



CITY OF TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND

FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

Ordinance No. 06-2025

OPERATING BUDGET

For the Period beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

Mayor, Christopher Miller
Mayor Pro Tem, Rachael Miller
Councilman, Nick Kalinock
Councilman, James McCarron
Councilman, Harry Meade
Councilman, Christopher Tillman

City Manager, James Wieprecht
Treasurer, Barri R. Avallone

Budget Ordinance No. 06-2025 introduced 05/12/25 and passed 06/18/ 2025

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Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Assumptions
for the period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026
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Revenue

General Fund (GF)

- Current Tax Rate 0.37 Cents unchanged from last year – **NOT** exempt from constant yield tax rate provision, potential increase over FY25 budget of \$215,195
- County Tax Differential based on preliminary FY25 estimates from County. Finalized amounts after County Budget adopted.
- HUR Grant estimate for FY 2026 is \$580,816 as of December 27,2024
- State Police Protection Grant includes \$110,000 based on FY25 amount
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Utility Fund (UF)

- Water rates have been reduced by 5%
- Sewer rates have been reduced by 5%

Budgeted Use of Fund Balance

- \$1,671,269 – GF Balance - needed for GF Capital Outlay. \$250,000 Park FB for Park Capital
- \$2,548,179 - UF Balance - needed for capital outlay.

Expenses

• **Salary Notes**

• **Re-allocation of Salary & Fringe benefits between General Fund and Utility Fund**

- Includes 3% salary increase for staff
- City Manager will remain split 50% to GF and 50% to UF
- Treasurer will remain split 90% to GF and 10% to UF
- Includes new positions of executive assistant (split 80% GF 20% UF) and additional police officer
- W/S Billing Division employees (2) split 15% to GF and 85% to UF to reflect actuals
- IT will remain split 80% to GF and 20% to UF
- Five employees in the Public Works Department will be budgeted between Streets 75% and Parks 25%, based on 5 year actuals. One part time position split 50% between Streets and Parks. One Utility employee budgeted Streets 80% and Water 20%, based on 5 year actuals.

• **Maryland State Retirement - Employer Contribution Rates**

- Employee Pension System rate increases to 12.17% from 10.86% of Salaries - net increase of \$29,581(17.42%) over FY25 Budget
- Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System rate increased to 39.64% from 38.07% of Salaries, - net increase of \$52,829 (18.54%) over FY25 budget.

• **Health Insurance Increase - 9.83%**

- Based Insurance budget on our current carrier Aetna, new rates are unavailable at this time. 10% increase from current premium budgeted. Yearly cost to City is \$444,288 for Health, Dental, Vision, Life, HRA Fees, and Cobra Admin Fees, budgeted to employee home department, not allocated
- Deductible Health Liability to the City is \$324,400 (\$7,000 individual / \$8,700 family) budgeted at 100% usage. Budgeted to employee home department and not allocated

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DRAFT Fiscal Year 2026
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Summary

General Fund				Utility Fund			
Revenue	FY25 - Revised	FY26 - Draft	(FY26 - FY25)	Revenue	FY25 - Revised	FY26 - Draft	(FY26 - FY25)
Local & State Tax	4,567,423	4,805,093	237,670	Water Service Fee	1,000,000	950,000	(50,000)
County	644,518	642,934	(1,584)	Water Restoration Fees	0	0	0
Finance Office	0	0	0	Water Late Payments & Other	50,000	55,000	5,000
IT Dept	0	0	0	Water Standpipe Rental	138,000	140,500	2,500
Clerk	150	150	0	EnerNoc Capacity Payment	0	0	0
Zoning & Code Enforcement	7,100	7,000	(100)	Interest Income	150,000	150,000	0
City Hall and Roberts Mill / Headstart	600	600	0	Sewer Service Fee	1,975,000	1,866,750	(108,250)
Police	127,700	132,700	5,000	Grant Payments	0	4,391,952	4,391,952
Streets	510,364	580,816	70,452	Building Loan	0	0	0
Parks & Recreation	175,466	889,522	714,056	Budgeted Use of Fund Balance	3,428,806	2,548,179	(880,627)
Local	75,750	45,750	(30,000)				
Open Space Impact Fee - Fund	0	250,000	250,000				
Balance Use (Parks)							
Budgeted Use of Fund Balance	2,180,923	1,671,269	(509,654)				
Total Revenue - General Fund	\$ 8,289,994	\$ 9,025,834	\$ 735,840	Total Revenue - Utility Fund	\$ 6,741,806	\$ 10,102,381	\$ 3,360,575
Expenditures				Expenditures			
Mayor & Council	107,053	89,115	(17,938)	Water	1,006,324	1,015,918	9,594
Finance Dept	270,915	286,363	15,448	Sewer	1,826,140	1,767,384	(58,756)
City Manager	111,258	182,168	70,910	Debt Service (Principal - Water)	298,071	359,391	61,320
IT Dept	248,706	283,578	34,872	Debt Service (Principal - Sewer)	553,271	565,234	11,963
Clerks Office	128,082	128,589	507	Capital Outlay (Water)	1,200,000	6,354,274	5,154,274
Zoning & Code Enforcement	95,889	105,997	10,108	Capital Outlay (Sewer)	1,858,000	40,180	(1,817,820)
Economic Development	122,908	104,656	(18,252)				
City Hall	232,641	174,833	(57,808)				
Annex	10,550	9,575	(975)				
Roberts Mill Facility (Head Start)	2,590	1,630	(960)				
Public Safety	2,465,352	2,698,405	233,053				
Streets	1,598,981	1,534,890	(64,091)				
Storm Water Mgmt	90,500	98,000	7,500				
Parks & Recreation	534,963	539,490	4,527				
Debt Service (Principal)	94,290	100,280	5,990				
Capital Outlay (City Hall)	250,000	0	(250,000)				
Capital Outlay (IT)	22,000	0	(22,000)				
Capital Outlay (Police)	252,600	80,000	(172,600)				
Capital Outlay (Stormwater)	60,000	80,000	20,000				
Capital Outlay (Streets)	1,371,805	798,703	(573,102)				
Capital Outlay (Parks)	218,911	1,729,562	1,510,651				
Total Expenditures - General Fund	\$ 8,289,994	\$ 9,025,834	\$ 735,840	Total Expenditures - Utility Fund	\$ 6,741,806	\$ 10,102,381	\$ 3,360,575
Net Revenue Over Expenditures - General Fund	\$ -	\$ (0)	\$ (0)	Net Revenue Over Expenditures - Utility Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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General Fund		Utility Fund	
Revenue		Revenue	
Local & State Tax	4,805,093	Water Service Fee	950,000
County	642,934	Water Restoration Fees	0
Finance Office	0	Water Late Payments & Other	55,000
Clerk	150	Water Standpipe Rental	140,500
Zoning & Code Enforcement	7,000	EnerNoc Capacity Payment	0
City Hall - Robers Mill / Headstart	600	Interest Income	150,000
Police	132,700	Sewer Service Fee	1,866,750
Streets	580,816	Grant Funding MDE	4,391,952
Parks & Recreation	889,522	Building Loan	0
Local	45,750	Budgeted Use of Fund Balance	2,548,179
Park Impact Fees - Fund Balance Use	250,000		
Budgeted Use of Fund Balance	1,671,269		
Total Revenue - General Fund	\$ 9,025,834	Total Revenue - Utility Fund	\$ 10,102,381
Expenditures		Expenditures	
Mayor & Council	89,115	Water	1,015,918
Finance Dept	286,363	Sewer	1,767,384
City Manager	182,168	Debt Service (Principal - Water)	359,391
IT Dept	283,578	Debt Service (Principal - Sewer)	565,234
Clerks Office	128,589	Capital Outlay (Water)	6,354,274
Zoning & Code Enforcement	105,997	Capital Outlay (Sewer)	40,180
Economic Development	104,656		
City Hall	174,833		
Annex	9,575		
Roberts Mill Facility (Head Start)	1,630		
Public Safety	2,698,405		
Streets	1,534,890		
Storm Water Mgmt	98,000		
Parks & Recreation	539,490		
Debt Service (Principal)	100,280		
Capital Outlay (IT)	0		
Capital Outlay (Stormwater)	80,000		
Capital Outlay (Police)	80,000		
Capital Outlay (Street)	798,703		
Capital Outlay (Parks)	1,729,562		
Total Expenditures - General Fund	\$ 9,025,834	Total Expenditures - Utility Fund	\$ 10,102,381
Net Revenue Over Expenditures - General Fund	\$ (0)	Net Revenue Over Expenditures - Utility Fund	\$ -