



# Detroit Water and Sewerage

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The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department hereby **approves amendments to the Lifeline Plan for Water Affordability**; and authorizes the Director to take all such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Agenda of May 15, 2024**

**Item No.: 2024-95**

**Amount: N/A**

**TO:** The Honorable  
Board of Water Commissioners  
City of Detroit, Michigan

**FROM:** Gary A Brown, Director  
Detroit Water and Sewerage Department

**RE:** **Approval of Amendments to Detroit Water and Sewerage Department's Lifeline Plan for Water Affordability**

### **MOTION**

Upon recommendation of Director, Gary A Brown, Chief Financial Officer, Istakur Rahman, and Chief of Staff and Chief Customer Service Officer, Matthew Phillips, the Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department hereby **approves amendments to the Lifeline Plan for Water Affordability**; and authorizes the Director to take all such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

### **BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION**

DWSD must update the Lifeline Policy to comply with funding rules made at the state level. Specifically, the **enrollment period** for the state funding source is **October 1st through September 30th**. Thus, pursuant to state rules, Wayne Metro will have to re-determine eligibility for all enrollees at the same time each year. This is a substantive change to the policy and merits Board approval.

### **BUDGET IMPACT**

This revision ensures DWSD has continued access to funding to support the Lifeline Plan.

### **COMMITTEE REVIEW**

This matter did not go before the Finance Committee. We deemed these revisions to be somewhat urgent to put customers on notice of the impending mandatory recertification in September.

I, Marian King-Bell, certify that this is a true copy of Policy No. 2024-95, passed by the Board of Water Commissioners on 5/15/2024.

**Attest:** Marian King-Bell

05/16/2024  
**Date Certified**