COUNCILS WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER THEY