

Budget at a Glance



Fiscal Year 2022-23, effective July 1, 2022



GENERAL FUND: \$13.9 MILLION

For services like residential garbage collection, public safety, and recreation facilities. Revenue primarily from property and other taxes.



WATER & SEWER FUND: \$11.5 MILLION*

For water and sewer service, including system maintenance and improvements. Revenue primarily from utility charges.



STORMWATER FUND: \$768,263*

For stormwater services, including maintaining drainage infrastructure and keeping pollutants from waterways. Revenue primarily from stormwater charges.

* Enterprise funds: No profits made. Revenue used for no other purpose.

RATES AND FEES



- **No change** to property tax rate of 58.7 cents per \$100 of assessed value.
- **Increase** to water and sewer rates of 4.5 and 2%, respectively.
- **Decrease** to monthly minimum usage charged to utility customers by 125 gallons.
- **No change** to stormwater fee.

HIGHLIGHTS



- Annual payments for fire service from Orange Rural Fire Department increase by 5% this year with a \$25,000 placeholder for market-rate compensation adjustments. Cost includes contract with Orange County for fire inspections. FY23 cost: \$1.68 million.
- Build funds for construction of a fire station at 604 and 618 N. Churton St. FY23 cost: \$150,000.



- Additional design funds for moving staff and equipment to the N.C. 86 North facility and constructing storage buildings. FY23 cost: \$100,000.



- Replace accounting and finance software to improve efficiency across organization. This was planned in FY22 but not implemented. FY23 cost: \$86,550.



- Continue general maintenance of the former police substation and assist Fairview Community Watch in making modest improvements for community use of the building. FY22 funds of \$5,000 will roll over. FY23 cost: \$35,000.



- Pay debt service on past, major utilities projects and pay design and construction fees on new ones:
 - Emergency water supply pump station design* — FY23 cost: \$90,000.
 - Eno River Sewer Outfall replacement* — FY23 cost: \$750,000.
 - Fire hydrants and valves replacement* — FY23 cost: \$200,000.
 - Lawndale Sewage Basin rehabilitation* — FY23 cost: \$935,000.
 - Reservoir expansion* — FY23 cost: \$840,375.
 - River Pump Station replacement* — FY23 cost: 3 million.
 - Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade* — FY23 cost: \$1.2 million.



- Provide merit raises averaging 3.25% and market rate adjustments for positions as needed. FY23 General Fund cost: \$187,000. FY23 Stormwater Fund cost: \$12,374. FY23 Water and Sewer Fund cost: \$77,000.
- Make salary adjustments to correspond with re-organization within the Police Department. FY23 General Fund cost: \$75,000.
- Add assistant finance director and replacement for retiring community services director. FY23 General Fund cost: \$274,261.
- Add utility maintenance technician to water distribution team and mechanic I to assist with maintenance and repairs at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. FY23 Water and Sewer Fund cost: \$157,610.