



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

August 25, 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 28, 2026

C. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

°26-010: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 2 ("ADMINISTRATION"), ARTICLE 2 ("COUNTY COUNCIL") AND ARTICLE 3 ("OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES") RELATING TO REPRESENTING INTERESTS BEFORE NEW CASTLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Carter, Ms. Durham

°26-094: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE STATE FUNDS FROM THE DELAWARE OPIOID SETTLEMENT COMMISSION TO THE PROJECT REACH OPIOID GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco

°26-095: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE STATE FUNDS FROM THE DELAWARE OPIOID SETTLEMENT COMMISSION TO THE OPIOID INTEGRATED PUBLIC SAFETY INITIATIVE GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco

°26-096: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE STATE FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY TO THE FY2027 STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (SERC) GRANT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco

°26-097: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION THROUGH THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DIVISION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 WASTEWATER DHSS HIGH RISK SUBSTANCES TESTING OPIOID RESPONSE GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC

WORKS

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

°26-098: AMEND THE FY2027 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE RECORDER OF DEEDS TECHNOLOGY FEE ACCOUNT TO THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS FOR DOCUMENT TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS CONTRACTED SERVICES

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

°26-099: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 2 ("ADMINISTRATION"), ARTICLE 3 ("OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES"), TO MODIFY CERTAIN FEES CHARGED BY NEW CASTLE COUNTY OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS

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

°26-100: AMENDING NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 2 ("ADMINISTRATION"), ARTICLE 2, DIVISION 2.02.300 (REGISTRATION OF LEGISLATIVE AGENTS)

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

Co-Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole

°26-101: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL 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

°26-102: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE STATE FUNDS FROM THE PRESCRIPTION OPIOID SETTLEMENT DISTRIBUTION COMMISSION TO THE HOPE CENTER RECOVERY AND HOUSING STABILIZATION INITIATIVE GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

°26-103: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: FOR FY2026, APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DELAWARE DIVISION OF LIBRARIES AS A FEDERAL PASS-THROUGH GRANT FROM THE INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES WITH FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT TO BE DISTRIBUTED EQUALLY TO THE TEN NEW CASTLE COUNTY LIBRARIES WHICH ARE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF LIBRARIES

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

D. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

R26-163: URGING THE DELAWARE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO REJECT PROVISIONS OF THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION, OR ACTS THAT WOULD RAISE TRUCK WEIGHT LIMITS, EXTEND TRUCK LENGTHS, OR AUTHORIZE PILOT PROGRAMS PERMITTING HEAVIER VEHICLES ON PUBLIC ROADS

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco

Co-sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

R26-166: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PROCEDURAL RULE NO. 17 ("COUNCIL MEMBERS' DISTRICT OFFICE EXPENDITURES") RELATING TO EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FROM DISTRICT OFFICES

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco

E. New Castle County Grant Requests/Community Events

- 8/25/26 Grant Matrix

- F. **Expense and Revenue Round Table**
- G. **Other**
 - Travel Request - Councilman Carter
- H. **Public Comment**
- I. **Council Member Comment**
- J. **Adjournment**

AGENDA POSTED: Tuesday, August 18, 2026

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ORDINANCE NO. 26-010

**TO AMEND *NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE* CHAPTER 2 (“ADMINISTRATION”),
ARTICLE 2 (“COUNTY COUNCIL”) AND ARTICLE 3 (“OFFICERS AND
EMPLOYEES”) RELATING TO REPRESENTING
INTERESTS BEFORE NEW CASTLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

1 **WHEREAS**, Integrity, transparency, and accountability are essential in government
2 operations to preserve public trust; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, Employees of New Castle County government are respected for,
5 among other aspects, their professionalism and intimate knowledge of County processes
6 and operations; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, Legislative agents promote, advocate, and influence matters before
9 County government; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, The public, County Council, and County Government have an
12 obligation to be aware of those individuals and organizations seeking to impact policy
13 decisions; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, A comprehensive and clear registration process for legislative agents
16 and the reporting of their activities, coupled with a meaningful and reasonable process for
17 County employees who wish to transition to the private sector promotes predictability and
18 compliance; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, County Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance
21 substantially advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to legitimate government
22 interests.

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

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26 Section 1. *New Castle County Code* Chapter 2 (“Administration”), Article 2 (“County
27 Council”) is hereby amended by adding the material that is underlined and deleting the
28 material with strike throughs, as set forth below.

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30 Chapter 2 – ADMINISTRATION

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32 Article 2. – COUNTY COUNCIL

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34 Division 2.02.300. – Registration of legislative agents.

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36 Sec. 2.02.301. - Definitions.

- 37 A. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this Division, shall have
38 the meanings ascribed to them in this Section, except where the context clearly
39 indicates a different meaning:

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41 *Legislative Agent* means any individual who acts to promote, advocate, influence
42 or oppose any matter pending before County government by direct or indirect
43 communication with County government, and who in connection therewith either
44 has received or is to receive compensation in whole or in part from any person.

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46 Sec. 2.02.302. – Registration with Clerk of County Council.

47 A. Every legislative agent shall register with the Clerk of County Council in a
48 legislative agent docket and file, at that time, the authorization from his or her
49 employer as required by Section 2.02.303 of this Division. A person who
50 qualifies as a legislative agent shall register prior to performing any acts as a
51 legislative agent.

52 B. The information recorded in the legislative agent docket shall include the
53 following for each separate employer:

- 54 1. The name, residence or business address and occupation of each
55 legislative agent;
56 2. The name and business address of the employer of ~~such~~ the legislative
57 agent;
58 3. The date on which the employment as legislative agent commenced;
59 4. The length of time the employment is to continue; and
60 5. ~~The subject matter of the legislation~~ specific projects and legislative
61 matters as to which the employment relates at that time.

62 C. Upon any change in the information recorded in the legislative agent docket, the
63 legislative agent shall, within ~~ten (10)~~ 10 business days, report ~~such~~ the
64 changes to the Clerk of County Council, who shall record the change in the
65 docket.

66 D. The Clerk of County Council shall promptly furnish copies of each entry in the
67 legislative agent docket to the County Executive and each member of County
68 Council upon request of such persons.

69 E. By July 1 on an annual basis, each legislative agent shall certify under oath
70 compliance with the requirements of this section.

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72 Sec. 2.02.303. – Employer's authorization to act.

73 Every employer of a legislative agent shall furnish to ~~such~~ the agent a written and
74 signed authorization to act, which shall be filed with the Clerk of County Council by the
75 legislative agent at the time of registration as soon as available and not later than ~~fifteen~~
76 ~~(15)~~ 15 business days after the legislative agent has registered with County Council. If the
77 employer is a corporation, association or labor union, any authorized officer or agent who
78 is not the legislative agent shall furnish and sign the written authorization. The
79 authorization shall include the full and legal name and business addresses of both the
80 employer and the legislative agent, the period of time during which the legislative agent is
81 authorized to act and the ~~subject(s) of legislation~~ specific projects and legislative matters
82 upon which the employer is represented.

Section 2. *New Castle County Code* Chapter 2 (“Administration”), Article 3 (“Officers and Employees”) is hereby amended by adding the material that is underlined and deleting the material with strike throughs, as set forth below.

Chapter 2 – ADMINISTRATION

Article 3. – OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Division 2.03.100. – Code of Ethics.

Sec. 2.03.103. – Prohibitions relating to conflicts of interest.

A. *Restrictions on exercise of official authority.*

D. *Post-employment restrictions.* No person who has served as a County employee or County official shall represent or otherwise assist any private ~~entity~~ enterprise on any matter involving the County for a period of ~~two~~ (2) 2 years after termination of employment or official status with the County, if the person gave an opinion, conducted an investigation or otherwise was directly and materially responsible for such matter in the course of official duties as a County employee or official. Nor shall any former County employee or County official disclose confidential information gained by reason of public position nor shall the person otherwise use such information for personal gain or benefit. In furtherance of the above are the following:

- i. *Ethics opinion.* Each County employee considering transitioning to a private entity is advised, prior to the cessation of employment with the County, to request a confidential advisory opinion from the County Ethics Commission to determine if the proposed employment is compliant with County Code.
- ii. *Certification of compliance.* Each private entity, through a representative thereof, shall annually certify under oath by July 1 of each year, compliance with this section.
- iii. *Annual report submission.* For the duration of the relevant two year period, on behalf of each private entity a representative thereof shall submit annually by July 1 to the relevant County department manager a report that identifies all projects and legislative matters involving the County which each former County employee is assigned to or involved with, and the report must be compared against a County-run report that identifies all work former employees engaged in while employed by the County. If there is any overlap between the reports, the department manager is to investigate the matter immediately.

E. *Unauthorized disclosure of confidential information.* No person shall disclose any information required to be maintained confidential by the Commission under the provisions of this Division.

F. *Criminal sanctions.* Any person who knowingly or willfully violates any provision of this Division shall be subject to the sanctions contained in Section 1.01.009 of the *New Castle County Code*.

131 G. *Contracts voidable by court action.* In addition to any other penalty provided by
132 law, any contract entered into with any County Department in violation of this
133 Division shall be voidable by the County Department; provided, that in
134 determining whether any court action should be taken to void such a contract
135 pursuant to this subsection, the County Department shall consider the interests
136 of innocent third parties who may be damaged thereby. Any court action to void
137 any transaction must be initiated within ~~thirty (30)~~ 30 days after the County
138 Department involved has, or should have, knowledge of such violation.
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140 Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
141 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided in 9 Del.
142 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 provides for a comprehensive Legislative Agent registration process by requiring projects and legislative matters to be specifically identified. The Ordinance also adds specific compliance requirements at Section 2.03.103.D to ensure the post-employment restrictions are adhered to when a County employee elects to move from County employment to the private sector. Finally, for the sake of consistency in the *Code*, the Ordinance makes certain stylistic corrections.

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

MEMORANDUM

TO: Nellie Hill, Clerk of Council
FROM: Julie M. Sebring, Esquire, Counsel to the Ethics Commission
RE: Recently proposed County legislation
DATE: April 14, 2026

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Please accept the following as the response from the New Castle County Ethics Commission regarding recently proposed County legislation:

The part of the proposed legislation involving New Castle County Code Section 2.02.300 regarding registration, etc., of legislative agents --- that part of the County Code is not part of the Ethics Code and, as such, the Ethics Commission has no comment.

With respect to the portion of the proposed legislation which involves Code Section 2.03.100 et seq., here are the Commission's comments:

Proposed Section 2.03.103.D:

In Section 2.03.103.D, the proposed change of the word enterprise to the word entity must align with the terms in the Ethics Code definition section. 'Private enterprise' is a defined term in the Code.

Proposed Section 2.03.103.D.i:

Assuming an "ethics opinion" is referring to an Advisory Opinion which is defined in the Code, technically there is no such thing as a "confidential" Advisory Opinion. All Advisory Opinions are public and are posted on the Commission's publicly accessible website. The Commission keeps the name of the person who requested the opinion confidential and the requester is not named in the Advisory Opinion, but the written Advisory Opinion itself is not confidential. Thus, the terminology "confidential advisory opinion" is not applicable terminology for an Advisory Opinion.

Proposed Section 2.03.103.D.ii:

Compliance with Section 2.03.103.D can be accomplished only by a person, not an entity (or an enterprise.) Thus, an entity (or an enterprise) has no ability to comply with that Section of the Code.

Proposed Section 2.03.103.D.iii:

Compliance with Section 2.03.103.D can be accomplished only by a person, not an entity (or an enterprise.) Thus, an entity (or an enterprise) has no ability to comply with that Section of the Code.

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco
Requested by: Public Safety
Date of introduction: July 28, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-094

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE STATE FUNDS FROM THE DELAWARE OPIOID SETTLEMENT
COMMISSION TO THE PROJECT REACH OPIOID GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE**

1 **WHEREAS**, state funding in the amount of \$30,000 has been awarded from the
2 Delaware Opioid Settlement Commission to the Project Reach Opioid Grant; and
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4 **WHEREAS**, this program provides critical funding for the Division of Police in its
5 efforts to combat opioid awareness and prevention; and
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7 **WHEREAS**, this funding will be used by the New Castle County Department of
8 Public Safety, Division of Police and Division of Emergency Medical Services for overtime
9 for officers and paramedics for outreach purposes; and
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11 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that funds received are sufficient
12 to cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter amended; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance
15 substantially advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate government
16 interests (i.e., promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order prosperity and/or
17 welfare of the present and future inhabitants of this State).
18

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

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

25 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
26 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del.*
27 *C. § 1156.*
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29 Section 3. It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance
30 shall be effective retroactive to 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 \$30,000 in state funding from the Delaware Opioid Settlement Commission to the Project Reach Opioid Grant. These funds will be used by the New Castle County Department of Public Safety, Division of Police and Division of Emergency Medical Services for overtime of police officers and paramedics for outreach purposes to include educational sessions, resource kits, and training students.

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

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate \$30,000 in state funding from the Delaware Opioid Settlement Commission to the Project Reach Opioid Grant.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$30,000. This increase will impact FY2027 only as the estimated program completion date is June 30, 2027. The fiscal impact on the Operating Budget will be \$12,946.93 to cover benefits for overtime not covered by the grant. This will be covered within the Department of Public Safety Approved Operating Budget.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer July 15, 2026.

DEPARTMENT:	Public Safety	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Project REACH Opioid	Ordinance No.	26-094
PROGRAM TITLE:	Project REACH Opioid		

Revenue	Current		Change		Revised
Federal	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
State	\$	30,000.00	\$	-	\$ 30,000.00
County	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Program Income	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Other	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Total	\$	30,000.00	\$	-	\$ 30,000.00

Expense	Current		Change		Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$	27,823.12	\$	-	\$ 27,823.12
Benefits	\$	2,176.88	\$	-	\$ 2,176.88
Training/Civic Affairs	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Equipment	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Contingency	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Total	\$	30,000.00	\$	-	\$ 30,000.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	7/1/2026
Estimated Program Completion:	6/30/2027
Operating Budget Impact	\$ 12,946.93
Found in (ORG):	10200304 - Police 10200202 - EMS
Ordinance Passed:	
Date Revised:	

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Funding from the Delaware Opioid Settlement Commission will support Project REACH, a program designed to address the growing opioid crisis by increasing awareness of opioid misuse and overdose risk among high school students throughout New Castle County.

7/28/2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-095

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE STATE FUNDS FROM THE DELAWARE OPIOID SETTLEMENT
COMMISSION TO THE OPIOID INTEGRATED PUBLIC SAFETY INITIATIVE GRANT, TO
BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY,
DIVISION OF POLICE**

1 **WHEREAS**, state funding in the amount of \$518,710 has been awarded from the
2 Delaware Opioid Settlement Commission to the Opioid Integrated Public Safety Initiative
3 Grant; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, this program provides critical funding for the Department of Public
6 Safety in its efforts to enhance opioid addiction awareness, resources, assist current
7 Behavioral Health Unit; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, this funding will be used by the New Castle County Department of
10 Public Safety implementing a co-responder team within the 9-1-1 operations, and
11 purchasing resources and material/supplies for opioid prevention; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that funds received are sufficient
14 to cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter 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 government
18 interests (i.e., promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order prosperity and/or
19 welfare of the present and future inhabitants of this State).
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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, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.
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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.
29 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 retroactive to 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 \$518,710 in state funding from the Delaware Opioid Settlement Commission to the Opioid Integrated Public Safety Initiative Grant. These funds will be used by the New Castle County Department of Public Safety to implement an additional co-respondent team to include contractors who are Peer Specialist, Mental Health Professionals, and Case Managers/Advocates within the 911 Center, to purchase medical supplies and Ipads/Tablets for use for Right to Refusal program, and cabinets for holding AED/defibrillators.

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

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate \$518,710 in state funding from the Delaware Opioid Settlement Commission to the Opioid Integrated Public Safety Initiative Grant.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$518,710. This increase will impact FY2027 and FY2028 as the estimated program completion date is June 30, 2028. The fiscal impact on the Operating Budget will be \$20,521.05 to cover benefits for overtime not covered by the grant. This will be covered within the Department of Public Safety Approved Operating Budget.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer July 15, 2026.

DEPARTMENT:	Public Safety	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Opioid Integrated Public Safety Initiative	Ordinance No.	26-095
PROGRAM TITLE:	Opioid Integrated Public Safety Initiative		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ 518,710.00	\$ -	\$ 518,710.00
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 518,710.00	\$ -	\$ 518,710.00

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ 44,100.00	\$ -	\$ 44,100.00
Benefits	\$ 3,450.38	\$ -	\$ 3,450.38
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ 22,150.00	\$ -	\$ 22,150.00
Contractual Services	\$ 389,946.00	\$ -	\$ 389,946.00
Equipment	\$ 59,063.62	\$ -	\$ 59,063.62
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 518,710.00	\$ -	\$ 518,710.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation: 7/1/2026

Estimated Program Completion: 6/30/2028

Operating Budget Impact \$ 20,521.05 **Found in (ORG):** 10200304 - Police
10200501 - 911

Ordinance Passed: **Date Revised:**

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

7/28/2026

DEPARTMENT:	Public Safety	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Opioid Integrated Public Safety Initiative	Ordinance No.	26-
PROGRAM TITLE:	Opioid Integrated Public Safety Initiative		

Funding from the Delaware Opioid Settlement Commission will support the expansion of the multi-tiered overdose prevention and behavioral health response program. This initiative enhances frontline emergency response infrastructure and improves coordination between public safety systems and behavioral health services for high-need communities throughout New Castle County.



ORDINANCE NO. 26-096

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE STATE FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE,
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY TO THE FY2027 STATE
EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (SERC) GRANT TO BE ADMINISTERED
BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

1 **WHEREAS**, authorization is being sought for the appropriation of \$78,936 in
2 state funding from the State of Delaware, Department of Safety and Homeland Security;
3 and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the grant award will be used to support part of the salaries and
6 benefits associated with one (1) Emergency Preparedness Planner along with training,
7 and other expenses related to hazardous incidents; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, these funds will provide support to enhance state and local
10 emergency response and preparedness capabilities related to hazardous materials
11 incidents through better coordination and planning; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that grants anticipated to be
14 received from the State of Delaware, Department of Safety and Homeland Security are
15 sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter amended; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance
18 substantially advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate
19 government interests (i.e., promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order,
20 prosperity and/or welfare of the present and future inhabitants of this State).
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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
25 amended by adding the material on the attached Exhibit "A," which is considered to be
26 underscored in its entirety.
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28 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption
29 by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9
30 *Del. C. § 1156*.
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32 Section 3. It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this
33 Ordinance shall be effective retroactive to July 1, 2026.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

Monique Williams-Johns
President of County Council

Approved on:

Marcus Henry
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate \$78,936 in state funding from the State of Delaware, Department of Safety and Homeland Security to the FY2027 State Emergency Response Commission Grant. This funding will support part of the salaries and benefits associated with one (1) Emergency Preparedness Planner along with training, and other expenses related to hazardous incidents.

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

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$78,936 in state funding from the State of Delaware, Department of Safety and Homeland Security to the FY2027 State Emergency Response Commission Grant.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$78,936. This increase will only affect FY2027 only since the targeted program completion date is June 30, 2027.

Acknowledgment by the Chief Financial Officer July 15, 2026.

DEPARTMENT:	Public Safety	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	FY27 State Emergency Response Commission	Ordinance No.	26-096
PROGRAM TITLE:	FY27 State Emergency Response Commission		

Revenue	Current		Change		Revised	
Federal	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
State	\$	78,936.00	\$	-	\$	78,936.00
County	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Program Income	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Other	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Total	\$	78,936.00	\$	-	\$	78,936.00

Expense	Current		Change		Revised	
Salaries and Wages	\$	45,710.00	\$	-	\$	45,710.00
Benefits	\$	24,751.00	\$	-	\$	24,751.00
Training/Civic Affairs	\$	1,000.00	\$	-	\$	1,000.00
Communication/Utilities	\$	1,250.00	\$	-	\$	1,250.00
Materials/Supplies	\$	500.00	\$	-	\$	500.00
Contractual Services	\$	5,725.00	\$	-	\$	5,725.00
Equipment	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Land and Structures	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Contingency	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Operating Transfer Charges	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Operating Transfer Credits	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Total	\$	78,936.00	\$	-	\$	78,936.00

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 primary focus of the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) grant is to enhance state and local emergency response and preparedness capabilities related to hazardous materials incidents through better coordination and planning.

7/28/2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-097

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH
SERVICES ADMINISTRATION THROUGH THE STATE OF DELAWARE,
DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DIVISION OF
SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2025
WASTEWATER DHSS HIGH RISK SUBSTANCES TESTING OPIOID
RESPONSE GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

1 **WHEREAS**, funding has been awarded from the U.S. Department of Health and Human
2 Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration through the State of
3 Delaware, Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental
4 Health to the FY2025 Wastewater DHSS High Risk Substances Testing Opioid Response Grant;
5 and
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7 **WHEREAS**, funding shall be used to collect samples from the sanitary sewer system to
8 be analyzed and will be shared with the State of Delaware, Department of Health and Social
9 Services and the New Castle County Police Department to track known overdoses with high-risk
10 substance data to observe trends; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that funds received are sufficient
13 to cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter amended; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance substantially
16 advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate government interests (*i.e.*,
17 promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity, and/or welfare of the
18 present and future inhabitants of this State).
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20 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
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22 Section 1. The Grants Budget, as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173, is hereby amended
23 by adding the material on the attached "Exhibit A," which is considered to be underscored in its
24 entirety.
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26 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
27 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C.* §
28 1156.
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30 Section 3. It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall
31 be effective retroactive to September 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 \$100,000 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration through the State of Delaware, Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health to the FY25 Wastewater DHSS High Risk Substances Testing Opioid Response Grant. Funding shall be used to collect samples from the sanitary sewer system to be analyzed and will be shared with the State of Delaware, Department of Health and Social Services and the New Castle County Police Department to track known overdoses with high-risk substance data to observe trends.

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

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$100,000 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration through the State of Delaware, Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health to the FY25 Wastewater DHSS High Risk Substances Testing Opioid Response Grant.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$100,000. This increase will impact FY2026 and FY2027, since the targeted program completion date of this award is September 29, 2026.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer July 15, 2026.

DEPARTMENT:	Public Works	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	FY25 Wastewater DHSS High Risk Substances Testing Opioid Response	Ordinance No.	26-097
PROGRAM TITLE:	FY25 Wastewater DHSS High Risk Substances Testing Opioid Response		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	9/30/2025
Estimated Program Completion:	9/29/2026
The Local Match:	Found in (ORG):
Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

New Castle County will collect samples from the sanitary sewer system. The samples will be analyzed and shared with the State of Delaware, Department of Health and Social Services and NCC Police Departments. NCC will track known overdoses with high-risk substance data to observe trends.

7/28/2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-098

**AMEND THE FY2027 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE RECORDER OF DEEDS TECHNOLOGY FEE
ACCOUNT TO THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS FOR DOCUMENT
TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS CONTRACTED SERVICES**

1 **WHEREAS**, this Ordinance will amend the FY2027 Approved Operating Budget by
2 appropriating \$20,400.00 from the Recorder of Deeds Technology Fee Account to the Office of
3 the Recorder of Deeds; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the additional funding is needed to pay Document Technology Systems for
6 contracted services implementing confidential document redaction functionality in the Recorder
7 of Deeds land records system, as required for compliance with Delaware Senate Bill 32
8 (85 Del. Laws, c. 125), effective February 8, 2026; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, Delaware Senate Bill 32 requires government agencies to remove the
11 personal information of correctional officers and probation and parole officers from publicly
12 available records within 72 hours of receiving a written request; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, the prior system supported only manual redaction, which could not reliably
15 meet the 72-hour statutory deadline given the number of correctional officers residing in New
16 Castle County; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, this protection was previously extended to judicial officers, and coverage
19 may expand to additional groups; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, the automated functionality ensures the Office meets current statutory
22 mandates and is positioned for future expansions of these privacy protections; and
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24 **WHEREAS**, the revenue measures heretofore adopted by the County Council, are, in
25 the opinion of the County Executive, estimated to yield sums at least sufficient to balance the
26 proposed expenditures as set forth in the Approved Annual Operating Budget as hereinafter
27 amended.
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29 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
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31 Section 1. The Annual Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, is
32 hereby amended by deleting the material stricken and adding the material underscored on the
33 attached "Exhibit A."
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35 Section 2. The foregoing amendment shall be considered a part of the Annual
36 Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and shall be effective retroactively
37 as though incorporated initially in the Annual Operating Budget.
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39 Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
40 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided in 9 *Del. C. §*
41 1156.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

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

Approved on:

Marcus Henry
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if approved, amends the FY2027 Approved Operating Budget by appropriating \$20,400.00 from the Recorder of Deeds Technology Fee Account to the Office of the Recorder of Deeds. These funds are needed to pay Document Technology Systems for contracted services implementing confidential document redaction functionality in the Recorder of Deeds land records system, as required for compliance with Delaware Senate Bill 32 (85 Del. Laws, c. 125), effective February 8, 2026.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the FY2027 Approved Operating Budget by appropriating \$20,400.00 from the Recorder of Deeds Technology Fee Account to the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in the Contractual Services Budget Line Item.

The revised FY2027 Approved Operating Budget will be \$387,633,538. There will be no anticipated fiscal impact to FY2028 and FY2029 as ongoing system maintenance is covered under the existing support agreement.

The balance in the Recorder of Deeds Technology Fee Account after this appropriation will be \$155,650.42.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer July 14, 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		<u>103,118</u>
Equipment			6,150
Grants and Fixed Charges			18,350
Operating Transfer Charges			187,466
Total	<u>2,378,303</u>	\$	<u>2,398,703</u>
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		\$	<u>2,588,516</u>
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		\$	<u>914,693</u>
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	7		

DEBT SERVICE

Debt Service		\$	48,468,304
Total		\$	<u>48,468,304</u>
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		<u>27,485,803</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>387,633,538</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
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. 26-099

**TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 2 ("ADMINISTRATION"),
ARTICLE 3 ("OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES"), TO MODIFY CERTAIN FEES
CHARGED BY NEW CASTLE COUNTY OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to 9 *Del. C.* § 8733(d) and 10 *Del. C.* § 8702(c) the fees charged by the Office of Recorder of Deeds must be approved by County Council; and

WHEREAS, County Council's approval of such fees is reflected in *New Castle County Code* Chapter 2 ("Administration"), Article 3 ("Officers and Employees"), Division 2.03.000("Generally"), Section 2.03.004 ("Fees for Recorder of Deeds"); and

WHEREAS, the Office of Recorder of Deeds has identified changes to *New Castle County Code* Chapter 2 ("Administration"), Article 3 ("Officers and Employees"), Division 2.03.000 ("Generally"), Section 2.03.004 ("Fees for Recorder of Deeds") that are necessary to conform that provision to current practices, to adjust for increases in service costs and to consolidate the fee schedule.

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

Section 1. *New Castle County Code* Chapter 2 ("Administration"), Article 3 ("Officers and Employees"), Division 2.03.000 ("Generally"), Section 2.03.004 ("Fees for Recorder of Deeds"), is hereby amended by adding the material that is underscored and deleting the material that is stricken as set forth below:

Sec. 2.03.004. Fees for Recorder of Deeds.

A. Documents evidencing land transactions.

1. Conditional sales agreement, per page ~~\$13.00~~ *Revised to \$15.00*

2. Deed, per page...~~\$13.00~~ *Revised to \$15.00*

Plus each parcel description listed therein, per parcel 3.00

3. Federal tax lien, each ..

a. For a lien on real estate, 20.00

b. Reserved.

c. For a certificate of discharge or subordination, 5.00

d. For all other notices, including a certificate of release or non-attachment, 3.00

4. Financing statement:

a. Original (husband/wife shall be construed as one (1) name), per debtor name..... 20.00

b. Assignment within original statement .5.00

37	c.	Assignment, amendment and continuation, per debtor name	20.00
38	d.	Termination statement, per debtor name	10.00
39	e.	Information search ...	10.00
40		And copy	1.00
41	f.	Partial release, per debtor name	5.00
42	5.	Lease or assignment of lease, per page	\$13.00 Revised to \$15.00
43	6.	Mortgage, per page...	\$13.00 Revised to \$15.00
44	a.	Assignment, per page ..	\$13.00 Revised to \$15.00
45		Plus each additional assignment mentioned therein, each	5.00
46	b.	Modification, subordination or release, per page	\$13.00 Revised to \$15.00
47		to \$15.00	
48	c.	Satisfaction piece, court order to satisfy, attorney's affidavit, first page	
49			
50		20.00	
51		Each additional page ..	\$13.00 Revised to \$15.00
52	d.	Court order to strike satisfaction, first page	20.00
53		Each additional page ..	\$13.00 Revised to \$15.00
54	e.	Notation of Prothonotary's certificate on writ of levavi facias, each	
55			3.00
56	f.	Notation of Prothonotary's certificate on writ of scire facias, each	
57		3.00	
58	7.	Plot plans.	
59	a.	Major subdivision plans, major land plans, record conversion plans,	
60		initial declaration plans, each	300.00
61	b.	Minor subdivision plans, minor land plans, resubdivision plans,	
62		declaration amendments, street plans, utility plans, each	50.00
63	c.	Copy of any plot plan, subdivision plan, et al. Cost of each page shall	
64		be	
65		6.00	
66	B.	Other documents.	
67	1.	Certified copies of any record.	
68	a.	If recorded copies furnished to Recorder's office, per page	3.00
69	b.	If copies furnished by Recorder's office, per page	6.00
70	c.	Certificate for certified copies, each	1.00
71	2.	Commissions, each.....	10.00
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73	3.	Contract of marriage, per page	\$13.00 Revised to \$15.00
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75	54.	Miscellaneous documents, proper for recordation, per page	\$13.00

Revised to \$15.00

65. Power of attorney (general), per page ~~\$13.00~~ Revised to \$15.00

76. Receipt showing date and time document received, each 1.00

C. *Technology fee*, per document to be applied to each document recorded with the Recorder of Deeds of which three dollars (~~\$3.00~~) (\$4.00) will be allocated to the Recorder of Deeds Technology Fund and two dollars (~~\$2.00~~) (\$3.00) will be allocated to a New Castle County Technology Fund ~~\$5.00~~ Revised to \$7.00

D. *State document fee*, per document. 30.00

Pursuant to 9 Del. C. § 9607 (Collection of recording fees), a State document fee must be applied to all documents recorded with the Recorder of Deeds.

E. *Collection fees for returned payments.*

1. The Recorder of Deeds shall assess and collect from the presenter a fee of thirty- five dollars (\$35.00) whenever it is presented with a payment that is returned for any reason by the financial institution upon which it was drawn.

2. If the Recorder of Deeds incurs any costs in the collection of a returned payment, the Recorder of Deeds shall levy a charge in the full amount of those costs, plus a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) to cover direct and indirect costs of administration.

3. In addition to these charges, the presenter shall be responsible for the payment of all costs or other fees charged by the County Sheriff, the Prothonotary, or the clerk of any court for the filing, service, satisfaction, or other activity in any legal action relating to the collection of returned payments.

F. *Sending of long-distance faxes from library*, per page 0.25

G. *Sending of local faxes from library*, per page (first page) 0.25

Each page after ..0.10

H. *Website subscriber fee* (per page) 1.00

or

Unlimited copies (per month) ..100.00

I. *Exemption for common interest communities and homeowners' association portal.*

1. The Recorder of Deeds shall not charge a recording or technology fee for any common interest communities: maintenance declaration, bylaws, covenants, declaration of restrictions, contact information, or document memorializing election of officers. The term "common interest community" shall have the meaning set forth in 25 Del. C. § 81-103, and shall also include for the purposes of this subsection, but shall not be limited to, maintenance organizations, civic associations, and condominium associations.

2. The Recorder of Deeds shall not charge any fee to access the

Homeowners' Association Portal.

J. Other Fees

1. Copies printed or copied by individual 0.50 per page
2. Copy Cards0.50 per page
3. Copies printed by Recorder of Deeds staff 1.00 per page
4. Copies requested and sent by mail, fax or email 2.00 per page
5. Plat Copy 6.00 per page
6. Plat Copy requested and sent by mail, fax or email 7.00 per page
7. Microfilm copy 1.00 per page
8. Microfilm copy requested and sent by mail, fax or email 2.00 per page
9. Tax printout 1.00 per parcel
10. Tax printout requested and sent by mail, fax or email 2.00 per parcel
11. Notary 3.00
12. Judgement copies 2.00 per page
13. Access Card (New) 10.00

Access Card (Replacement) 10.00

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 4. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable. If any provision of this Ordinance is found by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or void, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall remain valid, unless the court finds that the valid provisions of this Ordinance are so essentially and inseparably connected with, and so dependent upon, the unconstitutional or void provision that it cannot be presumed that County Council would have enacted the remaining valid provisions without the unconstitutional or void one, or unless the court finds that the remaining valid provisions, standing alone, are incomplete and incapable of being executed in accordance with County Council's intent.

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: The Office of Recorder of Deeds has recommended these changes to adjust for increases in service costs and to consolidate the fee schedule of our current practices.

The proposed fee adjustments were also reviewed in comparison with surrounding jurisdictions comparable to New Castle County. Based on that review, the proposed fees remain affordable and within a reasonable range while helping to support the continued cost of operations, public access services, technology needs, and administrative costs associated with maintaining the Recorder of Deeds, the administration, and related services.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if adopted, will generate approximately \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 in additional annual revenue. Actual revenue will depend on recording volume, interest rates, real estate market activity, and the type and number of documents submitted for recording. Current and historical trends in Recorder of Deeds revenue has continuously exceeded budget.

Acknowledged by Chief Financial Officer June 30, 2026.

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham, Mr. Caneco
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole
Date of introduction: July 28, 2026

ORDINANCE 26-100

TO AMEND *NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE* CHAPTER 2 (“ADMINISTRATION”) ARTICLE 2 (“COUNTY COUNCIL”) RELATING TO REGISTRATION OF LEGISLATIVE AGENTS

1 **WHEREAS**, “legislative agent” is defined in *New Castle County Code* Section
2 2.02.301 as any individual who acts to promote, advocate, influence or oppose any matter
3 pending before County government by direct communication with County government,
4 and who in connection therewith either has received or will receive compensation from
5 any person, and this conduct is currently regulated under *County Code*; and
6

7 **WHEREAS**, from time to time, it is desirable to update *County Code* to enhance
8 transparency and clarity for the County and for the public; and
9

10 **WHEREAS**, *County Code* Division 2.02.300 has not been updated since 1998;
11 and
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13 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County endeavors to provide the public and County
14 government with as much transparency as possible; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, enhanced reporting by legislative agents and public access to this
17 information improves the transparency with which County officials operate; and
18

19 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council has determined that the provisions of this
20 Ordinance substantially advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate
21 government interests.
22

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

25 Section 1. *New Castle County Code* Chapter 2 (“Administration”), Division
26 2.02.300 (“Registration of Legislative Agents”) is hereby amended by adding the material
27 that is underscored and deleting the material that is stricken, as set forth below.
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29 ...

29 **Sec. 2.02.301. Definitions.** 30

31 ...

32 *Legislative agent* means any individual who acts to promote, advocate, influence or
33 oppose any matter pending before County government by direct communication with
34 County government, and who in connection therewith either has received or is to receive
35 compensation in whole or in part from any person.
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36 **Sec. 2.02.302. Registration with Clerk of County Council.** 37

- 38 A. Every Each legislative agent shall register with the Clerk of County Council in a
39 an online legislative agent docket providing the information required in this
 Section and contemporaneously file, at that time, the authorization to act from his

40 or her each employer as required by Section 2.02.303 of this Division. A person
41 who qualifies as a legislative agent shall register prior to performing any acts as
42 a legislative agent.

43 B. The information recorded in the legislative agent docket shall include the
44 following for each separate employer:

- 45 1. The name, residence or business address and occupation of each
46 legislative agent;
- 47 2. The name and business address of the each employer of such the
48 legislative agent;
- 49 3. The date on which the employment as legislative agent commenced;
- 50 4. The length of time the employment is to continue; and
- 51 5. The subject matter, project number, ordinance, or resolution number of the
52 legislation as to which the employment relates at that time; and
- 53 6. The Council District of the project (if applicable).

54 C. Upon any change in the information recorded in the legislative agent docket, the
55 legislative agent shall, within ~~ten (10)~~ 10 business days, report such changes
56 through the online portal. ~~to the Clerk of County Council, who shall record the~~
57 ~~change in the docket.~~

58 D. The Clerk of County Council shall promptly furnish copies of each entry in the
59 legislative agent docket to the County Executive, and each member of County
60 Council, and members of the public upon request of such persons.

61 E. The Clerk of County Council shall ensure the list of agents and the required
62 information is made publicly available on the New Castle County Council official
63 webpage.

64
65 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately
66 upon its adoption by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as
67 otherwise provided in 9 *Del. C.* § 1156.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

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

Approved on:

Marcus A. Henry
County Executive
of New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if passed, will establish that legislative agent registration will be provided via an online format that is publicly available on the New Castle County Council webpage. This Ordinance also clarifies the information that is necessary for each legislative agent to provide during registration. Finally, the Ordinance makes technical corrections to conform code provisions to the standards of current legislative drafting.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 26-101

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL 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**, original allocated funding in the amount of \$245,225 from the State of
2 Delaware Grant-in-Aid Fund was previously approved by County Council and appropriated
3 to the Absalom Jones Senior Center FY2027 Grant via Ordinance 26-058; and
4

5 **WHEREAS**, authorization is sought to appropriate an additional \$14,586 in state funds
6 to the Absalom Jones Senior Center FY2027 Grant; and
7

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

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

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

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

22 Section 1. The Grants Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173 is hereby
23 amended by adding the material on the attached Exhibit "A" which shall be considered
24 underscored in its entirety.
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26 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
27 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C.*
28 § 1156.
29

30 Section 3. It is the intent of County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance are
31 effective retroactive to 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 an additional \$14,586 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.

It is the intent of County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance are effective retroactive to July 1, 2026.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating an additional \$14,586 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 only since the targeted program completion date for this grant is June 30, 2027. There is no fiscal impact anticipated beyond FY2027. FY2027 original funding was authorized in the amount of \$245,225.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer July 15, 2026.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Absalom Jones Senior Center FY2027	Ordinance No.	26-101
PROGRAM TITLE:	Absalom Jones Senior Center FY2027		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ 245,225.00	\$ 14,586.00	\$ 259,811.00
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 245,225.00	\$ 14,586.00	\$ 259,811.00

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ 110,424.76	\$ 13,236.78	\$ 123,661.54
Benefits	\$ 41,531.24	\$ 1,349.22	\$ 42,880.46
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	\$ 14,586.00	\$ 259,811.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	7/1/2026
Estimated Program Completion:	6/30/2027
The Local Match:	Found in (ORG):
Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:
<u>26-058</u>	<u>5/26/2026</u>

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.

5/26/2026

7/28/2026

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street
Requested by: Community Services
Date of introduction: July 28, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-102

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE STATE FUNDS FROM THE PRESCRIPTION OPIOID SETTLEMENT
DISTRIBUTION COMMISSION TO THE HOPE CENTER RECOVERY AND HOUSING
STABILIZATION INITIATIVE GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY SERVICES**

1 **WHEREAS**, state funding in the amount of \$481,290 has been awarded from the
2 Prescription Opioid Settlement Distribution Commission to the HOPE Center Recovery and
3 Housing Stabilization Initiative Grant; and
4

5 **WHEREAS**, this program provides necessary resources to individuals associated
6 with the HOPE Center by enhancing stabilization, recovery support, and housing support;
7 and
8

9 **WHEREAS**, this funding will be used by the New Castle County Department of
10 Community Services for individuals struggling with substance use disorders and housing
11 instability; and
12

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

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

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

23 Section 1. The Grants Budget, as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173, is hereby
24 amended by adding the material on the attached "Exhibit A," which is considered to be
25 underscored in its entirety, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.
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.*
29 *C. § 1156.*
30

31 Section 3. It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance
32 shall be effective retroactive to 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 \$481,290 in state funding from the Prescription Opioid Settlement Distribution Commission to the HOPE Center Recovery and Housing Stabilization Initiative Grant. These funds will be used by the New Castle County Department of Community Services for contractual services to provide clinical and case management personnel to coordinate specialized counseling, comprehensive care coordination and housing stabilization services for at-risk individuals to transition from acute crisis towards sustaining recovery and permanent housing.

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

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate \$481,290 in state funding from the Prescription Opioid Settlement Distribution Commission to the HOPE Center Recovery and Housing Stabilization Initiative Grant.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$481,290. This increase will impact FY2027 and FY2028 as the estimated program completion date is June 30, 2028. There is no fiscal impact on the Operating Budget.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer July 15, 2026.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	HOPE Center Recovery and Housing Stabilization Initiative	Ordinance No.	26-102
PROGRAM TITLE:	HOPE Center Recovery and Housing Stabilization Initiative		

Revenue	Current		Change		Revised
Federal	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
State	\$	481,290.00	\$	-	\$ 481,290.00
County	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Program Income	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Other	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Total	\$	481,290.00	\$	-	\$ 481,290.00

Expense	Current		Change		Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Benefits	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$	481,290.00	\$	-	\$ 481,290.00
Equipment	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Contingency	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Total	\$	481,290.00	\$	-	\$ 481,290.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation: 7/1/2026

Estimated Program Completion: 6/30/2028

Operating Budget Impact **Found in (ORG):**

Ordinance Passed: **Date Revised:**

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Funding from the Prescription Opioid Settlement Distribution Commission will support the expansion of service capacity at the HOPE Center. The initiative focuses on enhancing stabilization, recover support and housing service for individuals navigating the intersection of substance use disorder (SUD) and housing instability.

7/28/2026

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street
Requested by: Community Services
Date of introduction: July 28, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-103

AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:

FOR FY2026, APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DELAWARE DIVISION OF LIBRARIES AS A FEDERAL PASS-THROUGH GRANT FROM THE INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES WITH FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT TO BE DISTRIBUTED EQUALLY TO THE TEN NEW CASTLE COUNTY LIBRARIES WHICH ARE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF LIBRARIES

1 **WHEREAS**, the State of Delaware, Department of State, Delaware Division of Libraries
2 has awarded each of the ten New Castle County Libraries a federal pass-through grant of \$3,000
3 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services with funding from the Federal Library Services
4 and Technology Act for a total grant of \$30,000; and
5

6 **WHEREAS**, funds are intended to assist communities with potential financial challenges
7 and increased community needs; and
8

9 **WHEREAS**, funds are to be used to help support ongoing participation in the Delaware
10 Library Catalog/Consortium and the Delaware Literary Alliance on behalf of local communities;
11 and

12 **WHEREAS**, the funding will be used to support library materials and furnishings; and
13

14 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that grants received will be sufficient
15 to cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter amended; and
16

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 Exhibits "A" which shall be considered underscored in
26 their entirety.
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.
31

32 Section 3. It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall
33 be effective retroactive to June 22, 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 \$30,000 from the State of Delaware, Department of State, Delaware Division of Libraries with federal pass-through funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services with funding from the Federal Library Services and Technology Act to the Department of Community Services, Division of Libraries to be allocated equally to the ten libraries managed by New Castle County. Funds are intended to be used to help support ongoing participation in the Delaware Library Catalog/Consortium and the Delaware Literary Alliance on behalf of local communities and will be used to support library materials and furnishings.

It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be effective retroactive to June 22, 2026.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget for FY2026 by appropriating \$30,000 from the State of Delaware, Department of State, Delaware Division of Libraries to the 2026 LSTA Grant – Libraries to 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 of \$30,000. This will affect the Grants Budget for FY2026 and FY2027 as the targeted completion date for this grant is August 31, 2026.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer July 16, 2026.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	2026 LSTA Grant - Libraries	Ordinance No.	26-103
PROGRAM TITLE:	2026 LSTA Grant - Libraries		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ 27,000.00	\$ -	\$ 27,000.00
Contractual Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	6/22/2026
Estimated Program Completion:	8/31/2026
The Local Match:	Found in (ORG):
Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Funding will be used to support ongoing participation in the Delaware Library Catalog/Consortium and the Delaware Literacy Alliance on behalf of local communities. Funding will be used to support library materials and furnishings.

7/28/2026

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco
Co-sponsor(s): Ms. Durham
Date of introduction: August 25, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 26-163

URGING THE DELAWARE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO REJECT PROVISIONS OF THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION, OR ACTS THAT WOULD RAISE TRUCK WEIGHT LIMITS, EXTEND TRUCK LENGTHS, OR AUTHORIZE PILOT PROGRAMS PERMITTING HEAVIER VEHICLES ON PUBLIC ROADS

1 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council is concerned with the welfare of our
2 residents and motorists, along with the cost, quality and reliability of New Castle County's
3 infrastructure, as well as the development of new warehouses and facilities that will bring
4 additional commercial truck traffic to our communities; and
5

6 **WHEREAS**, the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) maintains
7 roughly 2,600 lane miles of roads and 534 bridges throughout the County and strives to
8 maximize safety and the integrity of this infrastructure; and
9

10 **WHEREAS**, the 91,000-pound "Pilot Project", as amended into the recent federal
11 surface transportation funding package (H.R. 8870), poses a threat to the safety of New
12 Castle County residents, motorists, and public infrastructure by allowing heavier
13 configurations found to have a 47% higher crash rate in a study by the U.S. Department
14 of Transportation (USDOT); and
15

16 **WHEREAS**, longer double-trailer trucks across the National Highway System that
17 have been proposed in Congress would further endanger motorists, and the USDOT
18 concluded that multi-trailer trucks have an 11-percent higher fatal crash rate than single-
19 trailer trucks; and
20

21 **WHEREAS**, allowing heavier or longer trucks on the National Highway System
22 would threaten the safety of the traveling public because heavier and longer trucks would
23 be more difficult to control, increase wear and tear on truck safety systems such as brakes,
24 steering and tires, and increase crash severity; and
25

26 **WHEREAS**, according to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
27 (FMSCA), 306 large truck crashes were recorded in New Castle County in 2025 alone,
28 resulting in 145 injuries and 2 fatalities; and
29

30 **WHEREAS**, Delaware has 498 bridges that are rated as in either "poor" or "fair"
31 condition, or 57% percent of all bridges statewide, according to the Federal Highway
32 Administration (FHWA); and

33 **WHEREAS**, the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks evaluated the FHWA bridge
34 inventory to determine the number of local bridges that would be put at risk by 91,000-
35 pound trucks using inspection data for local bridges in each state. For New Castle County,
36 37 local, non-interstate bridges would be at risk of needing replacement with a total cost
37 of over \$306 million; and

38 **WHEREAS**, traffic crashes in Delaware imposed a total of \$1.7 billion in economic
39 costs in 2024. The Road Information Program (TRIP) estimates that a lack of adequate
40 roadway safety features, while not the primary factor, was likely a contributing factor in
41 approximately one-third of all fatal traffic crashes, resulting in \$582 million in economic
42 costs in the state in 2024. These costs include work and household productivity losses,
43 property damage, medical costs, rehabilitation costs, legal and court costs, congestion
44 costs, and emergency services, according to the TRIP 2026 Delaware Report; and

45
46 **WHEREAS**, highway cost allocation studies show that increases in truck size and
47 weight would exacerbate the existing underpayment of highway maintenance costs by
48 heavy trucks and increase their subsidization by municipalities and counties, amounting
49 to an unfunded mandate; and

50
51 **WHEREAS**, Interstate 95, Interstate 295, Interstate 495, US Route 9, US Route 13
52 (Dupont Highway/Governor Printz), US Route 40 (Pulaski Highway), US Route 202
53 (Concord Pike), US Route 301 (Summit Bridge Road), and at least a dozen state routes
54 would all be affected by the truck size and weight increases, recognizing that no semi-
55 truck trip starts and ends on a limited access highway.

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57 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of New Castle
58 County that the Council opposes any increases in truck size or weight by Congress,
59 including the 91,000-pound pilot project inserted into the 5-year funding plan for highways;
60 and

61
62 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Delaware Congressional Delegation is
63 urged to reject any provision of the Surface Transportation Reauthorization or any other
64 federal legislation that would raise truck weight limits, extend truck lengths, or authorize
65 pilot programs permitting heavier vehicles on public roads; and

66
67 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk of County Council or her designee is
68 directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Delaware Congressional
69 Delegation.

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. 26-166

**TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PROCEDURAL RULE NO. 17
("COUNCIL MEMBERS' DISTRICT OFFICE EXPENDITURES")
RELATING TO EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FROM DISTRICT OFFICES**

1 **WHEREAS**, from time to time, it becomes necessary to update and revise New
2 Castle County Council's Procedural Rules; and

3
4 **WHEREAS**, the proposed revisions provide updated guidelines regarding
5 expenditures from Council Members' Accounts during an election year.

6
7 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that New Castle County Council
8 recognizes the importance of establishing clear protocol relating to mailings and
9 expenditures connected therewith, and hereby amends Rule No. 17 of County Council's
10 Procedural Rules, using strikethroughs to represent deletions and underlines to represent
11 additions, as set forth below.
12

13 **RULE NO. 17. COUNCIL MEMBERS' DISTRICT OFFICE EXPENDITURES**
14

15 17.1 During any fiscal year, a Council member may, without further approval, expend
16 a maximum of \$2,500 for items exhibiting the New Castle County Logo,
17 including items such as shirts, jackets, ties, calendars, mugs, etc.
18

19 17.2 The Council member and/or Legislative Assistant is responsible for placing
20 orders and arranging delivery with the New Castle County Office of Procurement
21 (the "Office"). Any issues or concerns related to an order will be resolved
22 between the Council member and the Office.
23

24 17.3 The Council Clerk and/or Council Deputy Clerk would facilitate the required
25 purchase order and payment transfer from the Council member's office account.
26 The Council member should maintain an accurate accounting of their
27 expenditures.
28

29 17.4 **Individual office expenditures.** Copy and mailing expenditures connected with
30 a specific District Council member's office shall be expended from the District
31 Council member's individual office account.
32

33 17.4.1. During any year in which a primary and/or general election is held for
34 members of County Council, the cumulative number of mailed letters from
35 individual office accounts shall not exceed 200 within 90 days of the
36 election(s).
37

Adopted by County Council
of New Castle County on:

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

SYNOPSIS: This proposed amendment to County Council's Procedural Rules assigns copy and mailing expenditures by the respective District Office to the individual accounts of Council members. Additionally, this Resolution proposes a maximum of 200 letters to be sent using District Office funds within 90 days of either a primary or general election.

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

REVISED II

Grant Matrix

8/25/26

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
Brandywine High School Baseball Boosters	\$1000/\$1000	Fund will be used for their guest dugout improvement project.	No/Yes	No	Durham
Eagle Trace Maintenance Corporation	\$3000/\$3000	Funds will be to help replace their cluster mailboxes which are located at the front of the community.	Yes/No	No	George
Friends of Newark Free Library (FNFL)	\$2500/\$2500	Funds will be used to help provide music programs for the library while it is closed due to construction. These funds will help pay for the venue.	Yes/Yes	No	George
JustShowUpChurch, Inc.-DBNA/MOT Outreach Initiative	\$5000/\$5000 -Carter \$2500 -Caneco \$2500	Funds will be used for their MOT Outreach Initiative.	Yes/Yes	No	Carter/ Caneco
Clayton Place Maintenance Corporation	\$815/\$815	Funds will be used to help cover the cost associated with open space and storm water basin maintenance.	Yes/No	No	Cartier
Hope Dining Room, Inc.	\$2000/\$2000	Funds will be used to help purchase supplies needed to serve meals.	Yes/No	No	Sheldon
Odessa National Social Committee	\$1500/\$1500	Funds will be used to help with expenses associated with their First Annual Family Fun Day Picnic	Yes/No	No	Caneco
Halloway Terrace Civic Association	\$1500/\$1500	Funds will be used to help support their fall Kids Day event	Yes/Yes	No	Street
Newark, DE NAACP	\$4,000/ \$1000	Funds will be used to support their Freedom Fund Banquet	Yes/Yes	No	Williams-Johns
Tender Hearts, Inc.	\$15,000/ \$500	Funds will be used to support their Tender Hearts Mobility Program.	Yes/Yes	No	Williams-Johns
Stop Soldier Suicide	\$4832/\$1500	Funds will be used to help support their Vet Fest event.	Yes/Yes	No	Williams-Johns
Supporting Kidds, Inc.	\$25,000/ \$500	Funds will be used to purchase additional laptops for their programs.	Yes/Yes	No	Williams-Johns

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
Community Communications Corporation, Inc.	\$1000/\$1000	Funds will be used to support the Voices of Our Youth Video Production Workshops.	Yes/Yes	Yes 7/14/26- \$800	Hollins

NEW CASTLE COUNTY

EMPLOYEE EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT FORM

EMPLOYEE NAME	David Carter	TELEPHONE	302-395-8346
TITLE	Councilman	DEPARTMENT	County Council
DESTINATION	Mecklenburg County, NC	OCA - GRANT/PROJECT	10100
DATES	12/2-12/5/26		
PURPOSE	2026 NACo Fall Board of Directors Meeting and Building Better Futures Symposium		

Dates	12/2/2026	12/3/2026	12/4/2026	12/5/2026				TOTALS	Obj Lvl
TRANSPORTATION									
Airfare	443.00							443.00	2001
Trainfare								-	2002
Taxi & Shuttle								-	2003
Tolls								-	2005
Parking	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00				60.00	2006
Total	\$ 458.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 503.00	
MILEAGE									
Actual miles	49			50.10					
Allowable Rate	0.725	0.725	0.725	0.725	0.725	0.725	0.725		
Total	\$ 35.74	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36.32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 72.07	2004
LODGING									
Hotel	\$258.00	\$258.00	\$258.00					774.00	2010
Telephone								-	2030
Total	\$ 258.00	\$ 258.00	\$ 258.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 774.00	
MEALS									
Number of days (overnight travel):		Rate per day:		Maximum meal allowance:					
Actual meal costs								-	
Less than full day:									
Breakfast								-	
Lunch								-	
Dinner								-	
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	2020
MISCELLANEOUS									
Conference Fees	-							-	2101
Seminar Fees								-	2102
ATM Fees								-	2007
Tips								-	2007
Books, Tapes, Etc								-	4101
Auto Rental								-	2008
Other								-	
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
SUMMARY	\$ 751.74	\$ 273.00	\$ 273.00	\$ 51.32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,349.07	
Expense Explanations:								Less Pre-payments:	
Travel and lodging for the 2026 NACo Fall Board of Directors Meeting and Building Better Futures Symposium to be held in Mecklenburg County, NC. These costs are an estimate and may vary after travel is completed.								Less Charges paid by NCC:	
								Due Employee:	
Explanation continued on attachment: yes() no()									

I hereby certify that these expenses, incurred by me on official New Castle County business, are reimbursable in accordance with current policies and have not been reimbursed, except where indicated.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

Employee Signature _____ Date _____

Type or print legibly - - Attach approval, receipts and original brochures.
Reference Administrative Policy #1
Form updated March 2006.

Supervisor's Signature _____ Date _____

I certify that all expenses are in compliance with all policies and Executive Orders.

General Manager's Signature _____ Date _____

VENDOR NUMBER:

VOUCHER NUMBER:

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Employee Name:	_____	Travel Dates:	_____
Title:	_____	Travel Location:	_____
Department:	_____	OCA-Grant/Project:	_____

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