



Onondaga County Legislature

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE AGENDA

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10:45 a.m.
September 22, 2026

401 Montgomery St., Courthouse Room 407
Syracuse, New York 13202

- A. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- B. Presentation of Resolutions and Local Laws:
 - 1. **WATER ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION:** Odean D. Dyer, Commissioner
 - a. Transfer Resolution
 - b. A Resolution Adopting an Amended Schedule of Sewer Rents for the Onondaga County Sanitary District
 - c. Approving and Authorizing the Industrial Wastewater Surcharge Billing Rates and Amending Resolution No. 136-2025
 - 2. **COUNTY LEGISLATURE:**
 - a. DISCUSSION: Budget Discussion & Follow-Up Items
- C. Adjournment

October 6, 2026

Motion Made By Mr. Eriksen

RESOLUTION NO. _____

2026 TRANSFER RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the following transfer be made:

FROM:

Admin Unit 3300000000
Water Environment Protection
Speed Type 484040
Acct. 666500
Contingent Account

TO:

Admin Unit 3300000000
Water Environment Protection
Speed Type 484040
Acct. 694100
All Other Expenses

AMOUNT:

\$1,281,490



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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Title: AMENDING THE 2026 COUNTY BUDGET TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO PAY FOR ADDITIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SLUDGE/BIOSOLID DISPOSAL

Purpose: WEP is seeking to transfer funds from the Contingent Account to the All Other Expenses Account for the supplementary costs associated sludge/biosolid disposal. Sludge/biosolid disposal costs have begun to decrease with the Metro WWTP sludge dryer operating as of March 2026.

Summary: The 2026 410 – All Other Expenses budget was developed with the assumption that the Metro Sludge Dryer would become functional during 2026. The 650 – Contingent Account was established to provide funding for any shortfalls associated with sludge/biosolid disposal during the year. The dryer is removing significant amounts of water from the waste biosolids, reducing the tonnage of material requiring disposal at a landfill. However, contract increases and delays in getting the sludge dryer fully functional have resulted in sludge/biosolids removal costs exceeding the 2026 All Other Expenses budget. To cover projected costs, a transfer of \$1,281,490 is being requested for the 410 – All Other Expenses account, with \$1,281,490 coming from 650 – Contingent Account.

Fiscal Impact: This will have no impact on the budget – net \$0.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN AMENDED SCHEDULE OF SEWER RENTS FOR THE
ONONDAGA COUNTY SANITARY DISTRICT

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 563-1978 and pursuant to the Onondaga County Administrative Code Section 11.79, this County Legislature established and imposed a schedule of sewer rents for the Onondaga County Sanitary District (“District”), and such schedule imposed sewer rents upon property owners within the District on the basis of a “unit”, using an estimate of 146,000 gallons per year for each such unit; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 118-2025, this County Legislature provided for a new schedule of sewer rents, redefining a unit using an estimate of 85,000 gallons per year for each such unit; and

WHEREAS, by adopting this resolution, such unit will be redefined using an estimate of 70,000 gallons per year for each such unit, and the schedule of proposed sewer rents provided herein will become effective on and after January 1, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the proposed schedule was filed with the Clerk of the County Legislature and with the clerks of the various towns, villages and the City of Syracuse, all within or partly within the District wherein such proposed sewer rents will be effective; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Onondaga County Administrative Code, the Commissioner of Water Environment Protection held a hearing on August 27, 2026, to consider the modification of sewer rents and has prepared and submitted a Report dated August 27, 2026, as approved by the County Executive and filed with the Clerk of the Onondaga County Legislature, recommending modification to the existing schedule of sewer rents; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by this Onondaga County Legislature on October 1, 2026; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this Onondaga County Legislature hereby modifies sewer rents for the District to be allocated on the basis of “units” as defined in the following schedule, where one unit is based on the estimate of 70,000 gallons to be used per year for each such unit:

- a. Single family structure, mobile home, townhouse, condominium – one unit each.
- b. All other multi-family residential structures – three-fourths unit per family.
- c. Mixed use properties having both residential and commercial use – three-fourths unit per family plus 1 unit assigned for the total commercial space, or, alternatively, in the event that the actual water usage exceeds the calculation of gallons per unit within this subsection (c) for the residential and commercial portions of the property, the number of units to be assigned to such property shall be based on water bills, as follows:
 1. Up to 70,000 gallons per year – one unit;
 2. One unit and fraction thereof for each 70,000 gallons per year.

- d. Commercial, industrial and institutional properties – units to be assigned based on water bills, or, where property is metered, or sufficient verification exists of wastewater discharged, as follows:
 1. Up to 70,000 gallons per year – one unit;
 2. One unit and fraction thereof for each 70,000 gallons per year;

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this Legislature does hereby establish and impose the above schedule of sewer rents to be effective January 1, 2027, and said sewer rents shall be levied, collected and enforced from the several lots and parcels of land within the District served by the sewer system for use of the same, in the same manner and at the same time as other County charges, and shall constitute a lien pursuant to law upon the real properties served by the sewer system; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Onondaga County Legislature hereby is directed to record a certified copy of this Resolution in the Office of the County Clerk of Onondaga County and thereafter to publish this Resolution in the official newspaper of the County at least once, where publication shall be at least thirty (30) days before the effective date hereof.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER SURCHARGE BILLING
RATES AND AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 136-2025

WHEREAS, Onondaga County owns and operates the consolidated sanitary district, providing sanitation services to residences, industries, and other businesses connected to the sewer infrastructure within such district; and

WHEREAS, some industrial users discharge high strength wastewater into the sewer that requires more intense treatment, and, to pay for additional costs incurred in treating the wastewater, a surcharge is imposed upon such industrial users; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Onondaga County Administrative Code and Resolution No. 153-2013, the Commissioner of Water Environment Protection requests the approval of the surcharge parameter billing rates identified herein, commencing calendar year 2027; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Onondaga County Legislature hereby approves the following Industrial Wastewater Surcharge rates, where the Commissioner of Water Environment Protection has determined that the amount of such surcharge imposed on each industrial user should be based on actual usage and calculated using the following parameters, assessed on a per pound basis:

BOD: \$0.3698
TSS: \$0.2514
TP: \$9.7096
TKN: \$2.0598

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 135-2025 hereby is amended to strike and substitute the foregoing rates, and in all other respects said resolution shall remain in full force and effect.