

BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF WELDON, NORTH CAROLINA  
Fiscal Year 2023-2024

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Weldon, North Carolina:

Section 1: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the **General Fund** for the operation of the Town government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for the Town:

Governing Body	\$20,495
General Administration	\$335,445
Financial Operations	\$132,620
Police Department	\$628,536
Powell Bill	\$46,000
Street Department	\$528,420
Culture and Recreation	\$10,750
Transfer to Library Fund	\$15,000
Transfer to Fire District Fund	<u>\$259,018</u>
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$1,976,284</b>

Section 2: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the **General Fund** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024:

Current year's real property taxes	\$508,110
Current year's motor vehicle taxes and fees	\$80,257
Prior years' real property taxes	\$21,800
Penalties and interest on real property and motor vehicle taxes	\$10,000
Refuse collection fee	\$155,956
Less 2% charge to collect taxes and fees, plus tax refunds	\$(14,600)
Code enforcement revenues	\$27,000
Police department revenues	\$5,000
Cultural and recreation revenues	\$7,000
Utility franchise tax	\$111,000
Alcohol beverage tax	\$6,000
Powell Bill allocation	\$46,000
Solid waste disposal tax	\$1,112
Local option sales tax	\$300,000
Interest on investments	\$48,000
ABC revenue local	\$10,000
Miscellaneous revenues	\$5,000
Transfer from water and sewer fund	\$20,766
Fund balance appropriated	<u>\$627,883</u>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,976,284</b>

Section 3: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the **Water and Sewer Fund** for the operation of the water and sewer utilities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore approved for the Town:

Water operations department	\$1,037,425
Sewer operations department	\$752,334
Transfers to General Fund	\$20,766
Transfer to water capital reserve	\$10,000
Transfer to sewer capital reserve	\$10,000
Water contingency appropriation	\$4,638
Sewer contingency appropriation	<u>\$4,637</u>
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$1,839,800</b>

Section 4: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the **Water and Sewer Fund** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024:

Water charges Weldon	\$230,000
Water charges Halifax County	\$550,000
Water charges Northampton County	\$160,000
Sewer charges Weldon	\$160,000
Sewer charges Halifax County	\$225,000
Sewer charges Northampton County	\$317,000
Sewer charges Town of Halifax	\$90,000
Penalties	\$12,000
Miscellaneous revenues	\$95,700
Interest on investments	<u>\$ 100</u>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,839,800</b>

Section 5: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the **Fire District Fund** for the operation of the fire department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore approved for the Town:

Fire department operations	\$412,783
Contingency appropriation	<u>\$ 3,754</u>
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$416,537</b>

Section 6: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the **Fire District Fund** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024:

Real property taxes	\$120,184
Motor vehicle taxes	\$7,600
Less tax refunds and 2% collection fee	\$(1,000)
Local option sales tax	\$23,650
Halifax County donation	\$7,000
Miscellaneous revenue	\$85

Transfer from General Fund	<u>\$259,018</u>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>\$416,537</b>

Section 7: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the **Cemetery Fund** for the operation of the cemeteries for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore approved for the Town:

Cemetery operations	\$18,650
Contingency appropriation	<u>\$9,350</u>
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$28,000</b>

Section 8: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the **Cemetery Fund** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024:

Sale of lots	\$8,000
Opening and closing fees	<u>\$ 20,000</u>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>\$28,000</b>

Section 9: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the **Library Fund** for the operation of the library building for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore approved for the Town:

Library building maintenance and operation	<u>\$ 15,000</u>
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>

Section 10: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the **Library Fund** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024:

Transfer from General Fund	<u>\$ 15,000</u>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>

Section 11: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the **State of NC Capital Grants Fund** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024:

Riverfront Enhancement Project Grant	\$700,000
Passenger Rail Station Grant	\$750,000
Downtown Revitalization Grant	\$250,000
Big Rock Economic Development Grant	\$250,000
Rural Transformation Grant	<u>\$369,778</u>
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$2,319,778</b>

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<b>Grand Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$6,595,399</b>
<b>Grand Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$6,595,399</b>

Section 13: There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of seventy-two cents (\$0.72) per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of real property and motor vehicles as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2023, for the purpose of raising the revenue listed “Current year’s real property taxes” and “Current year’s motor vehicle taxes” in the General Fund in Section 2 of this ordinance.

This levy is based on a total valuation of property for the purposes of taxation of \$76,054,294 and an estimated rate of collection of 92.79%. The estimated rate of collection is based on the most recent complete fiscal year collection rate.

With regard to the 2023-24 tax rate for the Fire District Fund, the Town of Weldon has requested and the Halifax County Commissioners have approved a rate of \$.09 per \$100 valuation on real and personal property as well as motor vehicles.

Section 14: In addition to the tax rates specified in Section 11, the following rates and fees are authorized for the 2022-2023 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

- Increase the annual solid waste collection fee to \$225 per parcel containing a building
- Maintain the annual motor vehicle fee of \$10 per motor vehicle
- Maintain in-town residential water rates at \$2.15 per 1,000 gallons
- Maintain in-town commercial water rates at \$2.20 per 1,000 gallons
- Maintain in-town residential sewer rates at \$2.15 per 1,000 gallons
- Maintain in-town commercial sewer rates at \$2.20 per 1,000 gallons
- Maintain out-of-town residential water and sewer rates at \$3.07 per 1,000 gallons
- Maintain out-of-town commercial water and sewer rates at \$4.02 per 1,000 gallons
- Increase bulk water rate to \$2.30 per 1,000 gallons
- Increase bulk sewer rate to \$6.20 per 1,000 gallons

All other additional fees are authorized as listed in the 2023-24 Town of Weldon Fee Schedule.

Section 15: In addition to salary, the Town of Weldon pays the cost of health insurance, dental insurance, and life insurance (\$20,000) for full time employees. In addition full time employees receive paid holiday, annual, and sick leave. Employees who work in excess of 1,000 hours annually are required to be enrolled in the NC Local Government Employees Retirement System. All full-time employees who worked the entire year, June 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, will receive a 1.13% increase in salary effective July 1, 2023.

Section 16: The Budget Officer is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations between objects of expenditure within a department without limitation and without a report being required. These transfers must not result in increases in recurring obligations such as salaries. The Budget Officer may not transfer any funds from any contingency appropriation.

Section 17: The Town Administrator is hereby authorized to execute agreements and contracts and authorize purchases, within funds included in the Budget Ordinance, for the following purposes: (1) Enter into grant agreements with public and non-profit organizations; (2) Lease normal and routine business equipment where the annual cost of each lease is not more than \$20,000; (3) Secure consultant, professional or maintenance services where the annual compensation of each is not more than \$20,000; (4) Purchase apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment where formal bids are not required by law; (5) Enter into agreements for acceptance of State, Federal, public, and non-profit organization grant funds, and funds from other governmental units for services to be rendered; (6) Undertake construction or repair work where formal bids are not required by law; and (7) Secure liability, health, life, disability, casualty, property or other insurance and retention and faithful performance bonds. With approval of the Town Administrator, other appropriate Town officials are also authorized to execute or approve such insurance and bond undertakings as provided by law. The Town Administrator or his designee is hereby authorized to transfer up to \$1,000 between departments, including contingency appropriations, within the same fund with an official report of such transfers at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. All transfers between funds require prior approval by the Board of Commissioners in an amendment to the Budget Ordinance.

Section 18: Copies of this Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and to the Budget Officer and Finance Officer to be kept on file by them for their direction in the disbursement of funds.

Adopted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

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Hugh Credle, Mayor

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Shanelle B. Harris, Clerk