



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

May 26, 2026
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

°26-058: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE ANTICIPATED STATE OF DELAWARE GRANT-IN-AID FUNDS TO THE ABSALOM JONES SENIOR CENTER FY2027 GRANT, WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, COMMUNITY RESOURCES DIVISION

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

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole

°26-059: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING, WITH FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE DELAWARE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD TO THE 2026/2027 STATE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM/YEAR-ROUND YOUTH EMPLOYMENT GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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

°26-060: AMENDING THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 26 ("HUMAN RESOURCES") ARTICLE 3 ("OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TRUST FUND") REGARDING COMPOSITION

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

°26-061: AMENDING NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 40 ("UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE") ARTICLE 7 ("TRANSFER OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS AND OTHER

INCENTIVES AND BONUSES”) RELATING TO AGE RESTRICTED DEVELOPMENTS

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

°26-062: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET TO THE SENIOR HOME REPAIR PROGRAM GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

°26-063: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET TO THE SUMMER RECREATION CAMPS GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Street

°26-064: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET TO THE 2023 NEW CASTLE COUNTY YOUTH EMPLOYMENT GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins

°26-065: AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: REDUCE THE GRANTS AND FIXED CHARGES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF COUNTY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY GRANTS

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

E. Consent Calendar

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.

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

R26-108: APPROVING THE REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF COUNTY TAXES ON TAX PARCEL NUMBER 08-009.000-61

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

R26-109: APPROVING THE RECREATIONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPT STATUS OF THE WILMINGTON COMMUNITY ROWING FOUNDATION, LLC’S PROPERTY LOCATED AT 501 A STREET, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE 19801 TAX PARCEL NO. 26-050.00-037

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins

R26-110: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PROCEDURAL RULE NO. 4 (“REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS”) AND RULE NO. 5 (“COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS”) RELATING TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

R26-111: URGING THE DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REQUIRE COMPREHENSIVE FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS, INCLUDING IMPACTS ON COUNTY GOVERNMENT, FOR ALL STATE LEGISLATION AFFECTING COUNTY OPERATIONS, SERVICES, OR REVENUES

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Carter

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

R26-085: (STATUS: TABLED) ADOPTING THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY CAPITAL PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 THROUGH 2032

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

G. Time Sensitive Congratulatory/Honorary Resolutions

R26-112: HONORING MAYOR MICHAEL “MIKE” PURZYCKI FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE, LEADERSHIP, AND LASTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF WILMINGTON

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

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

R26-113: A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MELODY DAVIS

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco

R26-114: HONORING CHARLOTTE MILLER-LACY FOR HER LIFE, LEADERSHIP, AND SERVICE

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

R26-115: HONORING ST. GEORGES TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL FOR DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO THE SUCCESS OF STUDENTS IN NEW CASTLE COUNTY

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

R26-116: RECOGNIZING MAY AS NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH AND HONORING THE SERVICE, DEDICATION, AND SACRIFICE OF THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES, INCLUDING THE VETERANS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

H. Presentations

I. Consideration of Ordinances

°26-054: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE THE MONETARY VALUE OF DONATED LANDSCAPING SERVICES FOR THE SOURCING AND PLANTING TREES FROM THE ROUTE 9 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO THE HOLLOWAY TERRACE PARK LANDSCAPE SERVICES DONATION GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF PARKS

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

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Street, Ms. Williams-Johns

°26-055: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE CAL RIPKEN, SR. FOUNDATION, INC. (CRSF) TO THE CAL RIPKEN FOUNDATION – RT 9 LIBRARY GRANT, WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF LIBRARIES

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

°26-056: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (PHMSA) THROUGH THE DELAWARE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (DEMA) TO THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco

°26-057: TO AMEND THE PAY PLAN AND RATES OF PAY FOR NON-UNION UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE EMPLOYEES OF COUNTY COUNCIL AND REVISE THE CLASS

SPECIFICATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE TO COUNTY COUNCIL

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. George, Ms. Kilpatrick

°26-034: (STATUS: TABLED) THE ANNUAL REVENUE ORDINANCE OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

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

°26-035: (STATUS: TABLED) CALCULATION OF SEWER SERVICE CHARGES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027

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

°26-036: (STATUS: TABLED) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS APPROVED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 CAPITAL BUDGET

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

°26-037: (STATUS: TABLED) THE CAPITAL BUDGET ORDINANCE OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

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

°26-038: (STATUS: TABLED) ADOPT THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET OF NEW CASTLE CO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

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

J. Introduction/Consideration of Emergency Ordinances

K. Public Comment/Other

L. Motion to Adjourn

AGENDA POSTED: May 19, 2026

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Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole
Requested by: Community Services
Date of introduction: May 26, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-058

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE ANTICIPATED STATE OF DELAWARE GRANT-IN-AID FUNDS TO THE
ABSALOM JONES SENIOR CENTER FY2027 GRANT, WHICH WILL BE
ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, COMMUNITY
RESOURCES DIVISION**

1 **WHEREAS**, authorization is being sought for the appropriation of estimated funding
2 of \$245,225 anticipated to be received in State of Delaware Grant-In-Aid funds to the
3 Absalom Jones Senior Center FY2027 Grant; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the Absalom Jones Senior Center provides a variety of services for the
6 elderly in the surrounding community including transportation to the center, adult programs,
7 activities and social services; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that a grant is anticipated to be
10 received and shall be sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter
11 amended; and
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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).
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18 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
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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.
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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.
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28 Section 3. The provisions of this Ordinance are effective July 1, 2026.

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 estimated funding of \$245,225 anticipated to be received in State of Delaware Grant-In-Aid funds to the Absalom Jones Senior Center FY2027 Grant for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, 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.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating estimated funding of \$245,225 anticipated to be received in State of Delaware Grant-In-Aid funds to the Absalom Jones Senior Center FY2027 Grant for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, which will be administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Resources.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget. This increase will affect FY2027 since the targeted program completion date for this grant is June 30, 2027. There is no fiscal impact anticipated beyond FY2027.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer May 13, 2026.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Absalom Jones Senior Center FY2027	Ordinance No.	26-058
PROGRAM TITLE:	Absalom Jones Senior Center FY2027		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ 245,225.00	\$ -	\$ 245,225.00
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 245,225.00	\$ -	\$ 245,225.00

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ 110,424.76	\$ -	\$ 110,424.76
Benefits	\$ 41,531.24	\$ -	\$ 41,531.24
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ 1,600.00	\$ -	\$ 1,600.00
Contractual Services	\$ 91,669.00	\$ -	\$ 91,669.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 245,225.00	\$ -	\$ 245,225.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	7/1/2026
Estimated Program Completion:	6/30/2027
The Local Match:	Found in (ORG):
Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Absalom Jones Senior Center provides a variety of services to the elderly population in the neighboring community including: transportation to the center, adult programs, activities and social services.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-059

AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:

**APPROPRIATE FUNDING TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE,
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING, WITH FUNDS
PROVIDED BY THE DELAWARE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD TO THE 2026/2027
STATE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM/YEAR-ROUND YOUTH
EMPLOYMENT GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY
SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

1 **WHEREAS**, the 2026/2027 State Summer Youth Employment Program/Year-Round
2 Youth Employment Grant provides employment experiences for socially and economically
3 disadvantaged high school youth in New Castle County that will promote responsibility,
4 teamwork, and a good work ethic; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, these funds will be used to provide employment of approximately 55 to 70
7 youth with worksite partners that support their career path and/or area of interest; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, these youth will either have worked throughout the summer of 2026 or will
10 work 12-15 hours per week through the 2026-2027 school year; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that grants anticipated to be received
13 from the State of Delaware, Department of Labor, Division of Employment and Training, with
14 funding provided by the Delaware Workforce Investment Board, are sufficient to cover the
15 increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter amended; and

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

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

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

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

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32 Section 3. The provisions of this Ordinance are effective June 14, 2026.
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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 \$190,000 in funding received from the State of Delaware, Department of Labor, Division of Employment and Training, with funding provided by the Delaware Workforce Investment Board, to the 2026/2027 State Summer Youth Employment Program/Year-Round Youth Employment Grant to be administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Resources.

The 2026/2027 State Summer Youth Employment Program/Year-Round Youth Employment Grant will provide employment experiences for socially and economically disadvantaged youth in New Castle County that will promote responsibility, teamwork, and a good work ethic. Funds will be used for the employment of approximately 55 to 70 youths with worksite partners that support their career path and/or area of interest. This program will run during the summer of 2026 and through the 2026-2027 school year.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$190,000 in funding from the State of Delaware, Department of Labor, Division of Employment and Training, with funding provided by the Delaware Workforce Investment Board to the 2026/2027 State Summer Youth Employment Program/Year-Round Youth Employment Grant to be administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Resources.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an anticipated increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget by \$190,000. This grant will affect FY2026 and FY2027 since the grant period starts on June 14, 2026, and ends on June 13, 2027. There is no fiscal impact anticipated beyond FY2027.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer on May 13, 2026.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	2026/2027 State SYEP/Year-Round	Ordinance No.	26-059
PROGRAM TITLE:	2026/2027 State SYEP/Year-Round		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ 190,000.00	\$ -	\$ 190,000.00
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 190,000.00	\$ -	\$ 190,000.00

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ 172,424.75	\$ -	\$ 172,424.75
Benefits	\$ 17,575.25	\$ -	\$ 17,575.25
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 190,000.00	\$ -	\$ 190,000.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	6/14/2026
Estimated Program Completion:	6/13/2027
The Local Match:	Found in (ORG):
Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The 2026/2027 State SYEP/Year-Round grant will provide employment of approximately 55-70 youths with worksite partners that support their career path and/or area of interest. This program will run 6/14/2026 through 6/13/2027.

5/26/2026

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier
Requested by: Administration/Finance
Date of introduction: May 26, 2026

ORDINANCE 26-060

AMENDING THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 26 ("HUMAN RESOURCES") ARTICLE 3 ("OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TRUST FUND") REGARDING COMPOSITION

1 **WHEREAS**, the New Castle County Council created the Other Post-Employment
2 Benefits ("OPEB") Board of Trustees to operate and administer the OPEB fund; and
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4 **WHEREAS**, one of the OPEB Trustee positions, the Compensation and Pension
5 Systems Coordinator (CPSC"), was split between the Benefits Administrator and
6 Pension Administrator positions, and the CPSC position is no longer utilized by the
7 County; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, it is desirable that the CPSC position should be replaced with
10 one representative designated by the Chief Human Resources Officer; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, the OPEB Board of Trustees met on April 23, 2026 and voted to
13 recommend this change; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this ordinance
16 substantially advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate
17 government interests, including the protection and preservation of the public health,
18 safety, prosperity, general welfare, and quality of life.
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20 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**

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22 Section 1. *New Castle County Code* Chapter 26 ("Human Resources"), Article 3
23 ("Merit System"), Division 26.03.900 ("Separation and disability"), Section 2.03.911
24 ("Other Post-Employment Benefits trust fund") is hereby amended by the deletion of the
25 stricken text and the addition of the underscored text as set forth below:
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27 **Sec. 26.03.911. Other Post-Employment Benefits trust fund.**

28 29 C. Composition of the Board of Trustees

- 30
31 1. The OPEB fund created under this Division shall be construed to be a trust
32 separate and distinct from all other entities. The responsibility for the operation
33 and administration of the OPEB fund is hereby vested in the OPEB fund Board
34 of Trustees. The Trustees shall sign the trust agreement (attached hereto as
35 Exhibit "A") to establish the Trust. The Board of Trustees shall consist of:
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37 ...

- 38 d. ~~The Compensation and Pension Systems Coordinator~~ One Representative
designated by the Chief Human Resources Officer;

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

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

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

Approved on:

Marcus Henry
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This housekeeping Ordinance amends *New Castle County Code* to change one member of the Other Post-Employment Benefits trust fund Board of Trustees, by replacing the position of the Compensation and Pension Systems Coordinator with one Representative from the Office of Human Resources designated by the Chief Human Resource Officer.

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

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer May 13, 2026.

Prime sponsor(s): Ms. Durham, Mr. Cartier,
Mr. Caneco

Date of Introduction: May 26, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-061

**AMENDING NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 40
("UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE") ARTICLE 7 ("TRANSFER OF
DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS AND OTHER INCENTIVES AND BONUSES")
RELATING TO AGE RESTRICTED DEVELOPMENTS**

1 **WHEREAS**, the November 2023 Delaware State Housing Authority (DSHA)
2 *Statewide Housing Needs Assessment* estimated that 4,016 affordable units are needed
3 to be built in New Castle County to meet anticipated housing needs by 2030; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, by 2050 Delaware residents age 65 and older will comprise 25% of
6 the state's population; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, with Delaware's growing and aging population, the DSHA *Housing*
9 *Needs Assessment* found that recent building permit activity indicates that the housing
10 affordability needs of diverse households may not be met if current building trends
11 continue; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, as the demographic peak for age-restricted developments begins to
14 normalize, the persistence of market-rate 55+ housing models creates a serious mismatch
15 that threatens to leave moderate to low-income seniors underserved;
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17 **WHEREAS**, new housing supply must accommodate the range of anticipated
18 incomes; and
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20 **WHEREAS**, even with additional funding and resources, efforts to address the
21 state's housing needs will be constrained unless state and local regulatory policies
22 explicitly encourage the development of diverse housing types; and
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24 **WHEREAS**, planning and zoning changes are needed to ensure that all
25 Delawareans can access safe housing, regardless of income, age, location, or household
26 size; and
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28 **WHEREAS**, the County seeks to further the strategies identified in the five (5) year
29 consolidated housing plan and the housing strategies identified in the New Castle County
30 Comprehensive Development Plan; and

31 **WHEREAS**, County Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance
32 substantially advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate government
33 interests, including the protection and preservation of public health, safety, prosperity,
34 general welfare, and quality of life.

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

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38 Section 1. *New Castle County Code* Chapter 40 (the “Unified Development Code”),
39 Article 7 (“Transfer of Development Rights and Other Incentives and Bonuses”), Division
40 40.07.700 (“Age restricted residential development bonus”) is hereby amended by adding
41 the material that is underlined and deleting the material with strikethroughs, as set forth
42 below.

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44 **Division 40.07.700. - Age restricted residential development bonus.**

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46 In order to increase the quantity and suitable housing stock for older New Castle County
47 citizens, ~~and in recognition of the fiscal advantages of age-restricted communities,~~
48 developments comprising of single-family detached and single-family attached housing
49 types (including twins)-~~intended~~ restricted for occupancy and use by individuals age ~~fifty-~~
50 ~~five (55)~~ 55 and older pursuant to the provision of the Housing for Older Peoples Act
51 (HOPA) of 1995 of the Federal Fair Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 3601-~~3631 et seq.~~ may,
52 at the Department's discretion, receive up to a ~~twenty (20) percent~~ 20% density bonus as
53 indicated in the Age Restricted Development Options contained in Table 40.04.110 A.~~In~~
54 ~~addition, as long as~~ all of the following provisions ~~shall be~~ are satisfied:

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56 A. The density bonus shall ~~be applicable~~ apply only to proposed residential
57 developments in the S (Suburban) and ST (Suburban Transition) zoning districts.

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59 B. All provisions of the Federal Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 3601-~~3631 et seq.~~)
60 shall be complied with by the applicant to the satisfaction of the Department and
61 County Council.

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63 C. All dwelling units that are to be part of the age restricted community shall be deed
64 restricted to contain all necessary living arrangements on the first floor. This shall
65 include at least ~~one (1)~~ 1 bedroom, kitchen, and full sanitary facilities, including
66 shower/tub installation, on the first floor of the dwelling.

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68 In addition, all development plans restricted for occupancy and use by individuals age 55
69 and older must set aside no less than 15% of units for one or a combination of the
70 following:

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72 a. Moderately Priced Dwelling Units (MPDUs) as defined in Chapter 40, Article 7.
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74 b. Low-Income housing either sold or rented to households with incomes less than
75 80% AMI as defined in Section 40.07.550.
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77 Section 2. New Castle County Council finds that the provisions of this Ordinance are
78 consistent with the spirit and intent of the New Castle County Comprehensive Plan.
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80 Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
81 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided in 9 *Del.*
82 *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: This Ordinance adds a requirement that any development plan that is restricted for use and occupancy to individuals aged 55 or older must set aside a minimum of 15% of units as either one or a combination of MPDUs and/or low-income housing.

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

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Tackett, Mr. Hollins
Requested by: County Council
Date of introduction: May 26, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-062

AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:

**APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL FY2026
APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET TO THE SENIOR HOME REPAIR PROGRAM GRANT,
WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Senior Home Repair Program Grant is designed to provide minor
2 housing repair assistance to eligible senior homeowners age 62 and older with a maximum grant
3 amount of \$5,000.00; 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
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8 **WHEREAS**, there are currently over 137 seniors on the waiting list for this program; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council has determined that there will be unspent
11 funding available in the Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item at the end of FY2026; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council wishes to provide \$30,000 to the Senior Home
14 Repair Program Grant from their Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item within the FY2026
15 Approved Operating Budget; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance substantially
18 advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate government interests (i.e.,
19 promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity and/or welfare of the
20 present and future inhabitants of this State).
21

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
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24 Section 1. The Grants Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173 is hereby amended
25 by adding the material underscored and deleting the material bracketed and stricken on the
26 attached "Exhibit A."
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28 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
29 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C. §*
30 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 \$30,000 from the County Council – Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item within the FY2026 Approved Operating Budget to the Senior Home Repair Program Grant. In order to complete this transaction, **Ordinance No. 26-065 must be passed by County Council to complete this transaction.**

The Senior Home Repair Program Grant is designed to provide minor housing repair assistance to eligible senior homeowners age 62 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 \$5,000. The home must be located in New Castle County, outside the boundaries of Wilmington and Newark. There are currently over 137 seniors on the waiting list for this program. Funding for the program is from the Community Development Block Grant Program.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$30,000 in funding to the Senior Home Repair Program Grant, which is administered by the Department of Community Services. Partial funding for this program will be provided from the County Council – Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item in the FY2026 Approved Operating Budget.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget by \$30,000. This increase will affect FY2026 and beyond since this program is ongoing, without an expiration date, until all funds have been expended.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer May 21, 2026.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Senior Home Repair Program	Ordinance No.	26-062
PROGRAM TITLE:	Senior Home Repair Program		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ 633,101.46	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 663,101.46
Program Income	\$ 108,436.05	\$ -	\$ 108,436.05
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 741,537.51	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 771,537.51

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	\$ 681,332.01	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 711,332.01
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 741,537.51	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 771,537.51

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	22-068	5/24/2022
18-072	7/16/2018	23-064	5/23/2023
19-065	7/3/2019	24-090 Sub 1	6/11/2024
20-060	6/9/2020	24-119	7/9/2024
21-075 Floor Amend 1	6/16/2021	25-035	4/8/2025
21-106	9/30/2021	<u>25-068</u>	<u>5/27/2025</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 137 seniors on the waiting list for this program. Funding for the program is from the Sheriff's Office, Program Income and the General Fund.

5/27/2025

5/26/2026

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Street
Requested by: County Council
Date of introduction: May 26, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-063

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL FY2026
APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET TO THE SUMMER RECREATION CAMPS GRANT,
WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Summer Recreation Camp Program provides low- and moderate-income
2 children with the opportunity to attend a summer camp program; and

3
4 **WHEREAS**, one-third of campers receive financial aid from Federal and County funds;
5 and

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7 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council has determined that there will be unspent
8 funding available in the Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item at the end of FY2026; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council wishes to provide \$25,000 to the Summer
11 Recreation Camps Grant from their Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item within the
12 FY2026 Approved Operating Budget; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, these funds will go towards camp scholarships to offer free summer camp to
15 ineligible youth; and

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

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

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

27
28 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
29 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C.* §
30 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 \$25,000 from the County Council – Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item within the FY2026 Approved Operating Budget to the Summer Recreation Camps Grant. In order to complete this transaction, **Ordinance No. 26-065 must be passed by County Council to complete this transaction.**

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$25,000 in funding to the Summer Recreation Camps Grant, which is administered by the Department of Community Services. Partial funding for this program will be provided from the County Council – Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item in the FY2026 Approved Operating Budget.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget by \$25,000. This increase will affect FY2026 and beyond since this program is ongoing, without an expiration date, until all funds have been expended.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer May 21, 2026.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Summer Recreation Camps	Ordinance No.	26-063
PROGRAM TITLE:	Summer Recreation Camps		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ 194,400.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 219,400.00
Program Income	\$ 1,338,065.21	\$ -	\$ 1,338,065.21
Other	\$ 21,109.55	\$ -	\$ 21,109.55
Total	\$ 1,553,574.76	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 1,578,574.76

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,040,451.74	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 1,047,451.74
Benefits	\$ 103,063.19	\$ 713.51	\$ 103,776.70
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ 6,090.00		\$ 6,090.00
Communication/Utilities	\$ 15,090.20	\$ 750.00	\$ 15,840.20
Materials/Supplies	\$ 83,402.26		\$ 83,402.26
Contractual Services	\$ 302,896.99	\$ 16,536.49	\$ 319,433.48
Equipment	\$ 784.02		\$ 784.02
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -		\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -		\$ -
Contingency	\$ -		\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ 1,796.36		\$ 1,796.36
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -		\$ -
Total	\$ 1,553,574.76	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 1,578,574.76

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation: 7/1/2005

Estimated Program Completion: ongoing

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

Ordinance Passed/Date Revised:

05-049	May 2005	14-121	November 2014
05-135	December 2005	16-131	November 2016
06-049	April 2006	18-047	May 2018
07-045	April 2007	19-031	March 2019
08-042	April 2008	20-025	April 2020
09-033	April 2009	21-058	April 2021
09-097	October 2009	22-049	April 2022
10-077	July 2010	23-044	April 2023
10-104	October 2010	24-037	March 2024
11-112	December 2011	24-174	November 2024
12-114	November 2012	<u>25-133</u>	<u>October 2025</u>
13-094	December 2013		

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The New Castle County Summer Recreation Camps Grant will serve children in New Castle County.

10/28/2025

5/26/2026

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins
Requested by: County Council
Date of introduction: May 26, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-064

AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:

**APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL FY2026 APPROVED
OPERATING BUDGET TO THE 2023 NEW CASTLE COUNTY YOUTH EMPLOYMENT
GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES,
DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

1 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council received funds from the State of Delaware
2 Department of Labor – Delaware Workforce Investment Board to fund the 2023 New Castle
3 County Summer Youth Employment Grants; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the New Castle County Youth Employment Program provides employment
6 experiences for youths between the ages of 14 and 20 that will promote responsibility, teamwork,
7 and a work ethic; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council has previously contributed funds to the 2023
10 New Castle County Youth Employment Grant in the amount of \$100,000 via Ordinance 23-035,
11 \$5,110 via Ordinance 23-065, \$110,020 via Ordinance 24-061 and \$7,861 via Ordinance 24-
12 091; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council has determined that there will be unspent
15 funding available in the Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item at the end of FY2026; and
16

17 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council wishes to provide \$5,000 to the 2023 New Castle
18 County Youth Employment Grant from their Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item within
19 the FY2026 Approved Operating Budget; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, the revenue measures heretofore adopted by the County Council are, in the
22 opinion of the County Executive, estimated to yield sums at least sufficient to balance the
23 proposed expenditures as set forth in the Annual Operating Budget as hereinafter amended.
24

25 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
26

27 Section 1. The Grants Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173 is hereby amended
28 by deleting the material stricken and adding the material underscored on the attached Exhibit
29 "A."
30

31 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
32 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C.* §
33 1156.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

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

Approved on:

Matthew Meyer
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate \$5,000 from the County Council – Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item within the FY2026 Approved Operating Budget to the 2023 New Castle County Youth Employment Grant. **Ordinance No. 26-065 must be passed by County Council to complete this transaction.**

The New Castle County Youth Employment Program provides employment experiences for youths between the ages of 14 and 20 that will promote responsibility, teamwork, and a work ethic.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$5,000 in funding to the 2023 New Castle County Youth Employment Program Grant, which is administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Resources. Funding for this program will be provided from the County Council – Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item within the FY2026 Approved Operating Budget.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget by \$5,000. There is no discernible fiscal impact on the current operating budget.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer May 21, 2026.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	NCC Youth Employment 2023	Ordinance No.	26-064
PROGRAM TITLE:	NCC Youth Employment 2023		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ 222,991.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 227,991.00
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 222,991.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 227,991.00

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ 200,428.65	\$ 4,537.49	\$ 204,966.14
Benefits	\$ 22,562.35	\$ 462.51	\$ 23,024.86
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 222,991.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 227,991.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation: 6/13/2023

Estimated Program Completion: 9/30/2050

The Local Match: Found in (ORG):

Ordinance Passed/Date Revised:

23-035	4/14/2023
23-065	6/16/2023
24-061	4/23/2024
<u>24-091</u>	<u>5/28/2024</u>

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The New Castle County Youth Employment Program provides employment experiences for youths between the ages of 14 and 20 that will promote responsibility, teamwork and a work ethic.

5/28/2024

5/26/2026

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street
Mr. Tackett
Requested by: County Council
Date of introduction: May 26, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-065

**AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET:
REDUCE THE GRANTS AND FIXED CHARGES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF COUNTY
COUNCIL TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY GRANTS**

1 **WHEREAS**, County Council has budgeted funding available in the Grants and Fixed
2 Charges Budget Line Item; and
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4 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council wishes to provide funding to the Senior Home
5 Repair Program Grant, Summer Recreation Camps Grant and the 2023 New Castle County
6 Youth Employment Grant; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, the revenue measures heretofore adopted by the County Council are, in the
9 opinion of the County Executive, estimated to yield sums at least sufficient to balance the
10 proposed expenditures as set forth in the Annual Operating Budget as hereinafter amended.
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12 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
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14 Section 1. The Annual Operating Budget Ordinance for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
15 2025, is hereby amended by deleting the material that is stricken and adding the material that is
16 underscored on the attached Exhibit "A."
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18 Section 2. The foregoing amendment shall be considered a part of the Annual Operating
19 Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and shall be effective as though incorporated
20 initially in the Annual Operating Budget Ordinance.
21

22 Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
23 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided in 9 *Del. C. §*
24 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 transfer \$60,000 from the County Council – Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item within the FY2026 Approved Operating Budget and appropriate \$30,000 to the Senior Home Repair Program Grant, \$25,000 to the Summer Recreation Camps Grant and \$5,000 to the 2023 New Castle County Youth Employment Grant. **Ordinance No. 26-062, 26-063 and 26-064 must first be passed by County Council in order to amend the existing grants.**

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the FY2026 Approved Operating Budget by reducing the County Council – Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item by \$60,000 and appropriating \$30,000 to the Senior Home Repair Program Grant, \$25,000 to the Summer Recreation Camps Grant and \$5,000 to the 2023 New Castle County Youth Employment Grant.

There will be no net fiscal impact if this Ordinance and its companion Ordinances are approved. The resulting effect will be the transfer of \$60,000 of FY2026 Approved Operating Budget spending authority to the Grants Budget. There is no fiscal impact beyond FY2026.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer May 21, 2026.

COUNTY COUNCIL

Salaries and Wages		\$	2,708,793
Benefits			1,525,869
Training and Civic Affairs			76,107
Communication and Utilities			17,274
Materials and Supplies			58,829
Contractual Services			303,929
Equipment			2,363
Grants and Fixed Charges	477,356		417,356
Operating Transfer Charges			195,519
Total	5,366,039	\$	<u>5,306,039</u>
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	35		

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Salaries and Wages		\$	2,305,318
Benefits			1,293,169
Training and Civic Affairs			42,282
Communication and Utilities			19,550
Materials and Supplies			22,136
Contractual Services			286,587
Equipment			1,000
Grants and Fixed Charges			469,975
Contingency			55,000
Operating Transfer Charges			112,454
Total		\$	<u>4,607,471</u>
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	17		

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Salaries and Wages		\$	14,062,962
Benefits			7,834,901
Training and Civic Affairs			216,388
Communication and Utilities			8,385,242
Materials and Supplies			165,308
Contractual Services			8,779,606
Equipment			484,895
Grants and Fixed Charges			3,968,241
Operating Transfer Charges			1,198,287
Operating Transfer Credits			(14,044,103)
Total		\$	<u>31,051,727</u>
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	168		

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Salaries and Wages	\$	28,756,814
Benefits		16,093,269
Training and Civic Affairs		45,445
Communication and Utilities		27,456,675
Materials and Supplies		4,940,921
Contractual Services		11,474,267
Equipment		510,258
Grants and Fixed Charges		1,529,759
Land and Structures		50,000
Operating Transfer Charges		4,843,523
Operating Transfer Credits		(7,876,371)
Total	\$	87,824,560
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		389

DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE

Salaries and Wages	\$	8,996,033
Benefits		5,031,240
Training and Civic Affairs		55,175
Communication and Utilities		124,467
Materials and Supplies		109,127
Contractual Services		1,487,549
Equipment		91,188
Grants and Fixed Charges		56,500
Operating Transfer Charges		1,073,339
Total	\$	17,024,618
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		113

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Salaries and Wages	\$	14,008,316
Benefits		5,874,643
Training and Civic Affairs		35,316
Communication and Utilities		1,457,142
Materials and Supplies		1,464,197
Contractual Services		4,011,498
Equipment		180,725
Grants and Fixed Charges		3,235,149
Operating Transfer Charges		1,396,115
Operating Transfer Credits		(243,749)
Total	\$	31,419,352
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		162

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Salaries and Wages	\$	78,231,240
Benefits		43,444,049
Training and Civic Affairs		199,290
Communication and Utilities		999,375
Materials and Supplies		1,328,195
Contractual Services		2,627,078
Equipment		2,422,597
Grants and Fixed Charges		11,672,041
Operating Transfer Charges		8,501,518
Total	\$	149,425,383
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		729

REGISTER OF WILLS

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

RECORDER OF DEEDS

Salaries and Wages	\$	1,377,085
Benefits		764,405
Training and Civic Affairs		40,170
Communication and Utilities		30,665
Materials and Supplies		12,398
Contractual Services		83,945
Equipment		6,150
Grants and Fixed Charges		18,350
Operating Transfer Charges		172,975
Total	\$	2,506,143
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		23

SHERIFF

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

CLERK OF THE PEACE

Salaries and Wages	\$	538,617
Benefits		303,592
Training and Civic Affairs		9,600
Communication and Utilities		3,586
Materials and Supplies		7,939
Contractual Services		19,083
Equipment Replacement		0
Operating Transfer Charges		35,085
Total	\$	917,502
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	7	

DEBT SERVICE

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

ETHICS COMMISSION

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

COUNCIL CONTINGENCY

Contingency	\$	7
Total	\$	7
<i>Total Authorized Full-Time Positions</i>		

EXECUTIVE CONTINGENCY

Contingency	\$	134,025
Total	\$	134,025
<i>Total Authorized Full-Time Positions</i>		

PERSONNEL CONTINGENCY

Contingency	\$	90,600
Total	\$	90,600
<i>Total Authorized Full-Time Positions</i>		

BENEFITS CONTINGENCY

Contingency	\$	1,763,275
Total	\$	1,763,275
<i>Total Authorized Full-Time Positions</i>		

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Contingency	\$	486,725
Total	\$	486,725
<i>Total Authorized Full-Time Positions</i>		

ATTRITION CONTINGENCY

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

ONE-TIME CONTINGENCY

Contingency	\$	792,585
Total	\$	792,585

NEW CASTLE COUNTY

Salaries and Wages		\$	147,624,160
Benefits			80,231,803
Training and Civic Affairs			794,675
Communication and Utilities			38,518,239
Materials and Supplies			8,142,812
Contractual Services			29,428,003
Equipment			3,707,476
Grants and Fixed Charges	21,427,371		<u>21,367,371</u>
Debt Service			47,892,496
Land and Structures			50,000
Contingency			3,322,217
Operating Transfer Charges			17,783,557
Operating Transfer Credits			(22,164,223)
<i>Sub-Total New Castle County</i>	<i>376,758,586</i>	\$	<u>376,698,586</u>
<i>Total Authorized Full-Time Positions</i>	<i>1,684</i>		

RESERVE ACCOUNTS ANTICIPATED BALANCES AS OF APRIL 28, 2026

Tax Stabilization Reserve Account	52,704,771
Sewer Rate Stabilization Reserve Account	15,087,725
General Fund Budget Reserve Account	46,910,980
Sewer Fund Budget Reserve Account	19,038,698
<i>Total Reserves:</i>	<u>133,742,174</u>

RESOLUTION NO. 26-108

**APPROVING THE REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF COUNTY TAXES ON
TAX PARCEL NUMBER 08-009.000-61**

1 **WHEREAS**, Henry B. duPont IV ("Owner") owns Tax Parcel Number 08-009.000-61 (the
2 "Parcel"), which is located in Council District 2; and
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4 **WHEREAS**, the Owner has filed with New Castle County ("County") a request for refund
5 of overpaid taxes on the Parcel; and
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7 **WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that in 2025, the Owner overpaid
8 the taxes owed to the County ("County Taxes") for the Parcel because of an error in the
9 characterization of the parcel; and
10

11 **WHEREAS**, the Owner's overpayment of County Taxes for the Parcel is \$27,285.87; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has approved the payment of the refund for
14 overpaid County Taxes on the Parcel in the amount of \$27,285.87, on the grounds that that
15 amount was paid in error by the Owner; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, 9 *Delaware Code* § 8618 provides authority for the County to refund County
18 Taxes paid in error; and
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20 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Code, § 14.03.001 prohibits the Chief Financial Officer
21 from refunding more than \$20,000 in County Taxes paid in error; and
22

23 **WHEREAS**, a resolution of County Council of New Castle County is required to authorize
24 the refund of \$27,285.87.
25

26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by and for the County Council of New Castle
27 County, that New Castle County Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to refund
28 county taxes in the total amount of \$27,285.87 to Henry B. duPont IV.

Adopted by County Council
of New Castle County on:

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

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution allows for the refund of \$27,285.87 in county taxes that was paid in error by Henry B. duPont IV on Tax Parcel Number 08-009.000-61. 9 *Delaware Code* § 8618 provides authority to refund County Taxes paid in error, but the Chief Financial Officer's authority to approve refunds is limited to \$20,000.00.

FISCAL NOTE: This Resolution, if adopted, will authorize the refund of an overpayment of taxes in the total amount of \$27,285.87.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer May 15, 2026.

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins
Requested by: Public Woks
Date of introduction: May 26, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 26-109

**APPROVING THE RECREATIONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPT STATUS OF THE
WILMINGTON COMMUNITY ROWING FOUNDATION, LLC'S PROPERTY LOCATED
AT 501 A STREET, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE 19801
TAX PARCEL NO. 26-050.00-037**

1 **WHEREAS**, Article VIII, Section 1 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897 authorizes
2 counties to exempt from county taxation such property in their respective jurisdictions
3 that, in their opinion, will best promote the public welfare; and
4

5 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with this authorized power, New Castle County enacted
6 Section 14.06.601 of the *New Castle County Code*, which provides an exemption from
7 county taxation for recreational property – meaning property used primarily for
8 recreational purposes and owned and operated by a community chest, fund, foundation,
9 or corporation and meeting nine criteria, the first seven of which are determined as a
10 matter of law and fact by the Office of Finance, Assessment Division, and Office of Law,
11 can be exempt from taxation; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, the eighth criterion is a finding by the Department of Public Works that
14 the property is suitable for recreational use and consistent with the recreational needs of
15 the County; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, the ninth and final criterion for exemption of taxation is a review by
18 County Council of the impact of the exemption on the assessment roll and consideration
19 of other facts deemed important; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, the Assessment Division and the Office of Law determined that the
22 application has met the requirements of New Castle County Code Section 14.06.601(A)–
23 (G) as follows: (A) the owner is qualified as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)
24 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended; (B) no part of the net earnings of the
25 owner inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual; (C) the property is
26 used for the operation of the exempt activity and does not exceed an amount of property
27 reasonably necessary for the accomplishment of the exempt activity; (D) the property is
28 not used by the owner or other person to benefit any officer, trustee, director, shareholder,
29 member, employee, contributor, or bondholder of the owner or operator or any other
30 person through the distribution of profits or the payment of excessive charges or
31 compensation; (E) the property is used for recreational purposes, and, upon liquidation,
32 dissolution or abandonment of the owner, none of the assets of the owner will inure to the
33 benefit of anyone except a community chest, fund, foundation, government or
34 governmental agency, or corporation organized and operated for charitable or religious
35 purposes; (F) the use of the property is open to the public regardless of sex, race, creed,

36 color or national origin; and (G) the fees and charges for the use of such property and the
37 facilities thereon are such that people of low income will not be denied the privileges and
38 benefits provided by such property (the Wilmington Community Rowing Foundation LLC
39 provides several avenues so that membership costs do not operate as a barrier to all low-
40 income applicants through the provision of special discounted or no-cost memberships
41 upon proof of low income or other financial hardship); and
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43 **WHEREAS**, the Assessment Division and Office of Law forwarded the subject
44 application to the Department of Public Works which, pursuant to Section 14.06.601(H),
45 in turn advised the Sponsor through the Clerk of Council that the property is suitable for
46 recreational use and that such use is consistent with the recreational needs of the County;
47 and
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49 **WHEREAS**, the sponsoring Council Member reviewed the impact of an exemption
50 on the assessment roll, and other facts, and determined that the exempt status should be
51 granted pursuant to Section 14.06.601(I) and presented the same to the body of Council.
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53 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by and for the County Council of New
54 Castle County that County Council hereby approves the recreational property tax
55 exemption request for the property owned by Wilmington Community Rowing
56 Foundation, LLC located at 501 A Street, Wilmington, Delaware, Tax Parcel No. 26-
57 050.00-037, with an effective date of February 18, 2025.

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:

MARCUS HENRY
COUNTY EXECUTIVE



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AARON R. GOLDSTEIN
COUNTY ATTORNEY

OFFICE OF LAW

March 13, 2026

Via Electronic Mail at John@trustwilliams.com and First Class Mail

John L. Williams, Esquire
The Williams Law Firm, P.A.
1201 N. Orange Street, Suite 600
Wilmington, DE 19801

RE: Application for Recreational Property Tax Exemption

Address:
501 A Street
Wilmington, DE 19801

Tax Parcel No.:
26-050.00-037

Dear Mr. Williams:

The New Castle County Office of Finance, Division of Assessment and New Castle County Office of Law have reviewed the application filed on behalf of **Wilmington Community Rowing Foundation, LLC** (“WCRF LLC”) for a general property recreational tax exemption for the above referenced parcel (the “Property”). Based on our review, we conclude that the Delaware Code is not satisfied with respect to the application for a recreational tax exemption. However, because subsections A through G of *New Castle County Code* § 14.06.601 are met as of February 18, 2025, a copy of this determination letter and the application file are being forwarded to the Department of Public Works to make a recommendation to the Clerk of County Council, after which County Council will determine whether to grant a recreational exemption.

I. Facts and Procedural History.¹

WCRF LLC (the “Owner”) operates a recreational center for rowing. The Owner acquired the Property on or about December 7, 2012.² The Owner applied for a recreational tax exemption on December 11, 2024.

¹ Unless otherwise stated, all facts are based upon the Owner’s representations in the application materials it submitted.

² See Deed recorded at Instrument Number 201212070072330.

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The Owner previously applied for a recreational tax exemption on January 17, 2013. In a letter dated February 26, 2014, the County fully analyzed the parcel and concluded, based on the submission, along with publicly available materials, that the Delaware Code and New Castle County Code requirements for recreational tax exemption were not met and the application was denied. This determination was largely based on the Owner's inability to satisfy the requirement that "the fees and charges for the use of such property and facilities thereon are such that people of low income will not be denied the privileges and benefits provided by such property."³

New Castle County received the most recent tax exemption application for the Property on December 11, 2024. In connection with the application, the Owner submitted the following documents: cover letter; Wilmingtonrowing.org website screenshots describing various informational materials about WCRF LLC and its programs; certificate of formation; operating agreement; business license; certificate of incorporation (and amendments); bylaws (most recently amended in 2016); operations manual; a deed; lease; recreational plot plan; Wilmington Fire Department letter; form 990 tax returns for 2021, 2022 and 2023; a letter from the Internal Revenue Service affirming that the Owner is exempt from federal taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the *Internal Revenue Code* and a previous application for a recreational tax exemption and responsive correspondence from New Castle County denying the exemption. Within its cover letter, the Owner highlighted the changes it had made since its prior application to provide and publicize low or no cost membership to the public and accessibility to persons of low income. The Office of Law also engaged in communications with the Owner to obtain additional information, including minutes of its February 18, 2025 board meeting approving adoption of a new financial assistance program, to assist in understanding the factual basis for the application and its membership fees.

The Owner is a Delaware non-profit, non-stock corporation established in 1984 "to stimulate and foster interest in the sport of rowing among members of the public, amateurs, and groups or associations such as schools, colleges, universities, clubs and businesses; to publicize the advantages of rowing as a means of good health and physical development; to promote interest in the sport of rowing through competition and regattas; to uphold the principles and standards of amateur rule, to endeavor the advancement and development of amateur rowing in accordance with the traditions of good sportsmanship...."⁴

The Property is a gated property with a single building. The Property is used by the Owner in its operations as a boathouse facility for rowing and sculling. Additional facts are discussed below in connection with the analysis of the exemption application.

II. Burden and Standard of Proof

³ *New Castle County Code* § 14.06.601(G).

⁴ Certificate of Incorporation, art. Third & Fourth, Bylaws, Sect. 2

The property owner bears the burden of proving eligibility for a property tax exemption.⁵ As a general rule, property will be considered taxable until the property owner “clearly and convincingly” establishes that the property owner meets the requirements for exemption.⁶ Because taxation is the rule and exemption the exception, a claim of exemption on a recreational basis will be strictly construed against the property owner.⁷

III. Analysis

A. Delaware Code Analysis

The Delaware Code provides a legal basis for a recreational exemption. Specifically, Title 9, Section 8110(b) states: “[n]o parkland owned by a civic organization shall be liable to taxation and assessment for public purposes by any county or other political subdivision of the State or county.”

Civic organizations are defined in 9 *Del. C.* § 8110(a). That subsection states:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) The term “civic organization” shall be defined as any nonprofit organization that is the owner of parkland, as defined herein, provided that:

a. The organization is not organized for profit or is qualified as an exempt organization under § 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 [26 U.S.C. § 501(c)], as amended;

b. No part of the net earnings of the organization inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual; and

c. Upon liquidation or dissolution of the organization, or abandonment by the organization, none of the assets of the organization or benefits from its

⁵ *Stirlith Bros. Co. v. Mayor and Council of Wilmington*, 189 A. 880, 881 (Del. Ch. 1937) (“The burden is on the land owner to prove every fact essential to show the exempt status of his land.”) (cited by *Reinvestment II LLC v Bd. of Assess. Rev. of New Castle Cnty.*, 2013 WL 5496778, at *2 n.33 (Del. Super. Ct. Sept. 20, 2013)); see also *New Castle County Code* § 14.06.1102.

⁶ 16 *McQuillen, Law of Municipal Corporations* (3d Ed.), § 44.84 at p. 296.

⁷ *Milford Housing Dev. Corp. v. New Castle Cnty. Office of Finance*, 2016 WL 5852468, at *4 (Del. Super. Ct. June 30, 2016) (“[s]tatutory exemptions from taxation are strictly construed [according to the statutory language] and any doubt is resolved in favor of the public and against the claimed exemption.”) (quoting *Univ. of Delaware v. New Castle Cnty. Dep’t of Land Use*, 2003 WL 220509, at *5 (Del. Super. Ct. Jan. 30, 2003)). *Accord Banks v. Wilmington Terminal Co.*, 24 A.2d 592, 596 (Del. Super. Ct. 1941), *aff’d*, 28 A.2d 616 (Del. 1942); *Mayor and Council of Wilmington v. Riverview Cemetery*, 190 A. 111, 113 (Del. Super. Ct. 1937).

property will inure to the benefit of any person or organization except a community chest, fund, foundation, government, governmental agency, civic organization, maintenance corporation or other nonprofit organization.

(2) The term “parkland” shall be defined as real property, including improvements erected thereon and fixtures attached thereto, used primarily for recreational purposes and dedicated as parkland, public open space, private open space or other public use on a recorded subdivision plan, or through valid and binding restrictive covenants, provided that:

- a. The property is not used by the civic organization or by any other person so as to benefit any officer, trustee, director, shareholder, member, employee, contributor or bondholder of the organization or operator or any other person through the distribution of profits or the payment of excessive compensation;
- b. The property is used for recreational purposes; and
- c. The use of the property is open, without charge, to the public, or to members of the civic organization, or to the residents of the neighborhood, or to residents of the community or to residents of the subdivision in which the property is located, regardless of sex, race, creed, color or national origin.

Therefore, the Delaware Code requires the Owner to show that it is a “civic organization,” and that the Property is “parkland.” We now apply this legal framework to the facts here.

1. **The Owner is a Civic Organization**

Based on the information provided with the application, the Owner satisfies the definition of “civic organization.” The Owner, WRCF LLC, is wholly owned by the Wilmington Rowing Company and qualified as an exempt organization pursuant Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the “Code”).⁸ No part of the earnings of the Property inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.⁹ Upon dissolution, assets are to be distributed to exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.¹⁰ Therefore, the Owner meets the first statutory criterion stated in 9 *Del. C.* § 8110(a)(1).

2. **The Property is not Parkland**

⁸ IRS Determination Letter dated Aug. 26, 2005.

⁹ Certificate of Incorporation, art. Fourth.

¹⁰ *Id.*

The Property is not parkland as defined in 9 *Del. C.* § 8110(a)(2). Although the Property is used primarily for recreational purposes, a review of the record plan shows that the Property is not dedicated as parkland, public open space, private open space or other public use on a recorded subdivision plan, or through valid and binding restrictive covenants. Without a finding that each subsection of the applicable Delaware Code provisions is satisfied, the County cannot conclude the Owner has met the burden of proof necessary to qualify for exemption under State law.

B. New Castle County Code Analysis

The New Castle County Code also provides a legal basis for a tax exemption for recreational property. This legal basis is distinct from that of the Delaware Code. Section 14.06.601 of the New Castle County Code provides:

As used in this Division, the term “recreational property” means property used primarily for recreational purposes and owned and operated by a community chest, fund, foundation, or corporation. Recreational property shall be exempt from all real property taxes, provided that:

- A. The owner is not organized for profit or is qualified as an exempt organization under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.
- B. No part of the net earnings of the owner inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.
- C. The property is used for the actual operation of the exempt activity and does not exceed an amount of property reasonably necessary for the accomplishment of the exempt activity.
- D. The property is not used by the owner or by any other person so as to benefit any officer, trustee, director, shareholder, member, employee, contributor, or bondholder of the owner or operator, or any other person through the distribution of profits or the payment of excessive charges or compensation.
- E. The property is used for recreational purposes and upon liquidation, dissolution, or abandonment of the owner none of the assets of the owner or benefits from the property will inure to the benefit of anyone except a community chest, fund, foundation, government or governmental agency, or corporation organized and operated for charitable or religious purposes.
- F. The use of such property is open to the public regardless of sex, race, creed, color, or national origin.

G. The fees and charges for the use of such property and facilities thereon are such that people of low income will not be denied the privileges and benefits provided by such property.

H. The Department of Public Works has filed with the Clerk of Council its recommendations as to the suitability of such property for recreational use and as to whether such use would be consistent with the recreational needs of the County.

I. County Council has by passage of a resolution granted such exemption after reviewing its impact upon the assessment roll and the recommendation of the Department of Public Works.

If the New Castle County Office of Finance, Division of Assessment and New Castle County Office of Law determine that subsections A through G of *New Castle County Code* § 14.06.601 have been satisfied, the Office of Law then forwards the application to the Department of Public Works (“Public Works”) for its recommendation “as to the suitability of such property for recreational use and as to whether such use would be consistent with the recreational needs of the County.”¹¹ Upon review, Public Works files its recommendation with the Clerk of Council.¹² County Council then considers whether to pass a resolution granting such exemption after reviewing its impact upon the assessment roll and the recommendation of Public Works.¹³ This letter now analyzes whether the terms of subsections A through G stated above are satisfied.

With respect to Subsection A and B, the Owner has established its not-for-profit status. Pursuant to the application and supporting documentation, no part of the earnings of the Property inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

With respect to Subsection C, the Division of Assessment’s site visit determined that the entire Property is boathouse used as a rowing and sculling organization.

In compliance with Subsection D, the Property is not used by the by the owner or by any other person so as to benefit any officer, trustee, director, shareholder, member, employee, contributor, or bondholder of the owner or operator, or any other person through the distribution of profits or the payment of excessive charges or compensation.

The Property satisfies the two standards of Subsection E. First, the Property is used for a recreational purpose. Second, upon dissolution, the assets are to be distributed to 501(c)(3) exempt organizations.

With respect to Subsection F, the Owner affirmed and its bylaws state that the Property is open regardless of sex, race, creed, national origin, place of residence.

¹¹ *New Castle County Code* § 14.06.1107.

¹² *New Castle County Code* § 14.06.601(H).

¹³ *New Castle County Code* § 14.06.601(I).

With respect to Subsection G’s low-income provision, the Owner provides several avenues so that the membership costs do not operate as a barrier to all low-income applicants. According to its website, the Owner “supports full access to the privileges and benefits of WRC membership for individuals living in poverty through the provision of special discounted or no-cost memberships upon proof of low income or other financial hardship.”¹⁴ Its membership page further provides: “[M]embership and/or program participation will be provided at discounted or no cost based upon proof of need. Low-income applicants should email the Membership Chair with their interest in WRC programs and need for special consideration. No initiation fee will be due from low-income participants and annual proof of need may be required.”¹⁵ The Owner also affirmed on its application: “While WRC has a membership dues structure and fees for learn-to-row classes, it provides an “open door” program that offers financial assistance for low-income community members unable to afford these dues and fees. Additionally, WRC gives free coxswain memberships to all and discounted senior memberships, plus certain members are granted free special memberships.”¹⁶ Finally, in response to inquiries from the Office of Law, the Owner provided minutes from its board meeting held on February 18, 2025. The minutes provided an explanation of the newly approved policy for club members modeled after the YMCA’s “Open Doors” program to offer discounts on membership dues, storage fees, and novice rowing fees based on household income relative to the Federal poverty level. Applicants must submit their previous year’s tax return for review, and discounts would range from 10% to 70%. A fee schedule for the hardship discount memberships for 2025 was also provided. These provisions are sufficiently designed so that people of low income will not be denied the privileges and benefits provided by such Property and meet the requirements of Subsection G.

The Office of Law will forward this application to the Department of Public Works with respect to the Property for the determination “as to the suitability of such property for recreational use and as to whether such use would be consistent with the recreational needs of the County.”¹⁷

IV. Right to Appeal.

The Owner may appeal to the Board of Assessment Review (the “Board”) from any portion of this opinion relating to the exemption determination by which it might feel aggrieved. Please note that the Board is bound by the same legal constraints as the Office of Law. The Board cannot disregard applicable law or grant an application out of mere sympathy for an owner.¹⁸

The scope of an appeal with respect to *New Castle County Code* Section 14.06.601 shall be limited to the question of whether such property and its use satisfies the conditions of

¹⁴ <https://wilmingtonrowing.org/membership>.

¹⁵ *Id.*

¹⁶ *Id.*

¹⁷ *New Castle County Code* § 14.06.1107.

¹⁸ *See, e.g., New Castle County Code* § 14.06.1111(C); *New Castle County v. Moore*, 1984 WL 1076099, at *1-2 (Del. Super. Ct. May 24, 1984).

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subsections 14.06.601 A through G. If the Board finds that the property and its use satisfies the conditions of subsections 14.06.601 A through G, the application will be forwarded to the Department of Public Works, which will submit to the Clerk of Council its recommendation as to the suitability of the parcel for recreational use.¹⁹

Any appeal must be received by the Board within 30 days from the date of this letter.²⁰ Any appeal must be filed on the Board form entitled “Appeal of Exemption Removal or Denial,” which may be obtained from the Division of Assessment.²¹ You may reach the Division of Assessment at (302) 395-5520. If you choose to appeal, please complete the entire form. You should present a written statement providing the full basis for your appeal and provide all supporting documents you intend to present at the hearing.²² Please also state in the form whom to contact about the appeal.

V. Conclusion.

In this letter, we conclude that the Owner has established that it meets the criteria of *New Castle County Code* § 14.06.601(A)-(G) with respect to the Property. Consequently, I am forwarding the Owner’s application to the Department of Public Works to consider the application for a recreational property tax exemption. If, after reviewing this letter, you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Lisa.Minutola@newcastlede.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lisa Minutola

Lisa Minutola
 Assistant County Attorney

cc: John Avera, Treasury Supervisor (via email)
 Gale Taylor, Treasury Specialist (via email)
 Susan Oberlander, Acting Property Assessment Administrator (via email)
 Lauren Arthur, Assessment Analyst (via email)
 Maureen Setting, Assessment Technician (via email)
 Angela Deldeo, Accountant III (via email)

¹⁹ See generally, *New Castle County Code* § 14.06.1111(B).

²⁰ *New Castle County Code* § 14.06.1111(A). Penalties upon unpaid tax amounts will continue to accrue during the pendency of the appeal.

²¹ See, e.g., 9 Del. C. § 8311(a); *Bd. of Assess. Rev. of New Castle Cnty. R. of Proc.*, Art. VI, § 1.

²² *Bd. of Assess. Rev. of New Castle Cnty. R. of Proc.*, Art. VI.



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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Nellie Hill
Clerk of Council

FROM: Cleon L. Cauley, Esq.
General Manager
Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: Recreational Property Tax Exemption
Wilmington Community Rowing Foundation, LLC
Tax Parcel No.: 26-050.00-037

DATE: May 8, 2026

In accordance with New Castle County Code Section 14.06.601(H), the Department of Public Works must review recreational property tax exemption applications and file its recommendation with the Clerk of Council “as to the suitability of such property for recreational use and as to whether such use would be consistent with the recreational needs of the County.”

The Assessment Division and the Office of Law provided Public Works information regarding Wilmington Community Rowing Foundation, LLC’s application for a recreational property tax exemption for property it owns at 501 A Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, identified as tax parcel number 26-050.00-037 (“Property”). The following information was conveyed:

- WCRF LLC owns the property, where it operates a rowing school for “rowers and scullers of all levels.” WCRF LLC also operates a racing team for those who favor competition.
- A site visit determined that WCRF LLC uses the property for its intended recreational purpose – teaching and supporting rowing.
- WCRF LLC is open to anyone regardless of race, color, national origin, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or sexual identity.
- WCRF LLC supports “full access to the privileges and benefits of membership” for low-income families by providing special discounted or no-cost memberships upon proof of low-income or other financial hardship.

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After reviewing the Application and the Office of Law's analysis and recommendation, Public Works concludes that the property is suitable for recreational use and such use is consistent with the County's recreational needs.



05/13/2026

Cleon Cauley, Sr., Esq.
General Manager
Department of Public Works
New Castle County

Date

Cc: Council President Monique Williams Johns
Councilman Penrose Hollins
Joanna Finnigan, Accounting & Fiscal Manager
Lisa Minutola, Assistant County Attorney
John D. Stant II, Assistant County Attorney

Memorandum Wilmington Comm Rowing

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-110

**TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PROCEDURAL RULE NO. 4
("REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS") AND RULE NO. 5 ("COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETINGS") RELATING TO PUBLIC COMMENT**

1 **WHEREAS**, public comment available during Council Meetings and Committee
2 Meetings would benefit from increased clarity and precision; and
3

4 **WHEREAS**, as a function of Council and Committee Meeting agendas, County
5 Council affords public comment in two distinct respects and times in the meeting: first,
6 Council affords public comment with respect to comment on legislation (at the time during
7 the meeting at which the legislation is being considered by Council) and, separate and
8 apart, Council also affords public comment on matters of general interest to the public
9 (near the end of the meeting agenda); and
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11 **WHEREAS**, the proposed amendments to the Procedural Rules of County Council
12 provide additional clarity regarding public comment during Council and Committee
13 Meetings.
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15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that New Castle County Council
16 recognizes the importance of improved guidelines that are easy to comply with and, thus,
17 amends Rule No. 4 and Rule No. 5 of Council's Procedural Rules by deleting language
18 as indicated by strike throughs and adding language as indicated by underlines below.
19 ...

20 **4.3 Order of Business.**
21 ...

22 ~~4.3.11. Item K. *Public comment/other.* Individuals who wish to comment on a~~
23 ~~matter of public interest may do so at this time. The presiding chair may set~~
24 ~~reasonable time limits.~~
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26 4.3.11. Item K. *General Public Comment; Other.* Public comment that is afforded
27 at this juncture in the Council Meeting is limited to comment on subject
28 matter of general applicability to the County. Public comment that is
29 afforded here does not allow for comment on legislation which appears in
30 Items F, G, I or J of the Council Meeting agenda. Additionally, the presiding
31 chair may set reasonable time limits for public comments, which must be
32 applied uniformly.
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34 4.3.12. Item L. *Final Council Comment.*
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36 4.3.13. Item M. *Motion to Adjourn.*
37 ...

38 **4.4. Procedural Order of Business; ~~Debate on~~ Consideration of Legislation**

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40 4.4.1. Request to lift legislation from the table (if previously tabled).

41 4.4.2. Motions for item to be read by title only and motion to place legislation before
42 Council for consideration may be consolidated (second, yes-no).

43 4.4.3. The sponsor may give comments or may call upon the applicant, interested
44 parties, or a member of the administration to do the same.

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46 4.4.4. Other Council members may comment.

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48 ~~4.4.5. Public Comment.~~

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50 4.4.5. Public Comment on Legislation. Public comment that is afforded at this
51 juncture in the Council Meeting is limited to comment on specific legislation at
52 Items F, G, I, or J of the Council Meeting agenda that is under consideration at that
53 time by Council. Additionally, the presiding chair may set reasonable time limits for
54 public comments, which must be applied uniformly.

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56 4.4.6. Final Council Comment.

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59 **RULE NO. 5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.**

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61 **5.2 Order of Business.**

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63 5.2.3. *Discussion of ~~any~~ Committee-related resolutions.* Public comment that is
64 afforded at this juncture in the Committee Meeting is limited to comment on the
65 specific resolution before the Committee at that time. Additionally, the presiding
66 chair may set reasonable time limits for public comments, which must be applied
67 uniformly.

68 5.2.4. *Discussion of ~~any~~ Committee-related ordinances that have been introduced.*
69 Public comment that is afforded at this juncture in the Committee Meeting is limited
70 to comment on the specific ordinance before the Committee at that time.
71 Additionally, the presiding chair may establish reasonable time limits for public
72 comments, which must be applied uniformly.

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74 5.2.5. *Discussion of ~~any~~ emergency ordinances.* Public comment that is afforded
75 at this juncture in the Committee Meeting is limited to comment on the specific
76 emergency ordinance before the Committee at that time. Additionally, the presiding
77 chair may establish reasonable time limits for public comments, which must be
78 applied uniformly.

79 ~~5.2.6. Other~~

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81 ~~5.2.7 5.2.6. *General Public Comment.* Public comment that is afforded at this~~
82 ~~juncture in the Committee Meeting is limited to comment on subject matter of~~
83 ~~general applicability to the County. Public comment that is afforded here does not~~
84 ~~allow for comment on legislation which has already been discussed by the~~
85 ~~Committee. Additionally, the presiding chair may establish reasonable time limits~~
86 ~~for public comments, which must be applied uniformly.~~

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88 5.2.7. *Final Council Comment.*

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90 5.2.8. *Motion to Adjourn.*

Adopted by County Council
of New Castle County on:

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

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution proposes amendments to Council's Procedural Rules to clarify that County Council affords public comment during its Council and Committee Meetings in two separate and distinct respects and times: first, Council affords public comment with respect to comment on legislation (at the time during the meeting at which the legislation is being considered by Council – at Items F, G, I, or J) and, separate and apart, Council also affords public comment on matters of general interest to the public (near the end of the meeting agenda) made under Item K of the Council Meeting agenda, which is limited exclusively to public comment on matters of general interest, not legislation. Finally, consistent with practice, the amendment clarifies that the presiding chair can limit the time for public comment, but the time limit must be applied uniformly.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no fiscal impact as a result of this Resolution.

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Carter
Co-sponsors(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Cartier
Mr. Caneco, Ms. Durham
Date of introduction: May 26, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 26-111

URGING THE DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REQUIRE COMPREHENSIVE FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS, INCLUDING IMPACTS ON COUNTY GOVERNMENT, FOR ALL STATE LEGISLATION AFFECTING COUNTY OPERATIONS, SERVICES, OR REVENUES.

1 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County is committed to providing essential public services
2 in an efficient and fiscally responsible manner; and
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4 **WHEREAS**, County government operates under limited revenue authority
5 established and controlled by the Delaware General Assembly, with fewer revenue
6 enhancement options than the State of Delaware; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, County government must maintain a balanced budget while continuing
9 to fund critical public services relied upon daily by residents; and
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11 **WHEREAS**, the General Assembly has enacted legislation that imposes significant
12 financial obligations on County government without providing equivalent funding sources
13 or analyses of the fiscal impacts on county operations; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, examples of such mandates and cost shifts include: legislation
16 authorizing recreational marijuana sales and related regulatory requirements, the
17 Delaware Family and Medical Leave Program, extending property tax deadlines, delaying
18 county revenue collection and generating additional administrative costs, among other
19 mandated reporting, administrative procedures, technology upgrades, and regulatory
20 compliance measures; and
21

22 **WHEREAS**, most State fiscal notes focus on the impact to State agencies and
23 expenditures while failing to account for the fiscal consequences on counties; and
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25 **WHEREAS**, requiring comprehensive fiscal impact analyses for legislation
26 affecting counties would improve transparency, strengthen collaboration between the
27 State and counties, and help prevent unfunded mandates that ultimately increase financial
28 pressures on county taxpayers; and
29

30 **WHEREAS**, the County strongly supports constructive partnerships with the State
31 and believes such partnerships should include fair recognition of the fiscal realities and
32 constraints facing both the State and county governments.

33 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of New Castle
34 County that the Council hereby urges the Delaware General Assembly to require
35 comprehensive fiscal notes for proposed legislation that may affect county operations,
36 including analysis of:

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38 1. Direct and indirect fiscal impacts to county governments;
39 2. Administrative and staffing costs;
40 3. Infrastructure and capital impacts;
41 4. Operational and technology-related expenses;
42 5. Revenue impacts or delays;
43 6. Long-term maintenance and implementation obligations; and
44 7. Potential effects on County property taxpayers and County service delivery; and
45

46 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Delaware General Assembly and relevant
47 State agencies are urged to coordinate and consult with appropriate county officials to
48 ensure that fiscal notes accurately account for and reflect the impacts of proposed
49 legislation on county governments; and
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51 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that New Castle County urges the General
52 Assembly to avoid imposing mandates on county governments without sufficient funding
53 mechanisms or revenue authority provided to support implementation; and
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55 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk of County Council is directed to
56 transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Delaware, the
57 President Pro Tempore of the Delaware Senate, the Speaker of the Delaware House of
58 Representatives, the members of the General Assembly situated in New Castle County,
59 and the Delaware Association of Counties.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on: 5/26/26

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

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution urges the Delaware General Assembly to include in fiscal notes any potential financial, administrative, and operational impacts on county governments by coordinating with appropriate county staff and officials to determine the true impacts to county government.

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

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier
Requested by: Administration/Finance
Date of introduction: April 14, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 26-085

**ADOPTING THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY
CAPITAL PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 THROUGH 2032**

1 **WHEREAS**, the projects listed on Exhibit "A" are submitted for continuance in accordance
2 with Key Financial Policy (KFP) #1 and accordingly are included in the Fiscal Year 2027 Capital
3 Program; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the projects listed on Exhibit "B" will sunset in accordance with KFP #1 on
6 June 30, 2026. All such projects will no longer be active projects and accordingly are deleted
7 from the Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Program.
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9 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by and for the County Council of New Castle
10 County that County Council hereby approves the Capital Program for New Castle County for the
11 Fiscal Years 2027 through 2032, beginning July 1, 2026, per the attached capital program and
12 budget book entitled "New Castle County Capital Program and Budget: Fiscal Year 2027-2032."

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

Monique Williams-Johns

President of County Council
of New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution adopts a six-year capital program for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2026.

FISCAL NOTE: This Resolution would approve the Capital Program of New Castle County for the six fiscal years from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2032 as required by the State Code. The "New Castle County Capital Program and Budget – Fiscal Year 2027-2032 – Approved" provides detail for these projects and projects previously authorized.

Additionally, this Resolution would sunset 10 projects which will no longer be active projects and accordingly are deleted from the Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Program.

The Capital Program for FY2027 through FY2032 as submitted indicates that planned capital uses/sources of funds for the years FY2027 through FY2032 would be:

USES: FY2027 \$ 75,702,105
FY2028 \$105,279,577
FY2029 \$141,008,668
FY2030 \$ 84,586,562
FY2031 \$ 53,402,526
FY2032 \$ 51,227,330

TOTAL \$511,205,768

SOURCES: Bonds \$405,013,719
Federal \$ -
State \$ 2,000,000
Other \$104,192,049

TOTAL \$511,205,768

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer March 31, 2026.

EXHIBIT "A"
NEW CASTLE COUNTY
Projects for Continuance
Fiscal Year 2027

R26-085

PROJECT	PROJECT NUMBER
COUNTY EXECUTIVE	
Executive GF Capital Contingency	C118933
Executive SF Capital Contingency	C112301
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION	
Human Capital Management Platform	C122610
Land Use Information System	C122401
Reassessment 2024	C122101
Sewer and Tax Billing Replacement	C122611
Register of Wills System	C122203
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES	
Appoquinimink Library	C400329
Carousel Park Outdoor Arena Footing	C402720
Claymont Library	C400905
Glasgow Library	C402501
Hope Center	C402703
Newark Library	C402301
Public Arts	C402701
Rockwood Museum	C402502
Rockwood Wheelchair Lift	C402702
Surratte Pool Renovations II	C402004
Surratte Pool Renovations 2026	C402604
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	
800MgHZ Communications Equipment	C209229
800MgHZ Communications Equipment 2026-2027	C202629
Communications Upgrade	C201108
Communications Upgrade 2026-2027	C202608
EMS Realignment and Building	C202201
EMS Stations	C200710
Overlook Colony Security Cameras	C202202
Police Range / EVOC	C201306
Public Safety Building Renovations	C201505
Public Safety Equipment	C201607
Public Safety Equipment 2026	C202607
Public Safety Equipment 2027	C202707
Public Safety Southern Facility	C202620
Public Safety Trailer	C202701
Public Safety Vest Protection Program	C201509
Public Safety Vest Protection Program 2026	C202609
Public Safety Vest Protection Program 2027	C202709

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NEW CASTLE COUNTY
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PROJECT	PROJECT NUMBER
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Facilities/Equipment

Army Creek Landfill Upgrade	C300126
Brandywine Library HVAC Upgrade	C302107
Building Rehabilitation	C300401
Building Rehabilitation 2021	C302103
Building Rehabilitation 2026-2027	C302601
City/County Building Rehabilitation	C301401
Electric Vehicle Infrastructure	C302421
Fleet Equipment 2024	C302403
Fleet Equipment 2025	C302503
Fleet Equipment 2026	C302603
Fleet Equipment 2027	C302703
Garage Renovations	C301601
General Paving	C309808
General Roof Renovations	C309909
Government Center Electrical Upgrade	C302105
Government Center Parking Lot	C300711
Hazardous Substances and Asbestos Abatement	C309035
HVAC Replacement	C302422
Inspection of Tanks Environmental Control	C308919
PAL Building Rehabilitation	C301713
Security 2021	C302104
Vehicle Lift System	C301204

Parks

ADA Improvements in Parks	C302710
Agricultural Preservation	C300330
Banning Park Improvements	C302202
Bechtel Park Improvements	C302424
Brandywine Springs Park Rehabilitation	C300115
Carousel Park	C301408
Community Redevelopment and Reinvestment 2023	C302302
Delcastle Park Improvements	C302110
District Park #5	C300117
Game Court Improvements 2021	C302108
General Parkland Improvements 2021	C302101
General Parkland Improvements 2024-2025	C302404
Glasgow Regional Park	C309916
Greenbank Park Improvements	C302711
Greenway Systems	C300515
Historic Structure Rehabilitation	C301701
Jester Walking Path	C301608
Maintenance Base Renovations	C309809

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NEW CASTLE COUNTY
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PROJECT	PROJECT NUMBER
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (Continued)

Parks (Continued)

Middle Run Valley Reforestation	C301402
Open Space Preservation	C302201
Paper Mill Park Improvements	C302712
Park Bridge Replacements	C302425
Parkland Acquisition	C300331
Pavilion Renovations	C309815
Play Area Improvements 2021	C302109
Play Area Improvements 2024-2025	C302402
Play Area Improvements 2026-2027	C302602
Powell Ford Park Improvements	C302716
Rockwood Park	C301409
Route 9 TAP Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements	C302002
Southern Regional Park	C300336
Sports Lighting	C300121
Weiss Park Improvements	C302426

Sewer/Stormwater

Airport Road System Rehabilitation	C301702
Asset Management	C300220
Backwater Valve Improvement	C300101
Brandywine Interceptor Renovation	C301603
Christina River Force Main	C300705
Countywide Drainage Problems	C300413
Delaware City Industrial Sewer Expansion	C301716
Delaware City System Rehabilitation	C301705
DelDOT Coordination Project 2021	C302112
Edgemoor System Rehabilitation	C301708
General Sewer Improvements	C300622
General Stormwater Improvements 2021	C302115
Kirkwood Trunkline Interceptor	C301004
Lea Eara Farms Treatment Plant Closure	C301712
Major Pump Stations Electrical Upgrades	C302714
Manhole Rehabilitation	C302620
Market Street System Rehabilitation	C301703
North Delaware Interceptor System	C300612
Port Penn System Rehabilitation	C301709
Public Works Complex	C300107
Pump Station Rehabilitation 2022-2023	C302214
Pump Station Rehabilitation 2024-2025	C302414
Pump Station Rehabilitation 2026-2027	C302614
Richardson Park Pump Station Upgrade	C300618

EXHIBIT "A"
NEW CASTLE COUNTY
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PROJECT	PROJECT NUMBER
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (*Continued*)

Sewer/Stormwater (*Continued*)

Richardson Park System Rehabilitation	C301704
Septage Receiving Station Upgrade	C300708
Sewer Fleet Equipment 2024	C302413
Sewer Fleet Equipment 2025	C302513
Sewer Fleet Equipment 2026	C302613
Sewer Fleet Equipment 2027	C302713
Sewer Repairs and Rehabilitation 2022-2023	C302211
Sewer Repairs and Rehabilitation 2024-2025	C302411
Sewer Repairs and Rehabilitation 2026-2027	C302611
Sewer System Expansion	C302003
Southern Sewer Service Area	C309603
Stoney Creek Basin Rehabilitation	C301604
Stormwater Basin Renovation II	C301305
Terminal Avenue System Rehabilitation	C301707
Turkey Run Interceptor Rehabilitation	C300224
Water Farm 1 System Rehabilitation	C301714
Water Fill Stations	C302715
Water Quality Improvement Plans	C301903
White Clay System Rehabilitation	C301710
Wilmington System Rehabilitation	C301711

EXHIBIT "B"
NEW CASTLE COUNTY
Projects to Sunset Fiscal Year End 2026

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

C122501	Firewall Replacement	Complete
C121606	Information Systems Expansion II	Complete
C122612	Network Infrastructure Rearchitect and Upgrade	Complete

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

C402404	Absalom Jones Senior Center Kiln	Complete
C402610	Appoquinimink Library Maker Space HVAC	Complete
C402620	Carousel Park Indoor Arena Footing	Complete

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Facilities/Equipment

C302303	Fleet Equipment 2023	Complete
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Parks

C300509	General Parkland Improvements	Complete
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Sewer/Stormwater

C301303	DelDOT Coordination Project II	Complete
C302301	Market Street System Rehabilitation Bridge #9	Complete

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

Date of introduction: May 26, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 26-112

HONORING MAYOR MICHAEL “MIKE” PURZYCKI FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE, LEADERSHIP, AND LASTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF WILMINGTON

1 **WHEREAS**, Michael “Mike” Purzycki, born in 1945, has dedicated much of his
2 professional life to public service, economic development, and the advancement of the
3 City of Wilmington and the State of Delaware; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Mike Purzycki was elected Mayor of Wilmington in 2016 and re-
5 elected in 2020, earning the trust and confidence of Wilmington residents through his
6 steadfast leadership, commitment to public service, and vision for a stronger and more
7 vibrant city; and

8 **WHEREAS**, after two successful terms as Mayor, Mike Purzycki chose not to
9 seek a third term, concluding a historic chapter of leadership marked by revitalization,
10 collaboration, and meaningful progress for Wilmington’s neighborhoods, businesses,
11 and families; and

12 **WHEREAS**, before serving as Mayor, Mike Purzycki served as Executive
13 Director of the Riverfront Development Corporation, where he led one of the most
14 transformative redevelopment efforts in Delaware history by helping turn neglected
15 industrial marshland along the Christina River into Wilmington’s thriving Riverfront
16 district; and

17 **WHEREAS**, through strategic planning, public-private partnerships, and a
18 steadfast belief in Wilmington’s potential, the Riverfront became a nationally recognized
19 economic and entertainment hub featuring housing, restaurants, businesses, parks,
20 sports facilities, and cultural attractions that continue to attract residents and visitors
21 alike; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Purzycki’s work helped create new economic opportunities,
23 attract investment, and strengthen Wilmington’s reputation as a destination for
24 innovation, recreation, and community growth; and

25 **WHEREAS**, during his tenure as Mayor, Mike Purzycki remained focused on
26 improving quality of life for Wilmington residents through investments in public safety,
27 neighborhood development, infrastructure improvements, housing initiatives, economic
28 opportunity, and city services; and

29 **WHEREAS**, those who worked alongside Mayor Purzycki consistently recognized
30 his willingness to confront difficult challenges directly, engage diverse stakeholders, and
31 build consensus around solutions that served the best interests of the city and its
32 residents; and

33 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council President, Pro Tempore, and Council
34 members recognize Mike Purzycki's enduring impact on Wilmington and our state; and

35 **WHEREAS**, Mike Purzycki served with distinction as a member of the New
36 Castle County Council from 1982 through 1996, providing dedicated leadership and
37 public service to the residents of New Castle County and contributing to the growth and
38 advancement of the community through his commitment to effective government and
39 civic development; and

40 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Purzycki's decades of leadership and service have helped
41 shape Wilmington into a stronger, more resilient, and more forward-looking city, leaving
42 behind a legacy that will continue to benefit future generations; and

43 **WHEREAS**, the citizens of Wilmington and the State of Delaware owe a debt of
44 gratitude to Mike Purzycki for his tireless efforts, visionary leadership, and unwavering
45 dedication to public service.

46 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by and for the County Council of New
47 Castle County that County Council hereby honors and commends Mayor Michael "Mike"
48 Purzycki for his distinguished service to the City of Wilmington and recognizes his
49 extraordinary contributions to the revitalization, growth, and continued success of the
50 city; and

51 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this body expresses its deepest appreciation
52 for Mayor Purzycki's leadership, dedication, and commitment to improving the lives of
53 Wilmington residents and strengthening the community through collaboration,
54 innovation, and public service; and

55 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be entered into the official
56 record as a lasting tribute to Mayor Michael "Mike" Purzycki and his enduring legacy in
57 the City of Wilmington.

Adopted by County Council
of New Castle County on:

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

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

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco
Date of introduction: May 26, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 26-113

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MELODY DAVIS

1 **WHEREAS**, Melody Davis, a lifelong resident of New Castle County, Delaware, passed
2 away peacefully on *May 2, 2026*, leaving behind a legacy of faith, leadership and love for her
3 community; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, Melody was born on July 10, 1967, to the late Pastor L. Davis and Pastor
6 Anna Mae Davis. Melody graduated from Delcastle High School in 1985 and later attended the
7 University of Delaware; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, Melody served with distinction as a soloist and singles ministry leader at
10 the Church of Pentecost in Jacksonville, Florida, answering her faith calling and establishing a
11 profound spiritual foundation for leadership; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, Melody's later relocation to Louisiana and subsequent return to Delaware
14 further enriched her divine calling, strengthening her faith and preparing her to answer the
15 sacred call to sustain her family's ministry as the Lead Pastor of Olivet Pentecostal Church of
16 Love in Galena, Maryland; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, following the passing of her beloved parents, Melody steadfastly sustained
19 their ministerial legacy with exemplary strength and fellowship at the Life Focus Center, The
20 Pentecostals of Middletown; harmoniously blending the past with the present while remaining
21 fully committed to the church built by her father and the divine life calling; and
22

23 **WHEREAS**, in addition to her sacred ministry, Melody was a dynamic and distinguished
24 professional leader, possessing over 20 years of expertise as a certified corporate trainer,
25 empowering and equipping leaders across various industries; and
26

27 **WHEREAS**, embarking on a highly successful career in real estate in 2006, Melody,
28 affectionately known as "Mel Sells," became the top-producing Team Leader of The Melody
29 Davis Group at RE/MAX 1st Choice, earning prestigious accolades including the 100% Club
30 and Platinum Agent honors, ranking within the top ten percent of sales nationwide; and
31

32 **WHEREAS**, characterized by her radiant, outgoing personality and an innate ability to
33 make every individual feel valued and welcomed, Melody deeply impacted the Bayberry and
34 Middletown communities through her service on the community recreation committee and her
35 dedicated volunteerism with Toys for Tots and Pack-a-Purse; and
36

37 **WHEREAS**, Melody's legacy will endure through the countless lives she touched,
38 community improvements she championed, and the lasting friendships she built throughout
39 her life of compassion and service.

40 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by and for the County Council of New Castle
41 County that County Council hereby honors and celebrates the life of Melody Davis for her
42 distinguished service to her community and deep love for New Castle County and its residents.

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. 26-114

**HONORING CHARLOTTE MILLER-LACY
FOR HER LIFE, LEADERSHIP, AND SERVICE**

1 **WHEREAS**, Charlotte Miller-Lacy is a visionary leader, mentor, author, entrepreneur,
2 and devoted servant of the community whose unwavering commitment to empowering girls,
3 women, children, and families has transformed lives throughout the State of Delaware and
4 beyond; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, she founded I Am My Sister's Keeper in Wilmington, Delaware, in 2016,
7 creating a powerful organization dedicated to mentorship, leadership development, education,
8 exposure, and opportunity for girls and women from diverse backgrounds; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, through her leadership, I Am My Sister's Keeper expanded into multiple
11 chapters across Delaware and Pennsylvania, providing mentorship programs, leadership
12 training, travel opportunities, educational support, and critical resources that have inspired
13 thousands to become responsible, resilient, and respectful leaders; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, her work has extended far beyond mentorship, as she has embraced
16 countless children and young people with the love, guidance, protection, and encouragement
17 of a mother, earning the affectionate title of "Momma Lacy" from those whose lives she has
18 touched; and

19
20 **WHEREAS**, she has consistently demonstrated a deep and genuine love for children,
21 treating them as if they were her very own, ensuring that every child she encountered felt seen,
22 valued, protected, encouraged, and empowered to dream beyond their circumstances; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, through acts of compassion both large and small, she has provided
25 emotional support, wisdom, stability, advocacy, and hope to young people and families facing
26 adversity, becoming a trusted mentor, role model, and source of strength within the community;
27 and

28
29 **WHEREAS**, in 2022, she established the MSK Community Center in Wilmington's
30 Hedgeville community, creating a safe and welcoming space dedicated to physical, mental,
31 educational, and financial wellness for individuals and families of all ages; and

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33 **WHEREAS**, affectionately known throughout the community as "Momma Lacy," she has
34 exemplified servant leadership, compassion, integrity, and unwavering dedication to uplifting
35 others and bridging generations through love, mentorship, and service; and

36 **WHEREAS**, her extraordinary work has earned numerous honors and recognitions,
37 including the 2022 Toastmasters International Communication and Leadership Award, the
38 2020 Jessie Arrey Leadership and Service Award, the 2019 Delaware Today Women in
39 Business Award, and induction into the Delaware Women’s Hall of Fame in 2025; and
40

41 **WHEREAS**, her legacy of faith, family, service, leadership, and community
42 empowerment continues to inspire current and future generations throughout Delaware and
43 beyond.
44

45 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by and for the County Council of New Castle
46 County that County Council hereby honors and celebrates the remarkable life, leadership, and
47 lasting impact of Charlotte Miller-Lacy for her tireless dedication to empowering women,
48 nurturing children, strengthening families, uplifting communities, and creating pathways of
49 hope and opportunity for all; and
50

51 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that County Council expresses our deepest gratitude and
52 appreciation for her extraordinary contributions to the State of Delaware and recognize her as
53 a beacon of servant leadership, compassion, maternal care, and transformational change; and
54

55 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be presented as a lasting tribute to
56 her enduring legacy, her unconditional love for the children and families she served, and her
57 lifelong commitment to community service.

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. 26-115

**HONORING ST. GEORGES TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL FOR DEDICATION AND
COMMITMENT TO THE SUCCESS OF STUDENTS IN NEW CASTLE COUNTY**

1 **WHEREAS**, St. Georges Technical High School has long served as a
2 cornerstone of career and technical education in New Castle County, providing students
3 with rigorous academic instruction, hands-on technical training, and real-world learning
4 experiences that prepare them for success in college, careers, and life; and

5 **WHEREAS**, St. Georges Technical High School has demonstrated an
6 unwavering commitment to excellence in education by fostering an environment where
7 students are encouraged to explore their interests, develop their skills, and achieve their
8 highest potential across a wide range of career pathways; and

9 **WHEREAS**, through its dedicated educators, administrators, and staff, St.
10 Georges Technical High School continues to provide high-quality instruction and
11 meaningful guidance that equips students with the knowledge, discipline, and
12 confidence necessary to succeed in an ever-changing global economy; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the school's emphasis on technical education, academic
14 achievement, leadership development, and workforce readiness has resulted in
15 countless student successes, including achievements in Information Technology,
16 engineering, health sciences, skilled trades, and other specialized fields; and

17 **WHEREAS**, St. Georges Technical High School fosters strong partnerships with
18 families, local organizations, and industry leaders, ensuring that students have access
19 to internships, cooperative learning experiences, and career exploration opportunities
20 that enhance their educational journey; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the school community consistently demonstrates a culture of
22 inclusion, respect, and perseverance, encouraging students to become responsible
23 citizens, engaged learners, and future leaders who contribute positively to New Castle
24 County and beyond; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the dedication of St. Georges Technical High School to student
26 success reflects a deep and lasting commitment to strengthening the workforce,
27 supporting economic development, and investing in the future of Delaware's young
28 people.

29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by and for the County Council of New
30 Castle County that County Council hereby recognizes and honors St. Georges
31 Technical High School for its outstanding dedication, commitment, and continued
32 contributions to the success of students throughout New Castle County; and

33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that New Castle County Council extends its
34 sincere appreciation to the administrators, teachers, support staff, students, and families
35 who work together each day to uphold the school's tradition of excellence and
36 achievement; and

37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that St. Georges Technical High School is
38 commended for its vital role in shaping the next generation of skilled professionals,
39 leaders, and engaged citizens who will strengthen our community and state for years to
40 come.

Adopted by County Council
of New Castle County on: 5/26/26

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 legislation

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns
Date of introduction: May 26, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 26-116

**RECOGNIZING MAY AS NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH AND
HONORING THE SERVICE, DEDICATION, AND SACRIFICE OF THE MEN AND
WOMEN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES, INCLUDING THE VETERANS
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

1 **WHEREAS**, the United States of America is protected and sustained by the
2 bravery, dedication, and selfless service of the men and women who have served in the
3 Armed Forces; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the month of May is nationally recognized as National Military
5 Appreciation Month, a time dedicated to honoring current service members, veterans,
6 and their families for their commitment, sacrifice, and unwavering devotion to defending
7 the freedoms of this nation; and

8 **WHEREAS**, military service members have made extraordinary sacrifices,
9 including time away from family, personal hardship, and exposure to danger, in order to
10 preserve liberty, security, and democracy for all Americans; and

11 **WHEREAS**, veterans throughout the State of Delaware continue to serve their
12 communities after active duty through leadership, mentorship, advocacy, and civic
13 engagement, enriching the fabric of our state; and

14 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County proudly recognizes the invaluable contributions
15 of local and statewide veteran organizations, including the Delaware Veterans Coalition,
16 the National Association of Black Veterans (NABVETS), and the Vietnam Veterans of
17 America, whose members have demonstrated extraordinary courage, resilience, and
18 lifelong dedication to serving fellow veterans and their communities; and

19 **WHEREAS**, these organizations continue to advocate for veterans' rights,
20 provide critical support services, and ensure that the sacrifices of service members are
21 never forgotten; and

22 **WHEREAS**, it is fitting and proper that New Castle County formally recognize
23 and honor the men and women of the Armed Forces, both past and present, as well as
24 the organizations that support them, for their service and sacrifice to our county, state,
25 and nation.

26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by and for the County Council of New
27 Castle County that County Council hereby recognizes May as National Military
28 Appreciation Month in New Castle County, Delaware; and

29 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that County Council extends its sincere gratitude
30 and appreciation to all members of the United States Armed Forces, veterans, and
31 military families for their service, dedication, and sacrifice; and

32 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that special recognition is given to the Delaware
33 Veterans Coalition, National Association of Black Veterans (NABVETS), and Vietnam
34 Veterans of America for their continued advocacy, leadership, and unwavering
35 commitment to supporting veterans and preserving their legacy of service; and

36 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that County Council reaffirms its commitment to
37 honoring and supporting all who have served in defense of the United States and
38 encourages all residents to reflect upon and express gratitude for their sacrifices during
39 National Military Appreciation Month and throughout the year.

Adopted by County Council
of New Castle County on: 5/26/26

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 legislation

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Carter
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Street, Ms. Williams-Johns
Requested by: Public Works
Date of introduction: May 12, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-054

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE THE MONETARY VALUE OF DONATED LANDSCAPING
SERVICES FOR THE SOURCING AND PLANTING TREES FROM THE ROUTE 9
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO THE HOLLOWAY TERRACE
PARK LANDSCAPE SERVICES DONATION GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF PARKS**

WHEREAS, the Route 9 Community Development Corporation wishes to donate landscaping services for the sourcing and planting of approximately 70 trees within Holloway Terrace Park, valued at \$44,000; and

WHEREAS, the New Castle County Department of Public Works, Division of Parks manages Holloway Terrace Park located in New Castle, Delaware; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works recommends the County accept the donation as it will substantially improve the vegetation of the Holloway Terrace Park; and

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

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

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

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

Section 3. It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be effective retroactive to April 16, 2026.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on: 5/26/26

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 the monetary value of \$44,000 for donated landscaping services from the Route 9 Community Development Corporation to the Holloway Terrace Park Landscape Services Donation Grant for the Department of Public Works, Division of Parks. The donated landscaping services are for the sourcing and planting of approximately 70 trees within Holloway Terrace Park which is managed by New Castle County.

It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be effective retroactive to April 16, 2026.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating the monetary value of \$44,000 for donated landscaping services from the Route 9 Community Development Corporation to the Department of Public Works for the improvement of environmental conditions in Holloway Terrace Park.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$44,000 in order to recognize the monetary value of the donated services. This increase will impact FY2026 and FY2027, since the targeted program completion date of this award is September 30, 2026.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer May 1, 2026.

DEPARTMENT:	Public Works	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Holloway Terrace Park Landscape Services Donation	Ordinance No.	26-054
PROGRAM TITLE:	Holloway Terrace Park Landscape Services Donation		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ 44,000.00	\$ -	\$ 44,000.00
Total	\$ 44,000.00	\$ -	\$ 44,000.00

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ 44,000.00	\$ -	\$ 44,000.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 44,000.00	\$ -	\$ 44,000.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	4/16/2026
Estimated Program Completion:	9/30/2026
The Local Match:	Found in (ORG):
Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

New Castle County's Division of Parks manages Holloway Terrace Park in New Castle, DE. The Route 9 Community Development Corporation would like to donate landscape services for the sourcing and planting of approximately 70 trees within the park, to improve the environmental conditions of Holloway Terrace Park.

5/12/2026

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street
Requested by: Community Services
Date of introduction: May 12, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-055

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE CAL RIPKEN, SR. FOUNDATION,
INC. (CRSF) TO THE CAL RIPKEN FOUNDATION – RT 9 LIBRARY GRANT, WHICH
WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES,
DIVISION OF LIBRARIES**

1 **WHEREAS**, authorization is being sought for the appropriation of \$50,070.64 from
2 the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation, Inc. (CRSF) to the Cal Ripken Foundation – Rt 9 Library
3 Grant; and
4

5 **WHEREAS**, the Cal Ripken Foundation – Rt 9 Library Grant will provide equipment
6 and staff training to the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)
7 program currently running at the Route 9 Library and Innovation Center; and
8

9 **WHEREAS**, the grant will allow the Division of Libraries to serve more people in
10 existing technology programming since the CRSF provides programming kits and new
11 equipment. The programming will serve an estimated 6,500 youth annually; and
12

13 **WHEREAS**, the programming will serve an estimated 6,500 youth annually; and
14

15 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that the revenue to be
16 appropriated shall be sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter
17 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 shall be considered
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*.
33

34 Section 3. It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance
35 shall be effective retroactive to April 30, 2025.

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 \$50,070.64 in funding from the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation, Inc. (CSRF) to the Cal Ripken Foundation – Rt 9 Library Grant which will be administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Libraries.

CSRF has donated a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Center for youth at the Route 9 Library and Innovation Center to empower youth from under-resourced communities by providing access to engaging age-appropriate STEM education.

It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be effective retroactive to April 30, 2025.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$50,070.64 in funding from the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation, Inc. (CSRF) to the Cal Ripken Foundation – Rt 9 Library Grant which will be administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Libraries.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget by \$50,070.64. This increase will affect FY2026 through FY2028 since the targeted program completion date for this grant is November 11, 2027. There is no fiscal impact anticipated beyond FY2028.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer on May 1, 2026.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Cal Ripken Foundation - Rt 9 Library	Ordinance No.	26-055
PROGRAM TITLE:	Cal Ripken Foundation - Rt 9 Library		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ 50,070.64	\$ -	\$ 50,070.64
Total	\$ 50,070.64	\$ -	\$ 50,070.64

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ 15,590.05	\$ -	\$ 15,590.05
Contractual Services	\$ 26,696.00	\$ -	\$ 26,696.00
Equipment	\$ 7,784.59	\$ -	\$ 7,784.59
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 50,070.64	\$ -	\$ 50,070.64

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	4/30/2025
Estimated Program Completion:	11/11/2027
The Local Match:	Found in (ORG):
Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Cal Ripken, SR. Foundation Inc. has donated a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Center for youth at the Route 9 library to empower youth from under-resourced communities by providing access to engaging, age-appropriate STEM education.

5/12/2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-056

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY
ADMINISTRATION (PHMSA) THROUGH THE DELAWARE EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY (DEMA) TO THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION
OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

1 **WHEREAS**, the New Castle County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has
2 been awarded \$41,544 in federal funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation
3 Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) through the Delaware
4 Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) for the Hazardous Materials Emergency
5 Preparedness Grant; and

6
7 **WHEREAS**, funding will be used to increase local effectiveness and efficiency with
8 handling hazardous materials in accidents and incidents through planning and training
9 initiatives; and

10
11 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that grants anticipated to be
12 received from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials
13 Safety Admin (PHMSA) through the Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) 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 substantially
17 advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate government interests (i.e.,
18 promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity and/or welfare of the
19 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 is considered to be
25 underscored in its entirety.

26
27 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
28 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C.*
29 § 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 October 1, 2025.

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 \$41,544 in federal funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Safety Administration (PHMSA) through the Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) to the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant. Funding will be used to increase local effectiveness and efficiency with handling hazardous materials in accidents and incidents through planning and training initiatives.

It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be effective retroactive to October 1, 2025.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$41,544 in federal funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Admin (PHMSA) through the Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) to the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$41,544. This increase will affect FY2026 through FY2029 since the targeted program completion date is September 30, 2028. Funding is provided as \$13,848 annually over a three-year period. Year two and three funding amounts are subject to change. There will be no fiscal impact beyond FY2029 as a result of this grant award.

Acknowledged by Chief Financial Officer April 30, 2026.

DEPARTMENT:	Public Safety	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness	Ordinance No.	26-056
PROGRAM TITLE:	Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness		

Revenue	Current		Change		Revised
Federal	\$	41,544.00	\$	-	\$ 41,544.00
State	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
County	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Program Income	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Other	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Total	\$	41,544.00	\$	-	\$ 41,544.00

Expense	Current		Change		Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Benefits	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$	19,044.00	\$	-	\$ 19,044.00
Communication/Utilities	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$	22,500.00	\$	-	\$ 22,500.00
Equipment	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Contingency	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Total	\$	41,544.00	\$	-	\$ 41,544.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	10/1/2025
Estimated Program Completion:	9/30/2028
The Local Match:	Found in (ORG):
Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant is funded with pass thru funding from the U. S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) through the Delaware Emergency Management Agency. Funding will be used to increase local effectiveness and efficiency with handling hazardous materials in accidents and incidents through planning and training initiatives.

5/12/2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-057

**TO AMEND THE PAY PLAN AND RATES OF PAY FOR NON-UNION
UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE EMPLOYEES OF COUNTY COUNCIL AND
REVISE THE CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO COUNTY COUNCIL**

1 **WHEREAS**, in March 2020, the position of Administrative Assistant to County
2 Council was adopted ; and
3

4 **WHEREAS**, at that time, the position updated and replaced the former Secretary
5 to County Council position; and
6

7 **WHEREAS**, following the 2020 pandemic, a shift occurred in Council operations;
8 additionally, the responsibilities and tasks of the Clerk's office have expanded; and
9

10 **WHEREAS**, the Clerk's office has identified additional areas of need within
11 Council that would expand the role of the Administrative Assistant to County Council
12 and add additional high-level function to the position; and
13

14 **WHEREAS**, as a result of this review and the increased job duties and level of
15 work, it is appropriate to amend the class specifications and pay grades for the position
16 of Administrative Assistant to County Council.
17

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

20 Section 1. The Pay Plan and Rates of Pay for Non-Union Unclassified Service
21 Employees of the County Council are hereby amended by the deletion of stricken
22 material and the addition of the underscored material as set forth in Exhibit A and
23 Exhibit B.
24

25 Section 2. The Class Specifications for Administrative Assistant to County
26 Council, is hereby amended by the deletion of stricken material and the addition of the
27 underscored material and adopted as set forth in Exhibit C.
28

29 Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption
30 by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided in 9
31 *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
of New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance amends the job classification and rates of pay for the position of Administrative Assistant to County Council. This Ordinance adjusts the pay grade of the Administrative Assistant to County Council from pay grade 19 to pay grade 22.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if adopted, would amend the pay grade for:

Administrative Assistant to County Council from pay grade 19 with a salary range of \$41,445 to \$67,510 to a pay grade 22 with a salary range of \$47,978 to \$78,151.

The position is funded at a pay grade 19 in Council's current FY2026 budget and proposed FY2027 budget. The difference in the yearly salary for Pay Grade 22 as opposed to Pay Grade 19 in FY2026 is a range of \$6,533 to \$10,641 and for FY2027 is a range of \$6,696 to \$10,907. This potential fiscal impact is anticipated to be offset by salary savings in Council's FY2026 and proposed FY2027 budgets.

CLASS SPECIFICATION

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**Title: ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE
TO COUNTY COUNCIL****Approved: 3/10/20**

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: An employee in this class performs responsible para-professional administrative work providing support to an administrator in variety of operational areas within a designated department. The work is of a difficult and complex nature and involves the exercise of judgment in the application of prescribed procedures and methods to routine matters. The work is performed under general supervision of the Clerk of Council; Assists the Clerk of Council in preparation for Council meetings; Does administrative work for Council support staff and Members of Council or their designee under the direction of the Clerk's office; Operates a data processing terminal, personal computer, and other related equipment and office applications in the course of the work; does related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: An employee in this class performs high level ~~secretarial~~ administrative work involving responsible and sometimes confidential ~~secretarial duties~~ assignments performed for the Clerk of Council and members of New Castle County Council under the direction of the Clerk of Council. Considerable judgement is required in establishing or adapting work procedures to new situations, and in performing varied ~~secretarial and minor~~ administrative services to conserve the time of the Clerk of Council and Council members. The work is reviewed upon completion but frequently no check is made of data compiled or records prepared. Supervision may be exercised by a number of assistants engaged in the performance of routine functions. An employee in this class may be deputized to make secretarial action legally effective.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative only)

Under the direction, as necessary, and/or absence of the Clerk of Council, this employee may:

- Promote an ongoing a consistent attitude of dedication to excellent public service and ensure that internal and external customers receive are provided with the highest quality of services.
- Screen Assist visitors and direct telephone calls, and incoming mail, responding independently to inquiries that do not require a Councilmember's attention.
- Perform administrative work under the supervision of the Clerk of Council Council staff.
- Assist the Clerk of Council in preparation for Council meetings and provide Zoom support at Committee and Council meetings for the Clerk of Council and Legislative Assistants.
- Coordinate and assist with planning Council-related events (e.g., swearing-in ceremonies, holiday events, Student Government Day, new Councilmember and staff orientation) under the direction of the Clerk's Office.
- Assist the Clerk of Council with onboarding preparation and training for new Council Members and staff.
- Maintain the Council-wide calendar, including updating, distributing, and posting the monthly meeting schedule.

CLASS SPECIFICATION

**Title: ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE
TO COUNTY COUNCIL****Approved: 3/10/20**

- Coordinate with the City of Wilmington regarding scheduling requests for Council Chambers and Committee Room.
- Serve as the Emergency Management captain during emergency evacuations.
- Maintain shared office spaces, monitor inventory of supplies, and notify the Clerk of Council when supplies are needed.
- Provide short- or long-term Legislative Assistant coverage at the direction of the Clerk of Council.
- Assist Counsel to Council and Legislative Assistants with large projects at the direction of the Clerk of Council.
- Assist the Clerk of Council with historical preservation of official documents, agendas, and minutes and ensure that staff are properly trained to maintain committee files.
- Assist the Clerk of Council with quarterly staff meetings, training, and staff enrichment events.
- Prepares congratulatory resolutions and related documents for consideration by County Council at the direction of the Clerk's Office.
- Prepare replies to correspondence from brief dictated notes or on own initiative.
- Establish and maintain cross-reference files and ~~establishes~~ file categories.
- Operate a data processing terminal, personal computer, and related office equipment and applications in the course of work.
- Serves ~~in a coordinating capacity as a liaison~~ between ~~an~~ administrative and division personnel, representatives of State, local, and ~~other groups community~~ organizations, and agencies and the general public for informational purposes.
- Researches files and ~~a variety various~~ source materials ~~to serve as provide~~ background information for reports and correspondence.
- Other duties as assigned by the Clerk of Council

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES: Thorough knowledge of office terminology, procedures and equipment, business mathematics and English; thorough knowledge of the operating policies and procedures of the department to which assigned; ability to follow complex oral and written directions; ability to get along well with others; demonstrates ability to main complex clerical records and prepare reports from such records; ability to make decisions in accordance with laws, ordinances, regulations and established procedures where errors could result in additional costs to the County government; good judgement; tact and courtesy; strong computer skills; ability to pass a Class III County physical examination.

ACCEPTABLE EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING: At least three years of experience in administrative work, and completion of a standard high school course or GED certificate program, and at least one (1) year of business school training; or possession of a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university; or any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities.

HISTORY OF REVISIONS:

Established: 09/25/74

Revised: 09/18/89

Revised: 02/14/94

Revised: 03/10/20 (Changed title from Secretary to Administrative Aide to County Council)

**PAY PLAN AND RATES OF PAY FOR
UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF COUNTY COUNCIL**

CLASSIFICATION	PAY GRADE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE TO COUNTY COUNCIL	40	41,445	43,617	45,693	47,978	50,377	52,896	55,540	58,317	61,233	64,295	67,510
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE TO COUNTY COUNCIL</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>47,978</u>	<u>50,377</u>	<u>52,896</u>	<u>55,540</u>	<u>58,317</u>	<u>61,233</u>	<u>64,295</u>	<u>67,510</u>	<u>70,885</u>	<u>74,429</u>	<u>78,151</u>
PARALEGAL ASSOCIATE AUDITOR	24	52,897	55,542	58,319	61,235	64,297	67,512	70,888	74,432	78,153	82,061	86,164
LEGISLATIVE AIDE TO COUNTY COUNCIL PRESIDENT LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT TO COUNTY COUNCIL	25	55,544	58,321	61,237	64,299	67,514	70,890	74,434	78,156	82,064	86,167	90,475
LEGAL ASSISTANT TO COUNSEL TO COUNCIL STAFF AUDITOR	27	61,237	64,299	67,513	70,889	74,434	78,155	82,063	86,166	90,474	94,998	99,748
POLICY DIRECTOR DEPUTY CLERK OF COUNCIL SENIOR STAFF AUDITOR	30	70,890	74,434	78,156	82,063	86,167	90,475	94,999	99,749	104,736	109,973	115,472
FINANCIAL ADVISOR CLERK OF COUNCIL	32	78,158	82,066	86,169	90,477	95,001	99,751	104,739	109,976	115,475	121,248	127,311
COUNTY AUDITOR	35	90,477	95,001	99,751	104,738	109,975	115,474	121,248	127,310	133,676	140,359	147,377
COUNSEL TO COUNCIL	39	109,976	115,475	121,249	127,312	133,677	140,361	147,379	154,748	162,485	170,610	179,140

Effective: 7/1/2025 (Ordinance 23-082)
Revised: 7/14/2025 (Ordinance 25-093)
Revised: xx/xx/xxxx (Ordinance 26-xxx)

Council appointees who have completed at least twelve (12) months at the tenth (10th) step of their current pay grade and have been continuously employed by County Council for a minimum of twelve (12) years automatically will move to the eleventh (11th) step as of the effective date of this ordinance unless they provide a written request for exemption from the increase to the Clerk or Deputy Clerk of Council seven (7) days from the signing of this ordinance and/or thirty (30) days in advance of the beginning of each subsequent fiscal year; other council employees will also be eligible through this increase process.

**PAY PLAN AND RATES OF PAY FOR
UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF COUNTY COUNCIL**

CLASSIFICATION	PAY GRADE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE TO COUNTY COUNCIL	40	42,484	44,605	46,835	49,177	51,636	54,218	56,929	59,775	62,764	65,902	69,197
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE TO COUNTY COUNCIL</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>49,177</u>	<u>51,636</u>	<u>54,218</u>	<u>56,929</u>	<u>59,775</u>	<u>62,764</u>	<u>65,902</u>	<u>69,197</u>	<u>72,657</u>	<u>76,290</u>	<u>80,105</u>
PARALEGAL ASSOCIATE AUDITOR	24	54,220	56,931	59,777	62,766	65,904	69,200	72,660	76,293	80,107	84,113	88,318
LEGISLATIVE AIDE TO COUNTY COUNCIL PRESIDENT LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT TO COUNTY COUNCIL	25	56,933	59,779	62,768	65,907	69,202	72,662	76,295	80,110	84,115	88,321	92,737
LEGAL ASSISTANT TO COUNSEL TO COUNCIL STAFF AUDITOR	27	62,768	65,906	69,201	72,661	76,294	80,109	84,115	88,320	92,736	97,373	102,242
POLICY DIRECTOR DEPUTY CLERK OF COUNCIL SENIOR STAFF AUDITOR	30	72,662	76,295	80,110	84,115	88,321	92,737	97,374	102,242	107,355	112,722	118,358
FINANCIAL ADVISOR CLERK OF COUNCIL	32	80,112	84,117	88,323	92,739	97,376	102,245	107,357	112,725	118,361	124,280	130,493
COUNTY AUDITOR	35	92,739	97,376	102,245	107,357	112,725	118,361	124,279	130,493	137,017	143,868	151,062
COUNSEL TO COUNCIL	39	112,726	118,362	124,280	130,494	137,019	143,870	151,063	158,617	166,547	174,875	183,619

Effective: 7/1/2026 (Ordinance 23-082)
Revised: 7/14/2025 (Ordinance 25-093)
Revised: xx/xx/xxxx (Ordinance 26-xxx)

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ORDINANCE NO. 26-034

**THE ANNUAL REVENUE ORDINANCE OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026**

1 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to 9 *Del. C.* § 1371F(a), the Board of Assessment Review
2 was presented the 2026-2027 tax roll on February 13, 2026; and
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4 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to 9 *Del. C.* § 1371F(b), it has been certified to County
5 Council the total value of all real property in the County which has been assessed is
6 \$120,506,394,200 and the total value of all property which has been assessed and is
7 subject to taxation is \$97,313,518,500 net of tax exemptions; and
8

9 **WHEREAS**, the Fiscal Year 2027 revenue estimate is \$168,529,434, representing
10 an increase based upon the tax rates provided in Sections 3 through 5 and the certified
11 assessment roll; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to 9 *Del. C.* § 8306(b) the County is mandated to assess
14 property at least every five years, which will result in future assessment expenses; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to *New Castle County Code* § 14.01.018, the County
17 established a Reassessment Reserve Account with procedures for the deposit and
18 appropriation of funds.
19

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
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22 Section 1. A tax upon the residential real property in New Castle County is hereby
23 established and levied at the rate of 5.39 cents for each one hundred dollars of assessed
24 valuation (based on 100 percent of July 1, 2024 fair market value) for the fiscal year
25 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, to pay the costs of the General
26 Operating Budget.
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28 Section 2. A tax upon the non-residential real property in New Castle County is
29 hereby established and levied at the rate of 8.15 cents for each one hundred dollars of
30 assessed valuation (based on 100 percent of July 1, 2024 fair market value) for the fiscal
31 year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, to pay the costs of the General
32 Operating Budget.
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34 Section 3. A tax upon the residential real property in the following listed areas of
35 New Castle County at the following listed rates for each one hundred dollars of assessed
36 valuation is hereby established and levied for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and
37 ending June 30, 2027, to pay costs under the Local Service Function Budget.
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<u>Location</u>	<u>Tax Rate in Cents Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation</u>
Arden	11.66
Ardencroft	11.81
Ardentown	11.88
Bellefonte	12.78
Delaware City	3.86
Elsmere	2.52
Middletown	1.17
Newark	0.00
New Castle	2.03
Newport	2.44
Odessa	2.44
Townsend	0.08
Wilmington	0.00
Those portions of New Castle County not within any of the preceding incorporated municipalities	13.07

Section 4. A tax upon the non-residential real property in the following listed areas of New Castle County at the following listed rates for each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation is hereby established and levied for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, to pay costs under the Local Service Function Budget.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Tax Rate in Cents Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation</u>
Arden	17.62
Ardencroft	17.84
Ardentown	17.95
Bellefonte	19.31
Delaware City	5.83
Elsmere	3.81
Middletown	1.77
Newark	0.00
New Castle	3.07
Newport	3.68
Odessa	3.68
Townsend	0.13
Wilmington	0.00
Those portions of New Castle County not within any of the preceding incorporated municipalities	19.75

Section 5. A tax upon the real property in the light districts in New Castle County established pursuant to 9 Del. C. ch. 21, is hereby established and levied for light districts at the following rates for each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027 to pay the cost of street and highway illumination:

<u>Light Code</u>	<u>Light District Installations</u>	<u>Tax Rate in Cents Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation</u>
High Pressure Sodium (HPS) Units		
TRL1	Cobra (formerly Incandescent)	0.245
TRLA	Cobra (formerly Mercury)	1.790
TRLQ	Metal Pole	2.850
TRLC	Traditionaire	3.170
TRLT	Limited Installation	1.660
TRLU	Turn of the Century	3.480
Light Emitting Diode (LED) Units		
TRLO	Cobra	1.790
TRLM	Traditionaire	1.000
TRLN	Granville	2.500

Section 6. A tax upon the full annual cost established pursuant to 9 Del. C. § 1339, is hereby established and levied for crossing guards by school district at the following rates for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

<u>Crossing Guard Rates</u>	<u>Tax Rates in Cents Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation</u>
Appoquinimink School District	0.272
Brandywine (Area I)	0.511
Christina (Area III)	0.414
Colonial (Area IV)	0.466
Red Clay (Area II)	0.511

Section 7. Fees and charges not specified in this Ordinance shall be heretofore or hereafter established.

Section 8. Fees, fines, forfeitures, penalties, assessments, charges, receipts and income, together with needed reserves and available cash balances, shall be included in the receipts of New Castle County as collected during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

Section 9. For purposes of Section 1 and Section 3 of this Ordinance, the term "residential real property" shall mean property classified as either Residential or Farmland pursuant to New Castle County parcel records as of July 1, 2026.

Section 10. For purposes of Section 2 and Section 4 of this Ordinance, the term "non-residential real property" shall mean property classified as any classification other than Residential or Farmland pursuant to New Castle County parcel records as of July 1, 2026.

Section 11. The effective date for the provisions in this Ordinance shall be July 1, 2026.

148 Section 12. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption
149 by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9
150 *Del. C. § 1156.*
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Adopted by Council of
New Castle County on:

Monique Williams-Johns
President of Council
of New Castle County

Approved on:

Marcus Henry
County Executive

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance is the Annual Revenue Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2027.

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

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

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

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

Section 5 establishes the tax rates in the light districts of New Castle County.

Section 6 establishes the tax rates for school crossing guards.

Section 7 provides that fees and charges not specifically addressed in this Ordinance can be established at some future time.

Section 8 provides that other receipts and funding sources shall be included in the revenue of New Castle County collected during Fiscal Year 2027 to be used in accordance with the budget Ordinance.

Section 9 defines the term “residential real property” as it is used in Sections 1 and 3 of this Ordinance.

Section 10 defines the term “non-residential real property” as it is used in Section 2 and 4 of this Ordinance.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance proposes Fiscal Year 2027 tax rates which in conjunction with other anticipated sources of revenue are estimated to yield sufficient revenue to balance the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget.

These proposed real property tax rates applied to estimated taxable assessments and estimated quarterly additions (net of exemptions) are anticipated to yield approximately \$167,104,434, for a total of \$168,529,434 including prior year collections and penalties.

The proposed light district tax rates, as cited in Section 5, are anticipated to yield revenues of \$9,539,395. These revenues, together with prior year tax collections and the use of available cash balances, are estimated to support direct street lighting expenses plus overhead.

The proposed school crossing guard tax rates, as set forth in Section 6, are anticipated to yield revenues of \$3,847,701. These revenues, together with prior year tax collections and the use of available cash balances, are estimated to support direct crossing guard expenses plus overhead.

This Ordinance, as proposed, has no explicit fiscal impact upon the two successive fiscal years commencing July 1, 2027 and July 1, 2028, as the rates are legislated annually by County Council.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer March 31, 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-035

**CALCULATION OF SEWER SERVICE CHARGES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027**

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

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

Section 1. County Council adopts the following sewer unit charges for Fiscal Year 2027:

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

\$5.286119/1000 gallons flow rate	(q)
\$0.437653/lb. BOD	(b)
\$0.566035/lb. SS	(s)

The rates for certain contract users shall be as follows:

\$3.593868/1000 gallons flow rate	(q)
\$0.437653/lb. BOD	(b)
\$0.566035/lb. SS	(s)

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

Meter Size	EDU	Fixed Charge @ \$100 / EDU
1/2" or 5/8"	1.0	\$75*
3/4"	1.5	\$150
1"	2.5	\$250
1 1/2"	5.0	\$500
2.0	8.0	\$800
3.0	15.0	\$1,500
4.0	25.0	\$2,500
6.0	50.0	\$5,000
8.0	80.0	\$8,000
10.0	115.0	\$11,500
* For Fiscal Year 2027, the base rate of \$100/EDU has been discounted by 25% for meters up to 5/8".		

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

Section 3. The effective date for the provisions in this Ordinance shall be July 1, 2026.

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

Adopted by Council of
New Castle County on:

Monique Williams-Johns
President of Council
of New Castle County

Approved on:

Marcus Henry
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance establishes sewer service charges effective July 1, 2026, for Fiscal Year 2027.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance proposes the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2027 sewer user rates which, in conjunction with other related sources of revenue, are estimated to yield sufficient revenue to balance the Fiscal Year 2027 sewer fund budget.

If adopted, this Ordinance would establish a Fiscal Year 2027 composite (flow \$5.286119 + (BOD \$0.437653 X 1.2510 (flow factor) = \$0.5475041) + (SS \$0.566035 X 1.5429 (flow factor) = \$0.8733356)) residential flow rate of \$6.70696 per 1,000 billable gallons. The composite rate reflects a five percent increase from the FY2026 composite rate.

The base rate of \$100/EDU, as previously approved by County Council, has been discounted by 25% for meters up to 5/8", which will increase the EDU to \$75 for the 5/8 customers.

The rates contained in this Ordinance would, if adopted, be applied to all user classes, including \$13,040,000 for EDU as follows:

User Classification	Number of Users	Gross Billing
Residential	127,035	\$44,141,783
Industrial	20	\$11,129,081
Commercial	3,808	\$16,363,996
Apartment	228	\$9,232,033
Contract	5	\$6,500,228
Gross Billing	131,096	\$87,367,121
Less Allowance for Delinquent Accounts		(\$3,744,121)
Net Billing		<u>\$83,623,000</u>

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer March 31, 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-036

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF
NEW CASTLE COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING CERTAIN CAPITAL
PROJECTS APPROVED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 CAPITAL BUDGET**

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS: (by a supermajority of all the members elected to the County Council concurring therein):

Section 1. New Castle County shall authorize the issuance of its negotiable bonds in the maximum aggregate net principal amount of \$59,790,230 to finance projects approved in the FY2027 Capital Budget (the maximum aggregate principal amount of the bonds to be issued for each purpose is set out in the following schedule):

<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>BOND AUTHORIZATIONS MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT</u>
(A) Sanitary Facilities/Stormwater	\$ 34,220,000
(B) Public Safety	14,485,230
(C) Parks	5,315,000
(D) Administration	3,090,000
(E) Facilities/Equipment	1,800,000
(F) Community Services	880,000
TOTAL BOND AUTHORIZATIONS	<u>\$59,730,230</u>

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

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

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

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

60
61 All original expenditures to be reimbursed will be capital expenditures (as defined in Federal
62 Treasury Reg. Sec. 1.150-1(b)) and other amounts permitted to be reimbursed pursuant to
63 Federal Treasury Reg. Sec. 1.150-2(d)(3) and (f). The County intends to reimburse the original
64 expenditures through the County's incurrence of debt to be evidenced by the bonds. The
65 description of the type and use of the property for which the original expenditure to be fully or
66 partially reimbursed is to be paid is: costs relating to the projects as defined in Section 3 hereof.
67 The maximum principal amount of the bonds to be issued to reimburse the costs of said projects
68 paid prior to their issuance and to complete said projects is a net \$59,790,230 including the costs
69 of issuance of the bonds.

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

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81 The bond proceeds used to reimburse the County for original expenditures will not be used within
82 1 year after the allocation in a manner that results in the creation of replacement proceeds (as
83 defined in Treasury Reg. § 1.148-1) for the bonds authorized hereunder or for other bonds. The
84 County will not use the proceeds of bonds to reimburse, refinance or refund an original
85 expenditure paid by another obligation (either tax-exempt or taxable).

86
87 Section 6. Continuing Disclosure. The County covenants for the benefit of holders of any
88 bonds that it issues in the public markets, whether pursuant to this Ordinance or otherwise, that,
89 so long as any such bonds are outstanding, it will file, or cause to be filed, all financial information,
90 operating data and notices of events, actions or failure to act, with such persons and entities and
91 at such times as may be necessary to comply with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12(b) (5) of the
92 Securities Exchange Act of 1934 with respect to such bonds. The Chief Financial Officer shall by
93 Resolution adopted in connection with the issuance of such bonds specify the specific actions
94 that the County shall be obligated to undertake to comply with this Section. Upon approval of the

95 County Executive, the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to take such other actions, by
96 contract with a fiscal agent or otherwise, as such official shall deem appropriate to cause the
97 County to comply with this Section.
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99 Section 7. The effective date for the provisions in this Ordinance shall be July 1, 2026.
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101 Section 8. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by County
102 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 will authorize New Castle County to issue bonds in the net amount of \$59,790,230 to finance projects approved in the Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Budget.

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

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer March 31, 2026.

EXHIBIT "A"

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance will authorize County Bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount (net of issuance costs) of \$59,790,230.

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

<u>Previous Authorizations</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
Authorized and Issued Bonds ⁽¹⁾ (2/28/2026)	\$517,665,000	\$170,621,142	\$688,286,142
Authorized and Unissued Bonds (2/28/2026)	<u>145,155,304</u>	<u>60,965,228</u>	<u>206,120,532</u>
Total Previous Authorizations	662,820,304	231,586,370	894,406,674
Proposed Net Authorizations ⁽²⁾ by the Ordinance	<u>59,730,230</u>	<u>25,086,697</u>	<u>84,816,927</u>
Total Previous Authorizations and Proposed Net Authorizations	<u>\$722,550,534</u>	<u>\$256,673,067</u>	<u>\$979,223,601</u>

The following State Revolving Fund (SRF) and Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loans are not included in the above totals:

Authorized and Issued Bonds (2/28/2026)	\$ 38,518,145	\$ 8,919,382 ⁽³⁾	\$ 47,437,527
Authorized and Unissued Bonds (2/28/2026)	103,522,831	59,720,271 ⁽³⁾	163,243,102
Total Previous Authorizations	<u>\$142,040,976</u>	<u>\$68,639,653</u>	<u>\$210,680,629</u>

⁽¹⁾ These amounts have been adjusted to reflect retired principal and interest through 4/30/26.

⁽²⁾ Assuming a constant principal amount of \$2,986,511 over a term of twenty years, total debt service for the \$59,730,230 would be \$84,816,927.

⁽³⁾ Interest is based on estimated future repayment schedules. Interest rates for various SRF loans are 2.00, 2.394 and 2.601 percent and for the various WIFIA loans are 4.5 percent.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-037

**THE CAPITAL BUDGET ORDINANCE OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026**

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 extend existing sewerage systems now maintained by the
5 County by rehabilitating and constructing local sewer projects and to improve existing sewer
6 systems, pump stations, treatment plant sites, and facilities; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, *Delaware Code*, including Chapter 34 of Title 9 and Chapter 39 of Title 7 of
9 the *Delaware Code*, authorizes New Castle County to carry out preventive and control
10 measures and works of improvement for the prevention of erosion, floodwater, and sediment
11 damages, and the County Council of New Castle County determines whether to construct,
12 improve, and develop stormwater courses and facilities; and

13
14 **WHEREAS**, Section 1163 of Title 9 of the *Delaware Code* authorizes New Castle
15 County to issue bonds to finance the cost of any object, program or purpose for which New
16 Castle County may raise, appropriate or expend money, and the County Council of New Castle
17 County determines to expend money for various facilities and services; and

18
19 **WHEREAS**, Subchapter III, Chapter 13 of Title 9 of the *Delaware Code*, as amended,
20 authorizes New Castle County to develop plans for buildings/facilities, parks, open spaces,
21 natural areas and greenways within the County. Said plans provide for the acquisition of land
22 for the development of parks and recreation facilities and the improvements and development
23 of existing parks and buildings/facilities. The County has deemed it necessary to implement
24 such plans for development and improvements.

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

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28 Section 1. Exhibit "A", entitled "Capital Budget – FY2027" consisting of two (2) pages,
29 dated March 31, 2026, attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby adopted as the
30 Capital Budget of New Castle County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending
31 June 30, 2027.

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33 Section 2. The projects listed on Exhibit "B," entitled "Projects to Sunset Fiscal Year
34 End 2025" will sunset in accordance with Key Financial Policy (KFP) #1 on June 30, 2026. All
35 unexpended appropriations and bond authorizations on June 30, 2026, will be deauthorized.
36 Any encumbrances will remain open until liquidated.

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38 Section 3. The effective date for the provisions in this Ordinance shall be July 1, 2026.

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40 Section 4. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
41 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C. §*
42 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 is the Capital Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2027, authorizing capital spending of \$75,702,105 for 51 County projects. This Ordinance also will deauthorize the projects on Exhibit "B" and the corresponding available appropriations and bond authorizations on June 30, 2026.

FISCAL NOTE: The Capital Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2027 authorizes capital spending of \$75,702,105 for various projects. A companion Ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds of \$59,790,230 to fund the Capital Budget must be adopted.

In addition, this Ordinance sunsets 10 capital projects, effective June 30, 2026. Projects are listed on Exhibit "B".

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer March 31, 2026.

EXHIBIT "A"
NEW CASTLE COUNTY
CAPITAL BUDGET - FY2027

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Land Use Information System	\$ 2,650,000
Sewer and Tax Billing Replacement	440,000
Subtotal	\$ 3,090,000

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Carousel Park Outdoor Arena Footing	\$ 180,000
Hope Center	300,000
Public Arts	327,640
Rockwood Museum	350,000
Rockwood Wheelchair Lift	350,000
Subtotal	\$ 1,507,640

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

800MgHZ Communications Equipment 2026-2027	\$ 400,000
Communications Upgrade 2026-2027	\$ 250,000
Police Range / EVOC	\$ 13,720,000
Public Safety Equipment 2027	367,705
Public Safety Southern Facility	50,000
Public Safety Trailer	65,230
Public Safety Vest Protection Program 2027	397,726
Subtotal	\$ 15,250,661

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Facilities/Equipment

Fleet Equipment 2027	\$ 8,469,900
Government Center Parking Lot	\$ 2,000,000
Subtotal	\$ 10,469,900

EXHIBIT "A"
NEW CASTLE COUNTY
CAPITAL BUDGET - FY2027

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (Continued)

Parks

ADA Improvements in Parks	\$ 100,000
Delcastle Park Improvements	800,000
General Parkland Improvements 2024-2025	1,000,000
Glasgow Regional Park	1,500,000
Greenbank Park Improvements	200,000
Middle Run Valley Reforestation	100,000
Paper Mill Park Improvements	400,000
Pavilion Renovations	50,000
Play Area Improvements 2026-2027	515,000
Powell Ford Park Improvements	850,000
Subtotal	\$ 5,515,000

Sewer/Stormwater

Airport Road System Rehabilitation	\$ 1,850,000
Asset Management	1,200,000
Countywide Drainage Problems	1,000,000
Delaware City Industrial Sewer Expansion	1,700,000
DelDOT Coordination Project 2021	1,000,000
General Sewer Improvements	1,750,000
General Stormwater Improvements 2021	499,990
Kirkwood Trunkline Interceptor	3,500,000
Lea Eara Farms Treatment Plant Closure	3,000,000
Major Pump Stations Electrical Upgrades	600,000
Manhole Rehabilitation	750,000
Pump Station Rehabilitation 2026-2027	1,545,000
Richardson Park System Rehabilitation	500,000
Septage Receiving Station Upgrade	800,000
Sewer Fleet Equipment 2027	3,398,914
Sewer Repairs and Rehabilitation 2026-2027	2,000,000
Sewer System Expansion	250,000
Southern Sewer Service Area	2,000,000
Stormwater Basin Renovation II	1,000,000
Terminal Avenue System Rehabilitation	2,000,000
Water Farm 1 System Rehabilitation	2,000,000
Water Fill Stations	225,000
Water Quality Improvement Plans	500,000
White Clay System Rehabilitation	6,300,000
Wilmington System Rehabilitation	500,000
Subtotal	\$ 39,868,904

CAPITAL BUDGET TOTAL

\$ 75,702,105

Exhibit "B"
NEW CASTLE COUNTY
Projects to Sunset Fiscal Year End 2026

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

C300509	General Parkland Improvements	Complete
C302303	Fleet Equipment 2023	Complete
C301303	DelDOT Coordination Project II	Complete
C302301	Market Street System Rehabilitation Bridge #9	Complete
C121606	Information Systems Expansion II	Complete
C122501	Firewall Replacement	Complete
C122612	Network Infrastructure Rearchitect and Upgrade	Complete
C402401	Absalom Jones Senior Center Kiln	Complete
C402610	Appoquinimink Library Maker Space HVAC	Complete
C402620	Carousel Park Indoor Arena Footing	Complete



New Castle County Department of Land Use

M E M O

TO: Nellie Hill
Clerk of Council

FROM: John Troy
Assistant Land Use Administrator

DATE: May 4, 2026

RE: Capital Program & Budget FY2027-2032 Joint Recommendation

With this memo I am transmitting the Department of Land Use and Planning Board joint recommendation for the Capital Program & Budget for Fiscal Years 2027-2032.

cc: David M. Culver
Antoni Sekowski
Dawn Thompson
Matthew Rogers
Alec Davis
Nicole Racine
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**New Castle County Department of Land Use
JOINT RECOMMENDATION**

**New Castle County Capital Program & Budget
Fiscal Year 2027-2032**

April 21, 2026

DESCRIPTION

Delaware Code Title 9, § 1134 requires that, upon submission to County Council by the County Executive no later than April 1 of each year, the Capital Program and Budget be reviewed by the Department of Land Use and Planning Board for the sole purpose of determining whether the program and budget are in accordance with the Comprehensive Development Plan. A joint recommendation is then provided to County Council. The Capital Program consists of the six fiscal years following its June 30th adoption, and the Capital Budget refers to the first year of the Capital Program. The Capital Program and Budget was transmitted to New Castle County Council on March 24, 2026.

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS

According to the Delaware Code Title 9, § 2656, the capital improvements program is required to be designed to consider the need for and the location of public facilities in order to encourage the efficient utilization of such facilities and establish:

- (1) Principles for construction, extension or increase in capacity of public facilities, as well as principles for correcting existing public facility deficiencies, which are necessary to implement the comprehensive plan.
- (2) Estimated public facility costs, including a delineation of when facilities will be needed, the general location of the facilities and projected revenue sources to fund the facilities.
- (3) Standards to ensure the availability of public facilities and the adequacy of those facilities.
- (4) To the extent provisions of the capital improvements plan anticipate State financial assistance, involvement or cooperation, such provisions shall be developed in conjunction with the state capital improvement plan and annual capital budget.

One of the basic purposes of capital improvement programming is to coordinate physical and fiscal planning to achieve the greatest possible benefits from the County's existing and anticipated financial resources. To accomplish this, a ranking of desired public improvements must be established by assigning a need-based priority to each project. The ranked project list is then reconciled with the County's ability to pay for the projects over time.

Other benefits of the Capital Program and Budget process include the following: implementation of the County's Comprehensive Development Plan, individual department functional plans and studies, and other programs and policies through tangible projects; guiding private development so that it occurs in a way that is in conformity with the Comprehensive Development Plan;

coordination of the capital projects of all County Departments furthering the implementation of the Comprehensive Development Plan; assisting with keeping the public informed of the County's long-range capital project development plans; and enabling the County Executive and County Council to better understand long-term cash needs, and to better anticipate the necessary financing for both capital and operating activities.

The 2022 Comprehensive Development Plan Update, known as NCC2050, was passed by County Council on July 26, 2022, approved by County Executive Matthew Meyer on August 4, 2022, certified by Governor John C. Carney effective July 26, 2022, the date adopted by County Council, and is effective from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2032. Numerous goals and objectives can be found within NCC2050 that address our capital needs and fiscal sustainability; however, the Department finds the following goals and objectives as being the fundamental and core principles to follow to achieve planning and fiscal responsibilities:

Goal #1: New Castle County has a connected, well-maintained and well-loved network of open space (natural lands and recreational resources) that benefits all residents.

- Objective: Preserve at least a minimum of 7,100 acres of land as protected open space in the county, within 30 years.
- Objective: Increase the percentage of residents that have safe, comfortable access (within 1 mile using a low-stress, accessible route) to a variety of recreational opportunities and natural spaces without the requirement of a personal automobile.

Goal #2: The natural environment of the county continues to be a distinguishing characteristic of our community, and the quality of our natural resources— air, water, land, ecosystems (plants and animals)—are continually improving and meeting the needs of present and future generations. Development/redevelopment patterns that consume less unbuilt “greenfields” and resource lands support conservation of our important natural resources.

- Objective: The County shall set an example and evaluate ways to address the impact of development on micro- (e.g. local air quality) and macro-climate conditions (e.g. greenhouse gases) and achievement of State/Federal air quality standards.
- Objective: Improve surface water quality and reduce stormwater runoff from developed lands, with recognition that community revitalization and stream/ecosystem restoration are linked.
- Objective: Improve ecosystem health by reducing sprawl and fragmentation, reconnecting open space, enhancing ecosystems, and applying green stormwater infrastructure strategies (while our economy and population continues to grow).
- Objective: Increase tree-canopy to 40%, prioritizing areas with the lowest canopy cover and greatest potential benefits (e.g. urban heat island, flooding, etc.)

Goal #3: Clean water is available to all residents now and in the future.

- Objective: Continue to ensure water services and drinkable water supply is sufficient to meet demand.

- Objective: Continue to maintain efficient and effective sanitary sewer service in existing areas served by sewer and extend service to new areas, as planned, to meet growth demands in a sustainable manner.

Goal #4: Healthy, safe housing options throughout the County are diverse, meeting needs of people of all incomes, ages, abilities, and races, while maintaining design and form of the built environment that integrates with existing communities.

- Objective: Increase variety and range of price points of safe, quality housing options, in a diversity of locations.
- Objective: Increase proximity of quality housing to other daily needs throughout the county, especially jobs and quality education, to support overall cost of living affordability. Better balance of jobs and housing can support residents and their access to both quality/affordable living and living-wage jobs as well as employers and their workforce.
- Objective: Expand access to homeownership, especially among low-income residents and people of color.
- Objective: Upgrade the condition of substandard housing stock—including integration of green energy—throughout the county, without causing displacement.

Goal #5: New Castle County is a strong, resilient hub of the regional economy that provides a range of jobs and services to County residents.

- Objective: Promote business clusters by focusing resources and policies toward retaining and growing businesses in discrete sectors that advance the County's economic strengths.
- Objective: Achieve a diverse and supportive business ecosystem.
- Objective: Increase the percentage of jobs located in Delaware Level 1 State Strategies Investment Areas, ensuring job centers are located near inclusive transit options and existing infrastructure/services.

Goal #6: All residents have the ability to participate in the economy and have access to living-wage jobs. Delaware's workforce is strong and positioned for emerging industry and jobs as well as applying innovation and adaptation in traditional industries.

- Objective: Increase equitable access to workforce, educational and economic opportunities.
- Objective: As economic growth occurs, increase distribution of benefits across the community.

Goal #7: Farming continues to be a viable way of life and contributes to economic resiliency and healthy communities (for its provision of food access and security, its preservation of farmland, and contribution toward community character).

- Objective: Increase the amount of preserved, contiguous farmland and amount of prime soil protected from development.

Goal #8: All New Castle County residents will have safe, efficient, inclusive access to employment, retail services, parks, and other daily needs including by walking, bicycling, public transit, and emerging modes. The transportation and land use systems are integrated and support each other to create livable places and a vibrant county.

- Objective: Establish a Vision Zero policy and coordinate with DelDOT and WILMAPCO toward reaching zero traffic fatalities by 2050.
- Objective: Enhance and increase accessibility by all modes to/between local and regional destinations, including diverse housing, jobs, and goods/services.

Goal #9: Transportation of people and goods is efficient and fair. The transportation system and land use/development are coordinated; development occurs in areas with ample existing or planned transportation infrastructure (and other infrastructure) and decisions are fiscally sound, inclusive, and fair for present and future generations.

- Objective: Preserve existing roads and transportation infrastructure, while limiting widening and creation of new multi-lane roadways. Make the best use of our past investments and their capacity through innovation and collaboration.
- Objective: Plan for emerging transportation modes and technologies (e.g. renewable energy-based, autonomous, e-bikes/scooters, etc.) to leverage benefits and minimize potential negative externalities; embrace technology designed to address existing infrastructure issues, benefit the environment, and improve how people experience travel.

Goal #10: Land uses, transportation, and other infrastructure complement each other, and neighborhoods and areas across the county are distinctive, attractive, functional, comfortable, and human scale. The physical environment is high quality, inclusively designed, retains value, and is fiscally sustainable.

- Objective: Redevelop and infill key areas of the county (identified in Community Plans and other studies/analyses) and struggling industrial land, strip malls, office parks, and other “greyfields” to achieve connected places, continuity of design, and sense of place.
- Objective: Increase compact development in places where it is appropriate and will support the range of community goals (like transit, affordable housing/lifestyles, non-motorized accessibility, enhancement of place, etc.).

Goal #11: The built environment and streetscapes promote physical activity and healthy lifestyles including options for walking and biking. All residents have safe, inclusive access to lead physically active and healthy lifestyles.

- Objective: Increase the percentage of people who walk, bike, and take transit to work (from 6% in 2018).
- Objective: Increase access to healthy food retailers, medical care, and other daily needs.

Goal #12: The value and significance of the historic, prehistoric, and cultural resources in the county are known and promoted; significant resources are preserved for the benefit of residents and visitors.

- Objective: Increase awareness of the county’s historic/prehistoric/cultural resources, including tourism promotion.

- Objective: Increase preservation and adaptive reuse of the county's historic/prehistoric/cultural resources.

Goal #13: Environmental protection, climate change mitigation, and adaptation are important considerations in all county policies. Our community's collective built environment—infrastructure, transportation, nature, and development patterns—are designed in a way that limits greenhouse gas emissions and protects our people and critical infrastructure from impacts of climate change.

- Objective: Reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions.
- Objective: Strengthen/improve resiliency in the face of climate change threats through changes to the built environment (infrastructure, transportation, etc.) so to minimize risk and impacts to all people and communities.

Goal #14: Pursue a net zero built environment by following emerging technologies, and alternative regional and individual energy sources.

- Objective: Increase the proportion of energy efficient building stock and conservation infrastructure in the building stock.
- Objective: Reduce pollution from Transportation sources.

Goal #15: New Castle County's infrastructure and economic and social systems are strong, and our communities are prepared for future climate-related and man-made/natural events; all residents will live in neighborhoods that are protected from negative impacts of incompatible non-residential land uses/activity and other hazards such as flooding (discrete and cumulative); and economic growth, prosperity and change in New Castle County is equitable and accessible by all.

- Objective: Reduce infrastructure that is at risk due to sea level rise and flooding as well as other risks.
- Objective: Reduce risk/disparate impact on sub-populations.

Goal #16: Participation in planning and development represents the full diversity of the county.

- Objective: Increase diversity of engagement in community planning activities of all county residents regardless of age, race, income, native language, abilities, etc.
- Objective: Increase diversity of local professionals involved in planning, land use, infrastructure, and development.

Goal #17: Development, infrastructure, and change is well-planned and coordinated, achieving sustainable and effective public investment in our communities.

- Objective: Planning/investment decisions integrate across governments and jurisdictions.
- Objective: Increase collaboration associated with data/analysis and public engagement.
- Objective: Achieve greater predictability regarding future development.
- Objective: Provide improved emergency services; types of equipment and response time to meet future demands.

The goals of previous comprehensive planning efforts, which directly relate to the capital budget, are still valid and include the following: controlling the pace of development through the availability of developable land and adequate infrastructure; coordination and efficient and effective use of governmental resources at all levels to improve the quality of life for our citizens; provision of adequate community facilities, services, and utilities consistent with the future land use plan; integration of the County's infrastructure and service plans with land use plans to provide efficient delivery of services; and requiring that new development contribute to the cost of community facilities and services.

The FY2027 Capital Budget totals just over \$75.7 million, a 10.3% decrease from the current fiscal year. In addition to significant ongoing investments in public works for extensive improvements to the County's sanitary sewer and stormwater systems, the FY2027-2032 budget will continue protecting core services and positioning the County for long-term financial stability while continuing to reflect the ongoing need for fiscal prudence. A responsible Capital Budget is part of a balanced approach to providing the necessary infrastructure to serve county residences and businesses. New Castle County's bonds continue to be rated AAA by all three major rating agencies, reflecting the County's high level of fiscal responsibility. These ratings were most recently reaffirmed in July 2025, allowing the County to fund its capital projects at the most competitive interest rates, and which maximizes the County's ability to invest in critical infrastructure at the lowest cost to improve a variety of valued County services.

According to the Delaware Population Consortium Annual Population Projections Version 2024.0, approximately 6,276 new county residents are projected from the year 2025 to the year 2050, although the total number of households is expected to decrease during that time. To preserve quality of life, additional infrastructure will be necessary, and impact fees will be used to supplement the future cost of equipment, vehicles, and buildings necessary to serve new development. For example, impact fees are currently used to assist volunteer fire companies in the purchase of capital equipment, and also in the construction of new substations to serve new communities.

The FY2027 Capital Budget includes \$39.87 million for progressing sewer/stormwater rehabilitation, as part of a total \$326.6 million investment over the next six years. Proactive management and preventative sewer upgrades have consistently protected the County's drinking water and our environment. In addition to the need for new infrastructure, it is critical that our aging systems be maintained to serve the existing and expanding population. The sanitary sewer system is one of the most important services that New Castle County provides, currently consisting of three treatment plants, over 1,863 miles of sewer line, more than 47,555 manholes, and 182 pump stations.

Additional funding for the Department of Public Works in the FY2027 Capital Budget includes \$10.47 million for Facilities/Equipment and \$5.51 million for Parks, including funding for general parkland improvements, reforestation, and numerous improvements for active recreation amenities and playgrounds, for a Public Works total of \$55.85 million.

\$1.51 million is included in the FY2027 Capital Budget for the Department of Community Services, which has been allocated for various library and facility renovations and improvements.

The FY2027 Capital Budget also includes \$15.25 million in funding for the Department of Public Safety to invest in a variety of first responder needs including communications equipment, protective vests, and other life-saving equipment to enhance the County's first-class emergency response efforts. The majority of this amount, however, has been authorized for a new Police Range/Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC).

The balance of the FY2027 Capital Budget includes \$3.09 million for the Department of Administration to invest in the purchase and implementation of a new Land Use Information System, as well as a Sewer and Tax Billing Replacement system.

DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE RECOMMENDATION

The Department believes that the proposed Capital Program and Budget is based on sound land use planning principles and is in accordance with the 2022 Comprehensive Development Plan, NCC2050, and recommends that New Castle County Council approve the New Castle County Capital Program & Budget for Fiscal Years 2027-2032.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION

At the business meeting held on April 21, 2026, the Planning Board considered the recommendation and analysis offered by the Department of Land Use.

On a motion made by Ms. Visvardis and seconded by Mr. Cantrell, the Board voted to recommend **APPROVAL** of the Capital Program & Budget for Fiscal Years 2027-2032. The motion was adopted by a vote of 7-0-0-2 (In Favor: Brutus, Cantrell, Chamblee, Drake, Ott, Snowden, Visvardis; In Opposition: None; Abstention: None; Absent: Cochran, Daigle).

Prior to the vote, the following discussion occurred:

David Del Grande (Chief Financial Officer), Jon Yearly (Chief of Technology & Administrative Services), Carrie Casey (Community Services General Manager), Elmer Setting (Director of Public Safety) and Cleon Cauley (Public Works General Manager) presented the Capital Program & Budget for Fiscal Years 2027-2032.

Lissa Brutus inquired about the data system benefit of Tyler Systems. Mr. Yearly mentioned the new system will allow for data to be hosted on a cloud-based server. Robert Ott asked about Public Works asset management system. Mr. Yearly stated the new system will shift to a cloud-based environment.

Neil Cantrell questioned about the new Public Safety facility. Mr. Setting explained that the facility will be used for New Castle County Police and prior to this facility, police training would occur wherever they could find. Mr. Ott asked about Phase 2 of the facility to which Karla Jones (Public Safety) stated to include a canine training center. Tracy Chamblee asked about the location of the new facility and Mr. Setting stated the facility is located on Route 9 near the National Guard Base. Ms. Brutus inquired about the purchase of new equipment for police. Ms. Jones stated that equipment have manufacturer end of life requirements and for safety reasons must be replaced.

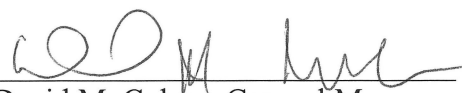
Mr. Ott asked about the proposed upgrades for sewer pump stations, and Mr. Cauley clarified that the proposed budget was to cover only electrical. Robert Snowden inquired about the proposed redundancy sewer line to the water treatment plant which Mr. Cauley stressed the need for the sewer line in case the existing line were to ever fail. Mr. Chamblee asked if the State has already committed funding towards the sewer project to which Mr. Cauley confirmed the State has already committed the funds for the project. Mr. Chamblee inquired about the types of vendors used for the construction of playgrounds, and Rob Roff (Public Works) explained how Public Works chooses vendors for their playground projects.

STATUTORY GUIDELINES

In the phraseology of 9 *Delaware Code Section 2603 (a)*, the Department of Land Use finds that the recommended Capital Program & Budget, Fiscal Years 2027-2032 would promote the convenience, order, and welfare of the present and future inhabitants of this state.



Robert B. Snowden, Chairperson
New Castle County Planning Board



David M. Culver, General Manager
Department of Land Use

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO ORDINANCE NO. 26-038

**ADOPT THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026**

1 Section 1. Section 2 to Ordinance No. 26-038 listed as Exhibit "A," entitled
2 "Departmental Operating Budget," consisting of six (6) pages, attached hereto which is
3 dated ~~April 14, 2026~~ May 26, 2026 and made a part hereof, is hereby amended by deleting
4 the matter that is stricken and adding the matter underscored.
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6 Section 2. Section 3 to Ordinance No. 26-038 listed as Exhibit "B," entitled
7 "Operating Budget Components," consisting of one (1) page, attached hereto which is
8 dated ~~April 14, 2026~~ May 26, 2026 and made a part hereof, is hereby amendment by
9 deleting the matter that is stricken and adding the matter underscored.
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11 Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
12 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del.*
13 *C. § 1156.*
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15 Section 4. The effective date for the provisions in this Ordinance shall be July 1,
16 2026.

SYNOPSIS: Amendment No. 1 to the Fiscal Year 2027 Recommended Annual Operating Budget Ordinance removes partial funding totaling \$470,418 for Project Seed Program, not including the contractual service funding to support intervention efforts.

FISCAL NOTE: Amendment No. 1, if adopted, will amend the Fiscal Year 2027 Recommended Annual Operating Budget by decreasing the budget line items of the Department of Public Safety, Division of Administration as follows:

Character	Amount
Salaries and Wages	\$285,696
Benefits	\$154,696
Training and Civic Affairs	\$27,272
Communications and Utilities	\$1,254
Materials and Supplies	\$1,500
Total	\$470,418

The revised budget for the Department of Public Safety will be \$154,579,983. The revised Fiscal Year 2027 Recommended Annual Operating Budget will be \$387,142,720. The General Fund Tax Stabilization Reserve balance (unaudited) upon passage of this Ordinance will be \$36,024,326.

This amendment, if adopted, will reduce the amount of the General Fund Tax Stabilization Reserve needed to balance the Fiscal Year 2027 Recommended Annual Operating Budget by \$470,418. This amendment has no explicit impact on subsequent fiscal years, as the Operating Budget is legislated annually by County Council.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer May 6, 2026.

EXHIBIT "A"
DEPARTMENTAL OPERATING BUDGET

EXHIBIT A1

COUNTY COUNCIL

Salaries and Wages	\$	2,730,491
Benefits		1,477,914
Training and Civic Affairs		65,212
Communication and Utilities		11,408
Materials and Supplies		60,772
Contractual Services		256,247
Equipment		1,600
Grants and Fixed Charges		469,732
Operating Transfer Charges		181,699
Total	\$	5,255,075
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	35	

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Salaries and Wages	\$	2,401,265
Benefits		1,296,477
Training and Civic Affairs		41,904
Communication and Utilities		14,769
Materials and Supplies		22,236
Contractual Services		248,565
Equipment		1,000
Grants and Fixed Charges		43,000
Contingency		55,000
Operating Transfer Charges		114,934
Total	\$	4,239,150
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	17	

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Salaries and Wages	\$	15,179,002
Benefits		8,174,714
Training and Civic Affairs		199,555
Communication and Utilities		9,592,710
Materials and Supplies		169,549
Contractual Services		8,002,559
Equipment		318,900
Grants and Fixed Charges		4,082,350
Operating Transfer Charges		1,004,932
Operating Transfer Credits		(14,008,398)
Total	\$	32,715,873
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	177	

EXHIBIT A2

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Salaries and Wages	\$	27,101,408
Benefits		14,637,068
Training and Civic Affairs		88,079
Communication and Utilities		28,464,659
Materials and Supplies		4,918,251
Contractual Services		11,344,204
Equipment		536,333
Grants and Fixed Charges		1,294,498
Land and Structures		35,000
Operating Transfer Charges		4,964,157
Operating Transfer Credits		(7,906,610)
Total	\$	85,477,047
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		389

DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE

Salaries and Wages	\$	9,147,002
Benefits		4,932,574
Training and Civic Affairs		66,975
Communication and Utilities		100,483
Materials and Supplies		106,727
Contractual Services		1,204,609
Equipment		56,240
Grants and Fixed Charges		56,500
Operating Transfer Charges		812,369
Total	\$	16,483,479
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		113

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Salaries and Wages	\$	12,751,262
Benefits		6,072,129
Training and Civic Affairs		9,960
Communication and Utilities		1,356,485
Materials and Supplies		1,029,334
Contractual Services		3,258,150
Equipment		1,500
Grants and Fixed Charges		3,296,066
Operating Transfer Charges		1,590,723
Operating Transfer Credits		(257,608)
Total	\$	29,108,001
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		161

EXHIBIT A3

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Salaries and Wages	83,209,835	\$	<u>82,924,139</u>
Benefits	44,672,013		<u>44,517,317</u>
Training and Civic Affairs	205,206		<u>177,934</u>
Communication and Utilities	1,065,054		<u>1,063,800</u>
Materials and Supplies	1,493,047		<u>1,491,547</u>
Contractual Services			2,698,422
Equipment			3,899,005
Grants and Fixed Charges			9,204,644
Operating Transfer Charges			8,603,175
Total	155,050,401	\$	<u>154,579,983</u>
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	729		

REGISTER OF WILLS

Salaries and Wages		\$	1,230,774
Benefits			660,764
Training and Civic Affairs			34,950
Communication and Utilities			9,527
Materials and Supplies			10,053
Contractual Services			62,715
Equipment			2,800
Operating Transfer Charges			112,881
Total		\$	<u>2,124,464</u>
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	20		

EXHIBIT A4

RECORDER OF DEEDS

Salaries and Wages		\$	1,302,349
Benefits			698,105
Training and Civic Affairs			40,170
Communication and Utilities			30,597
Materials and Supplies			12,398
Contractual Services			82,718
Equipment			6,150
Grants and Fixed Charges			18,350
Operating Transfer Charges			187,466
Total		\$	2,378,303
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	23		

SHERIFF

Salaries and Wages		\$	1,492,735
Benefits			808,273
Training and Civic Affairs			24,412
Communication and Utilities			11,740
Materials and Supplies			28,259
Contractual Services			52,249
Equipment			5,000
Operating Transfer Charges			165,848
Total		\$	2,588,516
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	21		

CLERK OF THE PEACE

Salaries and Wages		\$	540,993
Benefits			292,932
Training and Civic Affairs			7,700
Communication and Utilities			2,094
Materials and Supplies			9,704
Contractual Services			19,218
Equipment Replacement			0
Operating Transfer Charges			42,052
Total		\$	914,693
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	7		

DEBT SERVICE

Debt Service		\$	48,468,304
Total		\$	48,468,304
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions			

EXHIBIT A5

ETHICS COMMISSION

Salaries and Wages	\$	45,589
Benefits		11,776
Training and Civic Affairs		10,500
Communication and Utilities		1,500
Materials and Supplies		2,450
Contractual Services		235,747
Equipment		500
Operating Transfer Charges		7,770
Total	\$	315,832
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		0

COUNCIL CONTINGENCY

Contingency	\$	225,000
Total	\$	225,000
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		

EXECUTIVE CONTINGENCY

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

PERSONNEL CONTINGENCY

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

DE PFML INSURANCE PROGRAM CONTINGENCY

Contingency	\$	800,000
Total	\$	800,000
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		

ONE-TIME CONTINGENCY

Contingency	\$	414,000
Total	\$	414,000

EXHIBIT A6

NEW CASTLE COUNTY

Salaries and Wages	157,132,705	\$	156,847,009
Benefits	83,734,739		83,580,043
Training and Civic Affairs	794,623		767,351
Communication and Utilities	40,661,026		40,659,772
Materials and Supplies	7,862,780		7,861,280
Contractual Services			27,465,403
Equipment			4,829,028
Grants and Fixed Charges			18,465,140
Debt Service			48,468,304
Land and Structures			35,000
Contingency			2,549,000
Operating Transfer Charges			17,788,006
Operating Transfer Credits			(22,172,616)
Sub-Total New Castle County	387,613,138	\$	387,142,720
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	1,692		

RESERVE ACCOUNTS ANTICIPATED BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2026

Tax Stabilization Reserve Account	35,553,908		36,024,326
Sewer Rate Stabilization Reserve Account			13,410,350
General Fund Budget Reserve Account			46,910,980
Sewer Fund Budget Reserve Account			19,038,698
Total Reserves:	114,913,935		115,384,353

EXHIBIT "B"

OPERATING BUDGET COMPONENTS FISCAL YEAR 2027

General Operating Budget	115,711,775	\$ <u>115,241,357</u>
Local Service Function Budget		160,423,947
Sewer Fund		97,288,042
Street Light Fund		9,916,673
Crossing Guard Fund		4,272,701
Recommended Operating Budget	\$ 387,613,138	\$ <u>387,142,720</u>

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO ORDINANCE NO. 26-038

**ADOPT THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026**

1 Section 1. Section 2 to Ordinance No. 26-038 listed as Exhibit "A," entitled
2 "Departmental Operating Budget," consisting of six (6) pages, attached hereto which is dated
3 ~~April 14, 2026~~ May 26, 2026 and made a part hereof, is hereby amended by deleting the
4 matter that is stricken and adding the matter underscored.

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6 Section 2. Section 3 to Ordinance No. 26-038 listed as Exhibit "B," entitled "Operating
7 Budget Components," consisting of one (1) page, attached hereto which is dated ~~April 14,~~
8 ~~2026~~ May 26, 2026 and made a part hereof, is hereby amendment by deleting the matter
9 that is stricken and adding the matter underscored.

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11 Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
12 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C.*
13 § 1156.

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15 Section 4. The effective date for the provisions in this Ordinance shall be July 1, 2026.

SYNOPSIS: Amendment No. 2 to the Fiscal Year 2027 Recommended Annual Operating Budget Ordinance removes all funding totaling \$160,000 for the intervention efforts a part of the Project Seed Program

FISCAL NOTE: Amendment No. 2, if adopted, will amend the Fiscal Year 2027 Recommended Annual Operating Budget by decreasing the budget line items of the Department of Public Safety, Division of Administration as follows:

Character	Amount
Materials and Supplies	\$5,000
Contractual Services	\$155,000
Total	\$160,000

The revised budget for the Department of Public Safety will be \$154,890,401. The revised Fiscal Year 2027 Recommended Annual Operating Budget will be \$387,453,138. The General Fund Tax Stabilization Reserve balance (unaudited) upon passage of this Ordinance will be \$35,713,908.

This amendment, if adopted, will reduce the amount of the General Fund Tax Stabilization Reserve needed to balance the Fiscal Year 2027 Recommended Annual Operating Budget by \$160,000. This amendment has no explicit impact on subsequent fiscal years, as the Operating Budget is legislated annually by County Council.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer May 6, 2026.

EXHIBIT "A"
DEPARTMENTAL OPERATING BUDGET

EXHIBIT A1**COUNTY COUNCIL**

Salaries and Wages	\$	2,730,491
Benefits		1,477,914
Training and Civic Affairs		65,212
Communication and Utilities		11,408
Materials and Supplies		60,772
Contractual Services		256,247
Equipment		1,600
Grants and Fixed Charges		469,732
Operating Transfer Charges		181,699
Total	\$	5,255,075
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		35

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Salaries and Wages	\$	2,401,265
Benefits		1,296,477
Training and Civic Affairs		41,904
Communication and Utilities		14,769
Materials and Supplies		22,236
Contractual Services		248,565
Equipment		1,000
Grants and Fixed Charges		43,000
Contingency		55,000
Operating Transfer Charges		114,934
Total	\$	4,239,150
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		17

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Salaries and Wages	\$	15,179,002
Benefits		8,174,714
Training and Civic Affairs		199,555
Communication and Utilities		9,592,710
Materials and Supplies		169,549
Contractual Services		8,002,559
Equipment		318,900
Grants and Fixed Charges		4,082,350
Operating Transfer Charges		1,004,932
Operating Transfer Credits		(14,008,398)
Total	\$	32,715,873
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		177

EXHIBIT A2

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Salaries and Wages	\$ 27,101,408
Benefits	14,637,068
Training and Civic Affairs	88,079
Communication and Utilities	28,464,659
Materials and Supplies	4,918,251
Contractual Services	11,344,204
Equipment	536,333
Grants and Fixed Charges	1,294,498
Land and Structures	35,000
Operating Transfer Charges	4,964,157
Operating Transfer Credits	(7,906,610)
Total	\$ 85,477,047
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	389

DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE

Salaries and Wages	\$ 9,147,002
Benefits	4,932,574
Training and Civic Affairs	66,975
Communication and Utilities	100,483
Materials and Supplies	106,727
Contractual Services	1,204,609
Equipment	56,240
Grants and Fixed Charges	56,500
Operating Transfer Charges	812,369
Total	\$ 16,483,479
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	113

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Salaries and Wages	\$ 12,751,262
Benefits	6,072,129
Training and Civic Affairs	9,960
Communication and Utilities	1,356,485
Materials and Supplies	1,029,334
Contractual Services	3,258,150
Equipment	1,500
Grants and Fixed Charges	3,296,066
Operating Transfer Charges	1,590,723
Operating Transfer Credits	(257,608)
Total	\$ 29,108,001
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	161

EXHIBIT A3

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Salaries and Wages		\$	83,209,835
Benefits			44,672,013
Training and Civic Affairs			205,206
Communication and Utilities			1,065,054
Materials and Supplies	1,493,047		1,488,047
Contractual Services	2,698,422		2,543,422
Equipment			3,899,005
Grants and Fixed Charges			9,204,644
Operating Transfer Charges			8,603,175
Total	155,050,401	\$	<u>154,890,401</u>
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	729		

REGISTER OF WILLS

Salaries and Wages		\$	1,230,774
Benefits			660,764
Training and Civic Affairs			34,950
Communication and Utilities			9,527
Materials and Supplies			10,053
Contractual Services			62,715
Equipment			2,800
Operating Transfer Charges			112,881
Total		\$	<u>2,124,464</u>
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	20		

EXHIBIT A4

RECORDER OF DEEDS

Salaries and Wages	\$	1,302,349
Benefits		698,105
Training and Civic Affairs		40,170
Communication and Utilities		30,597
Materials and Supplies		12,398
Contractual Services		82,718
Equipment		6,150
Grants and Fixed Charges		18,350
Operating Transfer Charges		187,466
Total	\$	2,378,303
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		23

SHERIFF

Salaries and Wages	\$	1,492,735
Benefits		808,273
Training and Civic Affairs		24,412
Communication and Utilities		11,740
Materials and Supplies		28,259
Contractual Services		52,249
Equipment		5,000
Operating Transfer Charges		165,848
Total	\$	2,588,516
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		21

CLERK OF THE PEACE

Salaries and Wages	\$	540,993
Benefits		292,932
Training and Civic Affairs		7,700
Communication and Utilities		2,094
Materials and Supplies		9,704
Contractual Services		19,218
Equipment Replacement		0
Operating Transfer Charges		42,052
Total	\$	914,693
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		7

DEBT SERVICE

Debt Service	\$	48,468,304
Total	\$	48,468,304
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		

EXHIBIT A5

ETHICS COMMISSION

Salaries and Wages	\$	45,589
Benefits		11,776
Training and Civic Affairs		10,500
Communication and Utilities		1,500
Materials and Supplies		2,450
Contractual Services		235,747
Equipment		500
Operating Transfer Charges		7,770
Total	\$	315,832
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		0

COUNCIL CONTINGENCY

Contingency	\$	225,000
Total	\$	225,000
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		

EXECUTIVE CONTINGENCY

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

PERSONNEL CONTINGENCY

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

DE PFML INSURANCE PROGRAM CONTINGENCY

Contingency	\$	800,000
Total	\$	800,000
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		

ONE-TIME CONTINGENCY

Contingency	\$	414,000
Total	\$	414,000

EXHIBIT A6

NEW CASTLE COUNTY

Salaries and Wages		\$	157,132,705
Benefits			83,734,739
Training and Civic Affairs			794,623
Communication and Utilities			40,661,026
Materials and Supplies	7,862,780		<u>7,857,780</u>
Contractual Services	27,465,403		<u>27,310,403</u>
Equipment			4,829,028
Grants and Fixed Charges			18,465,140
Debt Service			48,468,304
Land and Structures			35,000
Contingency			2,549,000
Operating Transfer Charges			17,788,006
Operating Transfer Credits			(22,172,616)
<i>Sub-Total New Castle County</i>	<i>387,613,138</i>	\$	<u>387,453,138</u>
<i>Total Authorized Full-Time Positions</i>	<i>1,692</i>		

RESERVE ACCOUNTS ANTICIPATED BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2026

Tax Stabilization Reserve Account	35,553,908		<u>35,713,908</u>
Sewer Rate Stabilization Reserve Account			13,410,350
General Fund Budget Reserve Account			46,910,980
Sewer Fund Budget Reserve Account			19,038,698
<i>Total Reserves:</i>	<i>114,913,935</i>		<u>115,073,935</u>

EXHIBIT "B"

OPERATING BUDGET COMPONENTS FISCAL YEAR 2027

General Operating Budget	115,711,775	\$ <u>115,551,775</u>
Local Service Function Budget		160,423,947
Sewer Fund		97,288,042
Street Light Fund		9,916,673
Crossing Guard Fund		4,272,701
Recommended Operating Budget	\$ 387,613,138	\$ <u>387,453,138</u>

AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO ORDINANCE NO. 26-038

**ADOPT THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026**

1 Section 1. Section 2 to Ordinance No. 26-038 listed as Exhibit "A," entitled
2 "Departmental Operating Budget," consisting of six (6) pages, attached hereto which is dated
3 ~~April 14, 2026~~ May 26, 2026 and made a part hereof, is hereby amended by deleting the
4 matter that is stricken and adding the matter underscored.
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6 Section 2. Section 3 to Ordinance No. 26-038 listed as Exhibit "B," entitled "Operating
7 Budget Components," consisting of one (1) page, attached hereto which is dated ~~April 14,~~
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10

11 Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
12 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C.*
13 § 1156.
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15 Section 4. The effective date for the provisions in this Ordinance shall be July 1, 2026.

SYNOPSIS: Amendment No. 3 to the Fiscal Year 2027 Recommended Annual Operating Budget Ordinance decreases the salary budget line item by \$80,421 to unfund the position of Financial Advisor in County Council.

FISCAL NOTE: Amendment No. 3, if adopted, will amend the Fiscal Year 2027 Recommended Annual Operating Budget by decreasing the salary budget line item of County Council by \$80,421.

The revised budget for County Council will be \$5,174,654. The revised Fiscal Year 2027 Recommended Annual Operating Budget will be \$387,532,717. The General Fund Tax Stabilization Reserve balance (unaudited) upon passage of this Ordinance will be \$35,634,329.

This amendment, if adopted, will reduce the amount of the General Fund Tax Stabilization Reserve needed to balance the Fiscal Year 2027 Recommended Annual Operating Budget by \$80,421. This amendment has no explicit impact on subsequent fiscal years, as the Operating Budget is legislated annually by County Council.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer May 22, 2026.

EXHIBIT "A"
DEPARTMENTAL OPERATING BUDGET

COUNTY COUNCIL

Salaries and Wages	2,730,491	\$	2,650,070
Benefits			1,477,914
Training and Civic Affairs			65,212
Communication and Utilities			11,408
Materials and Supplies			60,772
Contractual Services			256,247
Equipment			1,600
Grants and Fixed Charges			469,732
Operating Transfer Charges			181,699
Total	5,255,075	\$	<u>5,174,654</u>
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	35		

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Salaries and Wages		\$	2,401,265
Benefits			1,296,477
Training and Civic Affairs			41,904
Communication and Utilities			14,769
Materials and Supplies			22,236
Contractual Services			248,565
Equipment			1,000
Grants and Fixed Charges			43,000
Contingency			55,000
Operating Transfer Charges			114,934
Total		\$	<u>4,239,150</u>
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	17		

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Salaries and Wages		\$	15,179,002
Benefits			8,174,714
Training and Civic Affairs			199,555
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Materials and Supplies			169,549
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Operating Transfer Credits			(14,008,398)
Total		\$	<u>32,715,873</u>
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	177		

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Salaries and Wages	\$	27,101,408
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Training and Civic Affairs		88,079
Communication and Utilities		28,464,659
Materials and Supplies		4,918,251
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Equipment		536,333
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Land and Structures		35,000
Operating Transfer Charges		4,964,157
Operating Transfer Credits		(7,906,610)
Total	\$	85,477,047
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	389	

DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE

Salaries and Wages	\$	9,147,002
Benefits		4,932,574
Training and Civic Affairs		66,975
Communication and Utilities		100,483
Materials and Supplies		106,727
Contractual Services		1,204,609
Equipment		56,240
Grants and Fixed Charges		56,500
Operating Transfer Charges		812,369
Total	\$	16,483,479
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Salaries and Wages	\$	83,209,835
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Materials and Supplies		1,493,047
Contractual Services		2,698,422
Equipment		3,899,005
Grants and Fixed Charges		9,204,644
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Total	\$	155,050,401
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		729

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Salaries and Wages	\$	1,230,774
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Salaries and Wages		\$	540,993
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Equipment Replacement			0
Operating Transfer Charges			42,052
Total		\$	914,693
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	7		

DEBT SERVICE

Debt Service		\$	48,468,304
Total		\$	48,468,304
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions			

ETHICS COMMISSION

Salaries and Wages	\$	45,589
Benefits		11,776
Training and Civic Affairs		10,500
Communication and Utilities		1,500
Materials and Supplies		2,450
Contractual Services		235,747
Equipment		500
Operating Transfer Charges		7,770
Total	\$	315,832
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		0

COUNCIL CONTINGENCY

Contingency	\$	225,000
Total	\$	225,000
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		

EXECUTIVE CONTINGENCY

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

PERSONNEL CONTINGENCY

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

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Contingency	\$	800,000
Total	\$	800,000
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		

ONE-TIME CONTINGENCY

Contingency	\$	414,000
Total	\$	414,000

NEW CASTLE COUNTY

Salaries and Wages	157,132,705	\$	<u>157,052,284</u>
Benefits			83,734,739
Training and Civic Affairs			794,623
Communication and Utilities			40,661,026
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RESERVE ACCOUNTS ANTICIPATED BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2026

Tax Stabilization Reserve Account	35,553,908	<u>35,634,329</u>
Sewer Rate Stabilization Reserve Account		13,410,350
General Fund Budget Reserve Account		46,910,980
Sewer Fund Budget Reserve Account		19,038,698
<i>Total Reserves:</i>	114,913,935	<u>114,994,356</u>

**OPERATING BUDGET COMPONENTS
FISCAL YEAR 2027**

General Operating Budget	115,711,775	\$	<u>115,631,354</u>
Local Service Function Budget			160,423,947
Sewer Fund			97,288,042
Street Light Fund			9,916,673
Crossing Guard Fund			4,272,701
Recommended Operating Budget	\$ 387,613,138	\$	<u>387,532,717</u>

ORDINANCE NO. 26-038

**ADOPT THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026**

1 **WHEREAS**, County Council has adopted revenue measures which together with
2 any reserves and available cash balances shall, in the opinion of the County Executive,
3 be estimated to yield sums at least sufficient to balance the proposed expenditures as set
4 forth herein.
5

6 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:** (by a
7 supermajority of all the members elected to the County Council concurring therein):
8

9 Section 1. County Council hereby ordains that the taxes and other revenue
10 measures which the County Executive has certified as yielding sufficient revenue,
11 together with any reserves and available cash balances, serve to balance the Annual
12 Operating Budget of New Castle County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and
13 ending June 30, 2027.
14

15 Section 2. Exhibit "A," entitled "Departmental Operating Budget," consisting of six
16 (6) pages, attached hereto and made a part hereof, is adopted as the Annual Operating
17 Budget of Appropriations to the respective departments, offices, reserves and services
18 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.
19

20 Section 3. Exhibit "B," entitled "Operating Budget Components," consisting of one
21 (1) page, attached hereto and made a part hereof, representing the component budgets
22 encompassed by the "Departmental Operating Budget" for the fiscal year beginning July
23 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.
24

25 Section 4. As the County Council has done in all past years, by and through the
26 budget hearing, review, and adoption process undertaken for the FY2027 budget, the
27 County Council hereby confirms its review and approves the schedule of fees established
28 by the Department of Land Use set forth in, *inter alia*, Appendix 2 of Chapter 40 of the
29 *New Castle County Code* ("the UDC"). The County Council also confirms and clarifies
30 that through the budget hearing, review, and adoption process, it has reviewed and
31 approved the schedule of fees established by the Department of Land Use in all prior
32 budget years, and the County hereby confirms, clarifies, and ratifies its previous
33 approvals of the fee schedules heretofore established by the Department of Land Use.
34

35 Section 5. The effective date for the provisions in this Ordinance shall be July 1,
36 2026.
37

38 Section 6. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption
39 by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9
40 *Del. C. § 1156*.

Adopted by Council of
New Castle County on:

Monique Williams-Johns
President of Council
of New Castle County

Approved on:

Marcus Henry
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance authorizes the Annual Operating Budget of New Castle County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

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

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

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance embodies, by detailed appropriation, by object of expenditure for each department and office (Exhibit "A") as required by State Law, and, by component budgets supported by various revenue measures (Exhibit "B"), the County's Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2027.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance is the authorization to expend \$387,613,138 in Fiscal Year 2027 and to legislate the amounts within New Castle County's reserve accounts.

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

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer March 31, 2026.

EXHIBIT A1**COUNTY COUNCIL**

Salaries and Wages	\$	2,730,491
Benefits		1,477,914
Training and Civic Affairs		65,212
Communication and Utilities		11,408
Materials and Supplies		60,772
Contractual Services		256,247
Equipment		1,600
Grants and Fixed Charges		469,732
Operating Transfer Charges		181,699
Total	\$	5,255,075
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	35	

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Salaries and Wages	\$	2,401,265
Benefits		1,296,477
Training and Civic Affairs		41,904
Communication and Utilities		14,769
Materials and Supplies		22,236
Contractual Services		248,565
Equipment		1,000
Grants and Fixed Charges		43,000
Contingency		55,000
Operating Transfer Charges		114,934
Total	\$	4,239,150
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	17	

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Salaries and Wages	\$	15,179,002
Benefits		8,174,714
Training and Civic Affairs		199,555
Communication and Utilities		9,592,710
Materials and Supplies		169,549
Contractual Services		8,002,559
Equipment		318,900
Grants and Fixed Charges		4,082,350
Operating Transfer Charges		1,004,932
Operating Transfer Credits		(14,008,398)
Total	\$	32,715,873
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	177	

EXHIBIT A2

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Salaries and Wages	\$	27,101,408
Benefits		14,637,068
Training and Civic Affairs		88,079
Communication and Utilities		28,464,659
Materials and Supplies		4,918,251
Contractual Services		11,344,204
Equipment		536,333
Grants and Fixed Charges		1,294,498
Land and Structures		35,000
Operating Transfer Charges		4,964,157
Operating Transfer Credits		(7,906,610)
Total	\$	85,477,047
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		389

DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE

Salaries and Wages	\$	9,147,002
Benefits		4,932,574
Training and Civic Affairs		66,975
Communication and Utilities		100,483
Materials and Supplies		106,727
Contractual Services		1,204,609
Equipment		56,240
Grants and Fixed Charges		56,500
Operating Transfer Charges		812,369
Total	\$	16,483,479
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		113

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Salaries and Wages	\$	12,751,262
Benefits		6,072,129
Training and Civic Affairs		9,960
Communication and Utilities		1,356,485
Materials and Supplies		1,029,334
Contractual Services		3,258,150
Equipment		1,500
Grants and Fixed Charges		3,296,066
Operating Transfer Charges		1,590,723
Operating Transfer Credits		(257,608)
Total	\$	29,108,001
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		161

EXHIBIT A3

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Salaries and Wages	\$	83,209,835
Benefits		44,672,013
Training and Civic Affairs		205,206
Communication and Utilities		1,065,054
Materials and Supplies		1,493,047
Contractual Services		2,698,422
Equipment		3,899,005
Grants and Fixed Charges		9,204,644
Operating Transfer Charges		8,603,175
Total	\$	155,050,401
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		729

REGISTER OF WILLS

Salaries and Wages	\$	1,230,774
Benefits		660,764
Training and Civic Affairs		34,950
Communication and Utilities		9,527
Materials and Supplies		10,053
Contractual Services		62,715
Equipment		2,800
Operating Transfer Charges		112,881
Total	\$	2,124,464
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		20

EXHIBIT A4

RECORDER OF DEEDS

Salaries and Wages		\$	1,302,349
Benefits			698,105
Training and Civic Affairs			40,170
Communication and Utilities			30,597
Materials and Supplies			12,398
Contractual Services			82,718
Equipment			6,150
Grants and Fixed Charges			18,350
Operating Transfer Charges			187,466
Total		\$	2,378,303
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	23		

SHERIFF

Salaries and Wages		\$	1,492,735
Benefits			808,273
Training and Civic Affairs			24,412
Communication and Utilities			11,740
Materials and Supplies			28,259
Contractual Services			52,249
Equipment			5,000
Operating Transfer Charges			165,848
Total		\$	2,588,516
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	21		

CLERK OF THE PEACE

Salaries and Wages		\$	540,993
Benefits			292,932
Training and Civic Affairs			7,700
Communication and Utilities			2,094
Materials and Supplies			9,704
Contractual Services			19,218
Equipment Replacement			0
Operating Transfer Charges			42,052
Total		\$	914,693
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	7		

DEBT SERVICE

Debt Service		\$	48,468,304
Total		\$	48,468,304
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions			

EXHIBIT A5**ETHICS COMMISSION**

Salaries and Wages	\$	45,589
Benefits		11,776
Training and Civic Affairs		10,500
Communication and Utilities		1,500
Materials and Supplies		2,450
Contractual Services		235,747
Equipment		500
Operating Transfer Charges		7,770
Total	\$	315,832
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	0	

COUNCIL CONTINGENCY

Contingency	\$	225,000
Total	\$	225,000
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		

EXECUTIVE CONTINGENCY

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

PERSONNEL CONTINGENCY

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

DE PFML INSURANCE PROGRAM CONTINGENCY

Contingency	\$	800,000
Total	\$	800,000
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		

ONE-TIME CONTINGENCY

Contingency	\$	414,000
Total	\$	414,000

EXHIBIT A6**NEW CASTLE COUNTY**

Salaries and Wages	\$	157,132,705
Benefits		83,734,739
Training and Civic Affairs		794,623
Communication and Utilities		40,661,026
Materials and Supplies		7,862,780
Contractual Services		27,465,403
Equipment		4,829,028
Grants and Fixed Charges		18,465,140
Debt Service		48,468,304
Land and Structures		35,000
Contingency		2,549,000
Operating Transfer Charges		17,788,006
Operating Transfer Credits		(22,172,616)
<i>Sub-Total New Castle County</i>	\$	387,613,138
<i>Total Authorized Full-Time Positions</i>		1,692

RESERVE ACCOUNTS ANTICIPATED BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2026

Tax Stabilization Reserve Account	35,553,908
Sewer Rate Stabilization Reserve Account	13,410,350
General Fund Budget Reserve Account	46,910,980
Sewer Fund Budget Reserve Account	19,038,698
<i>Total Reserves:</i>	114,913,935

EXHIBIT "B"**OPERATING BUDGET COMPONENTS
FISCAL YEAR 2027**

General Operating Budget	\$	115,711,775
Local Service Function Budget		160,423,947
Sewer Fund		97,288,042
Street Light Fund		9,916,673
Crossing Guard Fund		4,272,701
Recommended Operating Budget	\$	387,613,138

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MEMORANDUM

TO: President and Members of County Council

FROM: Marcus Henry
 County Executive *M. H.*

DATE: March 31, 2026

SUBJECT: Certification Memorandum

Pursuant to 9 Del. C. § 1158(c), I hereby certify to County Council the estimated yield from each item of revenue to be used in balancing the Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget.

GENERAL FUND ESTIMATES

REAL ESTATE TAXES

Initial Annual Levy / Quarterly Adds	\$167,104,434
Prior Year Taxes	850,000
Tax Penalties	575,000
Real Estate Taxes	\$168,529,434

REALTY TRANSFER TAX

\$42,682,500

HOTEL TAX

\$2,300,000

SERVICE CHARGES AND FEES

911 Reporting Fees	\$1,111,705
Deeds and Instruments	6,487,000
Emergency Communications Reimbursement	209,400
FOIA Requests, Internet Printing/Copies	67,960
Hope Center Room Rentals	2,300,000
Hope Center Revenue	417,331
Impact Fees	400,000
Library Fines and Fees	109,200
Maintenance Corporation Fees	100,000
Miscellaneous Charges/Fees	327,700
Plan and Subdivision Reviews	1,420,000
Police Reports/Fines	490,228
Property Maintenance Fines/Fees	2,516,500
Recreation	1,358,009
Sheriff	1,855,000
Wills	3,689,546
Zoning Fees/Reviews	537,800
Service Charges and Fees	\$23,397,379

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LICENSES AND PERMITS

Building Permits	\$5,290,000
Business Licenses	750,000
Contractor Licenses	392,000
Marriage Licenses	308,673
Other Permits	672,000
Plumbing Permits	1,150,000
Licenses and Permits	\$8,562,673

INVESTMENT INCOME, MISCELLANEOUS, RENTALS AND SALE OF ASSETS

Interest Earnings	\$7,120,400
Miscellaneous Fees and Income	3,425,274
Rentals and Sale of Assets	1,085,105
Investment Income, Miscellaneous, Rentals and Sale of Assets	\$11,630,779

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES

Department of Justice	\$0
Payment in-lieu of Taxes / Donations	30,000
Realty Transfer Tax Fee	1,132,500
Indirect Cost Recovery	150,000
State Paramedic Reimbursement	8,799,162
RZEDB Interest Reimbursement	68,088
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$10,179,750

USES OF AVAILABLE CASH BALANCES	\$18,416,178
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Subtotal: Sources of Funds	\$285,698,693
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LESS: INTERFUND CAPITAL TRANSFER	(9,562,971)
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<u>APPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND RESOURCES</u>	<u>\$276,135,722</u>
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SPECIAL FUND ESTIMATESSewer Fund

Sewer Service Charges	\$83,623,000
Delinquent Charges	5,000,000
Capital Recovery Fees	8,664,080
F.O.G. Program Fees	120,000
Interest Earnings	1,085,000
Miscellaneous Fees and Income	205,700
Plans Review	428,000
RZEDB Interest Reimbursement	794,611
Septic Waste Hauler Fees	573,000
Stormwater/Groundwater Fees	1,200,000
Stormwater Maintenance Districts	139,844
Survey and Inspection Fees	215,000
Wastewater Discharge Fees	221,000
Subtotal - Sources of Sewer Fund Resources	\$102,269,235
Use of Available Cash Balances	\$667,711
Subtotal - Sources of Sewer Fund Resources	\$102,936,946
LESS: INTERFUND CAPITAL TRANSFER	(5,648,904)
Subtotal - Appropriated Sewer Fund Resources	\$97,288,042

Street Light Fund

Street Light Revenues	\$9,610,938
Uses of Available Cash Balance	305,735
Subtotal - Appropriated Street Light Fund Resources	\$9,916,673

Crossing Guard Fund

School Crossing Guard Tax	\$3,872,701
Uses of Available Cash Balance	400,000
Subtotal - Appropriated Street Light Fund Resources	\$4,272,701

<u>APPROPRIATED SPECIAL FUND RESOURCES</u>	\$111,477,416
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<u>TOTAL APPROPRIATED OPERATING BUDGET RESOURCES</u>	\$387,613,138
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