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INTRODUCED BY: Executive Director (Signature on File in the Office of the Commission)

REFERRED BY COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON TO: Policy, Finance, and Personnel Committee

RELATING TO: Levying of Taxes for the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District
Capital Purposes for the 2026 Fiscal Year

SUMMARY:

The Commission is requested to adopt the tax levy to be used to fund the 2026 Capital Budget, pursuant to Sec. 200.55(6), Stats.

The proposed tax levy of \$119,244,926 will fund District general obligation debt service payments for District-issued bonds and Clean Water Fund Program loans in 2026. The proposed tax levy is consistent with the Executive Director's proposed 2026 Capital Budget, resulting in a tax rate of \$1.24 per \$1,000 of equalized property value, an increase of three percent over the prior year's tax levy.

A two-thirds majority vote of all Commissioners is required to adopt the levy.

ATTACHMENTS: **BACKGROUND** ☐ **KEY ISSUES** ☐ **RESOLUTION** ☒
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RESOLUTION

Levying of Taxes for the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District Capital Purposes for the 2026 Fiscal Year

RESOLVED, by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage Commission, that, to finance the acquisition, extension, planning, design, construction, and adding to or improvement of land, waters, property, or facilities for sewerage purposes and to pay principal and interest on bonds and notes as provided in the 2026 fiscal year capital budget of the District, there is hereby levied upon all taxable property in the District (as equalized for State purposes), pursuant to Sec. 200.55(6), Stats., a non-repealable, direct annual tax in an amount totaling \$119,244,926, which sum is sufficient for the purposes listed below, and which shall be carried on to the tax roll of each city, town, or village wholly or partially within the boundaries of the District and collected in addition to all other taxes and in the same manner and at the same time, all as provided by law and which tax shall be in addition to all other State taxes:

- a. \$48,585,000 for debt service coming due in 2026 on outstanding general obligations of the District that were publicly offered (for which a non-repealable direct annual tax has previously been levied by the Commission) less amounts recorded in the debt service fund created for those general obligations; and
- b. \$63,084,000 for debt service coming due in 2026 on outstanding general obligations of the District that were sold to the State of Wisconsin Clean Water Fund Program (for which a non-repealable direct annual tax has previously been levied by the Commission) less amounts recorded in the debt service fund created for those general obligations; and
- c. \$2,520,000 for debt service coming due in 2026 on new anticipated general obligations of the District to be issued in 2026; and
- d. \$631,000 for debt service coming due in 2026 on new anticipated general obligations of the District to be sold to the State of Wisconsin Clean Water Fund Program; and
- e. \$565,000 for debt service coming due in 2026 on new anticipated general obligations of the District to be sold to Water Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Act loans (for which a non-repealable direct annual tax has previously been levied by the Commission).