

## Legal Notice

The County Council has introduced an ordinance establishing the annual operating budget for Fiscal Year 2024. A copy of the budget ordinance is available at the office of the Clerk of the county government located at 2 The Circle, Georgetown, DE 19947. A copy of the ordinance can also be found here: <https://sussexcountyde.gov/legal-notices/ordinances>

The summary of estimated revenues and expenses are:

<u>General Fund Revenues:</u>		<u>Amount Year Ending June 30, 2024</u>
Taxes		\$52,979,000
Intergovernmental		\$9,975,040
Charges for Services		\$14,790,630
Miscellaneous Revenue		\$1,906,500
Other Financing Sources		\$10,064,000
	Total Revenues	\$89,715,170
<u>General Fund Expenses:</u>		
General Government		\$18,443,016
Planning and Zoning		\$5,092,295
Paramedics		\$21,058,621
Emergency Preparedness		\$5,776,296
Engineering		\$2,438,100
Library		\$3,778,792
Economic Development		\$2,420,120
Community Development		\$2,902,803
Grant-in-aid		\$24,343,586
Constitutional Offices		\$2,746,041
Other Financing Uses		\$715,500
	Total Expenditures	\$89,715,170

<u>Capital Projects Revenues:</u>		<u>Amount Year Ending June 30, 2024</u>
Appropriated Reserves		\$14,958,500
Intergovernmental		\$4,037,500
Investment Income		\$100,000
	Total Revenues	\$19,096,000
<u>Capital Projects Expenses:</u>		
Administrative		\$8,978,000
Airport and Business Park		\$6,838,000
Engineering		\$450,000
Library		\$580,000

Public Safety		\$2,250,000
	Total Capital Project Expenditures	\$19,096,000

<u>Enterprise Revenues:</u>		<u>Amount Year Ending June 30, 2024</u>
Operating Revenues		\$32,269,716
Non-Operating Revenues		\$20,697,141
Other Financing Sources		\$847,646
	Total Revenues	\$53,814,503
<u>Enterprise Expenses:</u>		
Administrative		\$9,091,612
Operations and Maintenance		\$26,787,378
Capital		\$4,507,094
Debt Service		\$13,428,419
	Total Capital Project Expenditures	\$53,814,503

<u>American Rescue Plan Revenues:</u>		<u>Amount Year Ending June 30, 2024</u>
Intergovernmental		\$39,818,714
<u>American Rescue Plan Expenses:</u>		
Grant eligible expenses		\$39,818,714

List of fee increases in the proposed budget ordinance:

- 1.) Utility Enterprise - Water Annual Service Charge based on EDU - increased from \$377 per EDU to \$392.
- 2.) Utility Enterprise - Sewer Annual Service Charge - increased from \$320 per EDU to \$330.
- 3.) Enterprise Fund - Sewer Connection Fee - increased from \$6,600 per EDU to \$7,700 per EDU.
- 4.) Enterprise Fund - Water Connection Fee - increased from \$1,155 per EDU to \$1,500 per EDU.
- 5.) Enterprise Fund - Sewer Plan Review Fees - flat fee for (2) reviews of submitted plans - increased from \$2,000 to \$3,000.
- 6.) Enterprise Fund - Sewer Plan Review Fees - per unit (addition to Flat Fee) from \$20 per unit to \$30 per unit; or \$10 per unit for a multi-family building.
- 7.) Enterprise Fund - Sewer Plan Review Fees - Plan Revisions - after obtaining County approval increase from \$1,000 to \$2,000.
- 8.) Enterprise Fund - Water Plan Review Fees - flat fee for (2) reviews of submitted plans - increased from \$ 1,500 to \$3,000.
- 9.) Enterprise Fund - Water Plan Review Fees - Plan Revisions - after obtaining County approval increase from \$1,000 to \$2,000.
- 10.) Enterprise Fund - Water Plan Review Fees - per unit (addition to flat fee) increase from \$10 per unit to \$20 per unit; or \$10 per unit for a multi-family building.

- 11.) Enterprise and General Fund - Field inspection fee - overtime and holiday or weekend hours increase from \$50 per hour to \$70 per hour.
- 12.) Enterprise Fund - Sewer and Water connection permits - increase from \$100 per permit to \$130 per permit.
- 13.) Enterprise Fund - Sewer inspection camera fee - increase from \$125 per hour to \$150 per hour.
- 14.) General Fund - Engineering - Road Plan Review Fees - flat fee for (2) reviews of submitted plans from \$2,500 to \$3,500 flat fee.
- 15.) General Fund - Engineering - Road Plan Review Fees - per unit (addition to flat fee) increase from \$45 per unit to \$55 per unit; or \$20 per unit for a multi-family building.
- 16.) General Fund - Engineering Road Review Fees - Plan Revision - after obtaining County approval - from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per review.

List of new revenue sources in the proposed budget ordinance:

- 1.) Enterprise Fund - Sewer Inspection - Camera Flagger - \$50 - per hour per employee in addition to sewer inspection camera fee hour rate.
- 2.) Enterprise Fund - Commercial sewer site review fee - \$1,000 per review.
- 3.) Enterprise Fund – Sewer Assessment Fee – Mallard Creek - \$540 per EDU.

A public hearing will be held on the budget ordinance on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 10:15 am in the Council Chambers at 2 The Circle, Georgetown, DE 19947.