NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATIVE-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Co-Chair George Smiley, Seventh District
Co-Chair John Cartier, Eighth District

May 27, 2025
4:00 PM

VIRTUAL ZOOM WEBINAR MEETING* &
LOUIS L. REDDING CITY/COUNTY BUILDING
1ST FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 N. FRENCH STREET, WILMINGTON, DE 19801

REVISED AGENDA

A. Call To Order/Roll Call

B. Approval of Minutes - May 13, 2025

C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

R25-096: APPROVING REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR SENIOR NETWORK ENGINEER PURSUANT TO *NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE* SECTION 26.03.105(F)
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

R25-097: NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL REQUESTS THAT THE DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMEND THE DELAWARE CODE, TITLE 9 IN RELATION TO ELECTION OF THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Carter, Mr. Cartier, Ms. George, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Smiley

R25-099: CALLING FOR A STRONG PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL GOVERNANCE
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Tackett, Ms. Kilpatrick

D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 TO °25-048: (STATUS: TO BE TABLED)THE ANNUAL REVENUE ORDINANCE AND ROLL BACK TAX RATE OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

°25-049: (STATUS: TO BE TABLED) CALCULATION OF SEWER SERVICE CHARGES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

°25-050: (STATUS: TO BE TABLED) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS APPROVED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 CAPITAL

BUDGET
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

°25-051: (STATUS: TO BE TABLED) THE CAPITAL BUDGET ORDINANCE OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

°25-052: (STATUS: TO BE TABLED) ADOPT THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

°25-053: AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: APPROPRIATE $3,000,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TAX STABILIZATION RESERVE ACCOUNT FOR A ONE-TIME FIRE SERVICE CONTINGENCY
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Toole

°25-054: AMEND THE FY2025 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE RECORDER OF DEEDS TECHNOLOGY FEE ACCOUNT TO THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS TO UPDATE INFORMATION VIDEOS ON THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY WEBSITE
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

E. New Castle County Grant Requests/Community Events

- 5/27/25 Grant Matrix

F. Expense and Revenue Round Table

G. Other

H. Public Comment

I. Adjournment

REVISED AGENDA POSTED: Friday, May 23, 2025
AGENDA POSTED: Tuesday, May 20, 2025

*The revised agenda was posted less than seven (7) days in advance of the meeting to add R25-099 in order for Council to urgently bring concerning issues relating to pending State legislation affecting New Castle County to the attention of the Delaware General Assembly. This item was added to the 5/27/25 Council agenda and in order to be workshopped prior to consideration, it is being added to the Finance agenda.

The agenda is posted (7) seven days in advance of the scheduled meeting in compliance with 29 *Del. C.* Section 10004(e)(2). The meeting may go into Executive Session to address issues that arise at the time of the meeting.

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Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns
Requested by: Administration/HR
Date of introduction: May 27, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 25-096

APPROVING REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR SENIOR NETWORK ENGINEER PURSUANT TO *NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE* SECTION 26.03.105(F)

WHEREAS, the *New Castle County Code*, Section 26.03.105 (F), mandates that any change in a position description for a position in either the classified or unclassified service at a pay grade of 28 or above shall be submitted to the County Council for its approval before the change may take effect; and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Advisory Board at its meeting on May 1, 2025, recommended the revisions to the class specification for the position title of Senior Network Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Human Resources Officer concurs with the recommendation of the Human Resources Advisory Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by and for the Council of New Castle County that County Council hereby approves the updated class specification for the position of Senior Network Engineer "Exhibit A."

Adopted by the County Council of
New Castle County on:

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Monique Williams-Johns
President of County Council
of New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution updates the class specification for the position of Senior Network Engineer. A new date will be assigned to the specification to designate when the changes were made in accordance with the *New Castle County Code*.

FISCAL IMPACT: There will be no discernable fiscal impact upon the adoption of this Resolution.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer May 14, 2025.

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CLASS SPECIFICATION

Title: SENIOR NETWORK ENGINEER

Approved: Lynne Howard

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Assists the Information Systems Assistant Manager in charge of ~~Networks~~ Networking and Security to plan, organize, direct, and coordinate assigned aspects of information services and technology. This technology supports the functions required by New Castle County Government through understanding and anticipating the business and customer requirements and by translating those requirements into appropriate solutions through the application of information services and technology; does related work as required. Serves as high-level support to other administrators, engineers, ~~and network group members~~ application personnel and Help Desk technicians; develops future re-designs of architecture, infrastructure and network applications for current and future projects within the Information Systems ~~section~~ department; develops and maintains relationships with vendors for ongoing support; does related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: An employee in this class performs advanced network design and provides network support. This employee serves as a catalyst for continuous improvement in Information Services network infrastructure for all county departments. Duties include processing implementation and design, installation coordination and systems monitoring, assists in systems design, ~~programming~~, computer operations, and technical support. Significant responsibilities include participation in the development, evaluation, and support of business processes used to accomplish the objectives of New Castle County; assistance in the planning, design, development, and documentation of an ongoing comprehensive technology strategy.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative only)

~~Designs, engineers, and manages WAN Routing and Network Infrastructure(s) for multiple network segments over TLS (Layer 2 & 3) Frame-relay, ATM, and Point-to-Point. Skills require VLAN/access lists and routing protocols skills;~~
~~Designs, engineers, and manages multi-clustered VMWare Enterprise Virtual Infrastructure 3.x for approximately 100 servers. Skills require managing with DRS Vmotion, resource allocation storage Vmotion. Disaster recovery planning and implementation experience required;~~
~~Designs, engineers, and maintains a distributed corporate Firewall(s) and Application Intelligence solution(s) for aggregating and securing disparate networks (County, State and ISP) emphasizing CJIS and FIPSII compliance in a distributed environment;~~
~~Windows 2003 Active Directory designing and implementation for corporate network emphasizing security, replication, group policy design and administration. LDAP integration with disparate applications (PeopleSoft, Web security etc.);~~
~~Storage Engineer of EMC Storage Area Networking (SAN Arrays and Centera solutions) over Fiber Channel storage solutions for file, database and document management solutions. Capacity planning, replication and monitoring are essential;~~
~~Designs, engineers, and manages Disaster Recovery solution for utilizing remote replication to County DR site (EMC RecoverPoint);~~

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CLASS SPECIFICATION

Title: SENIOR NETWORK ENGINEER

Approved: Lynne Howard

- ~~Designs and maintains corporate VPN technologies for secure communications over disparate networks;~~
- ~~Designs and implements highly-available Windows 2003 MS Clustering solution(s) for SQL applications and file storage environments. DFS through clustering and record management systems required (RMS);~~
- ~~Implements and manages MS Clustered Microsoft Exchange 2003 environment;~~
- ~~Designs, engineers, and manages Multi LAN(s) environment for the all County locations (designed for high availability and fault tolerant paths) with emphasis on VLAN connectivity and familiarity with LACP design;~~
- ~~Oversees network security auditing and security checks to ensure highly secure network environment working with third-party for testing and assessments;~~
- ~~Designs, engineers, and maintains network solutions for BIND, DNS, DHCP, traffic-shaping MS Active Directory service, LDAP, HTTP Filtering, SMTP (high-availability and fault tolerant);~~
- ~~Serves as backup to UNIX administration with working knowledge of file system management, capacity planning and access administration;~~
- ~~Develops and maintains Corporate Citrix Presentation Server farm for County/State remote services;~~
- ~~Engineers and implements Corporate Anti-Virus Solution and corporate Anti-Spam solution.~~
- * Recommend implementation, and manage changes to ensure the stable performance, integrity, and security of the County network infrastructure.
- * Recommend, implement, and manage network infrastructure modifications required to meet the changing needs of the County.
- * Collaborate in the design, management, and support of the hyper-converged virtualized server data center environment.
- * Collaborate, design, and optimize advanced network technical architectures including but not limited to software, switches, VLAN, LAN, WAM, firewalls and routers.
- * Setup and manage DNS, NFS, DHCP, and other network infrastructure services; Manage firewalls, respond to security alerts, and provide daily maintenance of NAT, VPN, PAT, and Protocol filtering.
- * Participates in the diagnosis, isolation, and resolution of network problems identifying the root cause analysis. Proactively identify potential issues in the production environment and help recommend potential solutions.
- * Provide timely communication updates of network activity with IT staff and the County community.
- * Provides assistance and training to IT staff concerning the network infrastructure and other related technology applications.
- * Develop timely network infrastructure documentation; Manage network-oriented projects through coordination with all IT sections.

- * Manage and maintain backups of IT systems; Manage, monitor, and administer the data center environment including server operating systems, environmental monitoring equipment, physical cabling plant and data storage systems and additional duties as assigned by IT leadership

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES: ~~Thorough knowledge of appropriate aspects of information systems analysis, design, construction, integration, operation, security, and maintenance; good knowledge of the principles and practices of project management, vendor relationships, and assisting in process innovation and redesign; thorough knowledge of access management (multi-VSAN, ITL, and ISL); thorough knowledge of NetMotion Mobility XE with implementation experience for CJIS and FIPSII compliance; thorough knowledge of security protocols, heuristics, and monitoring tools, split-zoning required for multi ISP connections, UNIX file system management, UNIX file system capacity planning, UNX file system access administration, SANTap (AUT, CVT, and VI), web front end, and DMZ access; some knowledge of CheckPoint, Juniper (Junos) Cisco, Enterprise Management (ESM) and multi-site clustering; ability to organize, plan, and direct a variety of complex technical operations; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with associates, other governmental agencies, private organizations, the general public, and customers and to promote an ongoing attitude of dedication to overall exceptional customer service; ability to work with managers to identify business opportunities and to achieve success through effective employment of technology; ability to communicate courteously and effectively, both verbally and in writing~~.

Design, implement, and maintain production network in both on-premises and cloud-based infrastructure environments; Advanced knowledge of Cisco network solutions (routers, switching, telephony and wireless communications); Advanced knowledge of Cisco Firewall technologies and management platforms; Advanced knowledge of Meraki network solutions (routers, switching, data, voice and wireless communications); Advanced knowledge of Netskope and Absolute Internet Security and VPN technologies; Through knowledge of the following protocols and technologies (BGP, OSPF, EIGRP, 802.1x, AAA, DNS, DHCP, NTP, TCP/IP and SSH); Support and maintenance of VMWare virtualization farm or hyper-converged infrastructure; Strong Windows PowerShell scripting ability; Strong network analysis and troubleshooting skills; Willingness to work outside of normal working hours as projects or network related issues require.

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: At least five (5) years of Enterprise level network management experience in applying information technology to meet the needs of a medium to large government or business enterprise network; ~~design, management and possession of a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in information systems or related field; or an~~ or the equivalent combination of education, experience or training directly related to the required knowledge, skills, and abilities.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: Ability to pass a Class III County physical examination and background check; possession of a valid Delaware Class D driver's license or its equivalent.

~~PREFERRED REQUIREMENTS: Five (5) years of relevant information technology experience and possession of the following certifications, education or combination of skills to manage the following systems and equipment: Cisco, 3Com and Juniper routers and multi-layer switches (Core and LAN routing), Fiber and Ethernet technologies. This includes fiber SAN fabric switches, Dell, HP and Compaq enterprise level servers, 3Com wireless LAN controllers and managed access points, 8E6 Web Filtering and Reporting Appliances, Microsoft Windows XP, Server 2000, 2003 Server (Standard and Enterprise), LINUX (RedHat and Fedora Core versions), VMWare Virtual Center Server 2.x / ESX 3.5 Server, Cisco IOS, Juniper Junos, EMC SAN management, RecoverPoint system~~ management.

!!I TORY OF REVISIONS:
Established: 02/23/10

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham, Mr. Caneco
Mr. Carter, Mr. Cartier
Ms. George, Ms. Kilpatrick
Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Smiley
Date of introduction: May 27, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 25-097

NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL REQUESTS THAT THE DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMEND THE *DELAWARE CODE*, TITLE 9 IN RELATION TO ELECTION OF THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

WHEREAS, various legislative bodies in the State of Delaware and nationwide elect their leadership by majority vote from among its members; and

WHEREAS, the legislative bodies in Delaware that elect their leadership from among their members include the Delaware General Assembly, Kent County Levy Court, Sussex County Council, Clayton, Dover, Elsmere, Fenwick Island, and Frankford, among others; and

WHEREAS, the leadership of New Castle County Council is comprised of the President and President Pro Tempore, but currently only the President Pro Tempore is elected by a majority vote of Council members (pursuant to 9 *Del. C*. Sec. 1145); and

WHEREAS, in contrast to New Castle County Council, the Presidents of both Kent County Levy Court and Sussex County Council are elected by majority vote from among the members of each Council (pursuant to 9 *Del. C*. Sec. 334); and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of County Council and the County that all Council leadership positions are elected based upon a consistent internal process, by majority vote of Council, and consistent with the process employed by other legislative bodies in Delaware, including its two sister Counties; and

WHEREAS, County Council also believes it is in the best interests of the Council and the public if the current at-large County-wide Council President district was changed to a dedicated 13th Council district, and the President was elected from among the 13 Council members, with such election to be held every two years, at the first committee meeting in January.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by and for the County Council of New Castle County that County Council requests that the Delaware General Assembly amend Title 9 of the *Delaware Code* to remove the County-wide Council President district, and replace it with a dedicated thirteenth district of County Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that County Council desires that the position of Council President be filled by a duly elected member of County Council who receives a majority vote of the 13 members thereof during the first committee meeting in January and shall be for a two-year term, unless otherwise determined by a majority of Council members. The Council member elected as President of County Council shall continue to perform their duties as a District Councilperson in addition to those duties assigned to the Office of Council President.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

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Monique Williams-Johns
President of County Council
of New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: The proposed amendments, if enacted by the Delaware General Assembly, would provide consistency to the process by which County Council elects its leadership positions; the amendment would provide consistency internally, providing for the President and the President Pro Tempore be elected by a majority vote of Council members - as well as provide consistency with the manner in which leadership positions are elected by various legislative bodies in Delaware, including the Delaware General Assembly and New Castle County's sister Counties, Kent County and Sussex County, among others.

Moreover, the proposed amendments would convert the current at-large County-wide district for the Council President to a dedicated 13th district of Council. The position of Council President would be filled by a member of Council elected for a two year term by a majority of the 13 Council members, consistent with the manner in which County Council presently fills the position of President Pro Tempore and consistent with other legislative bodies in Delaware.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no discernible fiscal impact with the adoption of this legislation.

SPONSOR: Rep. Morrison

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 9 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

Section 1. Amend § 1141, Title 9 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

§ 1141. Number and term.

(e) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the terms of the members in Districts 7-12 and the Council President elected in the 2028 general election and any special election held after the 2028 general election but prior to the 2032 general election will terminate on the first Wednesday in November following the 2032 general election.

(f) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, following the 2030 general election, and to become effective with the 2032 general election and all subsequent elections, the County Council shall consist of 13 members. Each of these members must be elected from council districts.

(g) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, for the 2032 general election, the County Council shall reapportion the county into 13 council districts. This apportionment must be conducted in the manner specified in § 1165 of this title using the 2030 United States Decennial Census. This reapportionment must be completed on or before January 1, 2032. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the terms of the District 7-13 members elected in the 2032 general election as determined by the redistricting following the U.S. Decennial census will be four (4) year terms.

~~(e)~~ (h) An elected official shall take office on the first Wednesday in November following the general election.

Section 2. Amend § 1145, Title 9 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

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§ 1145. President of the County Council; President pro tempore.

(a) (1) At the general election on November 8, 1966, and each fourth year ~~thereafter,~~ thereafter until the first general election following the redistricting that follows the 2030 decennial census under § 1165(a)(3) of this title, a President of the County Council shall be elected at large from New Castle County, except that if such first general election is in a nonpresidential election year, then the President of the County Council thus elected shall serve a term of 2 years and thereafter shall be elected each fourth year in a presidential election year. The President of the County Council shall preside over meetings of the County Council and shall have the same rights and duties including the right to vote and speak therein as other members.

(2) In accordance with § 334 of this title, following the general election that follows the redistricting that follows the 2030 census under § 1165(a)(3) of this title, the County Council shall elect by majority vote from among its members a President of the County Council. If the office held by an elected President becomes vacant, the County Council shall elect by majority vote a new President following any special election conducted under § 1147 of this title. The President of the County Council shall preside over meetings of the County Council and shall have the same rights and duties including the right to vote and speak therein as other members.

(b) Following every general election, the ~~The~~ County Council shall elect by majority vote from among its members a President pro tempore of the county government who shall, during the absence of the President or a vacancy in the office, assume its rights and duties.

Section 3. Amend § 1147, Title 9 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

§ 1147. Vacancies.

(d) ~~(1) *President of County Council.* — If the Department of Elections for New Castle County receives a writ of election reporting the existence of a vacancy in the Office of President of the County Council then, no more than 45 days after posting said proclamation pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, it shall hold a special election to fill such vacancy; provided, however that:~~

~~a. If the special election to fill the vacancy must be scheduled pursuant to this section within the 45 days immediately following another special election, the special election to fill the vacancy shall be held on the forty-fifth day following the previous special election; and~~

~~b. If the special election to fill the vacancy must be scheduled pursuant to this section on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, said special election shall be held on the first business day thereafter.~~

~~(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (d)(1) of this section:~~

~~a. In the year of a general election, if a vacancy occurs in the Office of President of the County Council on or after June 1 but before August 20 of that year, the special election to fill such vacancy shall be held that year on the day of the general election;~~

~~b. In the year of a general election in which the Office of President of the County Council is not on the general election ballot, if a vacancy occurs in the Office of President of the County Council on or after August 20 of that year but before the date of the general election, the special election to fill such vacancy shall be held that year on the forty-fifth day following the general election, or within 1 week thereafter.~~ [Repealed.]

(e) (1) ~~*Council Members other than President.*~~ If the Department of ~~Elections for New Castle County~~ Elections-New Castle County Office receives a writ of election reporting the existence of a vacancy on New Castle County Council ~~other than in the Office of President of the County Council~~ then, no more than 30 days after posting said proclamation pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, it shall hold a special election to fill such vacancy; provided, however that:

a. If the special election to fill the vacancy must be scheduled pursuant to this section within the 30 days immediately following another special election, the special election to fill the vacancy shall be held on the thirtieth day following the previous special election.

b. If the special election to fill the vacancy must be scheduled pursuant to this section on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, said special election shall be held on the first business day thereafter.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (e)(1) of this section:

a. In the year of a general election, if the vacancy occurs on or after July 1 but before August 20 of that year, the special election to fill such vacancy shall be held that year on the day of the general ~~election;~~ election.

b. In the year of a general election in which the vacated office is not on the general election ballot, if the vacancy occurs on or after August 20 of that year but before the date of the general election, the special election to fill such vacancy shall be held that year on the thirtieth day following the general election, or within 1 week thereafter.

Section 4. Amend § 1165, Title 9 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

§ 1165. Redistricting after each census.

(a) It shall be the mandatory duty of the County Council to redistrict New Castle County into council districts after each regular United States decennial census. For the general election in 2002 the County Council shall redistrict the county into 7 council districts, including 1 district comprising all of New Castle County for the election of the President of the county government.

(3) To accomplish the redistricting commencing with the 2030 decennial census, and each decennial census thereafter, the County Council shall, within 60 days after the official reporting of the census by the President of the United States to Congress, appoint 13 qualified voters of the County who shall comprise a Redistricting Commission. For the redistricting following the 2030 U.S. Decennial census, the members of this Redistricting Commission shall be appointed 1 from each of the 12 council districts of the county and 1 at-large, and shall not be employed by the county in any other capacity. Thereafter, the members of the Redistricting Commission shall be appointed 1 from each of the 13 council districts of the county, and shall not be employed by the county in any other capacity. No more than 7 of the members shall be affiliated with the same political party. Within 90 days after appointment by County Council, the Redistricting Commission shall file with the Clerk of County Council a report containing the recommended plan for adjusting the council district boundaries to establish 13 districts that comply with the following specifications:

a. Each district shall contain contiguous territory.

b. Each district shall contain nearly as possible the same number of inhabitants and no district shall deviate in population more than 15% from the average population for all districts, the average to be obtained by dividing the number 13 into the total population of the county according to the last census.

(d) The County Council shall adopt a redistricting ordinance within 60 days after the report of the Redistricting Commission has been filed with the Clerk of County Council. If a redistricting ordinance has not been adopted by the County Council and approved by the County Executive within 60 days of filing the report by the Redistricting Commission, the redistricting plan as submitted by the Redistricting Commission shall become effective as if it had been adopted by County Council and approved by the County Executive. The redistricting ordinance, if 1 has been adopted by the County Council and approved by the County Executive, or the redistricting plan as submitted by the Redistricting Commission shall then determine the boundaries of ~~districts 1 through 6~~ the councilmanic districts until the next redistricting in accordance with the provisions of this section, the provisions of § 1164 of this title notwithstanding.

Section 5. Amend § 1166, Title 9 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows and by redesignating accordingly:

§ 1166. Election of County Executive and officials of the county governing body.

~~(b) The officials elected to district 13 shall serve a term of 4 years and shall be elected in even numbered presidential election years.~~

Section 6. Amend § 334, Title 9 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows and by redesignating accordingly:

§ 334. Organization meeting; election of president.

(b) After taking the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution, each governing body shall elect 1 of its members to be president. In New Castle County the President of County Council shall be elected by a county wide ballot only until the general election that follows the redistricting that follows the 2030 census under § 1165(a)(3) of this title when the governing body shall then elect 1 of its members to be president.

Section 7. Sections 1, 2, and 4 of this Act take effect immediately upon enactment. Sections 3, 5, and 7 of this Act take effect November 9, 2032.

SYNOPSIS

This Act makes changes to the New Castle County Council. This Act allows the members of the Council to elect a president from among themselves. To do so, this Act increases the number of councilmanic districts from 12 to 13 following the 2030 decennial census, effective with the general election following the redistricting, and removes provisions allowing for the election of a president from the county at-large beginning in 2032. This Act also makes changes to the procedures for filling a vacancy on the Council by removing provisions pertaining to holding a special election in the event of a vacancy in the office of the President. This Act gives the Council authority to elect a new president following a special election to fill any vacancy from among its members, and retains the already existing authority to elect a president pro tempore in the event of a vacancy.

This Act also makes technical corrections to existing law to conform to the standards of the Legislative Drafting Manual.

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Tackett, Ms. Kilpatrick
Date of introduction: May 27, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 25-099

CALLING FOR A STRONG PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL GOVERNANCE

WHEREAS, under the Principle of Local Governance – which conceptually includes the Principle of Home Rule - local governments have greater autonomy and control over their own affairs and issues which have a pronounced local impact, without excessive interference from the state legislature; and

WHEREAS, honoring the Principle of Local Governance highlights the principle that decisions are best made by those closest to the people they affect; and

WHEREAS, the Principle of Local Governance allows for the local governing body to most effectively address community-specific needs and foster civic engagement in a more consistent manner; and

WHEREAS, under the Principle of Local Governance, local jurisdictions (including counties and municipalities) are granted a degree of self-governance by allowing them to enact laws, regulations, and ordinances; and

WHEREAS, an example of the grant of authority by the General Assembly to local governments is found in the Delaware Constitution, Article II (Section 25), with the apparent purpose being the delegation of zoning and land use powers to the counties and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, as eloquently remarked in Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 70 (Recognizing Local Government Day) "… the strong partnership between local government and state government remains critical to ensuring a sound quality of life for all Delawareans…"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that New Castle County Council urges the General Assembly to defer to and respect the Principle of Local Governance by refraining from enacting legislation that preempts or overrides the authority of local governments, especially in areas traditionally within local government purview, such as zoning and land use, which are best addressed by local governments to ensure conformity with local values and priorities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, County Council hereby calls for greater collaboration and communication between local governments and the General Assembly on issues, generally, and especially so on issues that have a significant local impact and historically fall within local government authority.

Adopted by County Council
of New Castle County on:

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Monique Williams-Johns
President of County Council
of New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: Same as title.
FISCAL NOTE: This Resolution has no fiscal impact.

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier
Requested by: Administration/Finance
Date of introduction: May 13, 2025

SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 TO ORDINANCE NO. 25-048

THE ANNUAL REVENUE ORDINANCE AND ROLL BACK TAX RATE OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025

WHEREAS, pursuant to 9 Del. Code §1371F(a) and Ordinance 25-020, the Board of Assessment Review was presented the 2025-2026 tax roll at a public meeting held on March 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 9 Del. Code §1371F(b), it has been certified to County Council that the total value of all real property in the County which has been assessed and is subject to taxation is $96,920,748,900 net of tax exemptions; and

WHEREAS, a County-wide property reassessment conducted for the first time in over forty years resulted in 5,208 formal appeals filed prior to the March 31, 2025 deadline with estimated at-risk assessments valued at $1,611,076,162; and

WHEREAS, County-wide property reassessment resulted in significant shifts in assessment values between residential and non-residential parcels;

WHEREAS, the calculation of the rolled back tax rate pursuant to 9 Del Code §8002(c) for county property tax levied in the immediately ensuing fiscal year shall not be such as to yield county property tax revenues greater than 15 percent, excluding initial assessments for new construction; and

WHEREAS, County Council passed Resolution 21-027 confirming a commitment that the general reassessment tax rate remains revenue neutral upon completion and adoption of the rolled back tax rate, yielding 0% increase excluding initial assessments for new construction; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2026 revenue neutral estimate is $141,051,550, representing a 0% increase excluding initial assessments for new construction; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 9 Del. Code 8306(b) the County is mandated to assess property at least every five years which will result in future assessment expenses; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *New Castle County Code* § 14.01.018, the County established a Reassessment Reserve Account with procedures for the deposit and appropriation of funds; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2026 revenue estimates include assumptions for tax collections and appeals with unknown outcomes, which could potentially result in an amount of real estate taxes collected in excess of the revenue neutral target.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. A tax upon the residential real property in New Castle County is hereby established and levied at the rate of 4.32 cents for each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation (based on 100 percent of July 1, 2024 fair market value) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, to pay the costs of the General Operating Budget.

Section 2. A tax upon the non-residential real property in New Castle County is hereby established and levied at the rate of 6.53 cents for each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation (based on 100 percent of July 1, 2024 fair market value) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, to pay the costs of the General Operating Budget.

Section 3. A tax upon the residential real property in the following listed areas of New Castle County at the following listed rates for each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation is hereby established and levied for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, to pay costs under the Local Service Function Budget.

Location	**Tax Rate in Cents Per $100 of Assessed Valuation**
Arden	10.01
Ardencroft	10.16
Ardentown	10.15
Bellefonte	11.11
Delaware City	4.96
Elsmere	2.88
Middletown	1.05
Newark	0.00
New Castle	1.79
Newport	2.31
Odessa	2.31
Townsend	1.56
Wilmington	0.00
Those portions of New Castle County not within any of the preceding incorporated municipalities	11.43

Section 4. A tax upon the non-residential real property in the following listed areas of New Castle County at the following listed rates for each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation is hereby established and levied for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, to pay costs under the Local Service Function Budget.

Location	**Tax Rate in Cents Per $100 of Assessed Valuation**
Arden	15.12
Ardencroft	15.35
Ardentown	15.34
Bellefonte	16.79
Delaware City	7.49

Elsmere	4.36
Middletown	1.59
Newark	0.00
New Castle	2.70
Newport	3.49
Odessa	3.49
Townsend	2.36
Wilmington	0.00
Those portions of New Castle County not within any of the preceding incorporated municipalities	17.27

Section 5. Any tax upon real property pursuant to Sections 1 through 4 of this Ordinance regarding General Operating and Local Service Function budgets, collected in Fiscal Year 2026, beginning on July 1, 2025, in excess of the established revenue neutral target of $141,051,550 shall be transferred to the Reassessment Reserve Account.

Section 6. A tax upon the real property in the light districts in New Castle County established pursuant to 9 *Del. C.* ch. 21, is hereby established and levied for light districts at the following rates for each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026 to pay the cost of street and highway illumination:

Light Code	**Light District Installations**	**Tax Rate in Cents Per $100 of Assessed Valuation**
High Pressure Sodium (HPS) Units		
TRL1	Cobra (formerly Incandescent)	0.230
TRLA	Cobra (formerly Mercury)	1.710
TRLQ	Metal Pole	2.750
TRLC	Traditionaire	2.890
TRLT	Limited Installation	1.450
TRLU	Turn of the Century	3.100
Light Emitting Diode (LED) Units		
TRLO	Cobra	10.980
TRLM	Traditionaire	8.750
TRLN	Granville	5.130

Section 7. A tax upon the full annual cost established pursuant to 9 *Del. C.* § 1339, is hereby established and levied for crossing guards by school district at the following rates for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

Crossing Guard Rates	Tax Rates in Cents Per $100 of Assessed Valuation
Appoquinimink School District	0.422
Brandywine (Area I)	0.453
Christina (Area III)	0.397
Colonial (Area IV)	0.454
Red Clay (Area II)	0.499

Section 8. Fees and charges not specified in this Ordinance shall be heretofore or hereafter established.

Section 9. Fees, fines, forfeitures, penalties, assessments, charges, receipts and income, together with needed reserves and available cash balances, shall be included in the receipts of New Castle County as collected during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

Section 10. For purposes of Section 1 and Section 3 of this Ordinance, the term “residential real property” shall mean property classified as either Residential or Farmland pursuant to New Castle County parcel records as of July 1, 2025.

Section 10. For purposes of Section 2 and Section 4 of this Ordinance, the term “non-residential real property” shall mean property classified as any classification other than Residential or Farmland pursuant to New Castle County parcel records as of July 1, 2025.

Section 11. The effective date for the provisions in this Ordinance shall be July 1, 2025.

Section 12. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C.* § 1156.

Adopted by Council of
New Castle County on:

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Monique Williams-Johns
President of Council
of New Castle County

Approved on:

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Marcus Henry
County Executive

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance is the Annual Revenue Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2026.

Section 1 establishes a General Operating residential property tax rate in New Castle County.

Section 2 establishes a General Operating non-residential property tax rate in New Castle County.

Section 3 establishes the Local Service Function residential property tax rates in the listed areas of New Castle County.

Section 4 establishes the Local Service Function non-residential property tax rates in the listed areas of New Castle County.

Section 5 establishes the real property tax revenue for the General Operating and Local Service Function budgets in excess of the revenue neutral target of $141,051,550 shall be transferred to the Reassessment Reserve Account.

Section 6 establishes the tax rates in the light districts of New Castle County.

Section 7 establishes the tax rates for school crossing guards.

Section 8 provides that fees and charges not specifically addressed in this Ordinance can be established at some future time.

Section 9 provides that other receipts and funding sources shall be included in the revenue of New Castle County collected during Fiscal Year 2026 to be used in accordance with the budget Ordinance.

Section 10 defines the term “residential real property” as it is used in Sections 1 and 3 of this Ordinance.

Section 11 defines the term “non-residential real property” as it is used in Section 2 and 4 of this Ordinance.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance proposes Fiscal Year 2026 tax rates which in conjunction with other anticipated sources of revenue are estimated to yield sufficient revenue to balance the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget.

These proposed real property tax rates applied to estimated taxable assessments and estimated quarterly additions (net of exemptions) are anticipated to yield approximately $139,626,550, for a total of $141,051,550 including prior year collections and penalties.
The proposed light district tax rates, as cited in Section 5, are anticipated to yield revenues of $8,369,350. These revenues, together with prior year tax collections and the use of available cash balances, are estimated to support direct street lighting expenses plus overhead.

The proposed school crossing guard tax rates, as set forth in Section 6, are anticipated to yield revenues of $3,744,419. These revenues, together with prior year tax collections and the use of available cash balances, are estimated to support direct crossing guard expenses plus overhead.

This Ordinance, as proposed, has no explicit fiscal impact upon the next two fiscal years as the rates are legislated annually by County Council.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer May 13, 2025.

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier
Requested by: Administration/Finance
Date of introduction: May 13, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-048

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WHEREAS, a County-wide property reassessment conducted for the first time in over forty years resulted in 5,208 formal appeals filed prior to the March 31, 2025 deadline with estimated at-risk assessments valued at $1,611,076,162; and

WHEREAS, County-wide property reassessment resulted in significant shifts in assessment values between residential and non-residential parcels;

WHEREAS, Ordinance 25-047 contemplates a low-income partial tax exemption reducing the total value of all real estate subject to taxation by an estimated $1,300,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the calculation of the rolled back tax rate pursuant to 9 Del Code §8002(c) for county property tax levied in the immediately ensuing fiscal year shall not be such as to yield county property tax revenues greater than 15 percent, excluding initial assessments for new construction; and

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Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer May 1, 2025.

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier
Requested by: Administration/Finance
Date of introduction: May 13, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-049

CALCULATION OF SEWER SERVICE CHARGES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

WHEREAS, in accordance with *New Castle County Code* Chapter 38 ("Utilities"), Article 2 ("Sewers and Sewage Disposal"), Division 38.02.500 ("Sewer services charges"), Section 38.02.503 ("Schedule generally"), County Council must adopt applicable unit charges for sewer service.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. County Council adopts the following sewer unit charges for Fiscal Year 2026:

The following unit charges shall be effective other than for certain contract users:

$5.034399/1000 gallons flow rate (q)
$0.416813/lb. BOD (b)
$0.566035/lb. SS (s)

The rates for certain contract users shall be as follows:

$3.422731/1000 gallons flow rate (q)
$0.416813/lb. BOD (b)
$0.566035/lb. SS (s)

The Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) rates shall be as follows:

Meter Size	EDU	Fixed Charge @ $100 / EDU
1/2" or 5/8"	1.0	$50*
3/4"	1.5	$150
1"	2.5	$250
1 1/2"	5.0	$500
2.0	8.0	$800
3.0	15.0	$1,500
4.0	25.0	$2,500
6.0	50.0	$5,000
8.0	80.0	$8,000
10.0	115.0	$11,500
* For Fiscal Year 2026, the base rate of $100/EDU has been discounted by 50% for meters up to 5/8".		

Section 2. Pursuant to Section 38.02.503.F., the annual minimum charge for sewer service shall be fifty-six dollars ($56.00).

Section 3. The effective date for the provisions in this Ordinance shall be July 1, 2025.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C.* § 1156.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

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Monique Williams-Johns
President of County Council
of New Castle County

Approved on:

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Marcus Henry
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance establishes sewer service charges effective July 1, 2025, for Fiscal Year 2026.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance proposes the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026 sewer user rates which, in conjunction with other related sources of revenue, are estimated to yield sufficient revenue to balance the Fiscal Year 2026 sewer fund budget.

If adopted, this Ordinance would establish a Fiscal Year 2026 composite (flow $5.034399 + (BOD $0.416813 X 1.2510 (flow factor) = $0.5214325) + (SS $0.566035 X 1.5429 (flow factor) = $0.8733356)) residential flow rate of $6.42917 per 1,000 billable gallons. The composite rate remains unchanged from the FY2023 composite rate.

The rates contained in this Ordinance would, if adopted, be applied to all user classes, including $10,040,000 for EDU as follows:

User Classification	Number of Users	Gross Billing
Residential	127,150	$40,130,982
Industrial	21	$9,063,444
Commercial	3,799	$16,112,790
Apartment	228	$9,164,149
Contract	5	$6,445,116
Gross Billing	**131,203**	**$80,916,481**
Less Allowance for Delinquent Accounts		($3,416,480)
Net Billing		**$77,500,001**

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer May 1, 2025.

Prime Sponsor(s):	Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier
Requested by:	Administration/Finance
Date of introduction:	May 13, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-050

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS APPROVED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 CAPITAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, Chapter 22 of Title 9 of the *Delaware Code*, as amended, authorizes New Castle County to plan, acquire, purchase, construct, reconstruct, improve, better, extend, maintain and operate sewerage systems therein defined, and the County Council of New Castle County has determined to extend existing sewerage systems now maintained by the County by rehabilitating and constructing local sewer projects and to improve existing sewer systems, pump stations, treatment plant sites, and facilities; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 39 of Title 7 of the *Delaware Code*, as amended, authorizes New Castle County to carry out preventive and control measures and works of improvement for the prevention of erosion, floodwater, and sediment damages, and the County Council of New Castle County determines to construct, improve, and develop stormwater courses and facilities; and,

WHEREAS, Section 1163 of Title 9 of the *Delaware Code* authorizes New Castle County to issue bonds to finance the cost of any object, program or purpose for which New Castle County may raise, appropriate or expend money, and the County Council of New Castle County determines to expend money for various facilities and services; and,

WHEREAS, Subchapter III, of Chapter 13 of Title 9 of the *Delaware Code*, as amended, authorizes New Castle County to develop plans for buildings/facilities, parks, open spaces, natural areas and greenways within the County. Said plans provide for the acquisition of land for the development of parks and recreation facilities and the improvement and development of existing parks and buildings/facilities. The County has deemed it necessary to implement such plans for development and improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS: (10/13ths of all the members elected to the County Council concurring therein):

Section 1. New Castle County shall authorize the issuance of its negotiable bonds in the maximum aggregate net principal amount of $71,906,000 to finance projects approved in the FY2026 Capital Budget (the maximum aggregate principal amount of the bonds to be issued for each purpose is set out in the following schedule):

PURPOSE	**BOND AUTHORIZATIONS MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT**
(A) Sanitary Facilities/Stormwater	$ 51,300,000
(B) Facilities/Equipment	9,081,000
(C) Administration	5,250,000
(D) Parks	4,050,000
(E) Public Safety	950,000
(F) County Executive	675,000
(G) Community Services	600,000
TOTAL BOND AUTHORIZATIONS	**$71,906,000**

Section 2. The monies raised by the issuance of the bonds hereby authorized after the payment of the charges and expenses connected with the preparation, sale, and issuance thereof shall be held in separate accounts and shall be expended only for the purposes for which said bonds have been authorized, or for the payment of the principal of, and interest on, temporary loans made in anticipation of the sale of such bonds.

Section 3. The effect of the bonded indebtedness hereby authorized upon the total bonded indebtedness of New Castle County is as shown on the attached fiscal note, Exhibit "A".

Section 4. It is hereby determined and declared that the normal life of said improvements is not less than three (3) years (§ 1163 of Title 9 of the *Delaware Code*).

Section 5. In accordance with Treasury Reg. § 1.150-2, the County hereby states its intentions that a portion of the proceeds of the bonds authorized hereunder will be used to reimburse itself for expenditures paid prior to the date of issuance of the bonds. All capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined have the same meaning as ascribed to them in Treasury Reg. § 1.150-2.

All original expenditures to be reimbursed will be capital expenditures (as defined in Treasury Reg. Sec. 1.150-1(b)) and other amounts permitted to be reimbursed pursuant to Treasury Reg. Sec. 1.150-2(d)(3) and (f). The County intends to reimburse the original expenditures through the County's incurrence of debt to be evidenced by the bonds. The description of the type and use of the property for which the original expenditure to be fully or partially reimbursed is to be paid is: costs relating to the projects as defined in Section 3 hereof. The maximum principal amount of the bonds to be issued to reimburse the costs of said projects paid prior to their issuance and to complete said projects is a net $71,906,000 including the costs of issuance of the bonds.

Once the bonds are issued, the County shall allocate bond proceeds to reimburse a prior expenditure by making the allocation on its books and records maintained with respect to the bonds; provided that such costs to be reimbursed were paid not more than 60 days prior to the date hereof. Such allocations shall specifically identify the actual original expenditure to be reimbursed. Such allocations shall occur not later than 18 months after the later of (i) the date on which the original expenditure is paid, or (ii) the date the project is placed in service or abandoned, but in no event more than 3 years after the original expenditure is paid. If the bonds are issued before the expiration of the period prescribed in the preceding sentence, then the reimbursement allocation shall occur not later than the date of bonds are issued.

The bond proceeds used to reimburse the County for original expenditures will not be used within 1 year after the allocation in a manner that results in the creation of replacement proceeds (as defined in Treasury Reg. § 1.148-1) for the bonds authorized hereunder or for other bonds. The County will not use the proceeds of bonds to reimburse, refinance or refund an original expenditure paid by another obligation (either tax-exempt or taxable).

Section 6. <u>Continuing Disclosure</u>. The County covenants for the benefit of holders of any bonds that it issues in the public markets, whether pursuant to this Ordinance or otherwise, that, so long as any such bonds are outstanding, it will file, or cause to be filed, all financial information, operating data and notices of events, actions or failure to act, with such persons and entities and at such times as may be necessary to comply with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12(b) (5) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 with respect to such bonds. The Chief Financial Officer shall by Resolution adopted in connection with the issuance of such bonds specify the specific actions that the County shall be obligated to undertake to comply with this Section. Upon approval of the County Executive, the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to take such other actions, by contract with a fiscal agent or otherwise, as such official shall deem appropriate to cause the County to comply with this Section.

Section 7. The effective date for the provisions in this Ordinance shall be July 1, 2025.

Section 8. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C.* § 1156.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

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Monique Williams-Johns
President of County Council
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Approved on:

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Marcus Henry
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance will authorize New Castle County to issue bonds in the net amount of $71,906,000 to finance projects approved in the Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Budget.

FISCAL NOTE: See attached Exhibit “A” for fiscal impact of this Ordinance.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer May 1, 2025.

EXHIBIT "A"

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance will authorize County Bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount (net of issuance costs) of $71,906,000.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, is demonstrated on a pro-forma basis below:

Previous Authorizations	Principal	Interest	Total
Authorized and Issued Bonds [1](2/28/2025)	$475,160,000	$136,269,035	$611,429,035
Authorized and Unissued Bonds [2](2/28/2025)	193,411,835	81,232,971	274,644,806
Total Previous Authorizations	668,571,835	217,502,006	886,073,841
Proposed Net Authorizations [3] by the Ordinance	71,906,000	30,200,520[2]	102,106,520
Total Previous Authorizations and Proposed Net Authorizations	$740,477,835	$247,702,525	$988,180,360

The following State Revolving Fund loans are not included in the above totals:

Authorized and Issued Bonds (2/28/2025)	$35,375,664	$7,935,861[4]	$43,311,526
Authorized and Unissued Bonds (2/28/2025)	50,445,864	16,075,077[4]	66,520,941
Total Previous Authorizations	$85,821,528	$24,010,938	$109,832,467

[1] *These amounts have been adjusted to reflect retired principal and interest through 4/30/25.*

[2] *Principal includes $40,000,000 authorized but not yet drawn through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the Department of Public Works Christina River Force Main Rehabilitation Project. Interest is computed at 4.0 percent.*

[3] *Assuming a constant principal amount of $3,595,300 over a term of twenty years, total debt service for the $71,906,000 would be $102,106,520.*

[4] *Interest is based on estimated future repayment schedules. Interest rates for various loans are 2.00, 2.394 and 2.601 percent.*

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier
Requested by: Administration/Finance
Date of introduction: May 13, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-051

THE CAPITAL BUDGET ORDINANCE OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025

WHEREAS, Chapter 22 of Title 9 of the *Delaware Code*, as amended, authorizes New Castle County to plan, acquire, purchase, construct, reconstruct, improve, better and extend, and maintain and operate sewerage systems therein defined, and the County Council of New Castle County has determined to extend existing sewerage systems now maintained by the County by rehabilitating and constructing local sewer projects and to improve existing sewer systems, pump stations, treatment plant sites, and facilities; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 39 of Title 7 of the *Delaware Code*, as amended, authorizes New Castle County to carry out preventive and control measures and works of improvement for the prevention of erosion, floodwater, and sediment damages, and the County Council of New Castle County determines to construct, improve, and develop stormwater courses and facilities; and

WHEREAS, Section 1163 of Title 9 of the *Delaware Code* authorizes New Castle County to issue bonds to finance the cost of any object, program or purpose for which New Castle County may raise, appropriate or expend money, and the County Council of New Castle County determines to expend money for various facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, Subchapter III, Chapter 13 of Title 9 of the *Delaware Code*, as amended, authorizes New Castle County to develop plans for buildings/facilities, parks, open spaces, natural areas and greenways within the County. Said plans provide for the acquisition of land for the development of parks and recreation facilities and the improvements and development of existing parks and buildings/facilities. The County has deemed it necessary to implement such plans for development and improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Exhibit "A", entitled "Capital Budget – FY2026" consisting of two (2) pages, dated April 30, 2025, attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby adopted as the Capital Budget of New Castle County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

Section 2. The projects listed on Exhibit "B," entitled “Projects to Sunset Fiscal Year End 2025” will sunset in accordance with Key Financial Policy (KFP) #1 on June 30, 2025. All unexpended appropriations and bond authorizations on June 30, 2025, will be deauthorized. Any encumbrances will remain open until liquidated.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C.* § 1156.

Section 4. The effective date for the provisions in this Ordinance shall be July 1, 2025.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

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Monique Williams-Johns
President of County Council
of New Castle County

Approved on:

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Marcus Henry
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance is the Capital Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2026, authorizing capital spending of $84,374,248 for 56 County projects. This Ordinance also will deauthorize the projects on Exhibit "B" and the corresponding available appropriations and bond authorizations on June 30, 2025.

FISCAL NOTE: The Capital Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2026 authorizes capital spending of $84,374,248 for various projects. A companion Ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds of $71,906,000 to fund the Capital Budget must be adopted.

In addition, this Ordinance sunsets 14 capital projects, effective June 30, 2025. Projects are listed on Exhibit “B”.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer May 1, 2025.

EXHIBIT "A"
NEW CASTLE COUNTY
CAPITAL BUDGET - FY2026

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Human Capital Management Platform	$	600,000
Land Use Information System		1,200,000
Sewer and Tax Billing Replacement		2,300,000
Network Infrastructure Rearchitect and Upgrade		1,150,000
Subtotal	$	5,250,000

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Appoquinimink Library Maker Space HVAC	$	200,000
Carousel Park Indoor Arena Footing		100,000
Newark Library		400,000
Surratte Pool Renovations 2026		100,000
Subtotal	$	800,000

DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Executive GF Capital Contingency	$	675,000
Subtotal	$	675,000

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

800MgHZ Communications Equipment 2026-2027	$	400,000
Communications Upgrade 2026-2027		250,000
Public Safety Building Renovations		300,000
Public Safety Equipment 2026		136,000
Public Safety Vest Protection Program 2026		302,448
Subtotal	$	1,388,448

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Facilities/Equipment

Building Rehabilitation 2026-2027	$	3,500,000
Fleet Equipment 2021		(49,929)
Fleet Equipment 2022		(103,797)
Fleet Equipment 2023		(48,900)
Fleet Equipment 2024		(1,700,000)
Fleet Equipment 2026		6,577,658
Garage Renovations		2,500,000
General Roof Renovations		(75,000)
HVAC Replacement		2,800,000
Security 2021		500,000
Vehicle Lift System		56,000
Subtotal	$	13,956,032

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS *(Continued)*

Parks

Agricultural Preservation	$	1,000,000
Bechtel Park Improvements		750,000
Carousel Park		150,000
Game Court Improvements 2021		150,000
General Parkland Improvements PRE2021		(650,000)
General Parkland Improvements 2021		(1,000,000)
General Parkland Improvements 2024		800,000
Glasgow Regional Park		1,500,000
Middle Run Valley Reforestation		150,000
Open Space Preservation		1,500,000
Play Area Improvements 2026-2027		1,000,000
Rockwood Park		500,000
Southern Regional Park		1,000,000
Subtotal	$	6,850,000

Sewer/Stormwater

Airport Road System Rehabilitation	$	3,000,000
Asset Management		400,000
Christina River Force Main		22,000,000
Countywide Drainage Problems		850,000
DelDOT Coordination Project 2021		3,000,000
General Sewer Improvements		1,250,000
General Stormwater Improvements 2021		471,659
Manhole Rehabilitation		750,000
Pump Station Rehab 2026-2027		1,500,000
Sewer Fleet Equipment 2023		(22,233)
Sewer Fleet Equipment 2024		(600,000)
Sewer Fleet Equipment 2026		2,755,342
Sewer Repairs and Rehabilitation 2026-2027		4,200,000
Southern Sewer Service Area		3,000,000
Stoney Creek Basin Rehabilitation		600,000
Stormwater Basin Renovation II		2,500,000
Water Quality Improvement Plans		5,000,000
White Clay System Rehabilitation		4,800,000
Subtotal	$	55,454,768

CAPITAL BUDGET TOTAL	**$**	**84,374,248**

Exhibit "B"
NEW CASTLE COUNTY
Projects to Sunset Fiscal Year End 2025

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

C122205	Human Resources Scanning	Complete
C122202	Recorder of Deeds HOA Portal	Complete
C202301	Cardiac Monitors	Complete
C300510	Game Court Improvements	Complete
C300218	Brandywine Hundred South Rehab Phase I	Complete
C300615	Christiana Pump Station Upgrade	Complete
C300004	Delaware City Treatment Plant Rehab	Complete
C301102	Glasgow Area Sewer Improvements	Complete
C301801	Holloway Terrace Outfall Replacement	Complete
C301304	Sewer Repairs and Rehabilitation II	Complete
C301902	SR72 Sewer Extension	Complete
C302102	Fleet Equipment 2021	Complete
C302203	Fleet Equipment 2022	Complete
C302313	Sewer Fleet Equipment 2023	Complete

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier
Requested by: Administration/Finance
Date of introduction: May 13, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-052

ADOPT THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025

WHEREAS, County Council has adopted revenue measures which together with any reserves and available cash balances shall, in the opinion of the County Executive, be estimated to yield sums at least sufficient to balance the proposed expenditures as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS: (10/13^{ths} of all the members elected to the County Council concurring therein):

Section 1. County Council hereby ordains that the taxes and other revenue measures which the County Executive has certified as yielding sufficient revenue, together with any reserves and available cash balances, serve to balance the Annual Operating Budget of New Castle County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

Section 2. Exhibit "A," entitled "Departmental Operating Budget," consisting of six (6) pages, attached hereto and made a part hereof, is adopted as the Annual Operating Budget of Appropriations to the respective departments, offices, reserves and services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

Section 3. Exhibit "B," entitled "Operating Budget Components," consisting of one (1) page, attached hereto and made a part hereof, representing the component budgets encompassed by the "Departmental Operating Budget" for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

Section 4. As the County Council has done in all past years, by and through the budget hearing, review, and adoption process undertaken for the FY2026 budget, the County Council hereby confirms its review and approves the schedule of fees established by the Department of Land Use set forth in, *inter alia*, Appendix 2 of Chapter 40 of the *New Castle County Code* (“the UDC”). The County Council also confirms and clarifies that through the budget hearing, review, and adoption process, it has reviewed and approved the schedule of fees established by the Department of Land Use in all prior budget years, and the County hereby confirms, clarifies, and ratifies its previous approvals of the fee schedules heretofore established by the Department of Land Use.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C.* § 1156.

Section 6. The effective date for the provisions in this Ordinance shall be July 1, 2025.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

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Monique Williams-Johns
President of County Council
of New Castle County

Approved on:

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Marcus Henry
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance authorizes the Annual Operating Budget of New Castle County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

Exhibit "A" provides a summary of appropriations to departments, row offices, reserves and non-departmental operating budgets.

Exhibit "B" provides the component budgets (i.e. General Operating, Local Service Function, Sewer, Crossing Guard and Street Lighting) encompassed by Exhibit "A."

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance embodies, by detailed appropriation, by object of expenditure for each department and office (Exhibit "A") as required by State Law, and, by component budgets supported by various revenue measures (Exhibit "B"), the County's Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance is the authorization to expend $371,253,586 in Fiscal Year 2026 and to legislate the amounts within New Castle County’s reserve accounts.

This Ordinance has no explicit impact on subsequent fiscal years, as the Operating Budget is legislated annually by County Council.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer May 1, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL

Salaries and Wages	$	2,708,793
Benefits		1,525,869
Training and Civic Affairs		67,388
Communication and Utilities		15,854
Materials and Supplies		60,772
Contractual Services		255,947
Equipment		1,600
Grants and Fixed Charges		439,991
Operating Transfer Charges		195,519
Total	***$***	***5,271,733***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions 35		

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Salaries and Wages	$	2,305,318
Benefits		1,293,169
Training and Civic Affairs		41,904
Communication and Utilities		18,850
Materials and Supplies		22,236
Contractual Services		248,565
Equipment		1,000
Grants and Fixed Charges		43,000
Contingency		55,000
Operating Transfer Charges		112,454
Total	***$***	***4,141,496***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions 17		

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Salaries and Wages	$	14,072,608
Benefits		7,834,901
Training and Civic Affairs		191,975
Communication and Utilities		8,380,342
Materials and Supplies		163,673
Contractual Services		7,621,531
Equipment		322,900
Grants and Fixed Charges		4,005,350
Operating Transfer Charges		1,197,550
Operating Transfer Credits		(14,044,103)
Total	***$***	***29,746,727***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions 168		

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Salaries and Wages	$	28,756,814
Benefits		16,093,269
Training and Civic Affairs		45,445
Communication and Utilities		27,456,675
Materials and Supplies		4,963,121
Contractual Services		11,073,787
Equipment		498,333
Grants and Fixed Charges		1,249,757
Land and Structures		35,000
Operating Transfer Charges		4,840,573
Operating Transfer Credits		(7,876,371)
Total	***$***	***87,136,403***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions 389		

DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE

Salaries and Wages	$	8,986,033
Benefits		5,031,240
Training and Civic Affairs		66,975
Communication and Utilities		103,015
Materials and Supplies		106,727
Contractual Services		1,532,609
Equipment		55,240
Grants and Fixed Charges		56,500
Operating Transfer Charges		1,071,279
Total	***$***	***17,009,618***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions 113		

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Salaries and Wages	$	13,539,448
Benefits		5,864,111
Training and Civic Affairs		18,560
Communication and Utilities		1,566,414
Materials and Supplies		1,629,039
Contractual Services		3,906,395
Equipment		18,900
Grants and Fixed Charges		3,235,149
Operating Transfer Charges		1,395,685
Operating Transfer Credits		(243,749)
Total	***$***	***30,929,952***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions 162		

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Salaries and Wages	$	78,228,874
Benefits		43,442,715
Training and Civic Affairs		205,206
Communication and Utilities		992,877
Materials and Supplies		1,313,047
Contractual Services		2,458,322
Equipment		1,661,783
Grants and Fixed Charges		8,741,271
Operating Transfer Charges		8,501,518
Total	***$***	***145,545,613***

Total Authorized Full-Time Positions 729

REGISTER OF WILLS

Salaries and Wages	$	1,219,161
Benefits		669,258
Training and Civic Affairs		34,950
Communication and Utilities		10,257
Materials and Supplies		10,053
Contractual Services		62,715
Equipment		2,800
Operating Transfer Charges		97,749
Total	***$***	***2,106,943***

Total Authorized Full-Time Positions 20

RECORDER OF DEEDS

Salaries and Wages	$	1,377,085
Benefits		764,405
Training and Civic Affairs		40,170
Communication and Utilities		31,892
Materials and Supplies		12,398
Contractual Services		82,718
Equipment		6,150
Grants and Fixed Charges		18,350
Operating Transfer Charges		172,975
Total	$	***2,506,143***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions 23		

SHERIFF

Salaries and Wages	$	1,482,722
Benefits		835,738
Training and Civic Affairs		29,452
Communication and Utilities		12,261
Materials and Supplies		21,259
Contractual Services		55,999
Equipment		5,000
Operating Transfer Charges		150,197
Total	***$***	***2,592,628***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions 21		

CLERK OF THE PEACE

Salaries and Wages	$	538,617
Benefits		303,592
Training and Civic Affairs		9,600
Communication and Utilities		3,586
Materials and Supplies		8,754
Contractual Services		18,268
Equipment Replacement		0
Operating Transfer Charges		35,085
Total	***$***	***917,502***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions 7		

DEBT SERVICE

Debt Service	$	47,892,496
Total	***$***	***47,892,496***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		

ETHICS COMMISSION

Salaries and Wages	$	44,477
Benefits		4,092
Training and Civic Affairs		10,500
Communication and Utilities		1,745
Materials and Supplies		2,450
Contractual Services		235,747
Equipment		500
Operating Transfer Charges		6,796
Total	***$***	***306,307***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions 0		

COUNCIL CONTINGENCY

Contingency	$	250,000
Total	***$***	***250,000***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		

EXECUTIVE CONTINGENCY

Contingency	$	600,000
Total	***$***	***600,000***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		

PERSONNEL CONTINGENCY

Contingency	$	455,000
Total	***$***	***455,000***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		

BENEFITS CONTINGENCY

Contingency	$	2,250,000
Total	***$***	***2,250,000***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		

ATTRITION CONTINGENCY

Personal Services - Salaries and Wages	$	(6,107,378)
Personal Services - Employee Benefits	$	(3,442,422)
Total	***$***	***(9,549,800)***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		

ONE-TIME CONTINGENCY

Contingency	$	1,144,825
Total	***$***	***1,144,825***

NEW CASTLE COUNTY

Salaries and Wages	$	147,152,572
Benefits		80,219,937
Training and Civic Affairs		762,125
Communication and Utilities		38,593,768
Materials and Supplies		8,313,529
Contractual Services		27,552,603
Equipment		2,574,206
Grants and Fixed Charges		17,789,368
Debt Service		47,892,496
Land and Structures		35,000
Contingency		4,754,825
Operating Transfer Charges		17,777,380
Operating Transfer Credits		(22,164,223)
Sub-Total New Castle County	***$***	**371,253,586**
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions 1,684		

RESERVE ACCOUNTS ANTICIPATED BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2025

Tax Stabilization Reserve Account	67,418,321
Sewer Rate Stabilization Reserve Account	8,944,781
General Fund Budget Reserve Account	45,312,006
Sewer Fund Budget Reserve Account	18,734,142
Total Reserves:	**140,409,250**

EXHIBIT "B"

OPERATING BUDGET COMPONENTS
FISCAL YEAR 2026

General Operating Budget	$	115,225,744
Local Service Function Budget		147,879,904
Sewer Fund		95,414,717
Street Light Fund		8,603,802
Crossing Guard Fund		4,129,419
Recommended Operating Budget	**$**	**371,253,586**

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Toole
Requested by: Administration/Finance
Date of introduction: May 13, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-053

AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: APPROPRIATE $3,000,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TAX STABILIZATION RESERVE ACCOUNT FOR A ONE-TIME FIRE SERVICE CONTINGENCY

WHEREAS, New Castle County wishes to provide a one-time Fire Service contingency in the amount of $3,000,000 to assist all eligible New Castle County fire companies with full-time employee salary and benefit costs; and

WHEREAS, distribution of the funding to each fire company will be based off required documentation submitted to New Castle County from each fire company through the Fire and Ambulance Advisory Board (FAAB); and

WHEREAS, the FAAB will compile the individual fire companies' employee totals with verification of employment as of June 1, 2025 due to New Castle County by June 15, 2025 with disbursement in July 2025; and

WHEREAS, funding would only be provided to those fire companies with full-time employees performing fire/rescue/emergency medical service functions and have provided the required documentation by the required deadlines; and

WHEREAS, fire companies that do not employ full-time employees as of the reporting date shall receive funding equivalent to half the amount allocated for each full-time employee. This funding will be available for up to four (4) part-time employees performing fire, rescue, or emergency medical service functions, provided that all required documentation is submitted by the established deadlines; and

WHEREAS, required documentation will include payroll and benefit records as well as a current audit of annual financial statements; and

WHEREAS, the revenue measures heretofore adopted by the County Council, are, in the opinion of the County Executive, estimated to yield sums at least sufficient to balance the proposed expenditures as set forth in the Approved Annual Operating Budget as hereinafter amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS: (10/13ths of all the members elected to the County Council concurring therein):

Section 1. The Annual Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, is hereby amended by deleting the material stricken and adding the material underscored on the attached "Exhibit A."

Section 2. The foregoing amendment shall be considered a part of the Annual Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and shall be effective retroactively as though incorporated initially in the Annual Operating Budget.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided in 9 *Del. C.* § 1156.

Section 4. The effective date for the provisions in this Ordinance shall be July 1, 2025.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

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Monique Williams-Johns
President of County Council
of New Castle County

Approved on:

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Marcus Henry
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if approved, amends the FY2026 Recommended Operating Budget by appropriating $3,000,000 from the General Fund Tax Stabilization Reserve Account to a one-time Fire Service contingency to assist all eligible New Castle County fire companies with full-time employee salary and benefit costs.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the FY2026 Recommended Operating Budget by appropriating $3,000,000 from the General Fund Tax Stabilization Reserve Account to a one-time Fire Service contingency.

The revised FY2026 Approved Operating Budget will be $374,253,586. The General Fund Tax Stabilization Reserve anticipated balance as of June 30, 2025 (unaudited) upon passage of this Ordinance will be $64,418,321.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer May 1, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL

Salaries and Wages	$	2,708,793
Benefits		1,525,869
Training and Civic Affairs		67,388
Communication and Utilities		15,854
Materials and Supplies		60,772
Contractual Services		255,947
Equipment		1,600
Grants and Fixed Charges		439,991
Operating Transfer Charges		195,519
Total	***$***	***5,271,733***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions 35		

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Salaries and Wages	$	2,305,318
Benefits		1,293,169
Training and Civic Affairs		41,904
Communication and Utilities		18,850
Materials and Supplies		22,236
Contractual Services		248,565
Equipment		1,000
Grants and Fixed Charges		43,000
Contingency		55,000
Operating Transfer Charges		112,454
Total	***$***	***4,141,496***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions 17		

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Salaries and Wages	$	14,072,608
Benefits		7,834,901
Training and Civic Affairs		191,975
Communication and Utilities		8,380,342
Materials and Supplies		163,673
Contractual Services		7,621,531
Equipment		322,900
Grants and Fixed Charges		4,005,350
Operating Transfer Charges		1,197,550
Operating Transfer Credits		(14,044,103)
Total	***$***	***29,746,727***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions 168		

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Salaries and Wages	$	28,756,814
Benefits		16,093,269
Training and Civic Affairs		45,445
Communication and Utilities		27,456,675
Materials and Supplies		4,963,121
Contractual Services		11,073,787
Equipment		498,333
Grants and Fixed Charges		1,249,757
Land and Structures		35,000
Operating Transfer Charges		4,840,573
Operating Transfer Credits		(7,876,371)
Total	***$***	***87,136,403***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions 389		

DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE

Salaries and Wages	$	8,986,033
Benefits		5,031,240
Training and Civic Affairs		66,975
Communication and Utilities		103,015
Materials and Supplies		106,727
Contractual Services		1,532,609
Equipment		55,240
Grants and Fixed Charges		56,500
Operating Transfer Charges		1,071,279
Total	***$***	***17,009,618***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions 113		

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Salaries and Wages	$	13,539,448
Benefits		5,864,111
Training and Civic Affairs		18,560
Communication and Utilities		1,566,414
Materials and Supplies		1,629,039
Contractual Services		3,906,395
Equipment		18,900
Grants and Fixed Charges		3,235,149
Operating Transfer Charges		1,395,685
Operating Transfer Credits		(243,749)
Total	***$***	***30,929,952***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions 162		

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Salaries and Wages	$	78,228,874
Benefits		43,442,715
Training and Civic Affairs		205,206
Communication and Utilities		992,877
Materials and Supplies		1,313,047
Contractual Services		2,458,322
Equipment		1,661,783
Grants and Fixed Charges		8,741,271
Operating Transfer Charges		8,501,518
Total	***$***	***145,545,613***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions 729		

REGISTER OF WILLS

Salaries and Wages	$	1,219,161
Benefits		669,258
Training and Civic Affairs		34,950
Communication and Utilities		10,257
Materials and Supplies		10,053
Contractual Services		62,715
Equipment		2,800
Operating Transfer Charges		97,749
Total	***$***	***2,106,943***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions 20		

RECORDER OF DEEDS

Salaries and Wages	$	1,377,085
Benefits		764,405
Training and Civic Affairs		40,170
Communication and Utilities		31,892
Materials and Supplies		12,398
Contractual Services		82,718
Equipment		6,150
Grants and Fixed Charges		18,350
Operating Transfer Charges		172,975
Total	$	***2,506,143***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions ***23***		

SHERIFF

Salaries and Wages	$	1,482,722
Benefits		835,738
Training and Civic Affairs		29,452
Communication and Utilities		12,261
Materials and Supplies		21,259
Contractual Services		55,999
Equipment		5,000
Operating Transfer Charges		150,197
Total	***$***	***2,592,628***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions ***21***		

CLERK OF THE PEACE

Salaries and Wages	$	538,617
Benefits		303,592
Training and Civic Affairs		9,600
Communication and Utilities		3,586
Materials and Supplies		8,754
Contractual Services		18,268
Equipment Replacement		0
Operating Transfer Charges		35,085
Total	***$***	***917,502***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions ***7***		

DEBT SERVICE

Debt Service	$	47,892,496
Total	***$***	***47,892,496***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		

ETHICS COMMISSION

Salaries and Wages		$	44,477
Benefits			4,092
Training and Civic Affairs			10,500
Communication and Utilities			1,745
Materials and Supplies			2,450
Contractual Services			235,747
Equipment			500
Operating Transfer Charges			6,796
Total		***$***	***306,307***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions ***0***			

COUNCIL CONTINGENCY

Contingency		$	250,000
Total		***$***	***250,000***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions			

EXECUTIVE CONTINGENCY

Contingency		$	600,000
Total		***$***	***600,000***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions			

PERSONNEL CONTINGENCY

Contingency		$	455,000
Total		***$***	***455,000***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions			

BENEFITS CONTINGENCY

Contingency		$	2,250,000
Total		***$***	***2,250,000***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions			

ATTRITION CONTINGENCY

Personal Services - Salaries and Wages		$	(6,107,378)
Personal Services - Employee Benefits		$	(3,442,422)
Total		***$***	***(9,549,800)***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions			

ONE-TIME CONTINGENCY

Contingency	~~1,144,825~~	$	4,144,825
Total	***~~1,144,825~~***	***$***	***4,144,825***

NEW CASTLE COUNTY			
Salaries and Wages		$	147,152,572
Benefits			80,219,937
Training and Civic Affairs			762,125
Communication and Utilities			38,593,768
Materials and Supplies			8,313,529
Contractual Services			27,552,603
Equipment			2,574,206
Grants and Fixed Charges			17,789,368
Debt Service			47,892,496
Land and Structures			35,000
Contingency	~~4,754,825~~		7,754,825
Operating Transfer Charges			17,777,380
Operating Transfer Credits			(22,164,223)
Sub-Total New Castle County	***~~371,253,586~~***	***$***	**374,253,586**
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions 1,684			

RESERVE ACCOUNTS ANTICIPATED BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2025		
Tax Stabilization Reserve Account	~~67,418,321~~	64,418,321
Sewer Rate Stabilization Reserve Account		8,944,781
General Fund Budget Reserve Account		45,312,006
Sewer Fund Budget Reserve Account		18,734,142
Total Reserves:	**~~140,409,250~~**	**137,409,250**

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier
Requested by: Recorder of Deeds
Date of introduction: May 13, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-054

AMEND THE FY2025 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE RECORDER OF DEEDS TECHNOLOGY FEE ACCOUNT TO THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS TO UPDATE INFORMATION VIDEOS ON THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY WEBSITE

WHEREAS, this Ordinance will amend the FY2025 Approved Operating Budget by appropriating $13,900.00 from the Recorder of Deeds Technology Fee Account to the Office of the Recorder of Deeds; and

WHEREAS, this funding is needed to cover all aspects of production and implementation related to updating informational videos on the County website that are presently over a decade old; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to keep these videos up to date so that they accurately represent the Recorder of Deeds role and services to New Castle County residents and to ensure they are Web Content Accessibility Guideline (WCAG) compliant; and

WHEREAS, the revenue measures heretofore adopted by the County Council, are, in the opinion of the County Executive, estimated to yield sums at least sufficient to balance the proposed expenditures as set forth in the Approved Annual Operating Budget as hereinafter amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. The Annual Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, is hereby amended by deleting the material stricken and adding the material underscored on the attached “Exhibit A.”

Section 2. The foregoing amendment shall be considered a part of the Annual Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and shall be effective retroactively as though incorporated initially in the Annual Operating Budget.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided in 9 *Del. C.* § 1156.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

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Monique Williams-Johns
President of County Council
of New Castle County

Approved on:

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Marcus Henry
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if approved, amends the FY2025 Approved Operating Budget by appropriating $13,900.00 from the Recorder of Deeds Technology Fee Account to the Office of the Recorder of Deeds. These funds are needed to cover all aspects of production and implementation related to updating informational videos on the County website that are presently over a decade old.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the FY2025 Approved Operating Budget by appropriating $13,900.00 from the Recorder of Deeds Technology Fee Account to the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in the Contractual Service Budget Line Item.

The revised FY2025 Approved Operating Budget will be $355,657,620. There will be no fiscal impact to FY2026 and FY2027 as this is a one-time cost.

The balance in the Recorder of Deeds Technology Fee Account after this appropriation will be $233,251.88.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer April 29, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL

Salaries and Wages	$	2,552,351
Benefits		1,493,866
Training and Civic Affairs		90,516
Communication and Utilities		18,458
Materials and Supplies		53,455
Contractual Services		255,088
Equipment		14,580
Grants and Fixed Charges		336,773
Operating Transfer Charges		175,627
Total	***$***	***4,990,714***

Total Authorized Full-Time Positions 35

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Salaries and Wages	$	2,033,684
Benefits		1,190,296
Training and Civic Affairs		39,312
Communication and Utilities		20,737
Materials and Supplies		18,886
Contractual Services		347,638
Equipment		7,223
Grants and Fixed Charges		638,000
Contingency		1,707
Operating Transfer Charges		105,264
Total	***$***	***4,402,747***

Total Authorized Full-Time Positions 17

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Salaries and Wages	$	12,966,061
Benefits		7,506,461
Training and Civic Affairs		138,150
Communication and Utilities		8,288,620
Materials and Supplies		167,272
Contractual Services		7,820,325
Equipment		479,126
Grants and Fixed Charges		3,932,350
Operating Transfer Charges		1,143,324
Operating Transfer Credits		(12,812,422)
Total	***$***	***29,629,267***

Total Authorized Full-Time Positions 168

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Salaries and Wages	$	27,135,440
Benefits		15,765,968
Training and Civic Affairs		45,445
Communication and Utilities		26,468,271
Materials and Supplies		4,924,279
Contractual Services		10,840,289
Equipment		508,481
Grants and Fixed Charges		1,193,025
Land and Structures		54,700
Operating Transfer Charges		4,574,405
Operating Transfer Credits		(7,722,122)
Total	***$***	***83,788,181***

Total Authorized Full-Time Positions 389

DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE

Salaries and Wages	$	8,156,971
Benefits		4,742,077
Training and Civic Affairs		66,975
Communication and Utilities		111,242
Materials and Supplies		102,227
Contractual Services		1,443,109
Equipment		54,240
Grants and Fixed Charges		56,500
Operating Transfer Charges		1,061,595
Total	***$***	***15,794,936***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions 112		

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Salaries and Wages	$	12,664,348
Benefits		5,579,947
Training and Civic Affairs		25,611
Communication and Utilities		1,463,626
Materials and Supplies		1,579,339
Contractual Services		3,872,003
Equipment		33,974
Grants and Fixed Charges		3,251,065
Operating Transfer Charges		1,173,995
Operating Transfer Credits		(225,977)
Total	***$***	***29,417,931***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions 162		

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Salaries and Wages		$	77,334,401
Benefits			42,955,735
Training and Civic Affairs			201,493
Communication and Utilities			1,013,736
Materials and Supplies			1,480,626
Contractual Services			2,135,017
Equipment			1,750,283
Grants and Fixed Charges			8,345,222
Operating Transfer Charges			7,843,655
Intragovernmental Service Credits			
Total		***$***	***143,060,168***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions ***727***			

REGISTER OF WILLS

Salaries and Wages		$	1,159,211
Benefits			660,186
Training and Civic Affairs			34,950
Communication and Utilities			12,209
Materials and Supplies			10,053
Contractual Services			62,715
Equipment			2,800
Operating Transfer Charges			82,214
Total		***$***	***2,024,338***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions ***20***			

RECORDER OF DEEDS

Salaries and Wages		$	1,256,525
Benefits			723,402
Training and Civic Affairs			40,170
Communication and Utilities			29,829
Materials and Supplies			10,573
Contractual Services	~~84,578~~		98,478
Equipment			9,975
Grants and Fixed Charges			18,350
Operating Transfer Charges			162,265
Total	***~~2,335,667~~***	$	***2,349,567***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions ***23***			

SHERIFF

Salaries and Wages	$	1,380,772
Benefits		804,406
Training and Civic Affairs		29,452
Communication and Utilities		14,993
Materials and Supplies		21,259
Contractual Services		55,999
Equipment		5,000
Operating Transfer Charges		142,020
Total	***$***	***2,453,901***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions 21		

CLERK OF THE PEACE

Salaries and Wages	$	483,477
Benefits		282,975
Training and Civic Affairs		9,600
Communication and Utilities		5,484
Materials and Supplies		8,754
Contractual Services		18,268
Equipment Replacement		6,000
Operating Transfer Charges		30,824
Total	***$***	***845,382***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions 7		

DEBT SERVICE

Debt Service	$	45,578,427
Total	***$***	***45,578,427***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		

ETHICS COMMISSION

Salaries and Wages	$	40,200
Benefits		4,181
Training and Civic Affairs		10,500
Communication and Utilities		1,898
Materials and Supplies		2,450
Contractual Services		235,747
Equipment		500
Operating Transfer Charges		6,360
Total	***$***	***301,836***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions ***0***		

COUNCIL CONTINGENCY

Contingency	$	207,673
Total	***$***	***207,673***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		

EXECUTIVE CONTINGENCY

Contingency	$	0
Total	***$***	***0***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		

PERSONNEL CONTINGENCY

Contingency	$	455,000
Total	***$***	***455,000***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		

ATTRITION CONTINGENCY

Personal Services - Salaries and Wages	$	(6,164,693)
Personal Services - Employee Benefits	$	(3,608,135)
Total	***$***	***(9,772,828)***
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		

ONE-TIME CONTINGENCY

Contingency		$	130,380
Total		***$***	***130,380***

NEW CASTLE COUNTY

Salaries and Wages		$	140,998,748
Benefits			78,101,365
Training and Civic Affairs			732,174
Communication and Utilities			37,449,103
Materials and Supplies			8,379,173
Contractual Services	~~27,170,776~~		27,184,676
Equipment			2,872,182
Grants and Fixed Charges			17,771,285
Debt Service			45,578,427
Land and Structures			54,700
Contingency			794,760
Operating Transfer Charges			16,501,548
Operating Transfer Credits			(20,760,521)
Sub-Total New Castle County	***~~355,643,720~~***	***$***	**355,657,620**
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions 1,681			

RESERVE ACCOUNTS ANTICIPATED BALANCES AS OF APRIL 22, 2025

Tax Stabilization Reserve Account	61,495,003
Sewer Rate Stabilization Reserve Account	5,620,512
General Fund Budget Reserve Account	45,312,006
Sewer Fund Budget Reserve Account	18,734,142
Total Reserves:	**131,161,663**

Grant Matrix
5/27/25

GRANT APPLICANT	AMOUNT REQUESTED / AMOUNT PROPOSED	INTENDED USE OF GRANT	Standard Accounting Practices/ Non-Discrimination Policy	PRIOR COUNCIL GRANTS IN CURRENT FISCAL YEAR	COUNCIL MEMBER
Food Bank of Delaware	$2500/$2500	Funds will be used for one mobile pantry food distribution event in Council District 1	Yes/ Yes	No	Toole
Good Neighbors	$5000/$953.65	Funds will be used to pay for materials and repair labor by Good Neighbor Project Managers in New Castle County	Yes/Yes	Yes -2/18/25 - $2000	Toole
Woodland Run Maintenance Corporation	$400/$400	Funds will be used for their community cleanup day.	Yes/No	No	George
Food Bank of Delaware	$5000/$5000	Funds will be used for two mobile pantry food distribution events in Council District 5	Yes/Yes	No	George
MC917 Foundation, Inc.	$1200/$1200	Funds will be towards the Monday Club’s 129th Annual Ball	Yes/Yes	No	Williams-Johns