



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

April 22, 2025
6:30 PM

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

AGENDA

A. Call to Order

- **Moment of Silence**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Roll Call**

B. Approval of Minutes

C. Announcements

D. Introduction of Ordinances

°25-043: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$70,786.42 IN ACTUAL PROGRAM INCOME TO THE INNOVATIVE DEVELOPMENT EMPOWERMENT AREA (IDEA) HOMEBUYER/HOMEOWNER REHAB GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

°25-044: AMEND THE FY2025 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$16,820,000 IN FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, CHRISTINA RIVER FORCE MAIN CAPITAL PROJECT

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Carter

°25-045: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 40 ("UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE" OR "UDC"), ARTICLE 14 ("IMPACT FEES"), REGARDING IMPACT FEES

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Carter, Mr. Tackett

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier, Mr. Toole

°25-046: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 7 ("PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE"), ARTICLE 2 ("REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT OF FEES FOR VACANT PREMISES")

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier

°25-047: TO AMEND *NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE* CHAPTER 14 ("FINANCE AND TAXATION"), ARTICLE 6 ("EXEMPTION FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION") REGARDING PARTIAL COUNTY PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier

E. Reports from Select and Special Committees

F. Consent Calendar

R25-058: CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL L. BUTLER TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY FINANCIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

R25-059: CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF JONATHAN COCHRAN TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY BOARD OF LICENSE INSPECTION AND REVIEW

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

R25-060: CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH DAIGLE TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier

R25-061: CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF SUBIRA IBRAHIM TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins

R25-062: APPOINTING CARSON ZULLINGER TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

R25-063: CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF GWENDOLYN W. PIERCE TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Carter

R25-064: CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF MARGARET ANN RYAN TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco

R25-065: CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RENEE SPRUIEL TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. George

R25-066: CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF JUDITH A. TAGGART TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. George

R25-067: CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT A. WEBER, SR. TO THE FIRE AND AMBULANCE ADVISORY BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Carter

NOTE: If an item on the Consent Calendar is objected to by a Council member, or a member of the public wishes to obtain additional information about the candidate or proposed legislation, or if a Councilmember intends to offer an amendment to a resolution, seek additional information, or state a conflict, it shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and voted upon separately.

G. Presentations

H. Consideration of Resolutions Removed from the Consent Calendar and Other Resolutions

R25-068: RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL EMPLOYEES ON APRIL 23, 2025 ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS' DAY
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Carter, Mr. Cartier, Ms. Durham, Ms. George, Mr. Hollins, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Street, Mr. Tackett, Mr. Toole, Ms. Williams-Johns

R25-069: APPROVAL OF REFEREES FOR PROPERTY REASSESSMENT APPEALS
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-070: URGING THE DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO AUTHORIZE NEW CASTLE COUNTY TO LEVY A LOCAL TAX ON RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco, Ms. Kilpatrick

I. Consideration of Ordinances

°25-035: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$39,201.00 IN PROGRAM INCOME TO THE SENIOR HOME REPAIR PROGRAM GRANT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

°25-036: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$216,910.42 IN PROGRAM INCOME TO THE DOWN PAYMENT REVOLVING LOANS (DPS) GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

°25-037: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$11,181.00 IN PROGRAM INCOME TO THE ABSALOM JONES SENIOR CENTER RECREATION GRANT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

°25-038: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$70,780.00 FROM THE DELAWARE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TO THE SPECIAL EVENTS FUND GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

°25-039: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$41,706.96 IN EMERGENCY ILLEGAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT (EIDE) FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY TO THE EIDE FY2025 GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco

°25-040: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$77,170.44 IN STATE AID TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT (SALLE) FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY TO THE STATE AID TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT (SALLE) – FY2025 GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco

°25-041: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$125,000 IN FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO THE KNOLLWOOD

PARK COURT IMPROVEMENTS GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Carter

°25-042: AMEND THE PAY PLAN AND RATES OF PAY FOR CLASSIFIED SERVICE PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE DELAWARE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COUNCIL 81, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, AFFILIATE LOCAL 3109 FOR THE CLASS SPECIFICATION OF PLANNER I FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE, DIVISION OF PLANNING

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

J. Time Sensitive Congratulatory/Honorary Resolutions

R25-071: HONORING CIRO POPPITI III ON HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE WITH THE DELAWARE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AND TO CITIZENS OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY

Co-Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Sheldon

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Carter, Mr. Cartier, Ms. Durham, Ms. George, Mr. Hollins, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Street, Mr. Tackett, Mr. Toole, Ms. Williams-Johns

R25-072: RECOGNIZING EARTH DAY 2025

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

Co-sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

K. Introduction/Consideration of Emergency Ordinances**L. Public Comment/Other****M. Motion to Adjourn****AGENDA POSTED: April 15, 2025**

*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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If permitted to comment, you will not be able to speak until called upon by the moderator. For those appearing virtually, there are functions in the program that allow you to do this. Please see the link in the previous paragraph.

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street
Requested by: Community Services
Date of introduction: April 22, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-043

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE \$70,786.42 IN ACTUAL PROGRAM INCOME TO THE
INNOVATIVE DEVELOPMENT EMPOWERMENT AREA (IDEA)
HOMEBUYER/HOMEOWNER REHAB GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AND HOUSING**

1 **WHEREAS,** the Innovative Development Empowerment Area (IDEA)
2 Homebuyer/Homeowner Rehab Grant was established in 2015 as part of the County initiative to
3 provide intervention strategies in twenty census tracts within New Castle County identified as
4 “distressed market types” based on a comprehensive Market Value Analysis published in
5 September 2014 and original funding of \$500,000 was provided through the General Fund Tax
6 Stabilization Reserve; and
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8 **WHEREAS,** the actual program income is generated from the interest on the repayment
9 of loans; and
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11 **WHEREAS,** the County Executive has determined that funds received are sufficient to
12 cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter amended; and
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14 **WHEREAS,** Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance substantially
15 advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate government interests (i.e.,
16 promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order prosperity and/or welfare of the present
17 and future inhabitants of this State).
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19 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
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21 Section 1. The Grants Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173 is hereby
22 amended by deleting the material bracketed and stricken and by adding the material
23 underscored on the attached Exhibits “A.”
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25 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
26 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C.* §
27 1156.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

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

Approved on:

Marcus Henry
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate \$70,786.42 in actual program income to the IDEA Homebuyer/Homeowner Rehab Grant. This funding will be used for housing loans, settlement help and rehab grants to homeowners as stipulated in the grant.

The IDEA Homebuyer/Homeowner Rehab Grant was created in 2015 with the General Fund Tax Stabilization Reserves as part of the County initiative to offer rehab loans and settlement help within the twenty “distressed market type” census tracts identified in the Market Value Analysis (MVA) published within the Delaware State Housing Needs Assessment 2015-2020.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$70,786.42 in actual program income to the IDEA Homebuyer/Homeowner Rehab Grant, which is administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Development and Housing.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$70,786.42. This increase will affect FY2025 and beyond since this is a continuous program. This appropriation will increase the aggregate amount of program income to \$245,086.82.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer April 10, 2025.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	IDEA Homebuyer/Homeowner Rehab Grant	Ordinance No.	25-043
PROGRAM TITLE:	IDEA Homebuyer/Homeowner Rehab Grant		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ 174,300.40	\$ 70,786.42	\$ 245,086.82
Other	\$ 500,000.00	\$ -	\$ 500,000.00
Total	\$ 674,300.40	\$ 70,786.42	\$ 745,086.82

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ 21,955.00	\$ -	\$ 21,955.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ 652,300.40	\$ 70,786.42	\$ 723,086.82
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ 45.00	\$ -	\$ 45.00
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 674,300.40	\$ 70,786.42	\$ 745,086.82

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	4/1/2015
Estimated Program Completion:	ongoing
The Local Match:	Found in (ORG):
Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:
15-012	4/28/2015
21-085	7/13/2021
<u>23-113</u>	<u>8/29/2023</u>

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The IDEA Homebuyer/Homeowner Rehab Grant was established as part of the County initiative to create conditions in the twenty census tract area identified as "distressed market types" for a housing market rebound within the communities.

8/29/2023

4/22/2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-044

**AMEND THE FY2025 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$16,820,000
IN FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, CHRISTINA RIVER
FORCE MAIN CAPITAL PROJECT**

1 **WHEREAS**, Chapter 22 of Title 9 of the *Delaware Code*, as amended, authorizes New
2 Castle County to plan, acquire, purchase, construct, reconstruct, improve, better and extend,
3 and maintain and operate sewerage systems therein defined, and the County Council of New
4 Castle County has determined to repair, replace, and provide redundancy to the existing
5 Christina River Force Main system now maintained by the County over an extended period;
6 and
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8 **WHEREAS**, it has been deemed necessary to appropriate up to \$33,000,000 for the
9 installation of (i) approximately 2,000 linear feet ("LF") of new 84-inch force main piping to
10 serve as permanent bypass piping around the Heald Street Bridge, (ii) approximately 5,700
11 LF of 84- inch force main piping to serve as permanent bypass piping around the Market
12 Street Bridge, and (iii) approximately 2,000 LF of a new 36-inch force main extending from
13 the Market Street Pump Station (collectively, the "Project"); and
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15 **WHEREAS**, the Project is part of the ongoing rehabilitation of the Christina River Force
16 Main to prevent sanitary sewer incidents that decrease water quality and have negative
17 environmental and public health impacts on wildlife, residents, and commercial entities; and;
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19 **WHEREAS**, Resolution 24-110 authorized the County Executive to execute a financing
20 agreement in connection with the funding of the Project, for up to \$33,000,000 with the
21 Delaware Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund, acting by and through the Delaware
22 Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control; and
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24 **WHEREAS**, Ordinance 24-080 provided for additional clarification of the funding of the
25 Project, with resources allocated from the Southern Sewer Service Area Capital Project and
26 the Richardson Park Pump Station Upgrade Capital Project to this Project; and
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28 **WHEREAS**, DelDOT desires to replace existing bridge infrastructure on Heald Street
29 and both DelDOT and the County agree it is mutually beneficial to redirect the wastewater
30 flow from current portion of the CRFM and take it offline while the Heald Street bridge is
31 installed and to install a new, redundant portion of the CRFM to convey this redirected
32 wastewater flow; and
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34 **WHEREAS**, the County and DelDOT have agreed to share the costs associated with
35 the installation of the new CRFM around DelDOT's Heald Street bridge replacement and to
36 rehabilitate the existing portion of the CRFM, with DelDOT agreeing to contribute \$16,820,000
37 to the County.
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39 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
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41 Section 1. The Capital Budget Ordinance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 is
42 hereby amended by deleting the material that is stricken and adding the material that is
43 underscored on the attached Exhibit "A."
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45 Section 2. The Capital Program Resolution for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024
46 is hereby amended by deleting the material that is stricken and adding the material that is
47 underscored on the attached Exhibit "B."
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49 Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
50 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:

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

Approved on:

Marcus Henry
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if approved, will permit the County to accept funding totaling \$16,820,000 from the State of Delaware, Department of Transportation (DelDOT) in connection with its Christina Force Main Capital Project. This funding is needed as part of the ongoing rehabilitation of the Christina Force Main to prevent sanitary sewer incidents that decrease water quality and have negative environmental and public health impacts on wildlife, residents, and commercial entities.

FISCAL IMPACT: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the FY2025 Capital Budget by appropriating \$16,820,000 in funding received from the State of Delaware, Department of Transportation (DelDOT) to the Department of Public Works, Christina River Force Main Capital Project.

The revised FY2025 Capital Budget amount for the Christina River Force Main Capital Project will be \$57,820,000.

The revised FY2025 New Castle County Capital Budget grand total will be \$99,154,005.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer on April 10, 2025.

EXHIBIT "A"
NEW CASTLE COUNTY
CAPITAL BUDGET - FY2025

25-044

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Firewall Replacement	\$	425,000
Reassessment 2024		5,000,000
Subtotal	\$	5,425,000

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Appoquinimink Library	\$	54,482
Glasgow Library		150,000
Newark Library		8,200,000
Rockwood Museum		175,000
Surratte Pool Renovations		50,000
Subtotal	\$	8,629,482

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Safety Equipment	\$	136,000
Public Safety Vest Protection Program		264,515
Subtotal	\$	400,515

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Facilities/Equipment

Electric Vehicle Infrastructure	\$	1,616,398
Fleet Equipment 2022		(450,000)
Fleet Equipment 2023		(1,900,000)
Fleet Equipment 2024		49,590
Fleet Equipment 2025		6,510,906
Subtotal	\$	5,826,894

EXHIBIT "A"
NEW CASTLE COUNTY
CAPITAL BUDGET - FY2025

25-044

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (Continued)

Parks

Agricultural Preservation	\$	1,000,000
Bechtel Park Improvements		2,250,000
Game Court Improvements Pre-2021		(106,744)
Game Court Improvements 2021		181,744
General Parkland Improvements 2024-2025		750,000
Greenway Systems		1,029,600
Open Space Preservation		1,500,000
Southern Regional Park		4,400,000
Subtotal	\$	11,004,600

Sewer/Stormwater

Airport Road System Rehabilitation	\$	2,500,000
Brandywine Hundred South Rehabilitation Phase I		(450,000)
Christiana Pump Station Upgrade		(500,000)
Christina River Force Main	41,000,000	57,820,000
Countywide Drainage Problems		(500,000)
Delaware City Industrial Sewer Expansion		(2,500,000)
Delaware City Treatment Plant Rehab		(500,000)
DeIDOT Coordination Project 2021		(500,000)
General Sewer Improvements		1,000,000
Glasgow Area Sewer Improvements		(400,000)
Holloway Terrace Outfall Replace		(1,000,000)
Public Works Complex		400,000
Pump Station Rehab 2024-2025		500,000
Septage Receiving Station Upgrade		300,000
Sewer Fleet Equipment 2022		(3,051)
Sewer Fleet Equipment 2023		(764,800)
Sewer Fleet Equipment 2025		2,665,366
Sewer Repairs and Rehabilitation 2024-2025		2,000,000
Stormwater Basin Renovation II		1,500,000
Terminal Avenue System Rehabilitation		(500,000)
Water Farm #1 System Rehabilitation		300,000
Water Quality Improvement Plans		2,400,000
White Clay System Rehabilitation		4,100,000
Subtotal	51,047,515	\$ 67,867,515

CAPITAL BUDGET TOTAL

82,334,005 **\$

99,154,005**

EXHIBIT B**PROJECT PROFILES
PUBLIC WORKS - SEWER/STORMWATER**

Project Name (Number): Christina River Force Main (C300705)					
Description: Evaluation of the Christina River Force Main (CRFM) to determine present condition and develop a long-term plan.				Council Districts: All	
Funding Schedule					
	Bonds	Federal	State	Other	Total
Prior Authorizations	\$ 15,581,576	\$ -	\$ 49,659,005	\$ 4,343,424	\$ 69,584,005
FY2025	41,000,000	-	-	-	41,000,000
			16,820,000		57,820,000
FY2026	-	-	-	-	-
FY2027	35,000,000	-	-	-	35,000,000
FY2028	1,000,000	-	-	-	1,000,000
FY2029	8,000,000	-	-	-	8,000,000
FY2030	3,000,000	-	-	-	3,000,000
Future Years	340,000,000	-	-	-	340,000,000
Total	\$ 443,581,576	\$ -	\$ 49,659,005	\$ 4,343,424	\$ 497,584,005
			\$ 66,479,005		\$ 514,404,005
Available Authorizations:		\$ 5,487,711			
Available Funding:		\$ 1,491,180			
Operating Budget Impact:		\$ 90,200			

*Available Authorizations / Funding as of February 29, 2024, net of obligations.

FY2025 Activity:

Begin to construct Heald Street. Complete Market Street Design. Installation of (i) approximately 2,000 linear feet ("LF") of new 84-inch force main piping to serve as permanent bypass piping around the Heald Street Bridge, (ii) approximately 5,700 LF of 84-inch force main piping to serve as permanent bypass piping around the Market Street Bridge, and (iii) approximately 2,000 LF of a new 36-inch force main extending from the Market Street Pump Station (collectively, the "Project"). Per the Heald Street and CRFM Cost Sharing Agreement between DelDOT/State of Delaware and New Castle County, funding in the amount of \$16,820,000 has been allocated to New Castle County to assist with the construction of the Heald Street CRFM.

Future Activity:

Construction of phased CRFM redundant system, continue assessment and protection of existing CRFM.

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham, Mr. Caneco
Mr. Carter, Mr. Tackett
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier, Mr. Toole
Date of introduction: April 22, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-045

**TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 40 ("UNIFIED
DEVELOPMENT CODE" OR "UDC"), ARTICLE 14 ("IMPACT FEES"),
REGARDING IMPACT FEES**

1 **WHEREAS**, County Council adopted Substitute No. 2 to Ordinance No. 22-024
2 as amended by Floor Amendment No. 1 ("New Castle County Comprehensive Plan" or
3 "the Ordinance"), on July 26, 2022, and the County Executive approved the Ordinance
4 on August 4, 2022; and
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6 **WHEREAS**, the New Castle County Comprehensive Plan recommends re-
7 evaluating the impact fee provisions to ensure the monies levied from new development
8 adequately address the impact of increased demand for parks, libraries, and fire, EMS
9 and police expansion and service; and
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11 **WHEREAS**, the New Castle County Comprehensive Plan recommends removing
12 impact fees for affordable housing units and calls for incentivizing context sensitive
13 development; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County imposes impact fees to pay for a portion of
16 additional public services needed as the result of new development for which the County
17 would bear the additional or increased costs; and
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19 **WHEREAS**, impact fees, when accurately maintained, can be an effective tool for
20 ensuring adequate infrastructure to accommodate future growth where and when it is
21 anticipated and preferred; and
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23 **WHEREAS**, the Development Impact Fee Study conducted for the County by the
24 Rossi Group and Century Engineering (published June 13, 2023), together with support
25 from the strategic plan of the County Open Space Advisory Board, a new impact fee to
26 boost County funding available for open space and natural land protection is desired to
27 be further studied; and
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29 **WHEREAS**, impact fees have not been adjusted regularly to account for inflation
30 and cost of construction; and
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32 **WHEREAS**, County Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance
33 substantially advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate
34 government interests (i.e., promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order,
35 prosperity and/or welfare of the present and future inhabitants of this State).

36 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
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38 **Section 1.** *New Castle County Code* Chapter 40 (Unified Development Code or
39 “UDC”), Article 14 (“Impact Fees”), Division 40.14.200 (“Impact Fees”), is hereby
40 amended by adding the material that is underscored and deleting the material that is
41 bracketed and stricken, as set forth below:
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43 **Division 40.14.200. Impact fees.**
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45 **Sec. 40.14.210. Impact fees.**
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47 Impact fee amounts are provided in Table 40.14.210.

Table 40.14.210
IMPACT FEES (DOLLARS)

Service	Parks & Special Facilities	Libraries	County Facilities	EMS	Fire and Rescue	Law Enforcement	Total
Residential Per Housing Unit							
Single-family detached	\$492.00[328.00]	\$207.00[138.00]	\$168.00[112.00]	\$10.50[7.00]	\$765[510].00	\$93.00[62.00]	\$1,736.00[1,157.00]
Single-family attached	\$456.00[304.00]	\$194.00[129.00]	\$158.00[105.00]	\$9.00[6.00]	\$663[442].00	\$87.00[58.00]	\$1,566.00[1,044.00]
All other housing†	\$338.00[225.00]	\$143.00[95.00]	\$116.00[77.00]	\$7.50[5.00]	\$476[317].00	\$65.00[43.00]	\$1,143[762].00
Nonresidential Per 1,000 Square Feet‡							
Commercial/shopping center (less than 60,000 sf. GFA)	na.	na.	\$191.00[27.00]	\$12.00[8.00]	\$315.00[210.00]	\$63.00[42.00]	\$581.00[387.00]
Commercial/shopping center (60,000 sf. to 200,000 sf. GFA)	na.	na.	\$143.00[95.00]	\$9.00[6.00]	\$245.00[163.00]	\$50.00[33.00]	\$446.00[297.00]
Commercial/shopping center (greater than 200,000 sf. GFA)	na.	na.	\$114.00[76.00]	\$7.50[5.00]	\$221.00[147.00]	\$42.00[28.00]	\$384.00[256.00]
Office/institutional (less than 10,000 sf. GFA)	na.	na.	\$264.00[176.00]	\$16.50[1.00]	\$168.00[112.00]	\$36.00[24.00]	\$485.00[323.00]
Office/institutional (10,000 sf. to 50,000 sf. GFA)	na.	na.	\$225.00[150.00]	\$15.00[10.00]	\$431.00[287.00]	\$24.00[16.00]	\$695.00[463.00]
Office/institutional (greater than 50,000 sf. GFA)	na.	na.	\$213.00[142.00]	\$13.50[9.00]	\$408.00[272.00]	\$21.00[14.00]	\$656.00[437.00]
Business park	na.	na.	\$180.00[120.00]	\$12.00[8.00]	\$348.00[232.00]	\$21.00[14.00]	\$561.00[374.00]
Light industrial	na.	na.	\$132.00[88.00]	\$7.00[5.00]	\$255.00[170.00]	\$10.50[7.00]	\$405.00[270.00]
Warehousing	na.	na.	\$71.00[47.00]	\$4.50[3.00]	\$141.00[94.00]	\$6.00[4.00]	\$222.00[148.00]
Manufacturing	na.	na.	\$105.00[70.00]	\$6.00[4.00]	\$197.00[131.00]	\$4.50[3.00]	\$364.00[208.00]
† Due to similar square footage, small single-family dwelling units (as defined in Division 40.33.300. - General definitions) and single-wide mobile homes will be included under the "All other housing" designation.							
‡ When building or expanding a nonresidential building, the first 1,000 square feet are exempt from the assessment of impact fees. [For all impact fees except sewer impact fees required by this Article, the Department shall waive the applicant's responsibility to pay said fees for redevelopment or Brownfields. As a condition of such waiver, the Department may require that an alternative funding source be identified to pay the applicable impact fee.]							

51 **Sec. 40.14.220. Payment of fees....**

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53 **Sec. 40.14.230. Other necessary adjustments.**

54
55 A. All costs in the impact fee calculations are given in current dollars with no assumed
56 inflation rate over time. Necessary cost adjustments will be made as part of an
57 annual the periodic evaluation by the Office of Finance which shall be reported to
58 County Council by February 1 of each year and include any proposed
59 corresponding update of impact fees utilizing the Consumer Price Index since the
60 most recent adjustments or another professionally recognized and documented
61 method or study. Any impact fee adjustments shall be implemented upon approval
62 by New Castle County Council.

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64 B. Impact fees will be adjusted for inflation in construction costs] as reflected in the
65 Engineering News Record (ENR) index and upon approval by New Castle County
66 Council. Any impact fee based in part upon land cost shall be reviewed periodically
67 by the Departments of Land Use and Finance and adjusted to account for any
68 significant change in the cost of land upon approval of County Council.] Starting in
69 January 2027 and no more than every five (5) years thereafter, the Office of finance
70 in coordination with the Department of Land Use, shall prepare or have prepared, a
71 study to review all impact fees. Such studies may propose any new or revised
72 impact fees needed to provide services to support new development, to reflect the
73 higher costs of development in State Strategy Levels 3 and 4, or to protect natural
74 resources. Any proposed new impact fee shall be reviewed for adherence to the
75 methodology in this Article and shall be implemented upon approval by New Castle
76 County Council.

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78 **Sec. 40.14.240. Parkland requirement. ...**

79
80 **Sec. 40.14.241. Exemptions from Impact Fees[Reserved].**

81
82 The following are exempt from the impact fee requirements of this Article:

83
84 A. Workforce dwelling units developed under the former workforce housing
85 incentives.

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87 B. Moderately Priced Dwelling Units as noted in this Chapter.

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89 C. Low income housing (<100% AMI as determined by the Department of
90 Community Services or any qualified units built using the IRS Low Income
91 Housing Tax Credit (IRS Section 42) or participating in the Delaware State
92 Housing Authority/Cinnaire Catalyst Fund.)

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94 D. Redevelopment or Brownfields as per Section 40.08.130

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96 E. Development on land in the Publicly Conserved Lands & Parks (P) District
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98 **Section 2. Consistent with Comprehensive Development Plan.** New Castle
99 County Council finds that the provisions of this Ordinance are consistent with the spirit
100 and intent of the New Castle County Comprehensive Development Plan.
101

102 **Section 3. Inconsistent Ordinances and Resolutions Repealed.** All
103 ordinances or parts of ordinances and all resolutions or parts of resolutions that may be
104 in conflict herewith are hereby repealed except to the extent they remain applicable to
105 land use matters reviewed under previous Code provisions as provided in Chapter 40 of
106 the *New Castle County Code*.
107

108 **Section 4. Severability.** The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable. If
109 any provision of this Ordinance is found by any court of competent jurisdiction to be
110 unconstitutional or void, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall remain valid,
111 unless the court finds that that the valid provisions of this Ordinance are so essentially
112 and inseparably connected with, and so dependent upon, the unconstitutional or void
113 provision that it cannot be presumed that County Council would have enacted the
114 remaining valid provisions, without the unconstitutional or void one, or unless the court
115 finds that the remaining valid provisions, standing alone, are incomplete and incapable
116 of being executed in accordance with the County Council's intent. If any provision of this
117 Ordinance or any zoning map or portion thereof is found to be unconstitutional or void,
118 all applicable former ordinances, resolutions, zoning maps or portions thereof shall
119 become applicable and shall be considered as continuations thereof as not as new
120 enactments regardless if severability is possible.
121

122 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2025.
123 immediately upon its adoption by County Council and approval by the County Executive
124 or as otherwise provided in 9 Del. C. § 1156.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

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

Approved on:

Marcus A. Henry
County Executive of New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: The following is a summary of the revisions contained in this ordinance
broken down by New Castle County Code Division or Section number.

Sec. 40.14.210. This amendment adjusts impact fees for inflation based on the
Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Sec. 40.14.230. This amendment requires that the Office of Finance advise County Council annually what adjustments, if any, to impact fees are needed based on the Consumer Price Index. Additionally, this amendment requires that the Office of Finance advise County Council of any new impact fees needed for County services to support new development. This amendment also requires that the Department of Land Use review new fees for adherence to the methodologies in Article 14.

FISCAL NOTE: (attached separately)

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier
Requested by: Land Use
Date of introduction: April 22, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-046

**TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 7
("PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE"), ARTICLE 2
("REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT OF FEES FOR VACANT
PREMISES")**

1 **WHEREAS**, the proliferation of vacant premises and their detrimental effect on
2 neighborhoods has become a national problem, and
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4 **WHEREAS**, a vacant property may become an eyesore, a fire hazard, a wildlife
5 refuge, a shelter for transients, a center for illicit drug traffic and use, a target for graffiti
6 and vandalism, an asylum for vermin, a health hazard, a general community nuisance,
7 and degrade adjoining properties and their values, causing the County to expend funds
8 for police, fire service, community service and code enforcement oversight and response;
9 and
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11 **WHEREAS**, in short, it has been recognized that law enforcement, fire
12 departments and other government services must be expended in disproportionate
13 measures to protect the general public in areas surrounding vacant premises; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, jurisdictions in the State of Delaware and throughout the nation have
16 recognized that vacant property registration fees specifically benefit the owners of vacant
17 premises by financing in part additional government services required to protect the value
18 and security of the vacant buildings and problems created by them; and
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20 **WHEREAS**, vacant buildings and structures often deteriorate over time, becoming
21 structurally unstable and prone to collapse, creating additional risks for first responders,
22 particularly fire department personnel, during emergency operations: and
23

24 **WHEREAS**, Delaware law provides that lien or liens arise when fees are imposed
25 by law or ordinance of any political subdivision of the State (including the County Council
26 of any County) and include without limitation, fees for registration of ownership of any
27 vacant buildings located within that political subdivision (25 *Del. C.* Section 2901(a)(1)(j))
28 and
29

30 **WHEREAS**, Delaware courts have found that vacant property registration is the
31 property exercise of governmental authority to protect the health, safety and welfare of
32 the citizenry and is a valid regulatory scheme with a reasonable fee based on the effect
33 of property left vacant for a length of time; and

34 **WHEREAS**, the County desires to establish measures to minimize the risk posed
35 by vacant buildings by requiring owners to maintain safe conditions, including fire
36 prevention and the ability for fire departments to access and properly respond to
37 emergencies at these sites: and

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39 **WHEREAS**, this ordinance seeks to discourage vacancy, maintain unoccupied
40 buildings to an acceptable community standard by increasing the fee to the parties
41 responsible for vacant buildings for the increased police, fire and code enforcement costs
42 associated with the risks of vandalism, arson, loitering, pests, crime and other economic
43 and social costs to said buildings.

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

45 Section 1. *New Castle County Code* Chapter 7 (“Property
46 Maintenance Code”), Article 2 (“District Intensity and Bulk Standards”),
47 Section 40.04.110. (“Registration and Payment of Fees for Vacant
48 Premises”) is hereby amended by adding the underlined language and
49 deleting the language that is stricken as set forth, below.

50 Article 2. – REGISTRATION, AND PAYMENT OF FEES, **SIGNAGE AND**
51 **INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS** FOR VACANT PREMISES

52 Sec.7.02.003.

53 A. *Annual registration fees.* On or about November 1 of each calendar year,
54 the Department shall provide notice to all registrants that vacant
55 registration statements must be renewed. The notice shall provide the
56 applicable annual registration fee. The responsible party shall submit the
57 applicable form and the non-refundable registration fee before January 1 of
58 each calendar year.

59 1. Escalating fee schedule. The fee schedule reflects the inevitable
60 increased social and economic costs associated with long-term
61 vacancy and also is intended to encourage rehabilitation, use and
62 occupancy of the premises. The annual fee for each vacant premises
63 shall be based upon the term of continuous vacancy as follows:

64 a. Less than one (1) year: ~~One~~ **Two** hundred **fifty** dollars (~~\$100.00~~ **\$250.00**).

65 b. One (1) year and up to two (2) years: ~~Five~~ **Seven** hundred **fifty** dollars
66 (~~\$500.00~~ **\$750.00**).

67 c. Two (2) years and up to three (3) years: **Two** thousand **five hundred**
68 dollars (~~\$1,000.00~~ **\$2,500.00**).

69 d. Three (3) years and up to five (5) years: ~~Two~~ **Five** thousand dollars
70 (~~\$2,000.00~~ **\$5,000.00**).

e. Five (5) years and up to ten (10) years **greater**: ~~Three~~ **Seven** thousand five hundred dollars (~~\$3500.00~~ **\$7,500.00**) **plus an additional one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each additional year over five (5).**

f. ~~Ten (10) years or greater: Five thousand dollars (\$5000.00) plus an additional (\$500.00) for each additional year over ten (10).~~

2. In addition to the above registration fee, for office, commercial or industrial buildings over 500,000 square feet, an additional fee of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per 100,000 square feet over 500,000 square feet shall also be added. This fee will be prorated based on the actual square footage.

3. In addition to the above registration fee, the owner shall be charged an additional one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each inspection of the property made by the Department of Land Use for as long as it shall remain vacant.

Sec.7.02.008. Placard Requirements.

A. Placards. Any vacant or abandoned buildings or structures determined to be unsafe pursuant to Section 108 relating to structural or interior hazards shall be marked with a placard(s) by the Code Official and the costs of the placard and installation will be charged to the property owner.

B. Placard Location. Placards shall be applied on the front of the structure and be visible from the street. Additional placards will be applied to each entrance of buildings with more than one main entrance.

C. Placard Size and Color. Placards shall be 24 inches by 24 inches (610 mm by 610 mm) minimum in size with a red background, white reflective stripes that form an X and a white reflective border. The stripes and border shall have a 2-inch (51 mm) minimum stroke.

D. Sec.7.02.009 Inspection Required

All buildings and structures vacant for five (5) consecutive years are required to be inspected by a design professional. The design professional shall submit a report to the Code Official documenting any structural or fire safety concerns in addition to any health, safety or welfare issues.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective, after 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:

Monique Williams-Johns
President of County Council
New Castle County

Approved on:

Marcus A. Henry
County Executive of New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance increases the existing vacant registration fees, requires placards to be installed on unsafe, vacant premises and requires an inspection of vacant premises when the building or structure has been vacant for 5 consecutive years.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will result in an estimated increase in General Fund revenue of \$780,000 per year with no discernable increase in expenses.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer April 14, 2025.

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier
Requested by: Administration
Date of introduction: April 22, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-047

TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 14 ("FINANCE AND TAXATION"), ARTICLE 6 ("EXEMPTION FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION") REGARDING PARTIAL COUNTY PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS

1 **WHEREAS**, upon completion of the certified tax roll at the conclusion of the first
2 county-wide reassessment in over forty years, and

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4 **WHEREAS**, the 2024 US Census report indicates 10.9% of New Castle County
5 residents are living in poverty, and

6
7 **WHEREAS**, Council has concluded that it is in the interest of residents of New
8 Castle County to provide a one-year partial low-income property tax exemption following
9 reassessment, which will be reviewed upon implementation to guide future consideration
10 for continuation or alternative assistance.

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

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14 **Section 1.** Division 14.06.900 of the *New Castle County Code* is hereby amended
15 by adding the material that is underscored and deleting the material that is stricken, as set
16 forth below:

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18 **Division 14.06.900. - ~~Reserved.~~ Property owned by low-income residents.**

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20 **Sec. 14.06.901. - Definitions.**

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22 The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this Division, shall have the
23 meanings ascribed to them in this Section, except where the context clearly
24 indicates a different meaning:

25
26 *Income* means adjusted gross income, as defined under the Internal Revenue Code of
27 1986 or any successor thereto, as amended from time to time, but excluding social
28 security and tier 1 railroad retirement benefits, plus the amount of capital gains excluded
29 from such adjusted gross income. For any fiscal year for which an exemption is claimed,
30 income shall be the income received during the calendar year immediately preceding the
31 fiscal year for which exemption is sought.

32
33 *Resident* means one legally domiciled within the State as of July 1 of the fiscal year for
34 which exemption is sought. Mere seasonal or temporary residence within the State, of
35 whatever duration, shall not constitute domicile within the State. Absence from the State
36 for a period of twelve (12) months shall be prima facie evidence of abandonment of
37 domicile in the State. The burden of establishing domicile shall be upon the claimant.
38

41 **Sec. 14.06.902. - Qualifications for and amount of low-income County property tax**
42 **exemption.**
43

44 A. A person is entitled to a low-income exemption from County property taxes for
45 tax year 2026 not to exceed one hundred seventy-three thousand dollars
46 (\$173,000) of the assessed value of real property owned by the person, if the
47 person meets all of the following:
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- 49 1. On or before June 1, 2025, the person submits to the Assessment
50 Division an application on the prescribed form.
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- 52 2. The house on the real property is the person's principal residence.
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- 54 3. The assessed value of the real property does not exceed four hundred
55 sixty-nine thousand dollars (\$469,000).
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- 57 4. The person's income as defined in Section 14.06.901 does not exceed
58 fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) per year or, if the person is married, the
59 combined income of the person and the person's spouse does not
60 exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) per year.
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- 62 5. The person is a resident as defined in Section 14.06.901 and has been
63 legally domiciled within the State of Delaware for a period of ten (10)
64 consecutive years before July 1 of the year for which exemption is
65 sought.
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- 67 6. The person either does not owe any taxes or sewer service charges
68 collectible by New Castle County or is enrolled in an approved payment
69 plan and has timely paid all payments and continues to do so until the
70 payment plan is complete.
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- 72 7. The person is not receiving an elderly or disabled veteran County tax
73 exemption under 14.06.302 and 14.06.303.
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75 B. *Exemption may be forfeited.* The Office of Finance may treat an exemption
76 granted under this Section as having been forfeited by a person if the person
77 fails to remain current on payment of any taxes or sewer service charges in
78 accordance with and for the duration of any agreement with New Castle
79 County.
80

81 C. *Transfer of low-income exemption.* If a person who qualifies for a low-income
82 exemption transfers the property for which the exemption was granted and
83 acquires a new property (which is the principal residence), the person may
84 transfer the exemption to the new residence upon the submission and approval of
85 a new application for exemption, accompanied by proper documentation of the
86 transfer.
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88 D. Applications for exemption pursuant to this Section are applicable for tax year 2026
89 only.

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91 **Section 2.** Section 14.06.1103 of the *New Castle County Code* is hereby amended
92 by adding the material that is underscored and deleting the material that is stricken, as set
93 forth below:

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95 **Sec. 14.06.1103. - Filing frequency.**

96
97 C. Applications for exemption pursuant to Division 14.06.900, relating to low-
98 income resident exemptions are applicable to tax year 2026 only.

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

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

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

Approved on:

Marcus Henry
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if approved, amends Division 14.06.900, currently reserved, to create a partial property tax exemption for low-income residents for tax year 2026 only and it provides for a filing deadline of June 1, 2025 for such exemptions.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, would reduce an estimated \$1,300,000.0, or 1.34% of total taxable assessments across all County parcels. The fiscal impact would be reflected in the roll back tax rate calculations required as a result of reassessment and spread over the remaining eligible taxable assessments for fiscal year 2026. It is estimated the maximum number of eligible recipients is 7,514, with a maximum tax discount of \$276 for a residential parcel in unincorporated New Castle County.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer April 14, 2025.

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley
Requested by: Executive Office
Date of introduction: April 22, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 25-058

**CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL L. BUTLER TO THE
NEW CASTLE COUNTY FINANCIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Financial Advisory Council (“Council”) is composed of nine (9)
2 residents of the County. Pursuant to *New Castle County Code* § 14.01.017, County Council
3 shall appoint four (4) members with the advice and consent of the County Executive and five
4 (5) members shall be appointed by the County Executive with the advice and consent of
5 County Council. The County Executive shall designate a Chairperson from among its
6 members; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, members of the Council shall possess the ability to review, comprehend,
9 and comment upon financial data and project future revenue and expenditures based on
10 available data relevant to past trends and the current economic environment. No more than
11 three (3) of the members appointed by the County Executive or County Council shall be of the
12 same political party. The County Council and the County Executive may each appoint no more
13 than one (1) representative from New Castle County government. Members of the Council
14 shall serve for terms of three (3) years with said term to begin from the date of appointment
15 with no limitation on reappointment; and
16

17 **WHEREAS**, the Financial Advisory Council advises the County Executive, County
18 Council, and the Chief Financial Officer of current and projected economic conditions and
19 trends, particularly as they affect New Castle County; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has submitted for the advice and consent of County
22 Council the reappointment of Michael L. Butler to the New Castle County Financial Advisory
23 Council; and
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25 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Butler is a resident of New Castle County with experience in finance
26 and has worked with data forecasting and financial modeling. Additionally, Mr. Butler has been
27 a valued member of New Castle County’s Financial Advisory Council since 2019.
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29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by and for the County Council of New Castle
30 County that County Council hereby consents to the reappointment of Michael L. Butler to the
31 New Castle County Financial Advisory Council for a term beginning March 12, 2025, and to
32 expire on March 12, 2028.

Adopted by the County Council
of New Castle County on:

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

SYNOPSIS: Same as title.

FISCAL NOTE: There will be no discernable fiscal impact upon the adoption of this legislation.

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham
Requested by: Executive Office
Date of introduction: April 22, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 25-059

**CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF JONATHAN COCHRAN TO THE
NEW CASTLE COUNTY BOARD OF LICENSE INSPECTION AND REVIEW**

1 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to 9 *Del. C.* § 1315, County Council, by ordinance, may
2 provide for the establishment of a Board of License Inspection and Review, which shall
3 have 5 members to be appointed by the County Executive; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to *New Castle County Code* § 2.05.103, the County
6 Executive, with the advice and consent of County Council, shall appoint four (4)
7 members who shall serve for terms of four (4) years, provided that the terms of the
8 original members shall be established in a manner that one (1) shall expire each year.
9 The County Executive shall appoint one (1) member who shall be Chairperson and who
10 shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive. Preference shall be given by the
11 County Executive to appointing members who are qualified as professionals and are
12 members of a recognized trade association in the fields of construction engineering,
13 architecture, plumbing, sanitary engineering and the home building and construction
14 industry; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, the Board is authorized to provide an appeal procedure whereby
17 any person aggrieved by the issuance, transfer, renewal, refusal, suspension,
18 revocation or cancellation of any County license, or by any notice, order or other action
19 as a result of any County inspection affecting him or her directly shall, upon request, be
20 furnished with a written statement of the reasons for the action taken and afforded a
21 hearing thereon by the Board; and
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23 **WHEREAS**, the Board shall hear any evidence, which the aggrieved party or the
24 County may desire to offer, shall make findings and render a decision in writing within
25 90 days of the filing of the appeal, and that the Board may affirm, modify, reverse,
26 vacate or revoke the action from which the appeal was taken to it; and
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28 **WHEREAS**, the Board shall have the power to make and revise or rescind such
29 rules as it may deem necessary or appropriate to provide an appeal procedure and
30 otherwise conduct its affairs; and
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32 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has submitted for the advice and consent of
33 County Council the reappointment of Jonathan Cochran to the Board; and
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35 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Cochran is the president, owner and operator of a plumbing and
36 construction business and is a plumbing instructor at St. Georges Technical High
37 School and Hodgson Plumbing School.

38 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by and for the County Council of New
39 Castle County that County Council hereby consents to the reappointment of Jonathan
40 Cochran to the New Castle County Board of License, Inspection and Review for a term
41 to begin on October 10, 2024, and to expire on October 10, 2028.

Adopted by the County Council of
New Castle County on:

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

SYNOPSIS: Same as title.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-060

**CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH DAIGLE TO THE
NEW CASTLE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**

1 **WHEREAS**, the New Castle County Planning Board ("Planning Board") is composed of
2 nine (9) members. Pursuant to *New Castle County Code* § 40.30.210, County Council has the
3 power and duty to confirm, by majority vote, members of the Planning Board appointed by the
4 County Executive; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, the Planning Board is responsible for reviewing proposed changes to
7 zoning, subdivision regulations, deed restrictions, and the Comprehensive Development Plan;
8 and

9
10 **WHEREAS**, the Planning Board also renders final decisions on subdivision variances
11 and appeals of Land Use Department interpretations of subdivision regulations; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, Planning Board Members shall be appointed by the County Executive for a
14 term of three years; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has submitted for the advice and consent of the
17 County Council the reappointment of Joseph Daigle to the Planning Board; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Daigle has served on the Planning Board since 2018 and brings value
20 to the Board through his background in leadership and community involvement.

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22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by and for the County Council of New Castle
23 County that County Council hereby consents to the reappointment of Joseph Daigle to the
24 New Castle County Planning Board for a term to begin immediately upon the adoption of this
25 resolution and to expire on April 22, 2028.

Adopted by the County Council
of New Castle County on: 4/22/25

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

SYNOPSIS: Same as title.

FISCAL NOTE: There will be no discernable fiscal impact upon the adoption of this resolution.

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins
Requested By: Executive Office
Date of Introduction: April 22, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 25-061

**CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF SUBIRA IBRAHIM TO
THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD**

1 **WHEREAS**, Pursuant to *New Castle County Code* § 2.05.403, the Library
2 Advisory Board shall advise the County Library Manager, recommending programs
3 concerning local library needs and the implementation of an effective County library
4 system, and reviewing and making recommendations on such matters as all new and
5 modified administrative policies; the budget; long-range plans; site selection for new
6 libraries; conceptual plans for the construction and expansion of new and existing
7 libraries; and material changes in the Master Plan; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, the term of Subira Ibrahim's appointment to the Library Advisory
10 Board has expired, and it has been recommended that she be reappointed to the Board;
11 and
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13 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Ibrahim has served as a New Castle County Library Advisory
14 Board member for approximately 6 years, serving Council District 4 and 10; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has submitted for the advice and consent of
17 the County Council the re-appointment of Subira Ibrahim as a member of the New
18 Castle County Library Advisory Board.
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20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by and for the County Council of New
21 Castle County that County Council hereby consents to the re-appointment of Subira
22 Ibrahim to the New Castle County Library Advisory Board for a term to begin
23 immediately upon adoption of this resolution and to expire May 14, 2028.

Adopted by the County Council
of New Castle County on:

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

SYNOPSIS: Same as title.

FISCAL NOTE: There will be no discernible fiscal impact upon the adoption of this legislation.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-062

**APPOINTING CARSON ZULLINGER TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION**

1 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to *New Castle County Code* Chapter 2 ("Administration"),
2 Article 5 Sec.2.05.516. The Public Arts Commission has the responsibility of looking at
3 public art holistically. They will engage the public, promote, and advocate for permanent
4 or semi-permanent public visual arts projects that reflect the cultural, natural, and
5 historical diversity of New Castle County. The Public Arts Commission also has the
6 responsibility to advise and update the Department of Community Services, the County
7 Executive, and County Council on public arts in New Castle County; and
8

9 **WHEREAS**, *New Castle County code* 2.05.516 provides New Castle County
10 Public Arts Commission ("Commission") shall consist of nine (9) members including the
11 Chair. The County Council shall appoint five (5) members, including ex officio designees,
12 with the advice and consent of the County Executive. The County Executive shall appoint
13 four (4) members with the advice and consent of County Council. The County Executive,
14 with the advice and consent of County Council, shall appoint one member from the nine
15 nominated members as Chairperson who shall serve at the pleasure of the County
16 Executive. Recommendations for membership will be sought from local visual arts
17 organizations, educational institutions, and community leaders in the visual arts field.
18 Except for certain initial appointments as identified below, all Commission members other
19 than the Chair and exofficio positions shall hold 4-year terms, which may be renewed;
20 and
21

22 **WHEREAS**, membership of the Commission shall consist of at least 1
23 representative from visual arts organizations, including art museums, that are located or
24 operate within the County; at least 2 County residents who are visual artists (including but
25 not limited to a sculptor and painter) or who have a demonstrated involvement in public
26 art; at least 1 representative from the faculty or governing body of an educational
27 institution with art or architecture programs; at least 1 representative from a non-profit
28 organization engaged in supporting the visual arts; at least 1 registered landscape
29 architect; the Director of the Delaware Art Museum [ex officio] or their designee; and
30

31 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Community Services shall provide the
32 administrative and community support required by the Commission in the performance of
33 its official duties. The Department of Public Works shall provide technical and project
34 management support for the public art installations directed by the Commission. The
35 Commission may engage with other County departments in the performance of its official
36 duties; and
37

38 **WHEREAS**, the initial appointments of the members of the Commission shall be
39 2 or 4 years to stagger the terms so that approximately half the members will be up for
40 reappointment every 2 years; and

41 **WHEREAS**, Carson Zullinger is a resident of New Castle County and an award
42 winning visual artist and photographer who has displayed his work all over the region,
43 country, and world. He has published articles in multiple art journals and maintains
44 affiliations with several art institutions and organizations.

45 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by and for the County Council of New
46 Castle County that County Council, with the consent of the County Executive, hereby
47 appoints Carson Zullinger to the New Castle County Public Arts Commission for a 4-year
48 term to begin on April 22, 2025
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Adopted by County Council
of New Castle County on:

Monique Williams Johns
President of County Council
of New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: Same as title.

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

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Carter
Requested by: Executive Office
Date of Introduction: April 22, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 25-063

**CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF GWENDOLYN W. PIERCE TO THE
NEW CASTLE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

1 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to *New Castle County Code* Section 2.05.106, the
2 Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Committee ("Committee") is vested with the
3 responsibility to advise the Department of Land Use and the Department of Public Works
4 on implementing best practices in preserving agricultural land within the County; and
5

6 **WHEREAS**, the Committee shall consist of seven (7) members. The County
7 Executive shall appoint the chairperson and vice chairperson of the Committee from
8 among the seven (7) appointed members. Except for certain initial appointments, all
9 Committee members shall serve four-year terms, which may be renewed; and
10

11 **WHEREAS**, the Committee shall review and recommend funding sources,
12 financing tools, potential partnerships, and coordination with other preservation
13 programs; review land preservation acquisition priorities, targets, selection criteria, and
14 process; periodically review and comment on the impact of land development on
15 preservation priorities; and provide recommendations to the Department of Land Use and
16 Department of Public Works concerning the Comprehensive Development Plan; and
17

18 **WHEREAS**, the Committee shall review land preservation funding needs in terms
19 of staff, administration, maintenance, and programming; research and report on local
20 agribusiness, and current and potential markets, including value-added agriculture;
21 review the Delaware Agricultural Land Preservation Fund Program and develop
22 recommendations for refinements; develop and distribute an annual report summarizing
23 the Committee's activities, recommendations, and workplan for the coming year, including
24 actions for collaborative effort; and coordinate with the Delaware Farmland Preservation
25 Advisory Board; and
26

27 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Pierce has lives in the Townsend area and is owner of Union
28 Ridge Farms farm near Townsend, DE.; she has an Associates Science Degree in
29 General Studies from Widener University; a Certificate in Applied Supervision from
30 Widener University; and became a Certified Pharmacy Technician in December 2011.
31 She started her career with ICI Americas/AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals in 1972 and
32 worked for 38 years preparing and administering formulations, collecting data &
33 specimens for Toxicology/Safety Evaluation studies; developed and manufactured
34 formulations, coordinated the purchase and release testing of the raw materials used to
35 support clinical supply chain and commercial product manufacturing meeting FDA and
36 global regulatory requirements; and

37 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has submitted for the advice and consent of
38 County Council to the reappointment of Gwendolyn W. Pierce to the Agricultural Land
39 Preservation Advisory Committee pursuant to *New Castle County Code* Section 2.05.106
40 (A)(4), and who shall serve a four (4) year term pursuant to *New Castle County Code*
41 Section 2.05.106 (B).
42

43 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by and for the County Council of New
44 Castle County that County Council hereby consents to the reappointment of Gwendolyn
45 W. Pierce to the New Castle County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Committee
46 for a term to begin immediately upon adoption of this Resolution, with such term to expire
47 on February 28, 2029.

Adopted by the County Council
of New Castle County on:

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

SYNOPSIS: Same as title.

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

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco
Requested By: Executive Office
Date of Introduction: April 22, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 25-064

**CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF MARGARET ANN RYAN TO
THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD**

1 **WHEREAS**, Pursuant to *New Castle County Code* § 2.05.403, the Library
2 Advisory Board shall advise the County Library Manager, recommending programs
3 concerning local library needs and the implementation of an effective County library
4 system, and reviewing and making recommendations on such matters as all new and
5 modified administrative policies; the budget; long-range plans; site selection for new
6 libraries; conceptual plans for the construction and expansion of new and existing
7 libraries; and material changes in the Master Plan; and
8

9 **WHEREAS**, the term of Margaret Ann Ryan's appointment to the Library
10 Advisory Board has expired, and it has been recommended that she be reappointed to
11 the Board; and
12

13 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Ryan has served as a New Castle County Library Advisory
14 Board member for approximately 12 years, serving as the Contract Representative; and
15

16 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has submitted for the advice and consent of
17 the County Council the re-appointment of Margaret Ann Ryan as a member of the New
18 Castle County Library Advisory Board.
19

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by and for the County Council of New
21 Castle County that County Council hereby consents to the re-appointment of Margaret
22 Ann Ryan to the New Castle County Library Advisory Board for a term to begin
23 immediately upon adoption of this resolution and to expire May 14, 2028.

Adopted by the County Council
of New Castle County on:

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

SYNOPSIS: Same as title.

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

Prime Sponsor: Ms. George
Requested By: Executive Office
Date of introduction: April 22, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 25-065

**CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RENEE SPRUIEL TO THE NEW
CASTLE COUNTY HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD**

1 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to *New Castle County Code* § 2.05.406 the New Castle
2 County Housing Advisory Board shall consist of nine (9) members of the public
3 representing diverse interests, including but not limited to, development and housing,
4 for-profit and non-profit housing providers, realtors, housing and homeless advocates,
5 financial services, tenant advocates, landlords, and community representation; and
6

7 **WHEREAS**, members of the New Castle County Housing Advisory Board shall
8 be appointed by the County Executive with the advice and consent of the County
9 Council. The Housing Advisory Board members shall serve at the pleasure of the
10 County Executive and be appointed for a three (3) year term to begin on the date of the
11 appointment pursuant to *New Castle County Code* § 2.05.406 (2); and
12

13 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has submitted for the advice and consent of
14 County Council the reappointment of Renee Spruiel to the Housing Advisory Board,
15 who has served on the Board since 2019; and
16

17 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Spruiel is a resident of New Castle County and has sixteen (16)
18 years of experience working as a licensed realtor specializing in residential real estate
19 marketing, sales, renovation and property management. Ms. Spruiel's leadership roles
20 include serving on the leadership committee for the Greater Wilmington Housing
21 Providers and spearheading community outreach seminars for a local housing
22 counseling agency, a community church, and young professional organizations.
23

24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by and for the County Council of New
25 Castle County that County Council hereby consents to the appointment of Renee
26 Spruiel to the New Castle County Housing Advisory Board for a term to begin
27 immediately upon adoption of this resolution and to expire February 26, 2028.

Adopted by the County Council of
New Castle County on:

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

SYNOPSIS: Same as title.

FISCAL NOTE: There will be no discernible fiscal impact upon the adoption of this
legislation.

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. George
Requested By: Executive Office
Date of Introduction: April 22, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 25-066

**CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF JUDITH A. TAGGART TO
THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD**

1 **WHEREAS**, Pursuant to *New Castle County Code* § 2.05.403, the Library
2 Advisory Board shall advise the County Library Manager, recommending programs
3 concerning local library needs and the implementation of an effective County library
4 system, and reviewing and making recommendations on such matters as all new and
5 modified administrative policies; the budget; long-range plans; site selection for new
6 libraries; conceptual plans for the construction and expansion of new and existing
7 libraries; and material changes in the Master Plan; and
8

9 **WHEREAS**, the term of Judith A. Taggart's appointment to the Library Advisory
10 Board has expired, and it has been recommended that she be reappointed to the Board;
11 and
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13 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Taggart has served as a New Castle County Library Advisory
14 Board member for approximately 9 years, serving Council Districts 5 and 11; and
15

16 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has submitted for the advice and consent of
17 the County Council the re-appointment of Judith A. Taggart as a member of the New
18 Castle County Library Advisory Board.
19

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by and for the County Council of New
21 Castle County that County Council hereby consents to the re-appointment of Judith A.
22 Taggart to the New Castle County Library Advisory Board for a term to begin
23 immediately upon adoption of this resolution and to expire May 14, 2028.

Adopted by the County Council
of New Castle County on:

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

SYNOPSIS: Same as title.

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

Primary Sponsor(s): Mr. Carter
Requested by: Executive Office
Date of Introduction: April 22, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 25-067

**CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT A. WEBER, SR.
TO THE FIRE AND AMBULANCE ADVISORY BOARD**

1 **WHEREAS**, Robert A. Weber, Sr. is a valued member of the Fire and Ambulance
2 Advisory Board who has served on the Board since 2023, and whose membership term
3 has expired; and
4

5 **WHEREAS**, members of the Fire and Ambulance Advisory Board shall be
6 appointed by the County Executive with the advice and consent of the County Council.
7 The district members shall be appointed by the County Executive from the nominees from
8 each district as chosen by the active fire chiefs and active presidents of each district,
9 pursuant to *New Castle County* Code Section 2.05.203(A); and
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11 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to *New Castle County* Code Section 2.05.203(B), the Fire
12 and Ambulance Advisory Board is vested with the responsibility to represent the needs
13 of the County fire, ambulance, and rescue services, to propose equipment changes for
14 the County Emergency Communication Center, to review and make recommendations
15 on the proposed budget of the County Emergency Services Division and to act as a liaison
16 between County government and the volunteer fire and ambulance service, among other
17 duties; and
18

19 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has submitted for the advice and consent of
20 County Council the reappointment of Robert A. Weber, Sr. as the 4th Fire District
21 representative to the Fire and Ambulance Advisory Board.
22

23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by and for the County Council of New
24 Castle County that County Council hereby consents to the reappointment of Robert A.
25 Weber, Sr. to the New Castle County Fire and Ambulance Advisory Board for a term to
26 begin immediately upon the adoption of this resolution and to expire on February 28,
27 2027.

Adopted by the County Council
of New Castle County on:

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

SYNOPSIS: Same as title.

FISCAL NOTE: There will be no discernible fiscal impact upon the adoption of this legislation.

Prime-sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley
Mr. Caneco, Mr. Carter
Mr. Cartier, Ms. Durham
Ms. George, Mr. Hollins
Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Sheldon
Mr. Street, Mr. Tackett
Mr. Toole, Ms. Williams-Johns

Date of introduction: April 22, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 25-068

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL EMPLOYEES ON APRIL 23, 2025 ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS' DAY

1 **WHEREAS**, the staff of New Castle County Council continue to be the foundation
2 of New Castle County Council and have and will always be the major link in maintaining
3 the vital communications between Council Members, County Administration, State and
4 local governments, business entities and most importantly the residents of New Castle
5 County; and
6

7 **WHEREAS**, they work diligently to keep themselves and each other well-
8 informed on issues and changes of law that may come before Council, as well as the
9 specific concerns of the residents and businesses within their Council districts; and
10

11 **WHEREAS**, the Council staff, which includes those working in the Auditor's
12 Office is comprised of dedicated professionals whose varying responsibilities involve,
13 but are not limited to, making certain Council members have the materials they need,
14 expenditures are properly documented, agendas are properly advertised, posted and
15 published and council members are kept well informed, ensuring Council and its
16 legislation meets the requirements of law, County funds are appropriately spent and
17 properly accounted for; and
18

19 **WHEREAS**, members of Council staff are often confronted with new and difficult
20 situations that require thinking far outside the box and are called upon to find creative
21 solutions to problems, while doing so in a courteous, professional and efficient manner;
22 and
23

24 **WHEREAS**, often members of Council Staff are called upon to work irregular
25 schedules in order to assist their Councilperson or County residents as well as Council
26 as a whole. This often leads to loss of personal time, missed family events and
27 additional hours away from home; and
28

29 **WHEREAS**, without the continuing dedication of these focused and tolerant
30 professionals, many people would not receive the high level of services they expect and
31 deserve.
32

33 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by and for the County Council of New
34 Castle County that County Council on this 2025 Administrative Professionals Day,
35 hereby recognizes Council Staff and all employees of New Castle County Government
36 for their unwavering dedication and professionalism put forth every day in their effort to
37 serve those that depend on them.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

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

SYNOPSIS: Same as title.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-069

APPROVAL OF REFEREES FOR PROPERTY REASSESSMENT APPEALS

WHEREAS, § 1371C of Title 9 of the Delaware Code provides that County Council may, by ordinance, authorize the appointment of Referees to hear property reassessment appeals;

WHEREAS, Ordinance 25-014 passed Council January 28, 2025, which created the Referee position and authorized the Chief Financial Officer to appoint referees for the purpose of hearing reassessment appeals, with the advice and consent of County Council; and

WHEREAS, upon authorization by Ordinance, reassessment Referee positions were advertised widely across New Castle County and over 90 applications were received, representing a diverse background of real estate knowledge and experience; and

WHEREAS, upon reaching the March 31, 2025 deadline for filing a formal reassessment appeal with the Board of Assessment Review, over 4700 formal appeal applications were received, substantiating the need for a pool of Referees to hold multiple, simultaneous hearings; and

WHEREAS, after application review and candidate interviews were held to determine sufficient qualifications concerning the valuation of real property, the following individuals are provided for consideration and consent to serve as Referees for the purpose of hearing formal reassessment appeals:

Sharon Hamilton	Tracy Chongling	Alia Grier
Emily Maahs	Dominique Marshall	Erik Ohline
Rebecca Conway	Pleshette Moore	Timothy Hamill
Bridgette Torres	Patricia Shores	Harris Corbett
Todd Ruckle	Gary Williams	Jennifer Samero
David Mays	Caroline Stewart	Linda Felicetti
Alan Mazzetti	Maria Ruckle	Mary Steppi
Candice Santoro	Paul Mann	Marla Schechter
Jacqueline Patrick	Craig DiSabatino	Brian Ferreira
Michael Clement	Vaidra Johnson	Diane Salvatore

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by and for the County Council of New Castle County that County Council hereby appoints the individuals listed above as a Referee to hear appeals of Property Assessments for terms beginning May 1, 2025, and expiring on December 1, 2025.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

Monique Williams-Johns
President of County Council
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: Same as title.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no discernible fiscal impact upon the adoption of this legislation. Ordinance 25-014 previously authorized the pay plan and funding for the appointment of Referees.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer April 14, 2025.

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco, Ms. Kilpatrick
Date of introduction: April 22, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 25-070

URGING THE DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO AUTHORIZE NEW CASTLE COUNTY TO LEVY A LOCAL TAX ON RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS

1 **WHEREAS**, in April 2023, Delaware enacted *The Delaware Marijuana Control Act*
2 (*Delaware Code* Title 4, Chapter 13) (the “Act”) legalizing the sale of recreational
3 marijuana; and

4
5 **WHEREAS**, the Act established a 15% State tax on retail sales of marijuana
6 products; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County seeks finetuning of the Act to enable counties
9 with over 500,000 residents to levy a local tax of up to 5% on the sale of retail marijuana
10 products (this would not affect medical marijuana); and

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12 **WHEREAS**, precedential support for New Castle County’s request is
13 overwhelming... 21 States presently tax recreational marijuana products; in addition, at
14 least 15 of these States (including Massachusetts and Oregon) also allow local
15 governments to add a local tax (typically 2-5%) in addition to the State tax; and

16
17 **WHEREAS**, the proposed local tax by the County of up to 5% of the retail sales
18 price builds on the State’s sales tax, which could bring the total sales tax up to 20%,
19 aligning with numerous other States like Montana (20%) and supporting revenue goals
20 without exceeding higher rates found in other States, like Washington (at 37%
21 combined); and

22
23 **WHEREAS**, no less than 50% of the revenue from the local tax would be used
24 to pay for costs the County will inevitably incur related to public safety as a result of the
25 sale of marijuana products, mirroring how States like New Jersey and New York use
26 marijuana tax revenues to address community needs and fund programs to support
27 economic and workforce development especially in communities disproportionately
28 harmed by prior drug laws and enforcement, while the balance would fund other County
29 needs and services; and

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31 **WHEREAS**, importantly, authorization of a local tax on retail marijuana sales
32 mirrors the local taxing power granted by the General Assembly to the County that
33 provided for a local lodging tax; and

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35 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by and for the County Council of New
36 Castle County that County Council hereby urges the Delaware General Assembly to
37 finetune *The Delaware Marijuana Control Act* (*Delaware Code* Title 4, Chapter 13) to
38 authorize New Castle County to levy a local tax on retail sales of marijuana products of
39 up to 5% of the retail sales price of the marijuana product, with no less than 50% of the
40 revenue from this local tax will be allocated in equal parts toward (1) related public safety
41 functions and associated costs and (2) programs that support economic and workforce
42 development in disproportionately harmed communities in the county.

Adopted by County Council
of New Castle County on: 4/22/25

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

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution urges the Delaware General Assembly to finetune *The Delaware Marijuana Control Act* (*Delaware Code* Title 4, Chapter 13) to authorize each county with a population greater than 500,000 to levy, by duly enacted ordinance, a local marijuana tax of up to 5% of the retail sales price of the marijuana product. No less than 50% of the revenue from this local tax will be allocated in equal parts toward (1) related public safety functions and associated costs and (2) programs that support economic and workforce development in disproportionately harmed communities in the county.

Moreover, this proposed tax is supported by overwhelming precedent. Among various examples, this local tax is similar to other local taxing powers granted by the General Assembly to the counties, such as the local lodging tax. Furthermore, this local tax is consistent with local taxes on marijuana retail products as established by at least 15 other States thus far.

FISCAL NOTE: This local tax will provide revenue for New Castle County.

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street
Requested by: Community Services
Date of introduction: April 8, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-035

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE \$39,201.00 IN PROGRAM INCOME TO THE SENIOR HOME REPAIR
PROGRAM GRANT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY
SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Senior Home Repair Program Grant is designed to provide minor
2 housing repair assistance to eligible senior homeowners age 60 and older with a maximum grant
3 amount of \$2,500.00; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the home must be located in New Castle County, outside the boundaries of
6 Wilmington and Newark; and
7

8 **WHEREAS**, there are currently over 116 seniors on the waiting list for this program; and
9

10 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that the revenue to be appropriated
11 shall be sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter amended; and
12

13 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance substantially
14 advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate government interests (i.e.,
15 promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity and/or welfare of the
16 present and future inhabitants of this State).
17

18 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
19

20 Section 1. The Grants Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173 is hereby amended
21 by adding the material underscored and deleting the material bracketed and stricken on the
22 attached "Exhibit A."
23

24 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
25 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C.* §
26 1156.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

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

Approved on:

Marcus Henry
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate \$39,201.00 in program income to the Senior Home Repair Program Grant, which will be administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Development and Housing.

The Senior Home Repair Program Grant is designed to provide minor housing repair assistance to eligible senior homeowners age 60 and older, who own and reside in their home as their primary residence, have assets under the asset limit and have homeowners insurance. The maximum grant amount is \$2,500. The home must be located in New Castle County, outside the boundaries of Wilmington and Newark. There are currently over 116 seniors on the waiting list for this program.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$39,201.00 in program income to the Senior Home Repair Program Grant, which is administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Development and Housing.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$39,201.00 for FY2025. This increase will affect FY2025 and beyond since this program is ongoing, without an expiration date, until all funds have been expended. The Program Income balance after this appropriation will be \$0.00.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer March 21, 2025.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Senior Home Repair Program	Ordinance No.	25-035
PROGRAM TITLE:	Senior Home Repair Program		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ 582,334.46		\$ 582,334.46
Program Income	~~\$ 69,235.05~~	\$ 39,201.00	\$ 108,436.05
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	~~\$ 651,569.51~~	\$ 39,201.00	\$ 690,770.51

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ 60,205.50	\$ -	\$ 60,205.50
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	~~\$ 591,364.01~~	\$ 39,201.00	\$ 630,565.01
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	~~\$ 651,569.51~~	\$ 39,201.00	\$ 690,770.51

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation: 7/1/2012

Estimated Program Completion: ongoing

The Local Match: **Found in (ORG):**

Ordinance Passed/Date Revised:

12-043	4/24/2012	21-106	9/30/2021
18-072	7/16/2018	22-068	5/24/2022
19-065	7/3/2019	23-064	5/23/2023
20-060	6/9/2020	24-090 Sub 1	6/11/2024
21-075 Floor Amend 1	6/16/2021	<u>24-119</u>	<u>7/9/2024</u>

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Senior Home Repair Program is designed to provide minor housing repair assistance to eligible senior homeowners age 60 and older, who own and reside in their home as their primary residence, have assets under the asset limit and have homeowners insurance. The maximum grant amount is \$2,500. The home must be located in New Castle County, outside the boundaries of Wilmington and Newark. There are currently over 116 seniors on the waiting list for this program. Funding for the program is from the Sheriff's Office, Program Income and the General Fund.

7/9/2024

4/8/2025

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street
Requested by: Community Services
Date of introduction: April 8, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-036

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE \$216,910.42 IN PROGRAM INCOME TO THE DOWN PAYMENT
REVOLVING LOANS (DPS) GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING**

1 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Down Payment Revolving Loans grant is to provide aid
2 with housing settlements; and
3

4 **WHEREAS**, authorization is being sought for the appropriation of \$216,910.42 in program
5 income funds to the Down Payment Revolving Loans (DPS) Grant; and
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7 **WHEREAS**, program income received is sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants
8 Budget as hereinafter amended; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance substantially
11 advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate government interests (i.e.,
12 promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity and/or welfare of the
13 present and future inhabitants of this State).
14

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
16

17 Section 1. The Grants Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173 is hereby amended
18 by adding the material on the attached Exhibits "A", which shall be considered underscored in
19 their entirety.
20

21 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
22 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 Del. C. §
23 1156.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

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

Approved on:

Marcus Henry
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate program income funds of \$216,910.42 to the Down Payment Revolving Loans (DPS) Grant. The program income will be used to provide aid to housing settlements.

The purpose of the Down Payment Revolving Loans grant is to provide aid with housing settlements.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating program income funds of \$216,910.42 in the Down Payment Revolving Loans (DPS) Grant, which is administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Development and Housing.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$216,910.42. This increase will affect FY2025 and beyond, since this is a continuous program. The Program Income balance after this appropriation will be \$0.00.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer March 21, 2025.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Down Payment Revolving Loans Grant	Ordinance No.	25-036
PROGRAM TITLE:	Down Payment Revolving Loans Grant		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ <u>639,646.74</u>	\$ <u>216,910.42</u>	\$ <u>856,557.16</u>
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ <u>639,646.74</u>	\$ <u>216,910.42</u>	\$ <u>856,557.16</u>

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ <u>4,725.50</u>	\$ <u>10,000.00</u>	\$ <u>14,725.50</u>
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ <u>634,921.24</u>	\$ <u>206,910.42</u>	\$ <u>841,831.66</u>
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ <u>639,646.74</u>	\$ <u>216,910.42</u>	\$ <u>856,557.16</u>

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation: 6/16/1991

Estimated Program Completion: ongoing

The Local Match: **Found in (ORG):**

Ordinance Passed/Date Revised:

03-038	4/10/2003	11-046	3/30/2011
04-052	4/19/2004	12-053	3/28/2012
05-044	4/7/2005	14-123	10/21/2014
06-055	4/21/2006	16-033	3/22/2016
07-059	4/20/2007	17-008	1/20/2017
09-021	3/23/2009	18-006	1/11/2018
10-048	4/20/2010	<u>22-118</u>	<u>9/7/2022</u>

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The purpose of the Down Payment Revolving Loans grant is to provide aid with housing settlements.

9/7/2022

4/8/2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-037

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE \$11,181.00 IN PROGRAM INCOME TO THE ABSALOM JONES
SENIOR CENTER RECREATION GRANT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Absalom Jones Senior Center Recreation grant was originally set up
2 to record revenue and expenses for the programs run by New Castle County employees at
3 the State-owned Absalom Jones Recreation Center; and

4
5 **WHEREAS**, authorization is being sought for the appropriation of an additional
6 \$11,181.00 in program income to the Absalom Jones Senior Center Recreation grant; and
7

8 **WHEREAS**, the Absalom Jones Senior Center provides a variety of services for the
9 elderly in the surrounding community including transportation to the center, adult programs,
10 activities, and social services; and
11

12 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that the revenue to be appropriated
13 shall be sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter amended; and
14

15 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance substantially
16 advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate government interests (i.e.,
17 promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity and/or welfare of the
18 present and future inhabitants of this State).
19

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
21

22 Section 1. The Grants Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173 is hereby
23 amended by deleting the material bracketed and stricken and by adding the material
24 underscored on the attached Exhibit "A."
25

26 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
27 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C.*
28 § 1156.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

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

Approved on:

Marcus Henry
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate \$11,181.00 in program income to the Absalom Jones Senior Center Recreation Grant, which will be administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Resources.

The Absalom Jones Senior Center provides a variety of services for the elderly in the surrounding community including transportation to the center, adult programs, activities, and social services. The revenue appropriation on this request, if approved, will be used for Tour transportation costs.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$11,181.00 in program income funds to the Absalom Jones Senior Center Recreation Grant to be administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Resources. The revenue appropriation on this request, if approved, will be used for the cost of tour transportation.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$11,181.00 for FY2025. This increase will affect FY2025 and beyond since this is a continuous program. The Program Income balance after this appropriation will be \$0.00.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer March 21, 2025.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Absalom Jones Senior Center Recreation	Ordinance No.	25-037
PROGRAM TITLE:	Absalom Jones Senior Center Recreation		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ <u>296,219.08</u>	\$ 11,181.00	\$ 307,400.08
Total	\$ <u>296,219.08</u>	\$ 11,181.00	\$ 307,400.08

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ 632.05	\$ -	\$ 632.05
Communication/Utilities	\$ 468.33	\$ -	\$ 468.33
Materials/Supplies	\$ 33,217.64	\$ -	\$ 33,217.64
Contractual Services	\$ <u>258,801.06</u>	\$ 11,181.00	\$ 269,982.06
Equipment	\$ 3,100.00	\$ -	\$ 3,100.00
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ <u>296,219.08</u>	\$ 11,181.00	\$ 307,400.08

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation: 10/1/1989

Estimated Program Completion: ongoing

The Local Match: **Found in (ORG):**

Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:
22-065	5/24/2022
23-014	1/24/2023
23-099	7/25/2023
24-011	2/13/2024
<u>24-162</u>	<u>11/19/2024</u>

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Absalom Jones Senior Center Recreation grant assists in providing a variety of services to the elderly population in the neighboring community including transportation to the center, adult programs, activities and social services. Major source of revenue is program income with additional revenue from donations and interest income.

~~11/19/2024~~

4/8/2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-038

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE \$70,780.00 FROM THE DELAWARE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
TO THE SPECIAL EVENTS FUND GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

1 **WHEREAS**, original allocated funding in the amount of \$80,000.00 from the
2 Delaware Community Foundation was previously approved by County Council and
3 appropriated to the Special Events Fund Grant via Ordinance 20-009; and
4

5 **WHEREAS**, authorization is sought for the appropriation of \$70,780.00 awarded
6 from the fundraising efforts of the Delaware Community Foundation to the Special Events
7 Fund Grant to be used to help offset the costs of New Castle County's Special Events
8 and programs; and
9

10 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that grants received from
11 Delaware Community Foundation are sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants Budget
12 as hereinafter amended; and
13

14 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance
15 substantially advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate
16 government interests (i.e., promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order,
17 prosperity and/or welfare of the present and future inhabitants of this State).
18

19 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
20

21 Section 1. The Grants Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173 is hereby
22 amended by adding the material on the attached Exhibit "A," which shall be considered
23 underscored in its entirety.
24

25 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption
26 by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9
27 *Del. C. § 1156.*

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

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

Approved on:

Marcus Henry
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if adopted, will appropriate \$70,780.00 awarded from the fundraising efforts of the Delaware Community Foundation to the Special Events Fund Grant. These funds will be used to assist with the expenses incurred for New Castle County sponsored special events and programs.

FISCAL NOTE: The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget by \$70,780.00. The increase will affect FY2025 and beyond, since this is a continuous program. There is no discernible fiscal impact on the current operating budget.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer March 21, 2025.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Special Events Fund Grant	Ordinance No.	25-038
PROGRAM TITLE:	Special Events Fund Grant		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ <u>153,500.00</u>	\$ <u>70,780.00</u>	\$ <u>224,280.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>153,500.00</u>	\$ <u>70,780.00</u>	\$ <u>224,280.00</u>

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ <u>882.69</u>	\$ <u>1,832.92</u>	\$ <u>2,715.61</u>
Benefits	\$ <u>519.21</u>	\$ <u>1,028.84</u>	\$ <u>1,548.05</u>
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ <u>152,098.10</u>	\$ <u>67,918.24</u>	\$ <u>220,016.34</u>
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ <u>153,500.00</u>	\$ <u>70,780.00</u>	\$ <u>224,280.00</u>

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	12/1/2019
Estimated Program Completion:	ongoing
The Local Match:	Found in (ORG):
Ordinance Passed/Date Revised:	
20-009	2/18/2020
<u>24-004</u>	<u>1/9/2024</u>

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Special Events Fund grant will be used to assist with the expenses incurred for New Castle County sponsored special events and programs.

1/9/2024

4/22/2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-039

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE \$41,706.96 IN EMERGENCY ILLEGAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT
(EIDE) FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY
AND HOMELAND SECURITY TO THE EIDE FY2025 GRANT, TO BE
ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF
POLICE**

1 **WHEREAS**, funding has been awarded from the State of Delaware, Department
2 of Safety and Homeland Security through the Emergency Illegal Drug Enforcement
3 (EIDE) program to the EIDE FY2025 Grant; and
4

5 **WHEREAS**, this program provides critical funding for the Division of Police in its
6 efforts to remove illegal drugs and drug dealers from the communities of New Castle
7 County; and
8

9 **WHEREAS**, the funding will be used to support overtime and equipment purchases
10 to assist the drug unit in conducting surveillance, investigations and special operations;
11 and
12

13 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that funds received are
14 sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter amended; and
15

16 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance
17 substantially advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate
18 government interests (i.e., promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order,
19 prosperity and/or welfare of the present and future inhabitants of this State).
20

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
22

23 Section 1. The Grants Budget, as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173, is hereby
24 amended by adding the material on the attached "Exhibit A," which shall be considered
25 underscored in its entirety, attached hereto and made a part thereof.
26

27 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption
28 by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9
29 *Del. C. § 1156*.
30

31 Section 3. It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance
32 shall be effective retroactive to January 14, 2025.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

Williams-John

Monique
President of County Council

Approved on:

Marcus Henry
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate \$41,706.96 from the State of Delaware, Department of Safety and Homeland Security through the Emergency Illegal Drug Enforcement (EIDE) program to the EIDE FY2025 Grant. Funds will be used by the New Castle County Department of Public Safety, Division of Police to support overtime and equipment purchases to assist the drug unit in conducting surveillance, investigations and special operations.

It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be effective retroactive to January 14, 2025.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$41,706.96 from the State of Delaware, Department of Safety and Homeland Security through the Emergency Illegal Drug Enforcement (EIDE) program to the EIDE FY2025 Grant.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$41,706.96. This increase will affect FY2025 through FY2028 since the targeted program completion date is February 28, 2028. There will be no fiscal impact beyond FY2028 as a result of this grant award. The fiscal impact on the Operating Budget will be \$21,484.22 to cover benefits for overtime not covered by the grant. This will be covered within the Department of Public Safety, Division of Police Approved Operating Budget.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer March 19, 2025.

DEPARTMENT:

Public Safety

EXHIBIT:

"A"

GRANT TITLE:

EIDE FY2025

Ordinance No.

25-039

PROGRAM TITLE:

EIDE FY2025

Revenue	Current		Change		Revised	
Federal	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
State	\$	41,706.96	\$	-	\$	41,706.96
County	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Program Income	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Other	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Total	\$	41,706.96	\$	-	\$	41,706.96

Expense	Current		Change		Revised	
Salaries and Wages	\$	36,706.96	\$	-	\$	36,706.96
Benefits	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Training/Civic Affairs	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Communication/Utilities	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Materials/Supplies	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Contractual Services	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Equipment	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Grants/Fixed Charges			\$	-	\$	-
Land and Structures	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Contingency	\$	5,000.00	\$	-	\$	5,000.00
Operating Transfer Charges	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Operating Transfer Credits	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Total	\$	41,706.96	\$	-	\$	41,706.96

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:

1/14/2025

Estimated Program Completion:

2/28/2028

Operating Budget Impact:

\$21,484.22

Available in (ORG):

10200305 - Police Patrol

Ordinance Passed:

Date Revised:

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Funding will be used for overtime and operation costs in the Drug Control Unit to conduct surveillance, investigations and operations.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-040

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE \$77,170.44 IN STATE AID TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
(SALLE) FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY
AND HOMELAND SECURITY TO THE STATE AID TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
(SALLE) – FY2025 GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE**

1 **WHEREAS**, funding has been awarded from the State of Delaware, Department
2 of Safety and Homeland Security to the State Aid to Local Law Enforcement (SALLE)
3 FY2025 Grant; and
4

5 **WHEREAS**, the funding will be used by the Department of Public Safety for officer
6 specialized training such as Criminal Investigations, Patrol Tactical Training, Leadership
7 and other courses needed to maintain certifications and memberships as well as overtime
8 for special operations as needed; and
9

10 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that funds received are
11 sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter amended; and
12

13 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance
14 substantially advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate
15 government interests (i.e., promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order,
16 prosperity and/or welfare of the present and future inhabitants of this State).
17

18 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
19

20 Section 1. The Grants Budget, as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173, is hereby
21 amended by adding the material on the attached "Exhibit A," which shall be considered
22 underscored in its entirety, attached hereto and made a part thereof.
23

24 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption
25 by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9
26 *Del. C. § 1156*.
27

28 Section 3. It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance
29 shall be effective retroactive to January 14, 2025.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

Williams-John

Monique
President of County Council
of New Castle County

Approved on:

Marcus Henry
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate \$77,170.44 in State Aid to Local Law Enforcement (SALLE) funds from the State of Delaware, Department of Safety and Homeland Security to the State Aid Legal Law Enforcement SALLE FY2025 Grant. Funds will be used by the Department of Public Safety for officer specialized training such as Criminal Investigations, Patrol Tactical Training, Leadership and other courses needed to maintain certifications and memberships as well as overtime for special operations as needed.

It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be effective retroactive to January 15, 2025.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$77,170.44 in State Aid to Local Law Enforcement (SALLE) funds from the State of Delaware, Department of Safety and Homeland Security to the State in Aid to Local Law Enforcement (SALLE) FY2025 Grant.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$77,170.44. This increase will affect FY2025 through FY2028 since the targeted program completion date is February 28, 2028. There will be no fiscal impact beyond FY2028 as a result of this grant award. The fiscal impact on the Operating Budget will be \$17,658.46 to cover benefits for overtime not covered by the grant. This will be covered within the Department of Public Safety, Division of Police Approved Operating Budget.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer March 19, 2025.

DEPARTMENT:	Public Safety	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	SALLE FY2025	Ordinance No.	25-040
PROGRAM TITLE:	SALLE FY2025		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ 77,170.44	\$ -	\$ 77,170.44
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 77,170.44	\$ -	\$ 77,170.44

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ 30,170.44	\$ -	\$ 30,170.44
Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ 47,000.00	\$ -	\$ 47,000.00
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 77,170.44	\$ -	\$ 77,170.44

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation: 1/14/2025

Estimated Program Completion: 2/28/2028

Operating Budget Impact: \$ 17,658.46 **Available in (ORG):** 10200305 - Police Patrol

Ordinance Passed: **Date Revised:**

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Funding will be used to cover overtime for special operations and the training needs of the Division of Police.

4/8/2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-041

AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:

**APPROPRIATE \$125,000 IN FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE,
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL,
DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO THE KNOLLWOOD PARK COURT
IMPROVEMENTS GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

1 **WHEREAS**, an agreement between New Castle County and the State of
2 Delaware, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC),
3 Division of Parks and Recreation has awarded \$125,000 in state funding provided by
4 the Delaware Land & Water Conservation Trust Fund (Outdoor Recreation, Parks and
5 Trails Program); and
6

7 **WHEREAS**, these funds will be used to improve the existing basketball court and
8 add a second multi-use court facility and related improvements at Knollwood Park; and
9

10 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of the project is to assist the Building Better
11 Communities Initiative (BBC) in violence reduction and increase community
12 engagement in the Knollwood neighborhood by improving the courts to help revitalize
13 this small neighborhood; and
14

15 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that grants anticipated to be
16 received from the DNREC Division of Parks and Recreation are sufficient to cover the
17 increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter amended; and
18

19 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance
20 substantially advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate
21 government interests (i.e., promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order,
22 prosperity and/or welfare of the present and future inhabitants of this State).
23

24 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
25

26 Section 1. The Grants Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173 is hereby
27 amended by adding the material on the attached Exhibit "A," which is considered to be
28 underscored in its entirety.
29

30 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption
31 by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9
32 *Del. C. § 1156*.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

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

Approved on:

Marcus Henry
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate \$125,000 in State funding from the State of Delaware, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC), Division of Parks and Recreation through the Delaware Land & Water Conservation Trust Fund (Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Trails Program) to the Knollwood Park Court Improvements Grant. Funding will be used to improve the existing basketball court and add a second multi-use court facility and related improvements at Knollwood Park.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate \$125,000 in State funding from the State of Delaware, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC), Division of Parks and Recreation through the Delaware Land & Water Conservation Trust Fund (Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Trails Program) to the Knollwood Park Court Improvements Grant.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$125,000. This increase will affect FY2025 and FY2026 as the estimated program completion is June 30, 2026. There is a required match of \$125,000 which is included in the Approved Capital Budget in the General Parkland Improvements 24-25 Capital Project. The County anticipates to receive \$15,000 in donations that would offset the County's match and reduce it to \$110,000.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer March 21, 2025.

DEPARTMENT:	Public Works	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Knollwood Park Court Improvements	Ordinance No.	25-041
PROGRAM TITLE:	Knollwood Park Court Improvements		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ 125,000.00	\$ -	\$ 125,000.00
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 125,000.00	\$ -	\$ 125,000.00

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ 125,000.00	\$ -	\$ 125,000.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 125,000.00	\$ -	\$ 125,000.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	4/22/2025
Estimated Program Completion:	6/30/2026
County Match:	\$ 125,000.00
Available in (ORG):	Capital Project - C302404
Ordinance Passed:	
Date Revised:	

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Knollwood Park Court Improvements grant will assist in the improvements to the existing basketball court, the addition of a second multi-court facility and other related improvements at Knollwood Park.

4/8/2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-042

**AMEND THE PAY PLAN AND RATES OF PAY FOR CLASSIFIED SERVICE
PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE DELAWARE PUBLIC
EMPLOYEES COUNCIL 81, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, AFFILIATE LOCAL 3109 FOR THE
CLASS SPECIFICATION OF PLANNER I FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE,
DIVISION OF PLANNING**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Land Use has determined that it is necessary to
2 make organizational changes to operate most effectively and to continue to deliver high
3 quality customer service to the residents and businesses of New Castle County;
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5 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Land Use has determined the class specification
6 for the Planner I needs to be changed from a Pay Grade 22 to Pay Grade 24 (Exhibits
7 "A-C") to reflect the work currently being performed; and
8

9 **WHEREAS**, the Human Resources Advisory Board at its meeting on March 6,
10 2025, reviewed and recommended to change the Planner I from Pay Grade 22 to Pay
11 Grade 24 on the Pay Plan and Rates of Pay for Classified Service Professional
12 Employees Represented by the Delaware Public Employees Council 81, AFSCME,
13 AFL-CIO, Affiliate Local 3109; and
14

15 **WHEREAS**, the Chief Human Resources Officer concurs with the
16 recommendation of the Human Resources Advisory Board.
17

18 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
19

20 Section 1. The Pay Plan and Rates of Pay for Classified Service Professional
21 Employees Represented by the Delaware Public Employees Council 81, AFSCME,
22 AFL-CIO, Affiliate Local 3109, for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 as set
23 forth in Exhibit "A", is hereby amended by adding the material that is underscored and
24 deleting the material that is stricken.
25

26 Section 2. The Pay Plan and Rates of Pay for Classified Service Professional
27 Employees Represented by the Delaware Public Employees Council 81, AFSCME,
28 AFL-CIO, Affiliate Local 3109, for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 as set
29 forth in Exhibit "B", is hereby amended by adding the material that is underscored and
30 deleting the material that is stricken.
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32 Section 3. The Pay Plan and Rates of Pay for Classified Service Professional
33 Employees Represented by the Delaware Public Employees Council 81, AFSCME,
34 AFL-CIO, Affiliate Local 3109, effective July 1, 2026 as set forth in Exhibit "C", is hereby
35 amended by adding the material that is underscored and deleting the material that is
36 stricken.
37

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

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

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

Approved on:

Marcus Henry
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if approved, changes the Pay Grade for the position title of Planner I from Pay Grade 22 to Pay Grade 24 on the Pay Plan and Rates of Pay for Classified Service Professional Employees Represented by the Delaware Public Employees Council 81, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Affiliate Local 3109. This change was reviewed and recommended by the Human Resources Advisory Board at their meeting on March 6, 2025, and the Chief Human Resources Officer concurs with the recommendation.

FISCAL IMPACT: This Ordinance, if approved, changes the Pay Grade for the position title of Planner I from Pay Grade 22 to Pay Grade 24 on the Pay Plan and Rates of Pay for Classified Service Professional Employees Represented by the Delaware Public Employees Council 81, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Affiliate Local 3109.

There are currently two filled positions and one vacant position with the title of Planner I. The estimated fiscal impact (Salaries/Wages and Benefits) of reclassifying the two employees currently in these positions is \$1,840 in FY2025, \$10,096 in FY2026 and \$10,863 in FY2027.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer March 21, 2025.

**PAY PLANS AND RATES OF PAY FOR
CLASSIFIED SERVICE PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE DELAWARE PUBLIC
EMPLOYEES COUNCIL 81, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, AFFILIATE LOCAL 3109**

CLASSIFICATION	PAY GRADE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
HOUSING SPECIALIST	19	40,419	42,440	44,562	46,791	49,130	51,587	54,168	56,876	59,721	62,706	65,841
RECREATION SPECIALIST	19											
AUTOMOTIVE PARTS SUPERVISOR	22	46,791	49,130	51,587	54,168	56,876	59,721	62,706	65,844	69,134	72,593	76,223
PLANNER I	22											
COMMUNITY SERVICES COORDINATOR	23	49,130	51,587	54,168	56,876	59,721	62,706	65,844	69,134	72,593	76,222	80,033
CUSTOMER INFO AND ASSISTANCE COORD	23											
HEALTH SERVICES NURSE	23											
ASSESSMENT ANALYST	24	51,587	54,168	56,876	59,721	62,706	65,844	69,134	72,593	76,222	80,033	84,035
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANNER	24											
HOUSING FINANCIAL ADVISOR	24											
PLANNER I	24											
PROGRAM ANALYST	24											
JUNIOR SYSTEMS PROGRAMMER	26	56,876	59,721	62,706	65,844	69,134	72,593	76,222	80,033	84,035	88,236	92,648
LIBRARIAN I	26											
PENSION PROGRAM ANALYST	26											
PLANNER II	26											
BUDGET AND PROCEDURES ANALYST	27	59,721	62,706	65,844	69,134	72,593	76,222	80,033	84,035	88,236	92,648	97,280
COORDINATOR OF EMERGENCY PLANNING	28	62,706	65,844	69,134	72,593	76,222	80,033	84,035	88,236	92,648	97,281	102,145
HOUSING MANAGEMENT ANALYST	28											
INFORMATION SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	28											
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT	28											
SENIOR PENSION PROGRAM ANALYST	28											
SEWER SYSTEM ANALYST	28											
SYSTEMS PROGRAMMER	28											
TRAFFIC ENGINEER	28											
SENIOR BUDGET AND PROCEDURES ANALYST	29	65,844	69,134	72,593	76,222	80,033	84,035	88,236	92,648	97,281	102,145	107,252
INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATOR	30	69,134	72,593	76,222	80,033	84,035	88,236	92,648	97,281	102,145	107,253	112,616
OPERATIONS ENGINEER	30											
PARKS DEVELOPMENT PLANNER	30											
PLANNER III	30											
TRAINING ADMINISTRATOR	30											
SENIOR NETWORK ENGINEER	31	72,593	76,222	80,033	84,035	88,236	92,648	97,281	102,145	107,253	112,616	118,247
GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	32	76,222	80,033	84,035	88,236	92,648	97,281	102,145	107,253	112,616	118,246	124,158
CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER	34	84,035	88,236	92,648	97,281	102,145	107,253	112,616	118,246	124,157	130,366	136,884

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Revised: xx/xx/xxxx (Ord xx-xxx)

**PAY PLANS AND RATES OF PAY FOR
CLASSIFIED SERVICE PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE DELAWARE PUBLIC
EMPLOYEES COUNCIL 81, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, AFFILIATE LOCAL 3109**

CLASSIFICATION	PAY GRADE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
HOUSING SPECIALIST	19	41,429	43,501	45,676	47,961	50,358	52,877	55,522	58,298	61,214	64,274	67,487
RECREATION SPECIALIST	19											
AUTOMOTIVE PARTS SUPERVISOR	22	47,961	50,358	52,877	55,522	58,298	61,214	64,274	67,490	70,862	74,408	78,129
PLANNER-I	22											
COMMUNITY SERVICES COORDINATOR	23	50,358	52,877	55,522	58,298	61,214	64,274	67,490	70,862	74,408	78,128	82,034
CUSTOMER INFO AND ASSISTANCE COORD	23											
HEALTH SERVICES NURSE	23											
ASSESSMENT ANALYST	24	52,877	55,522	58,298	61,214	64,274	67,490	70,862	74,408	78,128	82,034	86,136
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANNER	24											
HOUSING FINANCIAL ADVISOR	24											
PLANNER I	24											
PROGRAM ANALYST	24											
JUNIOR SYSTEMS PROGRAMMER	26	58,298	61,214	64,274	67,490	70,862	74,408	78,128	82,034	86,136	90,442	94,964
LIBRARIAN I	26											
PENSION PROGRAM ANALYST	26											
PLANNER II	26											
BUDGET AND PROCEDURES ANALYST	27	61,214	64,274	67,490	70,862	74,408	78,128	82,034	86,136	90,442	94,964	99,712
COORDINATOR OF EMERGENCY PLANNING	28	64,274	67,490	70,862	74,408	78,128	82,034	86,136	90,442	94,964	99,713	104,699
HOUSING MANAGEMENT ANALYST	28											
INFORMATION SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	28											
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT	28											
SENIOR PENSION PROGRAM ANALYST	28											
SEWER SYSTEM ANALYST	28											
SYSTEMS PROGRAMMER	28											
TRAFFIC ENGINEER	28											
SENIOR BUDGET AND PROCEDURES ANALYST	29	67,490	70,862	74,408	78,128	82,034	86,136	90,442	94,964	99,713	104,699	109,933
INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATOR	30	70,862	74,408	78,128	82,034	86,136	90,442	94,964	99,713	104,699	109,934	115,431
OPERATIONS ENGINEER	30											
PARKS DEVELOPMENT PLANNER	30											
PLANNER III	30											
TRAINING ADMINISTRATOR	30											
SENIOR NETWORK ENGINEER	31	74,408	78,128	82,034	86,136	90,442	94,964	99,713	104,699	109,934	115,431	121,203
GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	32	78,128	82,034	86,136	90,442	94,964	99,713	104,699	109,934	115,431	121,202	127,262
CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER	34	86,136	90,442	94,964	99,713	104,699	109,934	115,431	121,202	127,261	133,625	140,306

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**PAY PLANS AND RATES OF PAY FOR
CLASSIFIED SERVICE PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE DELAWARE PUBLIC
EMPLOYEES COUNCIL 81, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, AFFILIATE LOCAL 3109**

CLASSIFICATION	PAY GRADE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
HOUSING SPECIALIST	19	42,465	44,589	46,818	49,160	51,617	54,199	56,910	59,755	62,744	65,881	69,174
RECREATION SPECIALIST	19											
AUTOMOTIVE PARTS SUPERVISOR	22	49,160	51,617	54,199	56,910	59,755	62,744	65,881	69,177	72,634	76,268	80,082
PLANNER I	22											
COMMUNITY SERVICES COORDINATOR	23	51,617	54,199	56,910	59,755	62,744	65,881	69,177	72,634	76,268	80,081	84,085
CUSTOMER INFO AND ASSISTANCE COORD	23											
HEALTH SERVICES NURSE	23											
ASSESSMENT ANALYST	24	54,199	56,910	59,755	62,744	65,881	69,177	72,634	76,268	80,081	84,085	88,289
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANNER	24											
HOUSING FINANCIAL ADVISOR	24											
PLANNER I	24											
PROGRAM ANALYST	24											
JUNIOR SYSTEMS PROGRAMMER	26	59,755	62,744	65,881	69,177	72,634	76,268	80,081	84,085	88,289	92,703	97,338
LIBRARIAN I	26											
PENSION PROGRAM ANALYST	26											
PLANNER II	26											
BUDGET AND PROCEDURES ANALYST	27	62,744	65,881	69,177	72,634	76,268	80,081	84,085	88,289	92,703	97,338	102,205
COORDINATOR OF EMERGENCY PLANNING	28	65,881	69,177	72,634	76,268	80,081	84,085	88,289	92,703	97,338	102,206	107,316
HOUSING MANAGEMENT ANALYST	28											
INFORMATION SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	28											
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT	28											
SENIOR PENSION PROGRAM ANALYST	28											
SEWER SYSTEM ANALYST	28											
SYSTEMS PROGRAMMER	28											
TRAFFIC ENGINEER	28											
SENIOR BUDGET AND PROCEDURES ANALYST	29	69,177	72,634	76,268	80,081	84,085	88,289	92,703	97,338	102,206	107,316	112,681
INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATOR	30	72,634	76,268	80,081	84,085	88,289	92,703	97,338	102,206	107,316	112,682	118,317
OPERATIONS ENGINEER	30											
PARKS DEVELOPMENT PLANNER	30											
PLANNER III	30											
TRAINING ADMINISTRATOR	30											
SENIOR NETWORK ENGINEER	31	76,268	80,081	84,085	88,289	92,703	97,338	102,206	107,316	112,682	118,317	124,233
GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	32	80,081	84,085	88,289	92,703	97,338	102,206	107,316	112,682	118,317	124,232	130,444
CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER	34	88,289	92,703	97,338	102,206	107,316	112,682	118,317	124,232	130,443	136,966	143,814

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Revised: xx/xx/xxxx (Ord xx-xxx)

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns
Co-sponsor(s): Ms. Durham
Date of introduction: April 22, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 25-072

RECOGNIZING EARTH DAY 2025

1 **WHEREAS**, the first Earth Day, observed on April 22, 1970, marked a pivotal
2 moment in raising global awareness about the fragility of our planet and the urgent need
3 for environmental protection; and
4

5 **WHEREAS**, Earth Day has since grown into a global movement, engaging
6 billions of people in activities and advocacy aimed at addressing pressing environmental
7 challenges such as climate change, pollution, deforestation, and biodiversity loss; and
8

9 **WHEREAS**, on April 22, 2025, we celebrate the 55th anniversary of Earth Day,
10 providing a significant opportunity to reflect on the progress made in environmental
11 stewardship and to recommit to ambitious action for a sustainable future; and
12

13 **WHEREAS**, now, more than ever, the health and well-being of current and future
14 generations depend on a healthy planet with clean air and water, fertile land, and
15 thriving ecosystems; and
16

17 **WHEREAS**, recognizing and addressing environmental challenges requires
18 collaborative efforts from individuals, communities, businesses, governments, and
19 international organizations; and
20

21 **WHEREAS**, Earth Day serves as a crucial platform to educate and mobilize
22 citizens, promote sustainable practices, and advocate for policies that protect our
23 natural resources and mitigate environmental degradation; and
24

25 **WHEREAS**, the theme for Earth Day 2025 – **Our Power, Our Planet** - provides
26 a focal point for global action and encourages innovative solutions to environmental
27 concerns; and
28

29 **WHEREAS**, County Council recognizes the profound importance of
30 environmental protection and the need for continued dedication to creating a
31 sustainable and equitable future for all.
32

33 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by and for the County Council of New
34 Castle that New Castle County Council hereby recognizes **April 22 as Earth Day 2025**
35 in order to raise awareness, now more than ever, about environmental issues and
36 encourage action to protect our planet and acknowledges the vital role it plays in
37 raising global awareness and promoting action for environmental protection.

38 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that County Council commends the countless
39 individuals, organizations, and communities who dedicate their time and efforts to
40 environmental stewardship and the pursuit of a sustainable future.

41
42 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that County Council reaffirms its commitment to
43 addressing environmental challenges, promoting sustainable practices, and supporting
44 policies that protect our natural resources and ensure a healthy planet for current and
45 future generations, and encourages all citizens, businesses, and governmental entities
46 to actively participate in Earth Day 2025 initiatives and to embrace sustainable practices
47 in their daily lives.

Adopted by County Council
of New Castle County on:

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

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution recognizes **April 22 as Earth Day 2025** in order to raise awareness, now more than ever, about environmental issues and encourage action to protect our planet and acknowledges the vital role it plays in raising global awareness and promoting action for environmental protection.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no discernible fiscal impact as a result of passage of this resolution.