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FY-27 Budget Message

Date: May 22, 2026
To: Mayor Bown, Council Members, and Nashville Citizens
From: Randy Lansing, Town Manager
Subject: FY-27 Budget Message

Attached is the proposed FY-27 operating budget for the Town of Nashville, which begins July 1, 2026, and ends June 30, 2027. It is a balanced budget as required by NCGS 159.8 with the use of \$1,339,450 in fund-balance money from four different Funds for one-time purchases and capital projects. This budget does have a \$0.02 increase in the Town's property tax rate from \$0.59 to \$0.61, and a 15% increase in water and sewer rates. For a house with a \$200,000 taxable value, this increase will be approximately \$40 more per year.

The proposed FY-27 budget is \$17,440,217, which is \$822,135 or 4% more than the adopted \$16,618,082 FY-26 budget due to inflationary increases in everyday operating costs. The proposed FY-27 budget includes an additional firefighter and a part-time code enforcement office, a new leaf vacuum truck, several public works trucks, a cemetery pickup, cemetery curb and paving, Glover Park improvements, media upgrades in the Town Council Chambers, new fencing around the public works garage, a sewer hydro excavator, well and lift station improvements, water valve replacements, new Boddie storm sewer intakes, and asphalt overlays for Cross Street, part of Birchwood Drive, and Essex Road. It also includes a 3% cost-of-living-increase for employees and wage/salary study increases for employees to keep the Town's wages competitive with other municipalities of its size.

The in-town water rate will increase \$0.83 from \$5.50 per 1,000 gallons to \$6.33, and the water base fee will increase \$2.85 from \$19.00 to \$21.85. The in-town sewer rate will increase by \$1.80 from \$12.00 per 1,000 gallons to \$13.80. The sewer base fee will increase by \$5.86 from \$29.00 to \$33.36. These increases are necessary to cover the 15% increased purchase cost of water and sewer from the City of Rocky Mount. The Town's 2026 water and sewer rate study showed these new rates will increase monthly water and sewer bills for households that use 1,000 gallons of water by \$9.67.

The budget also includes new fees for bulk item pickups, an increase in peddler permits, notary services, and several library fees.

The Council has established a fiscal goal of maintaining a General Fund fund balance that is equal to half of the General Fund's annual expenses. The FY-27 Budget achieves and maintains this level of fund-balance with a projected ending fund-balance of \$5,712,951 compared to \$5,072,311 for half a year's General Fund expenses.