

**RESOLUTION FOR
CITY OF WATERTOWN - WATER SYSTEMS**

AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF EXCESS WATER UTILITY FUNDS

**SPONSOR: ALDERPERSON ARNETT
FROM: PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the City of Watertown (the “Municipality“) owns and operates a municipal water utility pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 66.0801 to 66.0813; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 66.0811(2) provides that the income of a municipal public utility shall first be used to make payments to meet operation, maintenance, depreciation, interest and debt service requirements, local and school tax equivalents, additions and improvements, and other necessary disbursements or indebtedness; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 66.0811(2) further provides that income in excess of these requirements may be paid into the general fund; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 66.0811(3) authorizes the City to place excess funds into a special fund to be used for special municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, as of December 31, 2025, the Water Utility has excess funds in its unrestricted net position / fund balance in the approximate amount of \$1,255,000, above what is reasonably required for operation, maintenance, depreciation, interest and debt service requirements, local and school tax equivalents, additions and improvements, and other necessary disbursements or indebtedness; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council finds it is in the public interest to transfer \$1,255,000 of such excess funds to a special fund within the City’s General Fund, called the Private Lead Service Financial Assistance Project Fund, as permitted by Wis. Stat. § 66.0811(2) and (3); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Private Lead Service Financial Assistance Project Fund is to provide grants, reimbursements, and program administration related to private-side lead service line replacement within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Watertown Public Works Commission and Finance Committee considered the proposed transfer on March 10, 2026 and March 23, 2026 respectively, and both recommended the establishment of the Private Lead Service Financial Assistance Project Fund; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. §§ 65.90(5)(a) and 66.0607(7) require that budget amendments and transfers of appropriations be authorized by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the governing body;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN, WISCONSIN: The Common Council hereby authorizes the transfer of \$1,255,000 from the Water Utility Fund balance to the General Fund / Private Lead Service Financial Assistance Project Fund pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 66.0811 (2) and (3). The 2026 budget is hereby amended to reflect this transfer as shown in **Exhibit A**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The Finance Director is directed to make all necessary accounting entries to carry out this resolution. This resolution shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

	YES	NO
DAVIS		
LAMPE		
BERG		
BARTZ		
BLANKE		
SMITH		
ARNETT		
WETZEL		
MOLDENHAUER		
MAYOR STOCKS		
TOTAL		

ADOPTED April 6, 2026

CITY CLERK

APPROVED April 6, 2026

MAYOR

EXHIBIT A — Budget Amendment

Account #	Name	Curr Bdgt	+/-	Modified
Water Utility Fund				
03-99-30-40	Contribution to PLSFAP Fund [Move funds to City Fund]	-	1,255,000	1,255,000
Non-recurring Reserve Account				
24-48-12-44	PLSFAP Revenue [Accept Water Utility funds]	-	(1,255,000)	(1,255,000)
24-58-11-44	PLSFAP Expense [Private-side Project Expenses]	-	1,255,000	1,255,000