



REGULAR MEETING OF STAUNTON CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, April 23, 2026
7:00 p.m.
Rita S. Wilson Council Chambers

PRESENT: Mayor Michele D. Edwards
Vice Mayor Brad D. Arrowood
Adam F. Campbell
Jeff L. Overholtzer
Corrie R. Park
Blake N. Shepherd
Alice L. Woods

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Leslie Beauregard, City Manager
Amanda DiMeo, Acting Deputy City Manager
John Blair, City Attorney

Mayor Edwards called the meeting to order: Mayor Edwards called this meeting of Staunton City Council to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

The invocation/moment of silence was given by Councilor Woods.

PROCLAMATIONS

(A copy of the Proclamations can be found at the conclusion of the Minutes.)

Councilor Campbell presented a Proclamation for Arbor Day 2026.

Councilor Woods presented a Proclamation for Economic Development Week.

Vice Mayor Arrowood presented a Proclamation for the National Letters Carriers Food Drive.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Edwards complimented the staff and Council for their collective efforts at adopting this year's budget. She stated that budget adoption is City Council's most important responsibility and

offered her sincere thanks to the City Manager and Chief Financial Officer for their professional stewardship of the City's tax dollars.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councilor Park complimented Willow Hughes on her recent appearance on the local NPR newscast explaining the City's Flood Resiliency Plan. She also expressed her condolences to the family of Stephen Moore, a former Staunton High School teacher who recently passed away.

Councilor Overholtzer stated that he attended the Home and Garden Tour on April 18. He was impressed with the tour and complimented the discussion concerning native plants.

He also stated that he attended the anniversary celebration for Fire Station Number Two. He noted that the station represented great cooperation between the City and School Division. He also stated that it's important to note that today's fire personnel need a much more diverse skill set than in past years with greater focus on medical skills.

Councilor Woods said she echoed Councilor Overholtzer's statements about Fire Station Number Two. She also stated that the Staunton Redevelopment and Housing Authority is conducting its first annual health and wellness fair at the Booker T. Washington Community Center on May 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Councilor Campbell announced that the first annual Queen City West Arts and Culture Festival will be on April 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Councilor Shepherd stated that he, Vice-Mayor Arrowood, and Ms. DiMeo attended Staunton Fire and Rescue's Annual Dinner and complimented the Department for its impressive work over the past year. He also recognized Stanley Barbour and Mike Lyle for being named Firefighter and Officer of the Year.

Vice Mayor Arrowood stated that he recently attended the band tryouts for Staunton High School and Shelburne Middle School. He said he was really impressed with the musicians as well as the instructors. He also stated that the band is looking for donations to go towards instruments.

Councilor Woods made the following motion out of the Nominations Committee (No second was required as the motion was out of committee.):

I move to recommend that the Staunton City Council appoint:

Stephen Sevier and Dwight George to the Valley Community Services Board for three-year terms commencing May 1, 2026 and ending April 30, 2029; and

Susan Richardson, Sheriff Chris Hartless, Commonwealth's Attorney John Baber, Public Defender Duane Barron, Judge Robin Mayer, and Judge Susan Read to the Blue Ridge Criminal Justice Board for two-year terms commencing May 1, 2026 and ending April 30, 2028.

Ms. Woods	aye	Ms. Park	aye
Mr. Shepherd	aye	Vice Mayor Arrowood	aye
Mr. Campbell	aye	Mayor Edwards	aye
Mr. Overholtzer	aye		

REGULAR MEETING

A. Consent Agenda (Note: A copy of all Ordinances and Resolutions approved on the Consent Agenda and during the Regular Meeting shall appear at the conclusion of these minutes.)

**A.1. Approval of Minutes
Work Session and Regular Meeting of April 9, 2026**

A.2. FY 2026 3rd Quarter Financial Report

A.3. Consideration of Personnel Policy Manual Revision—Policy 6.4 Retirement Gift

Mayor Edwards made the following statement:

“Per Procedure Memorandum No. 14, it is the policy of City Council to have routine, non-controversial items placed on a Consent Agenda. All items on the Consent Agenda will be voted on in one motion. If separate discussion of an item is requested by any member of Council, that item shall be removed and considered separately at the end of the regular meeting agenda.”

Mayor Edwards asked if any Councilmembers desired to remove any item from the Consent Agenda to be placed on the regular meeting agenda for separate consideration.

Councilor Woods moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Overholtzer and carried as follows:

Ms. Woods	aye	Ms. Park	aye
Mr. Shepherd	aye	Vice Mayor Arrowood	aye
Mr. Campbell	aye	Mayor Edwards	aye
Mr. Overholtzer	aye		

B. Public Hearing and Consideration of an Ordinance Authorizing a Lease Agreement Between City of Staunton and Happy Birthday America, Inc.

John Blair, City Attorney, presented the following information to Council:

The City intends to enter into a lease agreement with Happy Birthday America, Inc. for the lease of Gypsy Hill Park and related facilities for the purposes of Fourth of July-related activities.

Andrew Dietz of Happy Birthday America, Inc. made a brief presentation about this year’s proposed activities and acts. He stated that Wilson Fairchild will be performing along with Jimmy Fortune. He also stated that Happy Birthday America was now a commemorative partner with the national festivities celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

Vice Mayor Arrowood asked if there is a cap on the number of participants in the parade. Mr. Dietz said there is a soft cap of 150 participants, but there have been up to 180 participants.

Councilor Overholtzer asked if Happy Birthday America has ever considered using a choreographed drone exhibit instead of fireworks. Mr. Dietz stated that the organization did look into a drone display during COVID, but it was too expensive.

Mayor Edwards opened the public hearing.

No one chose to speak.

Councilor Campbell moved that City Council adopt the ordinance authorizing the approval of the lease agreement between the City of Staunton and Happy Birthday America, Inc., and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the lease agreement with such modifications and in final form as approved by the City Attorney.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Overholtzer and carried as follows:

Ms. Woods	aye	Ms. Park	aye
Mr. Shepherd	aye	Vice Mayor Arrowood	aye
Mr. Campbell	aye	Mayor Edwards	aye
Mr. Overholtzer	aye		

C. Public Hearing and Consideration of an Ordinance Authorizing the Lease Agreement Between City of Staunton and Staunton Baseball, Inc. for the Limited Use of Baseball Field and Operation of Concession Rights

John Blair, City Attorney, presented the following information to Council:

The City intends to enter into a lease agreement with Staunton Baseball, Inc. for the lease of John Moxie Memorial Baseball Stadium and related facilities for the purposes of the 2026 Valley League baseball season and the operation of the concession stand at the stadium. Staunton Baseball, Inc. staff have requested access to office facilities beginning May 16, 2026. No field activity will take place until after May 20, 2025.

Mayor Edwards opened the public hearing.

No one chose to speak.

Councilor Park moved that City Council adopt the ordinance authorizing approval of the lease agreement between the City of Staunton and Staunton Baseball, Inc. for the limited use of the baseball field and operation of concession rights beginning May 16, 2026, and further authorizing the City Manager be authorized to execute the lease agreement with such modifications and in final form as approved by the City Attorney.

The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Arrowood and carried as follows:

Ms. Woods	aye	Ms. Park	aye
Mr. Shepherd	aye	Vice Mayor Arrowood	aye
Mr. Campbell	aye	Mayor Edwards	aye
Mr. Overholtzer	aye		

D. Consideration of Ordinance to Increase Water User Fee, Sewer User Fee, Refuse User Fees, and Landfill Fees as Included in the FY 2027 Proposed Budget

Jessie Moyers, Chief Financial Officer, presented the following information:

The FY2027 budget proposes fee increases in three areas in order to fund critical infrastructure projects now and in the future: Water Fund, Sewer Fund and the Environmental Fund. A preliminary report on these proposed increases was provided to City Council at the March 12, 2026 Work Session, followed by the introduction of the FY 2027 Proposed Budget on March 26, 2027. A public hearing to receive comments on the proposed changes is required and occurred at Council’s regular meeting on April 9, 2026 with the consideration of the ordinance scheduled for the meeting on April 23, 2026. This public hearing was properly advertised in The News Leader on March 25, 2026 and April 1, 2026.

Details of each of these proposals are below:

Proposed Changes to the Water Usage Fee

The FY2027 budget proposal includes a 5.4% water rate increase, effective July 1, 2026, for water consumption. Residential bi-monthly customers will be billed at the new rate beginning with utility bills issued on September 10. Monthly customers will be impacted with the new rate beginning with the July utility bills. The increase will generate \$208,000 in additional water user fee revenue. The rate is proposed to increase to \$4.28/100 cubic feet from \$4.06/100 cubic feet. The minimum charge per two months by each regular user of City water is proposed to increase from \$20.30 to \$21.40. The bulk water rate is also proposed to increase from \$10.50 to \$11.00 per 750 gallons of water purchased in bulk quantities from the treatment plant. The minimum charge for bulk water purchases of less than 1,500 gallons during a month is proposed to increase from \$21.00 to \$22.00. The proposed increase would cost a family of four an additional \$2.64 per bi-

monthly billing cycle, based on an average bi-monthly consumption of 12/100 cubic feet, or \$15.84 annually. Rates were last increased effective July 1, 2024, for fiscal year 2025.

The increase is necessary to cover the increasing operating costs and to unfreeze two equipment operator positions that were frozen in FY2023. Even the 5% rate increase does not generate sufficient revenue to cover the total capital expenditures for the Water Fund. The total FY2027 Water Fund budget is \$8,338,170, a decrease of \$1,868,805 over the FY2026 adopted budget. FY2027 budget includes capital expenditures of \$3,240,000 including \$450,000 for water line replacements, \$2,500,000 for the construction phase of the Richmond Ave phase I project, and \$290,000 to paint the Franklin Hills #1 water storage tank.

Proposed Changes to the Sewer Usage Fee

The FY2025 budget proposal includes a 7.14% sewer rate increase, effective July 1, 2026, for sewage disposal services. Residential bi-monthly customers will be billed at the new rate beginning with utility bills issued on September 10. Monthly customers will be impacted with the new rate beginning with the July utility bills. The increase will generate \$309,000 in additional water user fee revenue. The rate is proposed to increase to \$6.00/100 cubic feet from \$5.60/100 cubic feet. The minimum charge per two months by each regular user of City water is proposed to increase from \$28.00 to \$30.00. Rates have only been increased twice over the last 13 years.

The proposed increase would cost a family of four an additional \$4.80 per bi-monthly billing cycle, based on an average bi-monthly consumption of 12/100 cubic feet, or \$28.80 annually.

The increase is necessary to cover the increasing operating costs, unfreeze one equipment operator position that was frozen in FY2023, and capital costs to replace/ repair major sewer system infrastructure assets. Even the 7.14% rate increase does not generate sufficient revenue to cover the total cash expense of \$5,361,881.

The total FY2027 Sewer Fund budget is \$5,364,397, a decrease of \$1,330,421 over the FY2026 adopted budget. The FY2027 budget included capital projects that totaled \$1,198,024. The FY2027 budget includes capital expenditures of \$250,000 for sewer line replacements, \$150,000 for Lewis Creek PER, \$500,000 for the New Hope Rd evaluation and study, and \$248,024 for plant machinery at the Middle River Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Proposed Changes to the Environmental Fees

The FY2027 budget proposal includes an increase in the environmental fund of 14.5%, which increases the residential refuse fee from \$24.01 per month to \$27.50 per month. The commercial refuse fees will also increase by 14.5%. The fee increases will generate approximately \$450,000 in additional revenue. The proposed increase will allow the city to replace one refuse truck in FY2027 and help to fund the landfill capital needs. The fund will still run a deficit of \$208,484 after the 14.5% increase in revenue.

In addition, the Augusta Regional Landfill have proposed increases to the landfill tipping and disposals fees. The commercial and industrial waste tipping fee will increase from \$52 per ton to \$65 per ton. Other landfill fee increases can be found on Attachment #3.

In summary

The financial impact to the minimum bill (not including stormwater) will be \$10.08 every two months and an average bill of 12 hundred cubic feet (approx. 9,000 gallons) will be \$14.42 every two months.

Vice-Mayor Arrowood asked if there is a timeline for the landfill’s project to move scales. Ms. Moyers stated that an invitation for bids would be issued in mid-May 2026.

Councilor Overholtzer stated that he favored consistent small increases in utility fees as opposed to waiting for a few years and having a large increase all at once. Vice-Mayor Arrowood agreed, and said he hoped that the fees could be regularly increased in the future to match the rate of inflation.

Councilor Overholtzer moved that Council adopt an ordinance amending water user fee rates, sewer user fee rates, refuse fee rates, and landfill rates effective July 1, 2026, as presented.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Woods and carried as follows:

Ms. Woods	aye	Ms. Park	aye
Mr. Shepherd	aye	Vice Mayor Arrowood	aye
Mr. Campbell	aye	Mayor Edwards	aye
Mr. Overholtzer	aye		

E. Consideration of an Ordinance to Establish a Budget for Fiscal Year 2027, July 1, 2026—June 30, 2027, totaling \$168,670,911 and for the Capital Improvements Plan FY2027-FY2031

Jessie Moyers, Chief Financial Officer, presented the following information:

The City Manager presented the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 budget at the March 26, 2026 Council meeting. There are no proposed tax rate increases for the real estate tax rate nor the personal property tax rate.

Since the initial budget presentation, modifications have been made to the General Fund budget in the amount of \$150,000. The current updated proposed FY2027 General Fund Budget is \$83,470,150. The modifications to the proposed budget include:

- Additional Revenues of \$150,000
- \$100,000 – Increase in Interest Income
- \$50,000 – Use of Fund Balance

Additional Expenditures of \$150,000

\$216,270 – VRS Retirement Benefits (Increasing the Hazardous Duty Multiplier to 1.85%)
(\$66,270) – Operating Expenditure Reductions

The public hearing for the budget was advertised on March 25, 2026 and April 1, 2026 in The News Leader and conducted at the April 9, 2026 Council meeting.

Council held budget discussions on the proposed budget on April 9 for the City and School Division Proposed Budgets.

The attached, FY2027 Budget Ordinance is presented for consideration at the April 23, 2026 meeting and is based upon the City Manager's Proposed Budget with modifications mentioned earlier.

The FY2027 Budget Ordinance Based upon the City Manager's Proposed Budget:

- Totals \$168,670,911 (City Budget = \$113,473,329 and School Budget = \$55,197,582).
- Provides \$20,366,404 in local funding to Staunton City Schools, an increase of \$1,461,942 over FY2026's Adopted Budget.
- Provides \$6,557,900 for all annual debt service payments for all funds.
- Provides \$1,518,813 as a transfer to the City Capital Improvement Fund.
- Maintains the real estate tax to \$0.91/\$100, effective January 1, 2026.
- Maintains the current personal property tax rate at \$2.90, effective January 1, 2026.
- Maintains the current machinery and tools tax rate at \$1.24.
- Unfreezes one full-time position in Sewer Lines in the Sewer fund.
- Unfreezes two full-time positions in Water Distribution in the Water fund.
- Provides \$1,388,853 in funding to outside agencies, an increase of \$94,669.
- Provides \$7,709,407 in funding for capital projects for all funds.

In addition, in the FY2027 budget there is a proposed increase in the excise tax on the sale of cigarettes to \$.40 per pack from the current \$.30 per pack. This results in an estimated additional revenue of \$90,000, of which \$15,000 will fund a pilot programs and education geared to reducing refuse and increase recycling.

FY2027-2031 Capital Improvement Plan

- An overview of the plan was presented to the Planning Commission on January 15, 2026. A public hearing, consideration, and approval of the plan occurred at its February 19, 2026. The plan was approved on a unanimous vote.
- The FY2027-2031 Capital Improvement Plan was present to the School Board on January 12, 2026 and adopted by the School Board on February 9, 2026.
- The plan was introduced to City Council on February 26, 2026, with a subsequent work session on April 9. Final consideration of the plan is scheduled for City Council’s meeting on April 23, 2026.
- The scheduled FY027-2031 Capital Improvement Plan totals \$90,612,236 for all city and school funds.

Councilor Overholtzer asked how much the hazardous duty multiplier would cost the City in the future. Ms. Moyers estimated that it would cost approximately \$230,000 to \$240,000 per year.

Councilor Overholtzer asked what the increased benefit to employees would be. Ms. Moyers stated that those eligible for the enhanced benefit would have a multiplier of 1.85% per year of service.

Councilor Overholtzer urged staff to use the hazardous duty multiplier as a recruiting tool.

Councilor Overholtzer moved to adopt the proposed ordinance as presented establishing and approving a budget for the City of Staunton for fiscal year 2027, totaling \$168,670,911, and fixing other tax rates and fees as proposed, advertised and considered for public hearing, and adopt the FY2027-2031 Capital Improvement Plan, as presented.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Shepherd and carried as follows:

Ms. Woods	aye	Ms. Park	aye
Mr. Shepherd	aye	Vice Mayor Arrowood	aye
Mr. Campbell	aye	Mayor Edwards	aye
Mr. Overholtzer	aye		

MATTERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Ms. Beauregard presented updates and information on the following items:

Earth Day is this Saturday, April 25 at Gypsy Hill Park. Additionally, Clean the Bay Day will be May 2

Additionally, as part of the City’s Adopt-A-Spot program, Brookdale Senior Living has adopted the area around the Gypsy Hill Park Bandstand. The Adopt-A-Spot program recently welcomed

five new partners including Brookdale Senior Living, the Augusta Bird Club, Trinity Church, the Musselman Family, and Friends of the Staunton Library.

Tiger Fuel completed their Clean the Bay Day cleanup along Lewis Creek early and was able to collect 19 bags of trash.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

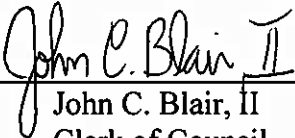
Mayor Edwards read the following statement:

“This part of City Council’s agenda is entitled matters from the public. It is a time that Council sets aside to hear from citizens and others about a wide variety of subjects. A copy of the Staunton City Council’s ‘Matters from the Public’ rules is available in paper form at the Clerk’s desk and online at the City of Staunton webpage. You are asked to familiarize yourself with those rules before commenting. Please come to the podium or raise your hand, identify yourself, and complete your remarks within five minutes.”

Aaron Barner thanked the City Horticulturalist. He also complimented the spirit of Councilor Woods invocation. He also complimented the Staunton High School and Shelburne Middle School bands for receiving superior ratings at the recent Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors’ Association Concert Performance Assessment. He also praised the Staunton High School chorus for receiving a superior rating at its March choral assessment. He noted that due to the band and chorus superior ratings, Staunton High School would be recognized as a Blue Ribbon School for Music by the Virginia Music Educators Association. He stated that the City has a need for overnight coverage and a place for individuals to receive care and services without having to interface with the Staunton Police Department or the Department of Social Services. He stated that radical care was coming to Staunton with or without the Council’s support.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.



John C. Blair, II
Clerk of Council



CITY OF STAUNTON, VIRGINIA

Proclamation

Arbor Day

April 24, 2026

- WHEREAS,** in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and
- WHEREAS,** this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and
- WHEREAS,** Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and
- WHEREAS,** trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and
- WHEREAS,** trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and
- WHEREAS,** trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and
- WHEREAS,** trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and
- WHEREAS,** 2026 marks the 50th anniversary of the Tree City USA program, a nationwide initiative that has recognized thousands of communities committed to the planting, care, and celebration of trees; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Staunton is being honored this year for the 30th time as a “Tree City USA” by the Arbor Day Foundation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by Staunton City Council, that April 24, 2026, is hereby designated as

Arbor Day

in the City of Staunton, and City Council urges the residents of Staunton, the region, and communities across the country to celebrate Arbor Day, to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and to plant trees to warm the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the city to be affixed, adopted this 23rd day of April, 2026.

MICHELE D. EDWARDS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL



CITY OF STAUNTON, VIRGINIA

Proclamation

Economic Development Week

May 4-8, 2026

WHEREAS, economic development professionals across Virginia work every day with businesses, educational institutions, government leaders and community partners to strengthen local economies and ensure vibrant communities for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, economic development is a strategic investment that helps create high-quality jobs, attract new businesses, support existing industries and generate revenues that sustain essential services such as education, transportation, housing, and healthcare; and

WHEREAS, from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024, Virginia recorded more than 900 company announcements, over 85,000 new jobs and nearly \$170 billion in capital investment; and

WHEREAS, approximately 72 percent of those announcements came from existing businesses expanding in their communities; and

WHEREAS, economic development professionals serve as connectors, bringing together residents, elected officials, business leaders, educators, and regional partners to expand opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Economic Development Week provides an opportunity to recognize the vital role these professionals play in fostering innovation, supporting business success, and improving quality of life; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by Staunton City Council, that May 4-8, 2026, is hereby designated as

Economic Development Week

in the City of Staunton, and City Council encourages the residents, businesses, and community partners of Staunton to recognize and celebrate the contributions of economic development professionals who work to expand opportunity, strengthen our economy, and build a prosperous future for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the city to be affixed, adopted this 23rd day of April, 2026.

MICHELE D. EDWARDS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL



CITY OF STAUNTON, VIRGINIA

Proclamation

Letter Carriers' *Stamp Out Hunger* Food Drive Day May 9, 2026

WHEREAS, every year on the second Saturday in May, letter carriers across the country collect non-perishable food as part of the nation's largest one-day food drive, distributing the donations to local food banks; and

WHEREAS, the Letter Carriers' *Stamp Out Hunger* Food Drive is just one example of how letter carriers work to make a difference in the lives of those they serve. Since the pilot drive was held in 1991, over 1.9 billion pounds of food have been collected; and

WHEREAS, we recognize all letter carriers for their hard work and their commitment to their communities. All the food collected in our community stays in our community, and we support carriers' efforts to help those in need in Staunton; and

WHEREAS, we also recognize the noteworthy milestone of 34 years that the National Letter Carrier Food Drive celebrates in 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by Staunton City Council that May 9, 2026 is hereby designated as:

Letter Carriers' *Stamp Out Hunger* Food Drive Day

in the City of Staunton, and we encourage the citizens of our community to support the Letter Carriers' *Stamp Out Hunger* Food Drive by placing non-perishable food items for donation to the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank in or near your mailbox on the morning of Food Drive Day. Your letter carrier and volunteers will pick up your donation, and together, we can all help feed our hungry.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the city to be affixed, adopted this 23rd day of April, 2026.

MICHELE D. EDWARDS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

Ordinance No. 2026 - 09

**AN ORDINANCE
AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL
OF A LEASE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF STAUNTON AND
HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA, INC. FOR
HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
2026 FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

Recitals

- A. The City of Staunton (City) owns and operates what is commonly known as Gypsy Hill Park;
- B. Happy Birthday America, Inc. (HBA) is a privately organized and operated organization that has requested a lease agreement for charitable and educational purposes to sponsor and conduct Fourth of July-related activities for the year 2026;
- C. HBA's Fourth of July activities provide the City and its residents with valuable civic, educational, and recreational opportunities;
- D. The Council of the City of Staunton has conducted a public hearing regarding the proposed lease agreement;
- E. This matter has been properly advertised, heard, and considered; and
- F. These recitals are an integral part of this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STAUNTON, VIRGINIA that it authorizes the lease agreement between the City of Staunton and Happy Birthday America, Inc. to sponsor and conduct Fourth of July-related activities for the year 2026; and it is

FURTHER ORDAINED that the Staunton City Manager is authorized to execute the lease agreement with such modifications and in final form as approved by the City Attorney.


Introduced: April 23, 2026

Adopted: April 23, 2026

Effective Date: April 23, 2026


Michele Edwards, Mayor

ATTEST:


John C. Blair
Clerk of Council

Ordinance No. 2026 -10

**AN ORDINANCE
AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF STAUNTON AND STAUNTON BASEBALL, INC.
FOR THE LIMITED USE OF BASEBALL FIELD
AND OPERATION OF CONCESSION RIGHTS**

Recitals

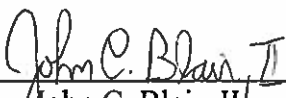
- A. The City of Staunton owns and operates John Moxie Memorial Baseball Stadium in Gypsy Hill Park;
- B. Staunton Baseball, Inc. is a privately organized and operated organization that has requested a lease agreement for the use of John Moxie Memorial Baseball Stadium for the purposes, during summer months, of playing baseball during the Valley League Baseball Season;
- C. The Valley Baseball League program provides the City and its residents with valued recreational and entertainment opportunities during the summer;
- D. The Council of the City of Staunton has conducted a public hearing regarding the proposed lease agreement;
- E. This matter has been properly advertised, heard, and considered; and
- F. These recitals are an integral part of this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STAUNTON, VIRGINIA that it authorizes the lease agreement between the City of Staunton and Staunton Baseball, Inc. for the limited use of the baseball field and operation of concession rights to and including May 20, 2026; and it is

FURTHER ORDAINED that the Staunton City Manager is authorized to execute the lease agreement with such modifications and in final form as approved by the City Attorney.

Introduced: April 23, 2026
Adopted: April 23, 2026
Effective Date: April 23, 2026


Michele Edwards, Mayor

ATTEST: 
John C. Blair, II
Clerk of Council

Ordinance No. 2026 - 11

AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING, RESTATING AND REORDAINING
SECTION 13.20.020, RATES GENERALLY,
OF CHAPTER 13.20, USE CHARGES,
OF TITLE 13, ENVIRONMENT,
OF THE STAUNTON CITY CODE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Staunton, Virginia, that Section 13.20.020 of the Staunton City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.20.020 Rates generally.

(1) Except as hereinafter set forth, for the use of water through a connection with meter attachment, the rate and method of assessment shall be according to meter measurement, as follows:

The user fee shall be \$4.28 per 100 cubic feet of metered water entering the premises.

(2) There shall be paid each two months, as prescribed, by each regular user of city water a minimum charge per two months of \$21.40.

(3) For a fractional part of a two-month period, a bill will be rendered for the actual consumption of water, as indicated by the meter. Where deemed necessary by the chief finance officer, rates may be computed on a monthly basis equal to one-half of the above rates.


(4) The rate at which water will be sold outside the corporate limits of the city shall be one and one-half times the rate at which water is sold inside the corporate limits, with the exception of any contracts in effect specifying a different rate.


(5) The bulk water rate to miscellaneous water customers will be \$11.00 per 750 gallons of water purchased.

(6) There shall be paid a minimum charge of \$22.00 for bulk water purchases during the month of less than 1,500 gallons for the month.

In all other respects, the provisions of Chapter 13.20 of the Staunton City Code remain the same and are hereby restated, confirmed and reordained.

Effective: July 1, 2026


Michele D. Edwards, Mayor

ATTEST: 
John C. Blair, II
Clerk of Council

Ordinance No. 2026 - 12

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING STAUNTON CITY CODE SECTION 13.45.030-AMOUNT.

Recitals

- A.** The Council of the City of Staunton, Virginia is authorized to implement sewer charges pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-2119.
- B.** The City's Chief Financial Officer is recommending increases in sewer rates to stabilize the Sewer Fund.
- C.** This matter has been properly heard and considered.
- D.** These recitals are deemed an integral part of this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Staunton, Virginia, that Section 13.45.030 of Chapter 13.45 Sewer User Fee, of Title 13, Environment, of the Staunton City Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Chapter 13.45
SEWER USER FEE**

...

13.45.030 Amount.

- (1) The user fee shall be \$6.00 per each 100 cubic feet of metered water entering the premises. The owner of any premises may, at his option and expense, install a separate meter designed to measure the wastewater actually entering the city system of sanitary sewers. Subject to the inspection and approval of the separate meter by the city, the rate of \$5.60 per 100 cubic feet will be applied to the metered flow of wastewater into the sewer system. There shall be paid each two months, as prescribed, by each user of the city sewer system a minimum charge per two months of \$30.00.
- (2) Users of the city sewer system within the corporate limits of the city who do not have city water service shall be charged a flat rate of \$60.00 each two months, with the exception of any existing contracts in effect specifying a different rate.
- (3) The rate at which wastewater disposal services will be provided outside the corporate limits of the city shall be one and one-half the regular city rate, with the exception of any existing contracts in effect specifying a different rate.
- (4) No sewer user fee will be charged for metered water supplies through an outside and separate water service which has been installed at the owner's expense for the exclusive use of construction, lawn irrigation, and plant watering, and from which water cannot be reasonably expected to enter the sanitary sewer system. Refer to SCC 13.15.040(3).

(5) No sewer user fee will be charged for a portion of metered water entering the premises under the following conditions:

(a) Whenever the owner or occupant of a lot or premises is installing a new lawn or a new landscaping scheme upon the lot or premises and watering of the same is necessary for the initial gestation and growth of the same, the owner or occupant may obtain relief from the sewer user fee under the following conditions:

(i) The project must be the establishment of a new lawn of at least 1,800 square feet, the cost of which exceeds \$1,500; or

(ii) The complete renovation of a previously established lawn of at least 1,800 square feet, the cost of which exceeds \$1,500; or

(iii) A new landscaping plan or a renovation of an existing landscaping plan, the cost of which exceeds \$2,000.

(b) An owner or occupant seeking relief under this section shall make application therefor at the water billing department of the city of Staunton and present to the water billing department such evidence, including receipts for seeding, plantings, etc., as requested by the water billing department to determine whether or not the applicant qualifies for relief. Upon approval by the water billing department of the request, the water used during the time concerned, to the extent that it exceeds the average amount of water used by the premises for the immediate past 12 months (or such lesser period of time that the premises were used or occupied), shall not be used in computing the sewer user fee set forth herein. In the event there is no past history available with regard to water usage for the subject premises, the water billing department shall determine an average water bill for the subject premises based on estimations for similarly sized dwellings or buildings in making its computations hereunder.

(c) No such relief shall be issued for the watering of vegetable gardens or for any other use except as set forth herein, and the relief granted hereunder shall be granted only for a period of time not to exceed 60 days and such relief shall not be granted with respect to the same premises more than once in each calendar year.

(6) For any premises used exclusively as an industrial laundry for which it is impractical to separately measure the wastewater by meter, as determined by the city manager or designee, the user fee charge for an account shall be reduced by credit equal to 15 percent of the charge otherwise applicable. For purposes solely of this provision, an "industrial laundry" shall mean an establishment engaged on a non-retail contract basis in operating a mechanical laundry, with steam as a significant processing byproduct, for cleaning by washing with water various clothing, fabrics, and other similar items, when during a bimonthly billing period metered water on the premises for the particular account exceeds 1,000 hundred cubic feet.

(7) Upon prior written request and certification submitted by the owner to the city's finance department, for a period of 90 days after connection of service or until the issuance of a certificate of occupancy, whichever is earlier, no sewer user fee shall be charged as to any premises on which a new dwelling is being constructed on an unimproved lot.

(8.) The owner of a pool may be eligible for a pool adjustment credit to their sewer user fee pursuant to the following conditions:

(a.) An owner of an in-ground pool shall receive a sewer user fee adjustment if documentation satisfactory to the Chief Financial Officer is presented that the pool is newly constructed and needed to be filled with water or if pool repairs required the pool to be emptied of water and filled again.

The amount of the adjustment will be a reduction in the sewer user fee to the average sewer usage fee of the preceding six billing periods on the account that includes the pool.

(b.) An owner of an above-ground pool shall receive a sewer user fee adjustment if documentation satisfactory to the Chief Financial Officer is presented that the pool is newly constructed and needed to be filled with water, if pool repairs required the pool to be emptied of water and filled again, or if the pool needed to be emptied onto the ground and the process of emptying the pool did not use a drain system.

The amount of the adjustment will be a reduction in the sewer user fee to the average sewer usage fee of the preceding six billing periods on the account that includes the pool.

The pool adjustment credit will not be available for partial fills of in-ground or above-ground pools nor will it be available for the filling of hot tubs or jacuzzis.

The pool adjustment credit will not be available for a fill of in-ground or above-ground pools of less than five thousand (5,000) gallons.

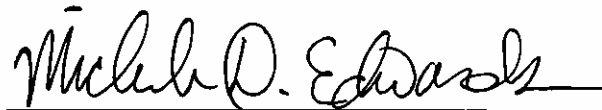
The Chief Financial Officer is authorized to establish policies and procedures to administer the pool adjustment credit.

In all other respects, the provisions of Title 13, Environment, of the Staunton City Code remain the same and are hereby restated, confirmed and reordained.

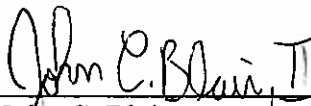
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Michele D. Edwards, Mayor

ATTEST: 
John C. Blair,
Acting Clerk of Council

Ordinance No. 2026 - 13

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING STAUNTON CITY CODE SECTION 8.30.110-
FEES-PRESCRIBED.**

Recitals

- A.** The Council of the City of Staunton, Virginia is authorized to establish solid waste fees for the collection of solid waste pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-928.
- B.** The Chief Financial Officer is recommending an increase in solid waste fees in order to stabilize the City's Environmental Proprietary Fund.
- C.** This matter has been properly heard and considered.
- D.** These recitals are deemed an integral part of this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Staunton, Virginia, that Section 8.30.110 of Chapter 8.30 Solid Waste, of Title 8, Health and Safety, of the Staunton City Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Chapter 8.30
SOLID WASTE**

...

8.30.110 Fees – Prescribed.

(1) Residential. For a mandatory fee of \$ 27.50 per month for each single-family unit (to include each unit in a multifamily structure), the city shall provide one weekly pickup of refuse from each residential unit in the city, whether inside or outside the central business district, the basis of computation of the fee being a single-family unit. The fee for refuse collection service for all other than single-family units shall be in an amount adequate to cover all costs to the city for such service, such amount to be established by the director of public works as part of the city's solid waste policy, with the approval of the city manager, but such fee shall not be less than \$ 27.50 per month per unit.

(2) Light Commercial. The mandatory fee for refuse collection service to light commercial customers, whether inside or outside the central business district, shall be \$ 62.44per month. The light commercial designation shall apply to those customers which place the equivalent of four or fewer bags/containers of refuse at the curb for collection.

(3) Heavy Commercial. The mandatory fee for refuse collection service to heavy commercial customers within the central business district shall be \$ 167.84and \$ 132.10 for those outside the central business district. The heavy commercial designation shall apply to those customers which place the equivalent of five or more bags/containers at the curb for collection. All full-time restaurants shall be deemed heavy commercial customers.

(4) Special Unscheduled Pickup. When refuse is stored or placed curbside in a manner not otherwise in accordance with the city's solid waste policy, it shall be deemed a request for a special unscheduled pickup and a crew may be dispatched to collect the refuse. The fee for pickup shall be in an amount adequate to cover all costs to the city for such service, such amount to be established by the director of public works as part of the city's solid waste policy, with approval of the city manager, but such fee shall not be less than \$ 138.32 and shall be charged to the property owner or tenant.

(5) Collection Outside City Limits. The fee for refuse collection service rendered outside of the city limits shall be in an amount equal to 200 percent of the fee charged for such service in the city limits.

(6) Exemption, Deferral, Modification or Waiver of Fee.

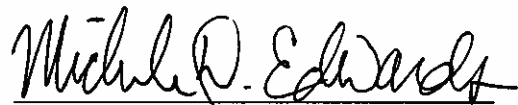
(a) By ordinance, persons may be exempted, deferred, or charged a lesser amount from paying any charges and fees authorized for the collection and disposal of garbage and refuse only if based on the income criteria, as provided by Section 58.1-3211 of the Code of Virginia.

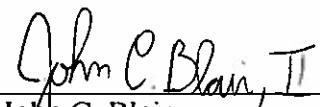
(b) The director of public works may waive all or part of the fees for any multifamily structure or commercial customer if contractual arrangements are made and maintained by that customer for adequate containerized service as determined satisfactory by the director of public works.

(c) The Chief Financial Officer may waive this fee for any multifamily residential structure if it is determined that the structure is vacant and that the only water usage of the structure is to operate a hydronic heating system. The Chief Financial Officer may establish policies and procedures to administer this waiver.

In all other respects, the provisions of Title 8, Health and Safety, of the Staunton City Code remain the same and are hereby restated, confirmed and reordained.

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Michele D. Edwards, Mayor

ATTEST: 
John C. Blair,
Acting Clerk of Council

Ordinance No. 2026 - 14

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, RESTATING AND REORDAINING
SECTION 8.30.060, SERVICE CHARGES FOR USE OF SANITARY LANDFILL
OF CHAPTER 8.30, SOLID WASTE,
OF TITLE 8, HEALTH AND SAFETY
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF STAUNTON, VIRGINIA,
TO INCREASE AND MODIFY FEES FOR DISPOSAL OF
VARIOUS WASTE AND OTHER REFUSE MATERIALS AT
THE JOINTLY-OWNED AUGUSTA REGIONAL
LANDFILL**

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 15.2-928, in part, authorizes the City of Staunton, Virginia, to provide and operate, within or outside its boundaries, solid waste management facilities and appurtenances for the collection, management, recycling and disposal of solid waste, recyclable materials, and other refuse of the residents and businesses of the locality and to charge and collect compensation for such services;

WHEREAS, by its enactment of § 8.30.060 of the Code of the City of Staunton, Virginia, which establishes fees for the use of the Augusta Regional Landfill, operated for the benefit of the City of Staunton, the County of Augusta, and the City of Waynesboro, Virginia, the Council of the City of Staunton, Virginia has previously exercised such authority; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Staunton to modify selective fees imposed by the city for the disposal of various waste and other refuse materials at the Augusta Regional Landfill, just as expected to be done by the other two localities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Staunton, Virginia, that Section 8.30.060 of the Code of the City of Staunton, Virginia, be, and hereby is, amended, to read as follows:

8.30.060 Service charges for use of sanitary landfill.

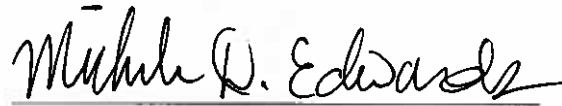
(1) There are hereby imposed charges for disposal of solid waste at any landfill owned or operated by or for the city in accordance with the following schedule:

Passenger tires	\$ 5.00 per tire.
Passenger tires, on a rim	\$ 8.00 per tire.
Truck tires	\$15.00 per tire.
Heavy equipment-tractor tires:	
agriculture use.....	\$15.00 per tire.
by the ton	\$250.00 per ton.
Yard waste	\$ 50.00 per ton.
Commercial or industrial waste	\$65.00 per ton.
Construction demolition debris.....	\$65.00 per ton.

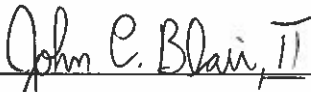
Residential waste,
privately hauled by passenger car or pickup truck No charge.
Mulch and wood chips \$20.00 per ton.
Clean fill dirt No charge.
Freon Bearing Appliance:\$15.00.

This ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2026.

In all other respects, the provisions of Chapter 8.30 of the Staunton City Code remain the same and are hereby restated, confirmed and reordained.



Michele D. Edwards, Mayor

ATTEST: 

John C. Blair, II,
Clerk of Council

Ordinance No. 2026- 15

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF STAUNTON, VIRGINIA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027, APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES FOR SUCH FISCAL YEAR, SUBJECT TO FUTURE APPROPRIATION AMENDMENT; ESTABLISHING A TAX RATE ON TAXABLE PERSONAL PROPERTY, REAL ESTATE AND PROPERTY OF PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATIONS; ESTABLISHING AND IMPOSING A SERVICE CHARGE ON CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION; AND CONTINUING IN EFFECT ALL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STAUNTON, VIRGINIA, RELATING TO TAXES, LICENSES, FEES, SERVICE CHARGES, COSTS AND OTHER CHARGES AND ALL ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE TIME OF PAYMENT THEREOF AND COLLECTION THEREOF, EXCEPT AS HEREIN SPECIFICALLY MODIFIED

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Staunton, Virginia, as follows:

SECTION 1. The following budget, annexed and incorporated by reference, totaling **\$168,670,911** for the City of Staunton, Virginia for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 is hereby proposed, approved and adopted:

(SEE ATTACHED BUDGET, incorporated by reference)

SECTION 2. Public revenues of the City of Staunton, Virginia are hereby appropriated for public purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, as set forth in the appropriate Section of such budget.

SECTION 3.

3.1. The tax rate for all real estate, including real estate owned by public service corporations, subject to tax for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2026, shall be and is fixed at \$0.91 per \$100.00 of assessed value of such property per year, with assessed values being established through biennial reassessments pursuant to Section 58.1-3253 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, as of January of every odd numbered year.

3.2. The tax rate for all real property and improvements located in the Downtown Service District is subject to an additional tax for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2026, which shall be and is fixed at \$0.15 (fifteen cents) per \$100.00 of assessed value of such property for calendar year 2026. Assessed values for the Downtown Service District shall be established through biennial reassessments pursuant to Section 58.1-3253 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, as of January 1 of every odd numbered year. These rates shall continue until modified by action of the Council of the City of Staunton, Virginia.

SECTION 4.

4.1. The tax rate for all personal property, including vehicles owned by public service corporations (but excluding machinery and tools, referenced and defined in Section 58.1-3507 of the Code of Virginia, as amended), subject to tax for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2026, shall be fixed at \$2.90 per \$100.00 of assessed value per year.

4.2. The tax rate for machinery and tools as defined in Section 58.1-3507 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, subject to tax for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2026 shall be and is fixed at \$1.24 per \$100.00 of assessed value per year.

SECTION 5. For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, certain categories of property exempted from taxation under Section 58.1-3600 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, as amended, shall be assessed and have imposed a fee or service charge based on the assessed value of the real estate and the amount which the City of Staunton expended in the year preceding for police and fire protection and, in the case of faculty and staff housing of an educational institution, the cost of public school education. The categories of property eligible for such assessment, and the method for calculating the assessment, are prescribed in Section 58.1-3400 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

SECTION 6. The rate of service charge or fee imposed for property subject to such charge or fee under Section 5 of this ordinance shall be and is fixed and imposed at \$0.19 per annum per \$100.00 of assessed value and \$0.49 per annum per \$100.00 of assessed value for faculty and staff housing of an educational institution for the 2026 calendar year. The service charge shall be and is payable in one installment on December 15, 2026. Any service charge not paid when due shall bear interest computed at the rate of 10% per annum from the due date until paid.

SECTION 7. The real estate lawfully owned by the County of Augusta lying wholly or partly in the corporate limits of the City of Staunton, Virginia, shall be exempt from the service charge imposed by Section 5 of this ordinance.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of Section 5, 6 and 7 of this ordinance to conform to and meet all the requirements of Section 58.1-3400 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, as amended, and shall be read and construed accordingly.

SECTION 9. The annual salary for each member of the Council of the City of Staunton, Virginia, is hereby established as follows and shall remain in effect until formal action is taken to amend this ordinance:

Mayor	\$11,000
Vice-Mayor	\$10,000
Council Member	\$10,000

SECTION 10.

10.1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to transfer funds from one line item to another line item within each Fund of such budget, with the exception of the general contingency account.

10.2. Authorization is hereby given to the City Manager to withhold or postpone the expenditure of any funds appropriated by and in this ordinance when it appears to the City Manager that it would be in the best interests of the City for such expenditure to be withheld; but, this provision shall not in any way limit or restrict the right of the Council of the City of Staunton, Virginia, in its sole discretion to the fullest extent permitted by law, to direct immediate disbursement of any appropriated funds when the Council of the City of Staunton, Virginia, is of the opinion that the funds should be expended regardless of the position or action or inaction of the City Manager.


SECTION 11. Any ordinance in conflict with this ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent and only to the extent that such conflict exists. However, all ordinances not in conflict with this ordinance shall continue in effect, including specifically all ordinances of the City of Staunton, Virginia relating to taxes, licenses, fees, service charges, costs and payment and collection thereof continuing in effect except as herein specifically modified.

SECTION 12. If any part of this ordinance is found to be invalid by competent authority, the remaining portions of this ordinance shall continue in effect to the fullest extent permitted by law.

This ordinance shall be effective July 1, 2026.


Michele D. Edwards, Mayor

ATTEST:


John C. Blair
Clerk of Council

**CITY OF STAUNTON, VIRGINIA
FY 2027 ADOPTED BUDGET**

GENERAL FUND

ANTICIPATED REVENUE

	BUDGET
General Property Taxes	\$ 40,371,764
Other Local Taxes	\$ 21,414,000
Commonwealth of Virginia	\$ 15,996,830
Current Service Charges	\$ 2,481,202
Federal Revenue	\$ 1,165,312
Recovered Costs	\$ 584,500
Licenses and Permits	\$ 244,000
Use of Money and Property	\$ 765,000
Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 180,500
Miscellaneous	\$ 267,042
Total Revenue	\$ 83,470,150

APPROPRIATIONS

Transfer to Education Fund	\$ 20,366,404
Public Safety	\$ 17,580,234
Health and Welfare	\$ 9,122,676
Public Works	\$ 8,959,499
General Government Administration	\$ 8,579,031
Transfer to Debt Service Sinking Fund	\$ 5,676,903
Parks, Recreation, Library, and Cultural	\$ 4,710,098
Judicial Administration	\$ 4,028,988
Community Development	\$ 3,212,504
Transfer to the City CIP Fund	\$ 1,518,813
Nondepartmental	\$ (285,000)
Total Appropriations	\$ 83,470,150

DEBT SERVICE SINKING FUND

ANTICIPATED REVENUE

Transfer from the General Fund	\$ 5,676,903
General Revenues	\$ 880,997
Total Revenue	\$ 6,557,900

APPROPRIATIONS

Debt	\$ 6,557,900
Total Appropriations	\$ 6,557,900

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FUND

ANTICIPATED REVENUE

Transfer from the General Fund	\$ 1,518,813
Total Revenue	\$ 1,518,813

APPROPRIATIONS

Capital Improvements	\$ 1,518,813
Total Appropriations	\$ 1,518,813

BLUE RIDGE COURT SERVICES FUND

ANTICIPATED REVENUE

Non Capital Grants/ Contributions	\$ 1,370,964
Miscellaneous	207,373
Charges for Services	115,000
Total Revenue	\$ 1,693,337

APPROPRIATIONS

Operations	\$ 1,693,337
Total Appropriations	\$ 1,693,337

WATER FUND

ANTICIPATED REVENUE

Charges for Service	\$	5,109,174
General Revenues		<u>3,228,996</u>
Total Revenue	\$	8,338,170

APPROPRIATIONS

Operations	\$	4,153,637
Debt		944,533
Capital		<u>3,240,000</u>
Total Appropriations	\$	8,338,170

SEWER FUND

ANTICIPATED REVENUE

Charges for Services	\$	4,719,878
General Revenues		<u>644,519</u>
Total Revenue	\$	5,364,397

APPROPRIATIONS

Operations	\$	3,298,028
Debt		868,345
Capital		<u>1,198,024</u>
Total Appropriations	\$	5,364,397

PARKING FUND

ANTICIPATED REVENUE

Charges for Services	\$	134,000
General Revenues		<u>272,694</u>
Total Revenue	\$	406,694

APPROPRIATIONS

Operations	\$	227,231
Debt		<u>179,463</u>
Total Appropriations	\$	406,694

STORMWATER FUND

ANTICIPATED REVENUE

Charges for Services	\$	1,316,000
General Revenues		<u>75,000</u>
Total Revenue	\$	1,391,000

APPROPRIATIONS

Operations	\$	1,100,803
Capital		<u>290,197</u>
Total Appropriations	\$	1,391,000

ENVIRONMENTAL FUND

ANTICIPATED REVENUE

Charges for Services	\$	4,352,682
General Revenues		370,186
Non Capital Grants/ Contributions		<u>10,000</u>
Total Revenue	\$	4,732,868

APPROPRIATIONS

Operations	\$	3,470,495
Capital		<u>1,262,373</u>
Total Appropriations	\$	4,732,868

EDUCATION FUND

ANTICIPATED REVENUE

Commonwealth of Virginia	\$	26,691,460
Transfer from the General Fund		20,366,404
Federal Government		2,088,065
Charges for Services		10,000
General Revenues		<u>88,000</u>
Total Revenue	\$	49,243,929

APPROPRIATIONS

Administration and Operation of Schools	\$	<u>49,243,929</u>
Total Appropriations	\$	49,243,929

CAFETERIA FUND

ANTICIPATED REVENUE

Operating Grants	\$	1,781,715
Charges for Service		42,100
General Revenues		<u>287,721</u>
Total Revenue	\$	2,111,536

APPROPRIATIONS

Operations	\$	<u>2,111,536</u>
Total Appropriations	\$	2,111,536

SCHOOL TEXTBOOK FUND

ANTICIPATED REVENUE

Commonwealth of Virginia	\$	242,025
General Revenues		<u>161,283</u>
Total Revenue	\$	403,308

APPROPRIATIONS

Operations	\$	<u>403,308</u>
Total Appropriations	\$	403,308

SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FUND

ANTICIPATED REVENUE

General Revenues	\$	<u>200,000</u>
Total Revenue	\$	200,000

APPROPRIATIONS

Capital Improvements	\$	<u>200,000</u>
Total Appropriations	\$	200,000

STATE OPERATED PROGRAMS

ANTICIPATED REVENUE

Operating Grants	\$	<u>3,238,809</u>
Total Revenue	\$	3,238,809

APPROPRIATIONS

Operations	\$	<u>3,238,809</u>
Total Appropriations	\$	3,238,809

Grand Total Revenues	\$	168,670,911
Grand Total Expenditures	\$	168,670,911
Balance		\$0

Approved this 23rd day of April 2026

Effective Date: July 1, 2026

ATTEST:
John C. Blair
Clerk of Council



CERTIFIED:
Michele D. Edwards
Mayor of Council



Ordinance No. 2026 - 16

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, RESTATING AND REORDAINING
SECTION 3.75.030, LEVIED – AMOUNT – TAX ADDITIONAL TO OTHER
TAXES
OF CHAPTER 3.75, CIGARETTE TAX,
OF TITLE 3, REVENUE AND FINANCE**

WHEREAS, the City of Staunton already imposes a tax on cigarettes to provide revenue for the general fund;

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Staunton has determined, so as to provide further financial support to City programs and operations, to increase the tax on cigarettes, effective July 1, 2026;

WHEREAS, this matter has been properly advertised, heard and considered; and

WHEREAS, these recitals are deemed an integral part of this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Staunton, Virginia, that Section 3.75.030 of the Staunton City Code be, and the same is hereby amended, restated and reordained to read as follows:


3.75.030 Levied – Amount – Tax additional to other taxes.

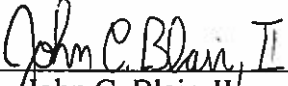
In addition to all other taxes of every kind now or hereafter imposed by law, there is hereby levied and imposed by the city an excise tax on the sale of cigarettes equivalent to \$0.40 on each package containing 25 or fewer cigarettes. The tax shall be paid by the seller, if not previously paid, and collected in the manner and at the time provided for in this chapter; provided, that the tax payable for each package of cigarettes sold within the city shall be paid but once. The tax hereby levied shall not apply to free distribution of sample cigarettes in packages containing five or fewer cigarettes.

In all other respects, the provisions of 3.75.030, Levied – Amount – Tax additional to other taxes, of Chapter 3.75, Cigarette Tax, of Title 3, Revenue and Finance of the Staunton City Code remain the same and are hereby restated, confirmed and reordained.

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Michele D. Edwards, Mayor

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