



FY27 Budget Recommendation

**Per The Local Government Budget & Fiscal Control Act
NCGS 159-8**

For the Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027



Budget Process Overview



Local Government Budget & Fiscal Control Act

North Carolina counties, municipalities, and public authorities are required to budget and spend money in accordance with the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act (LGBFCA) as codified by Article 3 of Chapter 159 of NC General Statutes.

- Local governments may not expend any funds unless the money has been properly budgeted through the annual budget ordinance, a project ordinance, or a financial plan adopted by the unit's governing board.

Budget Calendar

Budget Step	Calendar Requirement	Statutory Reference
Departmental Requests and Revenue Estimates	Before April 30	G.S 159-10
Budget and Budget Message	Not later than June 1	G.S. 159-11(b)
Budget Ordinance Adoption	Not Later than July 1	G.S. 159-13(a)



Budget Message & Ordinance

Budget Message

G.S. 159-11(b)

- Organizational goals
- Important features of the budget
- Major changes in fiscal policy
- Changes from the previous year in program goals and appropriation levels

Ordinance

G.S. 159-13(a)

The budget ordinance may be in any form that the Board considers most efficient in enabling it to make the fiscal policy decisions embodied therein, but it shall make appropriations by department, function, or project and show revenues by major source.

FY27 Budget Adoption Process

Required Action	Statutory Reference	Applicable Date
Budget Recommendation open for public inspection upon submittal to Town Council	G.S. 159-12(a)	May 20, 2026
Town Clerk advises media that recommendation is available and publishes date / time of public hearing in local newspaper of general circulation	G.S. 159-12(a)	May 20, 2026
Not earlier than 10 days after budget presentation to the Town Council, a public hearing on the budget must be held prior to adoption	G.S. 159-13(a)	Open for inspection from May 20, 2026, to June 1, 2026
Adoption of FY27 Annual Budget	G.S. 159-13(a)	June 17, 2026

FY 2027 Budget Recommendation

KNIGHTDALE
Knightdale
tion Park
Baseball Complex
opping

THE TOWN OF
KNIGHTDALE, NC

PROPOSED

ANNUAL
OPERATING
BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

Celebrating
100 YEARS WITH A
VISION FOR
TOMORROW

KNIGHTDALE
start something

FY27 Property Tax Recommendation

The Town Manager is recommending a property tax rate of **\$0.44 per \$100 of assessed valuation for FY27.**

- Recommendation represents no change from the previous fiscal year.

Significant considerations are:

- Continued high costs of goods and services
- Competition for limited personnel resources
- Continued population influx to Knightdale

Total Assessed Valuation for Knightdale = \$5,077,360,000

Total Tax Revenue at \$0.44 = \$22,215,328

Municipality	FY26	FY27
Zebulon*	\$0.577	-
Garner	\$0.520	\$0.545
Wendell**	\$0.420	\$0.420
Knightdale	\$0.440	\$0.440
Wake Forest	\$0.420	\$0.420
Rolesville	\$0.400	\$0.400
Apex	\$0.356	\$0.390
Fuquay-Varina	\$0.358	\$0.378
Cary	\$0.340	\$0.3775
Raleigh	\$0.355	\$0.372
Morrisville	\$0.350	\$0.350
Holly Springs	\$0.343	\$0.343

**Zebulon has not released their budget as of 5/20/2026*

***Each Wendell property pays an additional fire tax rate. Proposed FY26 is \$0.10.*

FY27 Annual Operating Budget (all funds)

	Revenues	Other Financing Sources	Expenditures	Other Financing Uses	Total Budget
General Fund	\$ 36,647,548	\$2,749,926	\$39,092,474	\$305,000	\$ 39,397,474
Debt Service Fund	5,086,431	-	5,086,431	-	5,086,431
Storm Water Fund	1,826,600	1,408,188	3,234,788	-	3,234,788
Capital Reserve Fund	695,976	2,015,585	-	2,711,561	2,711,561
Total All Funds	\$ 44,256,555	\$ 6,173,699	\$47,413,693	\$ 3,016,561	\$ 50,403,254

Balanced Budget per G.S. 159-8

FY27 Budget represents a 10.9% increase over the previous fiscal year adopted budget.



FY27 General Fund Revenues

	FY 2026	FY 2027	% Change
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 20,403,824	\$ 22,215,328	8.88%
Local Option Sales Tax	6,870,275	7,443,086	8.34
Intergovernmental Restricted	5,090,682	5,997,917	17.82
Sanitation	1,447,803	1,743,748	20.44
Intergovernmental Unrestricted	1,613,894	1,666,000	3.23
Other Taxes & Licenses	411,500	444,200	7.95
Permits & Fees	605,500	1,044,600	72.52
Recreation	203,275	267,900	31.79
Miscellaneous	213,200	275,000	28.99
Investment Earnings	441,449	636,200	44.12
Interfund Transfers In	2,354,090	939,131	(60.11)
Debt Issuance	835,000	569,000	(31.86)
Fund Balance Appropriated	-	1,241,795	
Total	\$ 40,490,492	\$44,483,905	9.86%

Property Taxes as
percentage of total
revenues:

FY26 – 50.4%
FY27 – 50.1%

*General Fund and Debt Service Fund consolidated



FY27 General Fund Expenditures

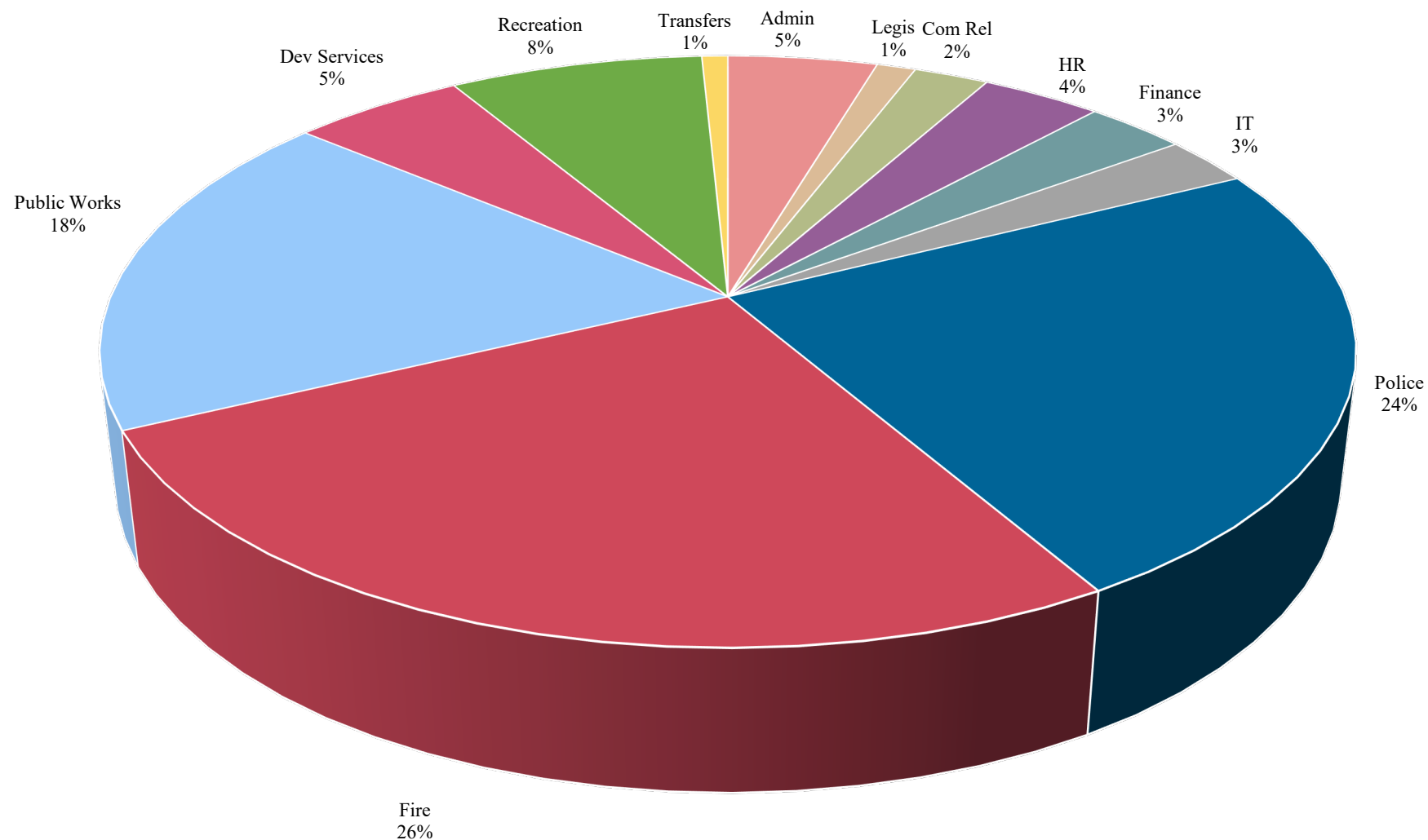
Department	FY 2026	FY 2027	% Change
Administration	\$ 2,176,112	\$ 1,805,425	(17.03)
Legislative	620,999	493,081	(20.60)
Community Relations	851,566	922,493	8.33
Human Resources	1,305,029	1,450,406	11.14
Finance	1,239,314	1,231,939	(0.60)
Information Technology	827,598	1,052,200	27.14
Police	9,308,771	9,489,110	1.94
Fire	8,813,963	10,329,164	17.19
Public Works	5,502,492	7,156,085	30.05
Development Services	1,842,909	2,094,391	13.65
Parks, Recreation and Cultural Programs	2,964,238	3,068,180	3.51
Interfund Transfer Out	1,142,959	305,000	(73.31)
Debt Service	3,894,542	5,086,431	30.60
Total	\$ 40,490,492	\$ 44,483,905	9.86%

Classification	Amount
Personnel	\$ 24,452,790
Operations	9,088,681
Professional Services	2,869,463
Capital Outlay	2,717,540
Debt Service	5,050,431
Transfers Out	305,000
Total	\$ 44,483,905

*General Fund and Debt Service Fund consolidated



FY27 General Fund - Service Appropriations



FY27 Tax Dollar Breakdown



All Other
Services
\$0.25

Police
\$0.22

Fire
\$0.22

Public
Works
\$0.14

Rec
\$0.07

Debt
\$0.10

FY27 Personnel Investments

- 10 new positions
- Reclassification of 4 existing positions
- 5.5% workforce growth
- Benefit Increases:
 - 3% COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment)
 - Merit funding up to a maximum of 4%
 - Retirement:
 - General Employees from 14.37% to 15.12%
 - LEOSSA from 16.08% to 17.10%
 - Health Insurance costs increase to 7.4%
 - Increased monthly insurance credit from \$750 to \$780

New Positions	
Administrative Assistant (HR)	Maintenance Worker (PW)
Information Technology Manager (Admin)	Lieutenant x3 (Fire)
Accounting Specialist (Finance)	Firefighter x3 (Fire)

FY27 Major Capital Projects

General Fund - \$3.6M

Projects	
Law Enforcement Center*	Under Construction
Knightdale Boulevard & Old Knight Road Pedestrian Improvements*	Under Construction
Fire Station 2 (Replacement)*	New Project
Fire Station 3 Exterior Improvements	New Project
Fire Station 5 Property Acquisition*	New Project
Widewaters Extension Railroad Bridge (Design)*	New Project
Smithfield and First Avenue Sidewalks (Design and ROW Acquisition)*	New Project

* Current strategic priorities.

FY27 Capital Improvements Program

General Fund (Unrestricted) - \$2.1M investment

Projects	
Public Art	Centennial Clock Tower
Knightdale Blvd Study	Comprehensive Equipment Replacement
Affordable Housing Trust Fund	Harper Park Parking Lot Expansion
Vehicle Additions (Public Works)	Harper Park Tennis Court Resurfacing
Dump Truck (with plow and spreader)	Vehicle Additions (Police)
Articulating Loader	McKnight Bus Stop Improvements (Vision Zero)

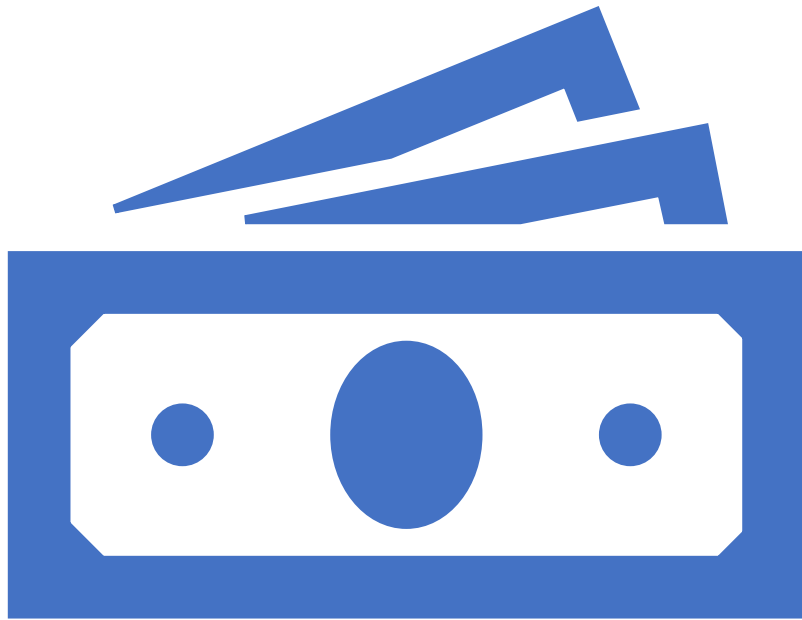
FY27 Capital Improvements Program

General Fund (Restricted) - \$622,000

Project
Powell Bill Repaving Program

Stormwater Fund - \$1,595,000 investment

Project
KSP SCM Rehabilitation
Poplar Street Improvements
Flowers Street Improvements
Stormwater Master Plan
Wash Station for KSP Shop



FY27 Budget Highlights

Knightdale has a Vision

Our community led by the values of its citizens.



SAFE

Knightdale is a safe community, where residents feel secure throughout the Town, the crime rate is low, and public safety personnel have a positive relationship with the community.



Connected & Inclusive

Knightdale actively pursues balanced growth with exceptional design to maintain its small town feel and appearance. Through the creation of unique community spaces and a welcoming environment for entrepreneurs and small businesses, we are creating a connected and inclusive town



Sustainable

Knightdale promotes the stewardship of its environment, the resiliency of its resources, and the maintenance of a financially sustainable government.



Active & Healthy

Knightdale brings people together and boasts happy residents by promoting and sustaining a high quality of life and providing recreation and leisure activities to meet diverse interests.



Organizational Excellence

Knightdale's government is operated efficiently and transparently by outstanding employees who focus on excellent customer service and open communication.

How Does This Budget Make Our Citizens Lives Better?



Commitment to Service Delivery

- ✓ 100% Operational Needs Met
- ✓ 10 New Positions
- ✓ 3% COLA & up to 4% Merit



Maintains Commitment to Public Safety

- ✓ Law Enforcement Center Completion
- ✓ Land Acquisition for Future Fire station #2
- ✓ Police Fleet Commitments
- ✓ New Fire Apparatus (Engine and Tiller Trucks)



Quality of Life Investments

- ✓ Pedestrian Improvements
- ✓ Public Art

How Does This Budget Make Our Citizens Lives Better?



Commitment to Local Economy

- ✓ Continued support of the Knightdale Commerce Alliance (KCA)
- ✓ Funding of Grants and Aid Program



Commitment to Inclusivity and Accessibility

- ✓ Emphasis on Future Transportation Priorities



Commitment to Environmental Stewardship

- ✓ Stormwater Improvements Program

Recommendation



Receive as information and allow Town Manager to answer any questions and address any concerns that Council has currently on proposed budget.

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