

Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027 Proposed Budget

Summary Sheet

Ad Valorem Taxes:

- Total Assessed Valuation: \$5.077B
- Total Estimated Tax Levy: \$22,116,980
- Equivalent of penny on the tax rate: \$507,736
- No proposed change in tax rate. Remains at \$0.44 per \$100 of valuation
 - \$0.34 general government and \$0.10 debt service

RATES

- No proposed change in stormwater fees.
- No proposed change in vehicle tax. Remains at \$30, which represents the highest level available.
- No proposed change in solid waste and recycling fees.

REVENUES

- Ad Valorem Taxes represents 8.1% change over prior year amended budget
 - Unrestricted Intergovernmental represents 7.4% change over prior year amended budget
 - Recommendation of appropriating \$1.2M in fund balance for one-time capital related purchases
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EXPENDITURES:

- **General Fund - \$39.4M**
- **Debt Service Fund – \$5.1M**
- **Stormwater Fund - \$3.2M**

- Personnel expenditure represents an increase of 14.0% over prior year amended budget.
 - Statutory retirement contribution changes
 - General employees – 14.37% to 15.12%
 - Law Enforcement – 16.08% to 17.10%
 - Health insurance increased by 7.4%
 - Recommendation of 10 new positions
 - Administration (1)
 - Finance (1)
 - Fire (6)
 - Human Resources (1)
 - Public Works (1)

- General Fund Expenditure Budget Allocations:
 - **Fire – 23.2%**
 - **Police – 21.3%**
 - **Public Works – 16.1%**
 - **Debt Service – 11.4%**
 - **Recreation – 6.9%**
 - **All other services – 21.1%**

- **Major Capital Expenditures:**
 - General Fund
 - Fire Station #2
 - Knightdale Boulevard and Old Knight Road Pedestrian Improvements
 - Police Vehicle Additions
 - Future Fire Station #5 – Property Acquisition

- Fire Station 3 – Exterior Improvements
 - Harper Park Parking Lot Expansion
 - Knightdale Station Park – Clock Tower
 - Widewaters Extension Railroad Bridge – Design
 - Smithfield and First Avenue Sidewalks – Design and Right of Way
- Stormwater
 - Knightdale Station Park – Stormwater Control Measure Rehabilitation and Shop Wash Station
 - Poplar Street Stormwater Improvements
 - Flowers Street Stormwater Improvements

Debt

- Debt service expenditures increased 30.1% over prior year amended budget. This is primarily due to the debt service for the newly renovated law enforcement center building.
- Planned Debt Issuance:
 - Installment Purchase – New Vehicles
 - Fire Station #2 – Replacement
 - New Administration Building at The Lofts
 - Two Fire Engines

Town Manager – Budget Presentation May 20, 2026 at 7pm

Public Hearing – June 1, 2026 at 7pm

Provided Budget Feedback