



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

July 28, 2026
5:00 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/Roll Call

B. Approval of Minutes - July 14, 2026

C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

R26-159: APPOINTING MONICA HILL TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

°26-086: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DIVISION OF SERVICES FOR AGING & ADULTS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES TO THE 2027 AB JONES SENIOR CENTER ART LOVING SENIORS GRANT, WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

°26-088: AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: APPROPRIATE STATE OF DELAWARE FUNDING RECEIVED FOR THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY POLICE EMPLOYEE'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS BUDGETARY LINE ITEM
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

°26-090: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL FY2027 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET TO THE SENIOR HOME REPAIR PROGRAM GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

°26-091: AMEND THE FY2027 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET:REDUCE THE GRANTS AND FIXED CHARGES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF COUNTY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE

FUNDING FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY OPERATING PROGRAMS AND GRANTS

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

°25-163: (STATUS: TABLED) AMENDING NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 6 ("BUILDING CODE"), ARTICLE 3 ("ADMINISTRATION") TO CODIFY THE PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE WITHIN THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

°25-165: (STATUS: TABLED) AMENDING THE PAY PLANS AND RATES OF PAY FOR ELIGIBLE MEMBERS OF CERTAIN NEW CASTLE COUNTY BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

E. New Castle County Grant Requests/Community Events

-7/28/26 Grant Matrix

F. Expense and Revenue Round Table**G. Other****H. Public Comment****I. Council Member Comment****J. Adjournment****AGENDA POSTED: Tuesday, July 21, 2026**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham
Date of Introduction: July 28, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 26-159

**APPOINTING MONICA HILL TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW**

1 **WHEREAS**, Monica Hill has expressed interest in serving on the New Castle County
2 Board of Assessment Review; and
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4 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to 9 Del C. Sec. 1318 and New Castle County Code Sec.
5 2.05.102, the Board of Assessment Review is vested with the responsibility of hearing
6 appeals from property owners regarding improper assessment, following the hearing of
7 any property owner and determining whether the assessment is correct, and reviewing
8 the methods by which the general manager of the Department of Land Use has
9 established the assessments, among other duties; and
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11 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to 9 Del C. Sec. 1317, Ms. Hill is a resident and
12 property owner in the County; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Hill resides in Council District 2 in New Castle County; and
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16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by and for the County Council of New
17 Castle County that County Council hereby appoints Monica Hill to the New Castle
18 County Board of Assessment Review for a term beginning on July 28, 2026 and
19 expiring on July 28, 2030.

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 upon the adoption of this legislation.

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street
Requested by: Community Services
Date of introduction: July 14, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-086

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE,
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DIVISION OF SERVICES
FOR AGING & ADULTS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES TO THE 2027 AB JONES
SENIOR CENTER ART LOVING SENIORS GRANT, WHICH WILL BE
ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES,
DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

1 **WHEREAS**, authorization is being sought for the appropriation of \$29,056 in
2 funding from the State of Delaware, Department of Health and Social Services, Division
3 of Services for Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities to the 2027 Ab Jones Senior
4 Center Art Loving Seniors Grant; and
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6 **WHEREAS**, the Art Loving Seniors Program will be a partnership between the
7 Absalom Jones Senior Center and The Art Studio location at the Absalom Jones
8 Community Center to implement a program that will support healthy aging, well-being and
9 aging in place through visual art workshops and provide access to professionally run art
10 classes specifically tailored to the needs of approximately 300 seniors; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that the revenue to be
13 appropriated shall be sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter
14 amended; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance
17 substantially advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate
18 government interests (i.e., promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order,
19 prosperity and/or welfare of the present and future inhabitants of this State).
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21 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
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23 Section 1. The Grants Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173 is hereby
24 amended by adding the material on the attached Exhibit "A" which shall be considered
25 underscored in its entirety.
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27 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption
28 by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9
29 *Del. C. § 1156*.
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31 Section 3. It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance
32 shall be 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 \$29,056 in funding from the State of Delaware, Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Services for Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities to the 2027 Ab Jones Senior Center Art Loving Seniors Grant which will be administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Resources.

The Art Loving Seniors Program will be a partnership between the Absalom Jones Senior Center and The Art Studio location at the Absalom Jones Community Center to implement a visual art program for seniors that supports enrichment activities promoting social interaction, health and well-being, and aging in place.

It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be effective July 1, 2026.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$29,056 in funding from the State of Delaware, Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Services for Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities to the 2027 Ab Jones Senior Center Art Loving Seniors Grant.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget by \$29,056. This increase will affect FY2027 only since the targeted program completion date for this grant is June 30, 2027. There is no fiscal impact anticipated beyond FY2027. FY2026 funding was authorized in the amount of \$32,345.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer June 29, 2026.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	2027 Ab Jones Senior Center Art Loving Seniors	Ordinance No.	26-086
PROGRAM TITLE:	2027 Ab Jones Senior Center Art Loving Seniors		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ 29,056.00	\$ -	\$ 29,056.00
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 29,056.00	\$ -	\$ 29,056.00

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ 6,036.00	\$ -	\$ 6,036.00
Contractual Services	\$ 23,020.00	\$ -	\$ 23,020.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 29,056.00	\$ -	\$ 29,056.00

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 Art Loving Seniors Program will be a partnership between the Absalom Jones Senior Center and The Art Studio location at the Absalom Jones Community Center. The grant will support healthy aging, well-being and aging in place through visual art workshops and provide access to professionally run art classes specifically tailored to the needs of approximately 300 seniors.

7/14/2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-088

**AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE STATE OF DELAWARE FUNDING RECEIVED FOR THE NEW CASTLE
COUNTY POLICE EMPLOYEE'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS BUDGETARY LINE ITEM**

1 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County receives pension contributions from the State of
2 Delaware for the New Castle County Police Employee's Retirement System; and
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4 **WHEREAS**, the revenue measures heretofore adopted by the County Council are, in the
5 opinion of the County Executive, estimated to yield sums at least sufficient to balance the
6 proposed expenditures as set forth in the Annual Operating Budget as hereinafter amended.
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8 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
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10 Section 1. The Annual Operating Budget Ordinance for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
11 2025, is hereby amended by deleting the matter stricken and adding the matter underscored on
12 the attached Exhibit "A".
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14 Section 2. The foregoing amendment shall be considered a part of the Annual Operating
15 Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and shall be effective as though incorporated
16 initially in the FY2026 Annual Operating Budget Ordinance.
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18 Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
19 County Council and signature of the County Executive, or as otherwise provided in 9 *Del. C.* §
20 1156.
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22 Section 4. It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall
23 be effective retroactive to June 30, 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 will appropriate \$6,903,202.50 of revenue received from the State of Delaware to the New Castle County Department of Public Safety Employee Benefits Budgetary Line Item. New Castle County receives pension contributions from the State of Delaware for the New Castle County Police Employee's Retirement System.

It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be effective retroactive to June 30, 2026.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved will appropriate \$6,903,202.50 of revenue received from the State of Delaware to the New Castle County Department of Public Safety Employee Benefits Budgetary Line Item.

Prior to 1996, New Castle County would deposit the revenue received from the State directly to the Pension Trust Fund. Upon the passage of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement # 24 (GASB 24), the County was required to record all on-behalf payments in the General Fund as revenue and expense the proceeds to the General Fund. The revenue is then recorded in the Pension Trust Fund.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, would increase the Employee Benefits line of the Department of Public Safety by \$6,903,202.50.

The fiscal impact in subsequent years will be contingent upon any change by the State of Delaware in regards to the police pension program.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer June 29, 2026.

Overview of the Police Pension Funding from the State:

Police Officers hired subsequent to January 31, 1993 become members of the State of Delaware's County and Municipal Police/Firefighter's Pension Plan (C/M Plan). The pension contribution rate is established annually by the C/M Plan's actuary.

Since at least 1990, the County receives distributions of tax proceeds from the State of Delaware for County police (*18 Del. C. 707*). The State of Delaware funds distributions through a special tax levied on gross insurance premiums. The tax proceeds are deposited into a special fund, managed by the State Board of Pension Trustees and distributed based on two components:

1. Under *18 Del. C. 708 (b)*, the State Board of Pension Trustees allocates the special fund deposits based on eligibility and proportionately distributes the funds on a per capita basis based on the total number of state, county and municipal police entitled to benefits from an annual registry in accordance with *18 Del. C. 709(a)*. Funds are distributed to the proper officers of the state, county or municipal police department or bureau. Distribution takes place twice annually, on or before June 30 and December 31.
2. Under *18 Del. C. 708 (c)*, the allocation of the special fund for "state police" provides post-retirement increases for retired county and municipal police and firefighters. The State Board of Pension Trustees allocates these funds on a per capita basis to the account of each eligible county or municipality upon the annual registry in accordance with *18 Del. C. 709(b)*. Any county or municipality wishing to grant a post-retirement increase from the special fund shall submit a proposal to the State Board of Pension Trustees. In addition, prior to the implementation of such increase, the County must deposit into the special fund sufficient funds to cover 25% of the total actuarial cost of such increase.

COUNTY COUNCIL

Salaries and Wages	\$	2,708,793
Benefits		1,525,869
Training and Civic Affairs		66,220
Communication and Utilities		16,974
Materials and Supplies		38,688
Contractual Services		311,129
Equipment		2,363
Grants and Fixed Charges		444,909
Operating Transfer Charges		195,519
Total	\$	5,310,464
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	35	

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Salaries and Wages	\$	2,305,318
Benefits		1,293,169
Training and Civic Affairs		42,627
Communication and Utilities		19,550
Materials and Supplies		23,336
Contractual Services		387,693
Equipment		1,050
Grants and Fixed Charges		490,075
Contingency		35,000
Operating Transfer Charges		112,454
Total	\$	4,710,271
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	17	

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Salaries and Wages	\$	14,042,962
Benefits		7,834,901
Training and Civic Affairs		215,888
Communication and Utilities		8,386,742
Materials and Supplies		169,943
Contractual Services		8,794,771
Equipment		484,095
Grants and Fixed Charges		4,453,249
Operating Transfer Charges		1,198,287
Operating Transfer Credits		(14,044,103)
Total	\$	31,536,735
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	173	

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Salaries and Wages	\$	28,756,814
Benefits		16,093,269
Training and Civic Affairs		48,845
Communication and Utilities		27,456,675
Materials and Supplies		4,969,282
Contractual Services		11,455,557
Equipment		497,207
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		54,675
Communication and Utilities		124,467
Materials and Supplies		100,633
Contractual Services		1,488,543
Equipment		99,188
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		33,831
Communication and Utilities		1,447,825
Materials and Supplies		1,494,747
Contractual Services		3,997,550
Equipment		179,725
Grants and Fixed Charges		3,235,149
Operating Transfer Charges		1,391,315
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		<u>50,347,252</u>
Training and Civic Affairs			192,680
Communication and Utilities			1,008,895
Materials and Supplies			1,353,710
Contractual Services			2,641,928
Equipment			2,379,322
Grants and Fixed Charges			11,672,041
Operating Transfer Charges			8,501,518
Total	149,425,383	\$	<u>156,328,586</u>
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		\$	<u>2,106,943</u>
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		\$	<u>2,506,143</u>
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	\$	528,809
Benefits		298,062
Training and Civic Affairs		9,600
Communication and Utilities		3,586
Materials and Supplies		7,939
Contractual Services		34,421
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	\$	31,225
Total	\$	31,225
<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	\$	307,576
Total	\$	307,576

NEW CASTLE COUNTY

Salaries and Wages		\$	147,594,352
Benefits	80,226,273		<u>87,129,476</u>
Training and Civic Affairs			779,438
Communication and Utilities			38,519,642
Materials and Supplies			8,204,438
Contractual Services			29,549,997
Equipment			3,657,400
Grants and Fixed Charges			21,900,032
Debt Service			47,892,496
Land and Structures			50,000
Contingency			2,714,408
Operating Transfer Charges			17,778,757
Operating Transfer Credits			(22,164,223)
<i>Sub-Total New Castle County</i>	<i>376,703,010</i>	\$	<u>383,606,213</u>
<i>Total Authorized Full-Time Positions</i>	<i>1,689</i>		

RESERVE ACCOUNTS ANTICIPATED BALANCES AS OF JUNE 9, 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>

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley
Requested by: County Council
Date of introduction: July 14, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-090

AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:

**APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL FY2027
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 60 and older with a maximum grant
3 amount of \$2,500.00; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the home must be located in New Castle County, outside the boundaries of
6 Wilmington and Newark; and
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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 \$5,000 to the Senior Home
14 Repair Program Grant from their Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item within the FY2027
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:**
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."
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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 \$5,000 from the County Council – Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item within the FY2027 Approved Operating Budget to the Senior Home Repair Program Grant. In order to complete this transaction, **Ordinance No. 26-091 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 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 Community Development Block Grant Program.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$5,000 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 FY2027 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. This increase will affect FY2027 and beyond since this program is ongoing, without an expiration date, until all funds have been expended.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer July 1, 2026.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Senior Home Repair Program	Ordinance No.	26-090
PROGRAM TITLE:	Senior Home Repair Program		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ 658,676.46	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 663,676.46
Program Income	\$ 108,436.05	\$ -	\$ 108,436.05
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 767,112.51	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 772,112.51

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	\$ 706,907.01	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 711,907.01
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 767,112.51	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 772,112.51

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	23-064	5/23/2023
18-072	7/16/2018	24-090 Sub 1	6/11/2024
19-065	7/3/2019	24-119	7/9/2024
20-060	6/9/2020	25-035	4/8/2025
21-075 Floor Amend 1	6/16/2021	25-068	5/27/2025
21-106	9/30/2021	<u>26-062</u>	<u>5/26/2026</u>
22-068	5/24/2022		

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.

5/26/2026

7/14/2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-091

**AMEND THE FY2027 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET:
REDUCE THE GRANTS AND FIXED CHARGES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF COUNTY
COUNCIL TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY OPERATING
PROGRAMS AND 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**, the Department of Public Safety, Division of Communication provides New
5 Castle County with a computer aided emergency communications center that is easily
6 accessible to all residents and is responsive to all emergency 911 and non-emergency call
7 requests for police, fire, and emergency medical services, regardless of callers' location; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council would like to contribute \$5,000 to enable the
10 Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Communications to continue its successful
11 community outreach program by offering a training course and certification as an Emergency
12 Telecommunicator for up to twenty-five participants; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, successful completion of the training program will assist future, interested
15 job applicants who apply for 911 system positions in meeting minimum and/or preferred
16 qualifications during the application process; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Community Services, Division of Community
19 Development and Housing provides Community Cleanup efforts to areas in need in New Castle
20 County; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council would like to contribute \$5,000 to enable the
23 Department of Community Services, Division of Community Development and Housing to
24 continue its successful Community Cleanup efforts to areas in need in New Castle County; and
25

26 **WHEREAS**, the Senior Home Repair Program Grant is designed to provide minor
27 housing repair assistance to eligible senior homeowners age 60 and older with a maximum grant
28 amount of \$2,500.00; and
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30 **WHEREAS**, the home must be located in New Castle County, outside the boundaries of
31 Wilmington and Newark and there are currently over 129 seniors on the waiting list for this
32 program; and
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34 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council wishes to provide \$5,000 to the Senior Home
35 Repair Program Grant; and

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37 **WHEREAS**, the State of Delaware, Division of Public Health discontinued the Rodent
38 Control Program in 2019; and

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40 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council wishes to provide \$5,000 to the Department of
41 Land Use, Division of Customer Relations and Enforcement to assist with rodent control in
42 vacant properties; and

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44 **WHEREAS**, these funds will be utilized to address rodent issues throughout communities
45 when new development is occurring nearby that displaced rodents or when a community has an
46 infestation in a few houses that is affecting the rest of the community; and

47
48 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Safety Pipes and Drums Band is made up of
49 employees across the Department who volunteer their time and musical talent to perform at
50 various events representing the Department of Public Safety and New Castle County while
51 expanding community relationships; and

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53 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council wishes to provide \$5,000 to the Department of
54 Public Safety, Division of Administration to assist with purchasing uniforms for the Department
55 of Public Safety's Pipes and Drums Band; and

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

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

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63 Section 1. The Annual Operating Budget Ordinance for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
64 2026, is hereby amended by deleting the material that is stricken and adding the material that is
65 underscored on the attached Exhibit "A."

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67 Section 2. The foregoing amendment shall be considered a part of the Annual Operating
68 Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and shall be effective as though incorporated
69 initially in the Annual Operating Budget Ordinance.

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71 Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
72 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided in 9 *Del. C. §*
73 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 \$25,000 from the County Council – Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item within the FY2027 Approved Operating Budget and appropriate \$5,000 to the Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Communications to enable them to reach out to the community by offering a training course and certification as an Emergency Telecommunicator for up to twenty-five participants, \$5,000 to the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Development and Housing to provide Community Cleanup efforts to areas in need in New Castle County, \$5,000 to the Senior Home Repair Program Grant, \$5,000 to the Department of Land Use, Division of Customer Relations and Enforcement to assist with rodent control in vacant properties and \$5,000 to the Department of Public Safety, Division of Administration to assist with purchasing uniforms for the Department of Public Safety's Pipes and Drums Band. **Ordinance No. 26-090 must first be passed by County Council to amend the existing grant.**

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the FY2027 Approved Operating Budget by reducing the County Council – Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item by \$25,000 and appropriating \$5,000 to the Department of Public Safety – Salaries and Wages, Employee Benefits and Materials and Supplies Budget Line Items, \$5,000 to the Department of Community Services – Contractual Services Budget Line Item, \$5,000 to the Senior Home Repair Program Grant, \$5,000 to the Department of Land Use, Division of Customer Relations and Enforcement – Contractual Services Budget Line Item and \$5,000 to the Department of Public Safety, Division of Administration – Materials and Supplies Budget Line Item.

This legislation will result in no increase to the FY2027 Approved Operating Budget if this Ordinance and its companion Ordinance are approved. The resulting effect will be the transfer of \$20,000 of FY2027 Approved Operating Budget between Departments and the transfer of \$5,000 of FY2027 Approved Operating Budget spending authority to the Grants Budget. There is no fiscal impact beyond FY2027.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer July 1, 2026.

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		<u>444,732</u>
Operating Transfer Charges			181,699
Total	<u>5,255,075</u>	\$	<u>5,230,075</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
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		\$	<u>32,715,873</u>
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	177		

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		<u>1,209,609</u>
Equipment			56,240
Grants and Fixed Charges			56,500
Operating Transfer Charges			812,369
Total	16,483,479	\$	<u>16,488,479</u>
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		<u>3,263,150</u>
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	\$	<u>29,113,001</u>
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	161		

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Salaries and Wages	83,209,835	\$	<u>83,212,189</u>
Benefits	44,672,013		<u>44,673,359</u>
Training and Civic Affairs			205,206
Communication and Utilities			1,065,054
Materials and Supplies	1,493,047		<u>1,494,347</u>
Contractual Services	<u>2,698,422</u>		<u>2,703,422</u>
Equipment			3,899,005
Grants and Fixed Charges			9,204,644
Operating Transfer Charges			8,603,175
Total	<u>155,050,401</u>	\$	<u>155,060,401</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		

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		

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

NEW CASTLE COUNTY

Salaries and Wages	157,132,705	\$	<u>157,135,059</u>
Benefits	83,734,739		<u>83,736,085</u>
Training and Civic Affairs			794,623
Communication and Utilities			40,661,026
Materials and Supplies	7,862,780		<u>7,864,080</u>
Contractual Services	27,465,403		<u>27,480,403</u>
Equipment			4,829,028
Grants and Fixed Charges	18,465,140		<u>18,440,140</u>
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	\$	<u>387,608,138</u>
<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>	<u>114,913,935</u>

ORDINANCE NO. 25-163

**AMENDING NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 6 ("BUILDING CODE"),
ARTICLE 3 ("ADMINISTRATION") TO CODIFY THE PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE WITHIN THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Plumbing and Mechanical Technical Advisory Committee
2 ("PMTAC") and its related code requirements do not formally appear in the body of *New*
3 *Castle County Code*; and

4
5 **WHEREAS**, for consistency the Plumbing and Mechanical Technical Advisory
6 Committee is being incorporated into *County Code*, consistent with all other Committees,
7 Boards, and Commissions; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council finds that the provisions of this Ordinance
10 are rationally and reasonably related to and substantially advance its goal of protecting
11 and preserving legitimate government interests, including the protection and preservation
12 of the public health, safety, prosperity, general welfare, and quality of life of New Castle
13 County and its residents.

14
15 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**

16
17 Section 1. *New Castle County Code* Chapter 6 ("Building Code"), Article 3
18 ("Administration") is hereby amended to include a new section by adding the material that
19 is underlined, as follows.

20 ...

21 **Sec. 6.03.024 - Plumbing and Mechanical Technical Advisory Committee.**

22 A. *Establishment.* The Plumbing and Mechanical Technical Advisory Committee
23 ("PMTAC") is established and authorized by appointment of the General Manager
24 of the Department of Land Use.

25 B. *Purpose.*

26 1. The PMTAC is to advise the Licensing Division within the Department of Land
27 Use regarding the application and administration of the provisions of the
28 International Plumbing Code, International Mechanical Code, International Fuel
29 Gas Code, International Energy Conservation Code, and associated codes and
30 standards with respect to:

31 a. Reviewing and recommending code amendments, interpretations,
32 and modifications.

33 b. Reviewing and recommending the minimum acceptable
34 qualifications for the purpose of issuing plumbing and mechanical
35 contractor licenses (excluding licenses issued by the State of

Delaware) for the purposes of obtaining a permit.

- c. Reviewing and recommending appropriate action on new equipment or products.
- d. Reviewing and recommending appropriate administrative actions to be imposed for violations of code provisions when requested to do so.

C. Membership.

1. PMTAC shall consist of a minimum of 7 members who have held valid New Castle County plumbing, heating, and/or air conditioning licenses for at least 10 years and whose license remains active. Members must have a place of business in New Castle County but are not employed by the County.
2. Appointments are for a 4-year term.
3. Any member of PMTAC who fails to attend 3 consecutive, regularly-scheduled meetings forfeits membership and the resulting vacancy shall be filled as provided under this section.
 - a. When the Chair deems the absence from a meeting to be due to illness, incapacity, or a family crisis, then such absence shall be excused and not count against the member.
4. Vacancies
 - a. Mid-term vacancies, excluding the chair, shall be filled by the General Manager of the Department of Land Use for the remainder of the term and in the same manner as in the case of regular appointments under this section. Any member whose term has expired may continue to serve until reappointed or replaced.
5. Only eligible Committee members, which does not include current employees of any governmental body, shall be compensated for each meeting attended in accordance with a pay plan adopted by County Council.

D. Chair, election, and duties.

1. Election of the Chair.

- a. Nominations for the Chair shall be made from the floor and the election shall follow immediately thereafter.
 1. The candidate receiving at least a majority vote shall be declared elected.
- b. Mid-term vacancies in the office of Chair shall be filled immediately by regular election procedures at the first scheduled business meeting following the vacancy.
- c. Should the Chair be absent from a meeting, the members present shall elect one of their members to be the temporary Chair.

75 2. Duties

- 76 a. The Chair shall preside at all meetings and hearings of the PMTAC
77 and shall perform all duties normally conferred by parliamentary
78 usage on such office as well as those duties specified in any
79 bylaws.
- 80 b. The Chair shall be a voting member of the PMTAC, and shall have
81 the privilege of discussing all matters before the PMTAC.

82 E. Staff.

- 83 1. The Licensing Division of the Department of Land Use shall provide support
84 staff to accomplish the PMTAC's administrative functions and responsibilities.
- 85 2. Staff shall maintain the minutes and records of the PMTAC, prepare agenda of
86 regular and special meetings, provide notice of meetings to committee
87 members, arrange proper public notice of meetings and any other public
88 advertising, and attend to the correspondence of the committee.
- 89 3. The Department of Law shall provide necessary legal support to assist the
90 committee to accomplish its assigned functions.

91 F. Business Meetings.

- 92 1. The PMTAC shall meet as needed to address organizational matters and such
93 other business that the Chair or a majority of the Committee deems
94 appropriate.
- 95 2. The regular business meetings of the PMTAC shall be held at the call of the
96 Chair at a time and place the PMTAC designates.
- 97 3. A quorum of not less than 4 members shall be necessary for the PMTAC to
98 take official action on any matter. A motion is carried by a simple majority of
99 members present.
- 100 4. If requested by the Chair or by a majority of the members present at any
101 properly constituted meeting, voting shall be by roll call and a record of the roll
102 shall be kept as a part of the minutes.
- 103 5. Special meetings may be called by the Chair, or by a majority of the members
104 present at a regularly scheduled meeting. The public notice of the special
105 meeting shall specify its purpose and no other business will be considered.
- 106 6. A meeting may be postponed to an alternative date and time agreeable to the
107 Committee upon at least a majority vote in favor.
- 108 7. Proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with 29 Del. C. Ch. 100 ("The
109 Delaware Freedom of Information Act").
- 110 8. At the business meeting, the order of business shall be:
- 111 a. Call to order.
- 112 b. Roll call and determination of quorum.
- 113 c. Minutes of previous meeting.

114 d. New Business (as specifically identified in the meeting notice).

115 e. Schedule for next meeting.

116 f. Adjournment.

117 9. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the meetings of the PMTAC unless they
118 are inconsistent with bylaws adopted by the PMTAC, in which case the bylaws
119 prevail.

120 10. The members of the PMTAC should be provided the meeting minutes within 10
121 business days, where possible.

122 G. Amendments.

123 1. The PMTAC, to the extent it deems necessary or helpful, may adopt and amend
124 bylaws and rules to govern the procedure of the Committee.

125
126 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
127 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided in 9 Del.
128 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 codifies language regarding the Plumbing and Mechanical Technical Advisory Committee ("PMTAC") within the *New Castle County Code*.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance has no known fiscal impact.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-165

AMENDING THE PAY PLANS AND RATES OF PAY FOR ELIGIBLE MEMBERS OF CERTAIN NEW CASTLE COUNTY BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS

1 **WHEREAS**, there remain individuals who serve without compensation on several
2 New Castle County boards, committees, and commissions (hereinafter, collectively the
3 “Committees” (plural) or “Committee” (singular), where circumstances provide) although
4 they perform invaluable service to the County without payment; and

5 **WHEREAS**, presently, most eligible Committee members are compensated; that
6 said, the members of the Design Review Advisory Committee, the Resource Protection
7 Area Technical Advisory Committee, and the Plumbing and Mechanical Technical
8 Advisory Committee are not compensated; and

9 **WHEREAS**, as a matter of fairness the above should be remedied to place all
10 eligible members of Committees on equal footing; and

11 **WHEREAS**, compensating members helps address the challenge of finding
12 qualified individuals to serve on Committees; and

13 **WHEREAS**, individuals who serve on Committees often must personally pay for
14 expenses in addition to suffering lost opportunities elsewhere where they could receive
15 compensation for their services; and

16 **WHEREAS**, serving on a Committee can cause personal hardship vis a vis family
17 commitments and other matters; and

18 **WHEREAS**, equally compensating members of County Committees provides
19 fairness, helps attract more County residents to serve, helps improve retention, and
20 provides greater parity among the Committees; and

21 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council finds that the provisions of this Ordinance
22 are rationally and reasonably related to and substantially advance its goal of protecting
23 and preserving legitimate government interests, including the protection and preservation
24 of the public health, safety, prosperity, general welfare, and quality of life of New Castle
25 County and its residents.

26 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
27

28 Section 1. The pay plans and rates of pay for the members of the Committees
29 identified on the attached Exhibits, which does not include current employees of any
30 governmental body, are hereby amended by adding the material that is underscored as
31 reflected on Exhibits A and B.
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33 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective upon the date of its adoption by
34 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided in 9 Del.
35 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 proposes to amend the pay plans and rates of pay for attendance at regular and special meetings for eligible members who serve on the New Castle County Committees identified on the attached Exhibits A and B, as identified with underlines, which does not include current employees of any governmental body.

FISCAL NOTE: TBD

REVISED
Grant Matrix
7/28/26

GRANT APPLICANT	AMOUNT REQUESTED / AMOUNT PROPOSED	INTENDED USE OF GRANT	Standard Accounting Practices/ Non-Discrimination Policy	PRIOR COUNCIL GRANTS IN CURRENT FISCAL YEAR	COUNCIL MEMBER
Diamond State Concert Band	\$3000/\$1000 -Toole \$500 -Tackett \$500	Funds will support their 50 th Celebration.	Yes/No	No	Toole
Newark Area Welfare Committee	\$949.52/ \$949.52	Funds will be used to purchase additional equipment needed for their Holiday Food Program	Yes/Yes	No	George
Edgemoor Terrace Civic Association	\$3500/3500	Funds will be used to clean and clear meadow for space for community gatherings and tree removal around community entrance.	Yes/No	No	Cartier
Overlook Colony Civic Association	\$2500/\$2500	Funds will be used to help fund various community events for members of the community	Yes/No	No	Cartier
Windybush Civic Association, Inc.	\$2000/\$2000	Funds will be used to help offset the cost of their new neighborhood sign and the installation of it.	Yes/No	No	Cartier
Harmony Hills Civic Association	\$2500/\$2500	Funds will be used for several community betterment projects.	Yes/Yes	No	Sheldon
Life is Delicious, Inc.	\$1000/\$1000 -Tackett \$500 -Williams-Johns \$500	Funds will be used for the off duty police officers needed for their event at Glasgow Park	Yes/Yes	No	Tackett
Friends of Lums Pond, Inc.	\$2500/\$2500	Funds will be used towards their upcoming Pond Fest event on October 10 th .	Yes/Yes	No -previous grant was in FY26	Caneco
The August Quarterly Festival Committee, Inc.	\$2500/\$1000	Funds will be used to assist with their two festivals at the Riverfront Park	Yes/Yes	No	Williams-Johns
Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence	\$2500/\$1000	Funds will be used for their annual Purple Ribbon Event	Yes/Yes	No	Williams-Johns
James L. Favcett, III Sickle Cell Awareness Organization	\$3000/\$1500	Funds will be used for their 14 th Annual Sickle Cell Awareness	Yes/Yes	No	Williams-Johns
Sportsman Association Prices Run Originals	\$1000/\$800	Funds will be used for their Community Day	Yes/Yes	No	Williams-Johns