



December 4, 2024

Honorable Board of County Commissioners  
 Hamilton County, Ohio  
 % Mr. Jeff Aluotto  
 Hamilton County Administrator  
 Todd B. Portune Center for County Government  
 138 E. Court Street, Room 603  
 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Honorable Commissioners:

Enclosed for your consideration is legislation by the City of Cincinnati, through its Department of Sewers (the "City"), as the sole management agency for the operation and maintenance of the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati ("MSD"), to authorize the adoption of a revised 2025 MSD Operating Budget.

This revised legislation incorporates the input provided by the Board at the November 14 and 19 public hearings by reducing the Sewer Backup (SBU) Program Non-Personnel budget by \$3M in order to align more closely with recent spending trends. The revised request for SBU Non-Personnel is \$8,213,263 while the Divisional Personnel, Divisional Non-Personnel, and Other Non-Personnel expenses remains at \$146,694,834 and Debt Service / Interim Financing obligations at \$86,000,000. The revised total 2025 MSD Operating Budget is reduced accordingly to \$240,908,097.

Recommended:

Approved:

Diana R. Christy  
 Director, MSD

Sheryl M. M. Long  
 City Manager

Provided to Hamilton County on 12/6/24  
 and recommended by County Administration.

Reviewed by Karen A. Bell

On motion of Ms. Dehaes, seconded by Ms. Summerow the following resolution was adopted... Dumas

## MSD RESOLUTION

## APPROVING AND ADOPTING A 2025 OPERATING BUDGET

THE METROPOLITAN SEWER DISTRICT OF GREATER CINCINNATI  
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

WHEREAS, the Director of the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati ("MSD") did submit to the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio (the "Board") an MSD operating budget for calendar year 2025; and

WHEREAS, this Board, after public notice, did conduct public hearings on November 14 and 19, 2024; and

WHEREAS, at said public hearings, the Commissioners each individually requested a \$3,000,000 reduction to the Sewer Backup Program Non-Personnel request contained in said MSD operating budget, based on previous spending trends; and

WHEREAS, this Board did, on November 19, 2024, conclude said public hearings; and

WHEREAS, MSD did revise its 2025 operating budget, attached hereto as Exhibit 1, to incorporate the aforementioned recommendation; and

WHEREAS, this 2025 MSD operating budget request (1) is organized by funding for MSD personnel and non-personnel divisional expenses for eight MSD Divisions (Office of the Director, Wastewater Engineering, Wastewater Administration, Information Technology, Wastewater Collection, Wastewater Treatment, and Compliance Services, as well as for the Sewer Backup (SBU) Program); (2) includes funding for other non-personnel program expenses for Early Retirement Incentive Program (ERIP); General Fund Overhead (GFOH); Fleet; Office, Technology and Equipment Allowance (OTEA); and (3) includes funding for non-personnel expenses for SBU, Debt Payment, and Interim Financing; and

WHEREAS, estimated operating revenues for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 and unappropriated funds available for use by MSD are deemed to be sufficient to meet the requirements of the aforesaid operating budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio, that the aforesaid MSD operating budget for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, as set forth in Exhibit 1, attached hereto and incorporated by reference, be and is hereby adopted and appropriated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Board be and hereby is directed to certify copies of this resolution to Jeff Aluotto, Hamilton County Administrator; Sheryl M. M. Long, Cincinnati City Manager; and Diana R. Christy, Director of the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

ADOPTED at a regularly adjourned meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

Ms. Reece No

Ms. Driehaus Yes

Ms. Summerow Dumas Yes

## Exhibit 1

**MSD 2025 Operating Budget**

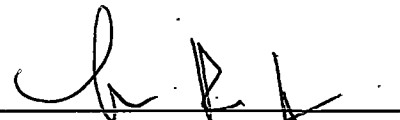
<b>Personnel</b>		<b>\$66,624,433.00</b>
	Office of the Director	\$1,789,737.00
	Wastewater Engineering	\$4,049,612.00
	Wastewater Administration	\$5,649,750.00
	Information Technology	\$4,139,590.00
	Wastewater Treatment	\$27,580,772.00
	Wastewater Collection	\$16,029,506.00
	Compliance Services	\$6,771,710.00
	Sewer Backup Program*	\$613,756.00
<b>Non-Personnel</b>		<b>\$73,245,401.00</b>
	Office of the Director	\$788,605.00
	Wastewater Engineering	\$5,737,009.00
	Wastewater Administration	\$7,839,896.00
	Information Technology	\$4,894,726.00
	Wastewater Treatment	\$38,168,883.00
	Wastewater Collection	\$11,137,022.00
	Compliance Services	\$4,679,260.00
<b>Other Non-Personnel</b>		<b>\$6,825,000.00</b>
	ERIP	\$564,000.00
	GFOH	\$3,200,000.00
	FLEET	\$1,861,000.00
	OTEA	\$1,200,000.00
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>\$146,694,834.00</b>
	SBU Non-Personnel	\$8,213,263.00
	Debt Payment	\$85,200,000.00
	Interim Financing Services	\$800,000.00
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$240,908,097.00</b>

\* Although the Sewer Backup (SBU) Program is not an MSD division, its personnel and non-personnel budgets are treated as such for purposes of clarity and transparency.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in session this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Official Seal of the Office of the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.



Leslie R. Hervey, Clerk  
Board of County Commissioners  
Hamilton County, Ohio