

**SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**The following Ordinance was proposed at the regular meeting of the Sussex County Council on February 9, 2021:**

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2021 TO INCORPORATE ADDITIONAL REALTY TRANSFER TAX  
REVENUE AND ALLOWABLE EXPENDITURES

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2020, the Sussex County Council adopted the Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Sussex County Realty Transfer Tax Revenue has exceeded the approved budget amount; and

WHEREAS, to reflect revenues and expenditures and to be fiscally responsive to the needs of the citizens, the Sussex County Council desires to amend the Anticipated General Fund Revenues, the Anticipated General Fund Appropriations and the Anticipated Capital Project Fund Revenues and Expenditures in the Annual Operating Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 as more fully set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX HEREBY ORDAINS:

**Section 1.** The “Anticipated General Fund Revenues” for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 set forth in the Annual Operating Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2021 is hereby amended by deleting the language in brackets and by adding the language in bold and underlined as follows:

	<b>Amount Year Ending June 30, 2021</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>	
Taxes	
Real Property - County	\$ 14,880,000
Real Property - Library	1,744,600
Realty Transfer	<del>[\$22,500,000]</del> <b><u>31,875,000</u></b>
Fire Service	1,500,000
Lodging Tax	1,000,000
Penalties and Interest	62,396
Intergovernmental	
Federal Grants	
Emergency Operations	200,000
Housing and Urban Development	2,045,000
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	5,800
State Grants	
Paramedic	5,100,000
Local Emergency Planning Commission	70,000
Library	330,000

<u>Charges for Services</u>	<b>Amount Year Ending June 30, 2021</b>
Constitutional Office Fees	
Marriage Bureau	170,000
Recorder of Deeds	3,466,000
Recorder of Deeds - Maintenance	41,000
Recorder of Deeds - Town Realty Transfer Tax	70,000
Register of Wills	1,200,000
Sheriff	1,800,000
General Government Fees	
Building Permits & Zoning Fees	2,000,000
9-1-1 System Fee	559,630
Manufactured Home Placement Fee	130,000
Building Inspection Fees	1,640,000
Airport Operations/Economic Development	623,000
Miscellaneous Fees	61,000
Private Road Review & Inspection Fees	1,400,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	
Fines and Forfeits	60,000
Investment Income	764,200
Miscellaneous Revenues	199,000
Other Financing Sources	
Interfund Transfers In	70,000
Appropriated Reserve	2,200,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>[\$65,891,626]                      <u>\$ 75,266,626</u></b>

**Section 2.** The "Anticipated General Fund Appropriations" for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 set forth in the Annual Operating Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2021 is hereby amended by deleting the language in brackets and by adding the language in bold and underlined as follows:

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Amount Year Ending June 30, 2021</b>
General Government	
County Council	\$ 703,284
Administration	493,180
Legal	550,000
Finance	2,123,542
Assessment	1,808,718
Building Code	1,228,352

<b>Expenditures (continued)</b>	<b>Amount Year Ending June 30, 2021</b>
General Government	
Mapping and Addressing	866,291
Human Resources & General Employment	826,191
Records Management	255,019
Facilities Management	2,254,424
Information Technology	1,892,013
Constable	1,329,912
Planning and Zoning	1,516,486
Paramedics	16,806,863
Emergency Preparedness	4,415,020
Engineering	
Engineering Administration	1,097,574
Public Works	384,091
Library	
Administration	736,820
Operations	2,604,818
Economic Development	
Economic Development	295,367
Safety and Security	520,595
Airport and Business Park	826,772
Community Development	2,590,233
Grant-in-aid	[ <b>\$16,050,136</b> ]
Constitutional Offices	
Marriage Bureau	226,345
Recorder of Deeds	992,363
Register of Wills	637,579
Sheriff	644,138
Other Financing Uses	
Transfers Out	[ <b>\$115,000</b> ]
Reserve for Contingencies	1,100,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>[<u>\$65,891,626</u>]</b>
	<b><u>\$ 75,266,626</u></b>

**Section 3.** The “Anticipated Capital Project Fund Revenues and Expenditures” for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 set forth in the Annual Operating Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2021 is hereby amended by deleting the language in brackets and by adding the language in bold and underlined as follows:

<b>Revenues and Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>Amount Year Ending June 30, 2021</b>
Appropriated Reserves	\$ 9,230,000
Federal Grant	900,000
Investment Income (net)	20,000
State Grant	50,000
<b><u>Transfer In</u></b>	<b><u>1,000,000</u></b>
<b>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</b> [\$10,200,000]	<b>\$ <u>11,200,000</u></b>

**Expenditures:**

Administrative		
Information Technology Infrastructure		750,000
Land Acquisition/Improvements		1,500,000
Airport and Business Park		
Stormwater Improvements		750,000
Airport Masterplan		400,000
Water Plant Improvements		100,000
Apron Expansion		300,000
Land Acquisition		750,000
RW 4-22 Taxiway B		300,000
Pavement Improvements		500,000
Business Park Improvements		1,250,000
Baltimore Avenue Connector		750,000
Public Safety		
Public Safety Building		1,000,000
Stations and Property Acquisition	[\$1,850,000]	<b><u>2,850,000</u></b>
<b>Total Capital Improvement Expenditures</b> [\$10,200,000]	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>11,200,000</u></b>

**Section 4.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

## SYNOPSIS

This Ordinance amends Annual Operating Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2021 to incorporate additional Sussex County Realty Transfer Tax revenue and allowable expenditures by amending the Anticipated General Fund Revenues, the Anticipated General Fund Appropriations and the Anticipated Capital Project Fund Revenues and Expenditures in the Annual Operating Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021.

All new language is in bold and underlined. All deleted language is in brackets.

**This Ordinance was proposed at the regular meeting of the Sussex County Council on February 9, 2021.**

**Copies of the Proposed Ordinance are available in the Office of the Clerk of the Sussex County Council, County Administrative Offices, 2 The Circle, Georgetown, Delaware and on the County's website at [www.sussexcountyde.gov](http://www.sussexcountyde.gov).**

**A Public Hearing thereon will be held in the Chambers of the Sussex County Council Administrative Offices, 2 The Circle, Georgetown, Delaware, on March 9, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as is practicable.**

**At that time and place, all persons interested will have a reasonable opportunity to be heard.**