

**Work Session Agenda
Staunton City Council
Rita S. Wilson Council Chambers
February 26, 2026
5:30 p.m.**

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| 5:30 p.m. | 1. | Consideration of Work Session and Regular Meeting Agendas |
| 5:35 p.m. | 2. | Review of City Council Procedure Memoranda |
| 5:50 p.m. | 3. | Presentation and Discussion of Results from 2025 National Community Survey |
| 6:25 p.m. | | Dinner Break Until Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. |

**Regular Meeting Agenda
Staunton City Council
Rita S. Wilson Council Chambers
February 26, 2026
7:00 p.m.**

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation/Moment of Silence—Edwards

Mayor's Report

Additional Items by Members of Council

REGULAR MEETING

A. Consent Agenda

A.1. Approval of Minutes

Work Session and Regular Meeting of February 12, 2026

A.2. Consideration of Application to the Virginia Tourism Corporation Destination Marketing Organization Marketing Grant

A.3. Consideration of Updated Cooperation Agreement Between the Staunton Redevelopment and Housing Authority and the City of Staunton

All items will be voted on in one (1) motion. If so requested by any member of Council, an item placed on the consent agenda shall be removed and taken up as a separate matter at the end of the Regular Meeting.

B. Public Hearing for Ordinance to Amend the FY2026 Budget Ordinance for the City of Staunton by Adding Budget Amendment Number Two

C. Discussion of Proposed FY 2027 – FY 2031 Capital Improvement Plan

Matters from the City Manager

Matters from the Public*

Adjournment

***Public Participation For instructions on how to participate in a Public Hearing and Matters from the Public portions of the City Council meeting visit www.staunton.va.us/council.**

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AGENDA BRIEFING

Staunton, Virginia

Meeting Date:	February 26, 2026	City Council
Item #	1	
Department:	City Council	
Alignment with Staunton Plan (Value/Strategic Area):	Values: Integrity Engagement	
Subject:	Work Session and Regular Meeting Agendas	

Background: Consistent with Procedural Memorandum No. 3, attached are draft meeting agendas for City Council's consideration and for approval as Council prefers.

Suggested Motion: I move to approve the Work Session agenda and the Regular Meeting agenda [as presented] [with the following changes: as to the Work Session, the addition/deletion of _____; as to the Regular Meeting, the addition/deletion of _____].

City Manager: Leslie Beauregard

CITY COUNCIL



AGENDA BRIEFING

Staunton, Virginia

Meeting Date:	February 26, 2026	City Council John C. Blair, II City Attorney
Item #	2	
Department:	City Council	
Alignment with Staunton Plan (Value/Strategic Area):	Value: Excellence; Integrity Strategic Area: An Informed and Engaged Community	
Subject:	Review of City Council Procedure Memoranda	

Background: In 2025, City Council amended Staunton City Code Section 2.10.105. Prior to this amendment, the Staunton City Council approved its Memoranda of Procedure at its organizational meeting.

During the February 2025 Retreat, City Council agreed with staff that it could be awkward to have a Councilmember vote at their first meeting on unfamiliar procedural rules. Therefore, Council amended the code section to require the City Council to review the procedures on an annual basis at any time of the calendar year.

The purpose of the Work Session is to determine if any Councilmember would like to amend any of the Memoranda.

A vote on the Memoranda is scheduled for the Council's March 12, 2026 meeting.

Attachment: [City Council Procedure Memoranda](#)

City Manager's Recommendation: Not applicable

Suggested Motion: Not applicable

City Manager: Leslie M. Beauregard

CITY COUNCIL



AGENDA BRIEFING

Staunton, Virginia

Meeting Date:	February 26, 2026	Josh Knight Engagement & Communications Manager
Item #	3	
Department:	City Manager’s Office	
Alignment with Staunton Plan (Value/Strategic Area):	Values: Excellence; Engagement; Inclusion & Equity Strategic Area: An Informed and Engaged Community	
Subject:	Presentation and Discussion of Results from 2025 National Community Survey	

Background: The City of Staunton partnered with Polco to conduct the biennial National Community Survey (NCS). This statistically valid, randomized survey measures quality of life and resident satisfaction with government services, including the economy, mobility, community design, utilities, safety, and the natural environment.

This is the second time the City has conducted this survey through Polco. The first survey was in early 2024. Having two years of results now allows the City to establish trend data and gain deeper insights into shifting resident satisfaction.

To ensure a representative sample, 3,000 randomly selected households received a mailed invitation with a link to complete the survey online. A paper version of the survey was also mailed to the same households to ensure accessibility. All responses are completely confidential and anonymous.

To ensure every resident had a voice, the City also hosted an open, community-wide online version in late October. Both the community-wide survey and the randomly sampled, statistically significant survey remained open until Nov. 11.

The City's management team and department directors have reviewed the survey results and

provided feedback on the data. A summary presentation of the survey results, incorporating departmental insights, will be provided during the work session.

The results and more background on the survey process are available on the city's [website](#).

Attachments

Attachment 1—National Community Survey 2025 Report

Attachment 2—PowerPoint Presentation

City Manager's Recommendation: Not applicable.

Suggested Motion: Not applicable.

City Manager: Leslie M. Beauregard

Staunton, VA

The National Community Survey

Report of Results
2025

Report by:



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About The NCS™

The National Community Survey™ (The NCS™) report is about the “livability” of Staunton. A livable community is a place that is not simply habitable, but that is desirable. It is not only where people do live, but where they want to live. The NCS was developed by the experts from National Research Center at Polco in partnership with the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and has been administered in hundreds of communities across the United States.

Great communities are partnerships of the government, private sector, community-based organizations and residents, all geographically connected. The NCS focuses on the livability of Staunton by categorizing survey questions into the ten main “facets” of community livability shown below, in addition to ratings for quality of life and local governance. These facets have been identified through years of extensive survey research as those that are most impactful to residents’ quality of life.

- Economy
- Mobility
- Community Design
- Utilities
- Safety
- Natural Environment
- Parks and Recreation
- Health and Wellness
- Education, Arts, and Culture

The report provides the opinions of a representative sample of 462 residents of the City of Staunton collected from September 30, 2025 to November 11, 2025. The margin of error around any reported percentage is 4.6% for all respondents. Survey results were weighted so that the demographic profile of respondents was representative of the demographic profile of adults in Staunton.

Reporting Results

For the most part, the percentages presented in this report represent the “percent positive.” Most commonly, the percent positive is the combination of the top two most positive response options (excellent/good, very safe/somewhat safe, etc.). On many of the questions in the survey, respondents may answer “don’t know.” The proportion of respondents giving a “don’t know” response is shown in the full set of responses included in the “Complete Data” section; however, these responses have been removed from the analyses presented in the main body of the report. Therefore, the tables and graphs display the responses from respondents who had an opinion about a specific item.



Benchmark Comparisons

Polco's database of comparative resident opinion is comprised of resident perspectives gathered in surveys from over 400 communities whose residents evaluated the same kinds of topics on The NCS. The comparison evaluations include surveys from the past five years. If a jurisdiction has conducted multiple efforts in the past five years, only the most recent survey is included in the benchmark database. Polco adds the latest results quickly upon survey completion, keeping the benchmark data fresh and relevant. The communities in the database represent a wide geographic and population range.

In each tab, Staunton's results are noted as being "higher" than the benchmark, "lower" than the benchmark, or "similar" to the benchmark, meaning that the average rating given by Staunton residents. Being rated as "higher" or "lower" than the benchmark means that Staunton's average rating for a particular item was more than 10 points different than the benchmark. If a rating was "much higher" or "much lower," then Staunton's average rating was more than 20 points different when compared to the benchmark.

In addition to these national benchmarks, comparisons were also made to a smaller cohort of communities that align more closely to the demographics in Staunton. Comparisons to these communities can be found throughout the report and in the Custom Benchmarks tab.

Trends over time

Trend data for Staunton represent important comparison data and should be examined for improvements or declines.¹ Deviations from stable trends over time represent opportunities for understanding how local policies, programs, or public information may have affected residents' opinions. Changes between survey years have been noted with an arrow and the percent difference. If the difference is greater than 5.97 percentage points between the 2024 and 2025 surveys, the change is statistically significant.

¹. In 2020, The NCS survey was updated to include new and refreshed items. Consequently, some of the trends may be impacted due to wording modifications that could have potentially altered the meaning of the item for the respondent.

Methods

Selecting Survey Recipients

All households within the City of Staunton were eligible to participate in the survey. A list of all households within the zip codes serving Staunton was purchased from Polco's mailing vendor, based on updated listings from the United States Postal Service.

Since some of the zip codes that serve Staunton households may also serve addresses that lie outside of the community, the exact geographic location of each housing unit was compared to community boundaries using the most current municipal boundary file. Addresses located outside of Staunton boundaries were removed from the list of potential households to survey. From that list, addresses were randomly selected as survey recipients, with multi-family housing units sampled at a rate of 5:3 compared to single family housing units.

Conducting the Random Sample Survey

The 3,000 randomly selected households received mailings beginning on September 30, 2025 and data collection for the survey remained open for six weeks. The first mailing was a postcard inviting the household to participate in the survey online. The next mailing contained a cover letter with instructions, the survey questionnaire, and a postage-paid return envelope. All mailings included a web link to give residents the opportunity to respond to the survey online, as well as QR codes to further encourage participation.

About 3% of the 3,000 mailed invitations were returned because the household address was vacant or the postal service was unable to deliver the survey as addressed. Of the remaining 2,913 households that received the invitations to participate, 462 completed the survey, providing an overall response rate of 16%. The response rate was calculated using AAPOR's response rate #2 for mailed surveys of unnamed persons.¹

It is customary to describe the precision of estimates by a "level of confidence" and accompanying "confidence interval" (or margin of error). A traditional level of confidence, and the one used here, is 95%. The 95% confidence interval quantifies the sampling error or imprecision of the survey results based on the total number of responses received. This is because *some* residents' opinions are relied on to estimate *all* residents' opinions. The margin of error for the City of Staunton survey is no greater than plus or minus 4.6 percentage points around any given percent reported for all respondents (462 completed surveys).

Conducting the Open Participation Survey

In addition to the randomly selected "probability sample" of households, a link to an online open-participation survey was publicized by the City of Staunton. The open-participation survey was identical to the random sample survey, with two small updates; it asked a question to confirm the respondent was a resident of Staunton and also a question about where they heard about the survey.

The open-participation survey was open to all city residents and became available on October 28, 2025. The survey remained open for two weeks and 624 responses were received. The data presented in the following report excludes the open participation survey data, but the online report includes a tab which provides the complete open participation results.

Analyzing the Data

Responses from mailed surveys were entered into an electronic dataset using a “key and verify” method, where all responses are entered twice and compared to each other. Any discrepancies were resolved in comparison to the original survey form. Range checks as well as other forms of quality control were also performed. Responses from surveys completed on Polco were downloaded and merged with the mailed survey responses.

The survey datasets were analyzed using all or some of a combination of the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS), R, Python, and Tableau.

The demographics of the survey respondents were compared to those found in the 2020 Census and 2023 American Community Survey estimates for adults in the City of Staunton. The primary objective of weighting survey data is to make the survey respondents reflective of the larger population of the community. The characteristics used for weighting were age, sex, race, Hispanic origin, housing type, and housing tenure. No adjustments were made for design effects. Weights were calculated using an iterative, multiplicative raking model known as the ANES Weighting Algorithm.² The results of the weighting scheme for the probability sample are presented in the following table.

Polco aligns demographic labels with those used by the U.S. Census for reporting purposes, when possible. Some categories (age, race/Hispanic origin, housing type, and length of residency) are combined into smaller subgroups.

		Unweighted	Weighted	Target ⁴
Age	18-34	9%	28%	28%
	35-54	25%	30%	30%
	55+	66%	42%	42%
Hispanic origin	No	96%	95%	96%
	Yes	4%	5%	4%
Housing tenure	Own	76%	59%	59%
	Rent	24%	41%	41%
Housing type	Attached	23%	28%	28%
	Detached	77%	72%	72%
Race & Hispanic origin	Not white alone	12%	19%	19%
	White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	88%	81%	81%
Sex	Man	38%	45%	45%
	Woman	62%	55%	55%
Sex/age	Man 18-34	3%	12%	12%
	Man 35-54	10%	15%	15%
	Man 55+	24%	18%	18%
	Woman 18-34	6%	16%	16%
	Woman 35-54	15%	15%	15%
	Woman 55+	42%	24%	24%

Study Limitations

All public opinion research is subject to unmeasured error. While the methodologies employed for this survey were designed to minimize this error as much as possible, these other sources of potential error should be acknowledged, and can include non-response error, coverage error, recall bias and social desirability bias.

Non-response error arises when those who were selected to participate in the survey did not do so, and may have different opinions or experiences than survey responders. For general resident surveys, where the results are meant to be generalized to the entire adult population living in households, the mailing lists based on the Delivery Sequence File from the United States Post Office may exclude certain types of housing units, such as those in multi-family buildings where mail is addressed to a named resident at the address rather than to a specific unit or where residents only receive their mail at a post office box and the geographic location of a residence cannot be determined, there may be a *coverage error*, although for most locations, this is minimal. Respondents may not perfectly remember their experiences in the past year (such as participation in social or civic events, for example), and for some survey items, they may answer in ways they think cast their responses in a more favorable light (*recall bias* and *social desirability bias*).

Survey Validity

See the Polco Knowledge Base article on survey validity at <https://blog.polco.us/polco-knowledgebase/margin-of-error-and-confidence-level-in-survey-results>

Contact

The City of Staunton funded this research. Please contact Josh Knight of the City of Staunton at knightmj@ci.staunton.va.us if you have any questions about the survey.

1. See AAPOR's Standard Definitions for more information at <https://aapor.org/standards-and-ethics/standard-definitions/>
2. Pasek, J. (2014). ANES Weighting Algorithm. Retrieved from <https://surveyinsights.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Full-anesrake-paper.pdf>
3. Targets come from the 2020 Census and 2023 American Community Survey

Key Findings

Community Strengths

Over 8 in 10 Staunton residents continue to give excellent or good marks to various quality of life items, including:

- Staunton as a place to live (87%)
- Your neighborhood as a place to live (84%)
- Staunton as a place to retire (82%; higher than national and custom benchmarks)
- Overall quality of life (81%)
- Staunton as a place to raise children (81%; higher than custom benchmarks)
- Overall image or reputation of the city (81%; higher than custom benchmarks)

Residents reported feeling safe throughout of the City, specifically:

- In your neighborhood during the day (95% very or somewhat safe)
- In Staunton's downtown/commercial areas during the day (96%)
- From violent crime (90%)
- From property crime (87%)
- From fire, flood, or other natural disaster (84%)
- Overall feelings of safety (81%)

Nearly all evaluative items related to Staunton's local government saw statistically significant increases from 2024, with the largest gains in:

- Being open and transparent to the public (+15%)
- Being honest (+15%)
- Generally acting in the best interest of the community (+14%)
- The job Staunton government does at welcoming resident involvement (+14%)
- Treating all residents fairly (+12%)

Numerous items related to Staunton's natural environment and parks and recreation system scored higher than custom benchmark comparisons, including:

- City parks (90% excellent or good)
- Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities (85%)
- Recreation programs or classes (80%)
- Recreation centers or facilities (75%)
- Staunton open space (70%)

Focus Areas

Residents identify some concerns with the local economy and affordability within the City, with fewer than half of respondents giving positive reviews of:

- Overall economic health (49% excellent or good)
- Economic development (47%)
- Cost of living (44%)
- Employment opportunities (33%)
- Availability of affordable quality childcare or preschool (33%)
- Availability of affordable quality housing (23%)
- What impact do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? (15% very or somewhat positive)

Areas of Greatest Change

Of the evaluative questions included on both the 2024 and 2025 survey iterations, 91 were statistically similar to previous results. Upward trends were seen in 27 items, while 5 ratings decreased since 2024. The most significant of those trends are listed below.

Increases

- Being open and transparent to the public (+15%)
- Being honest (+15%)
- The job Staunton government does at welcoming resident involvement (+14%)
- Generally acting in the best interest of the community (+14%)
- The value of services for taxes paid (+12%)
- Overall confidence in Staunton government (+11%)
- Informing residents about issues facing the community (+11%)
- Treating all residents fairly (+11%)
- Treating all residents with respect (+11%)
- Ease of travel by bicycle in Staunton (+10%)

Decreases

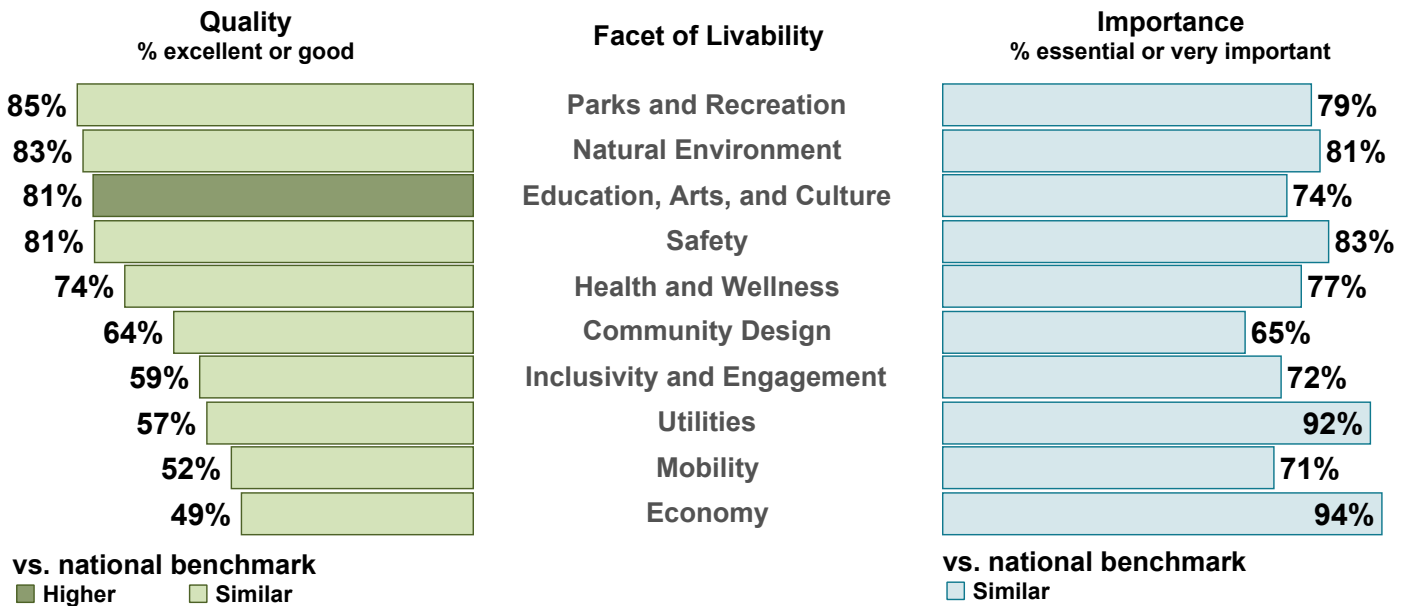
- [Quality of service provided by] the Federal Government (-14%)
- Ease of travel by public transportation (-10%)
- Overall quality of utility infrastructure (-9%)
- Snow removal (-7%)
- What impact do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? (-7%)

Facets of Livability

Every jurisdiction must balance limited resources while meeting resident needs and striving to optimize community livability. To this end, it is helpful to know what aspects of the community are most important to residents and which they perceive as being of higher or lower quality. It is especially helpful to know when a facet of livability is considered of high importance but rated as lower quality, as this should be a top priority to address.

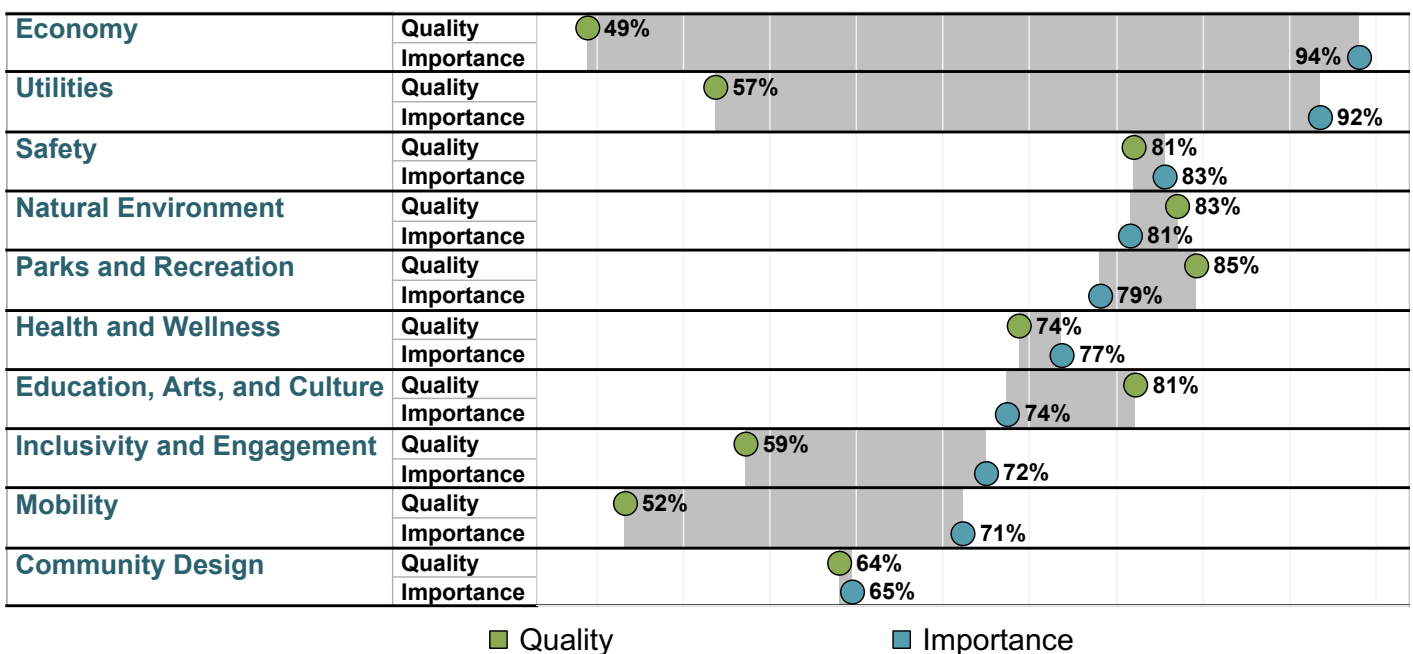
Quality and Importance by the Numbers

The table below shows the proportion of residents who rated the community facets positively for quality and the priority (importance) placed on each. Also displayed is whether local quality ratings were lower, similar, or higher than communities across the country (the national benchmark).



Quality/Importance Gap Analysis

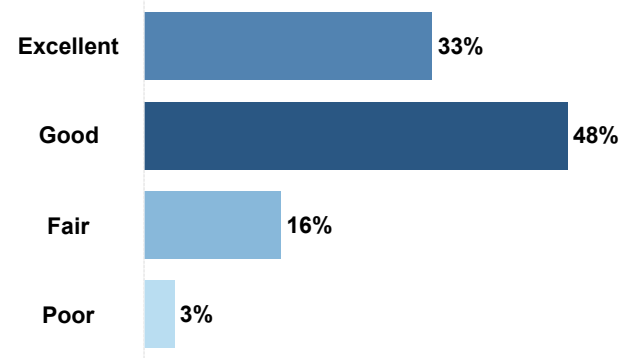
The gap analysis chart below shows the same data as above; however, this chart more clearly illustrates the comparative differences in quality and importance ratings for each facet, as well as the absolute ratings for each.



Quality of Life

Measuring community livability starts with assessing the quality of life of those who live there, and ensuring that the community is attractive, accessible, and welcoming to all.

The overall quality of life in Staunton, 2025



Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Staunton. (% excellent or good)

	2024	2025	vs. national benchmark ⁸	vs. custom benchmark ⁹
Staunton as a place to live	85%	87%	Similar	Similar
The overall quality of life	78%	81%	Similar	Similar

Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following. (% very or somewhat likely)

	2024	2025		
Recommend living in Staunton to someone who asks	82%	89%	Similar	Higher
Remain in Staunton for the next five years	82%	87%	Similar	Similar

Please rate each of the following in the Staunton community. (% excellent or good)

	2024	2025		
Overall image or reputation	78%	81%	Similar	Higher

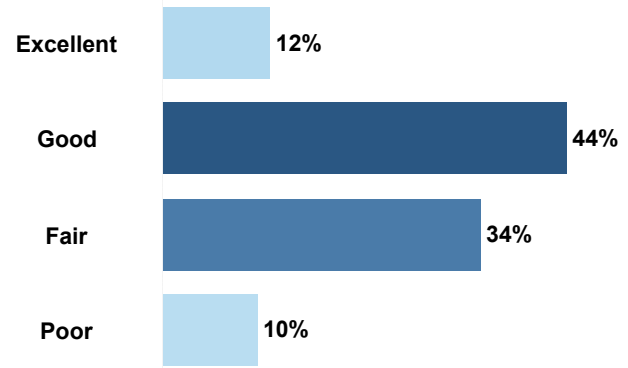
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Governance

Strong local governments deliver results that meet residents' needs, use resources effectively, and respond to both current and future community priorities.

Overall confidence in Staunton government, 2025

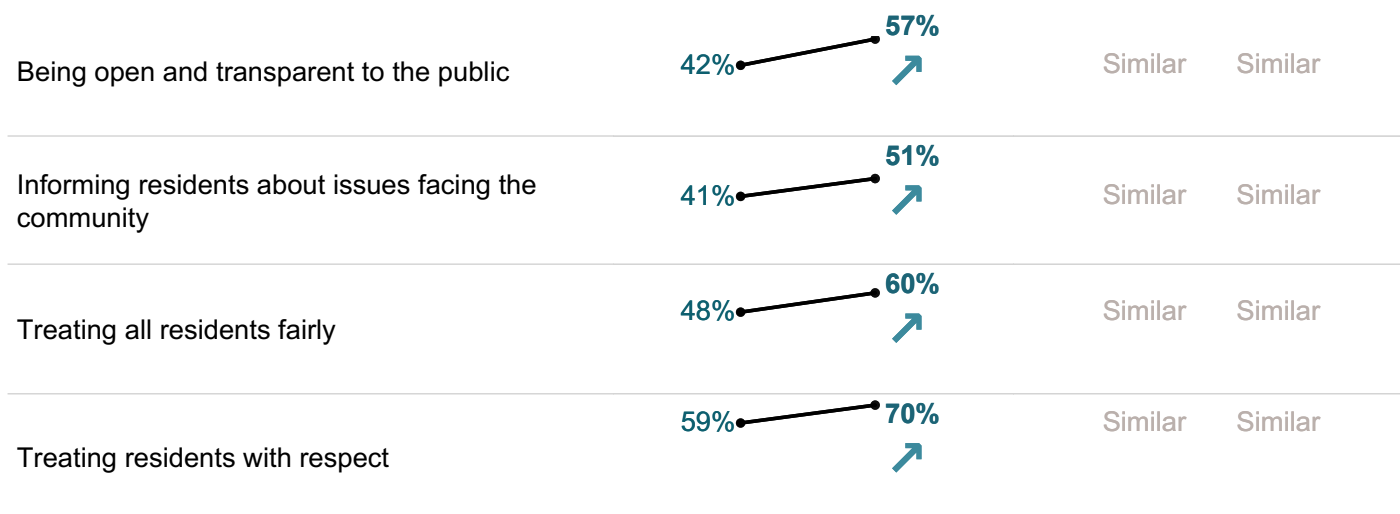


Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Staunton.
(% excellent or good)

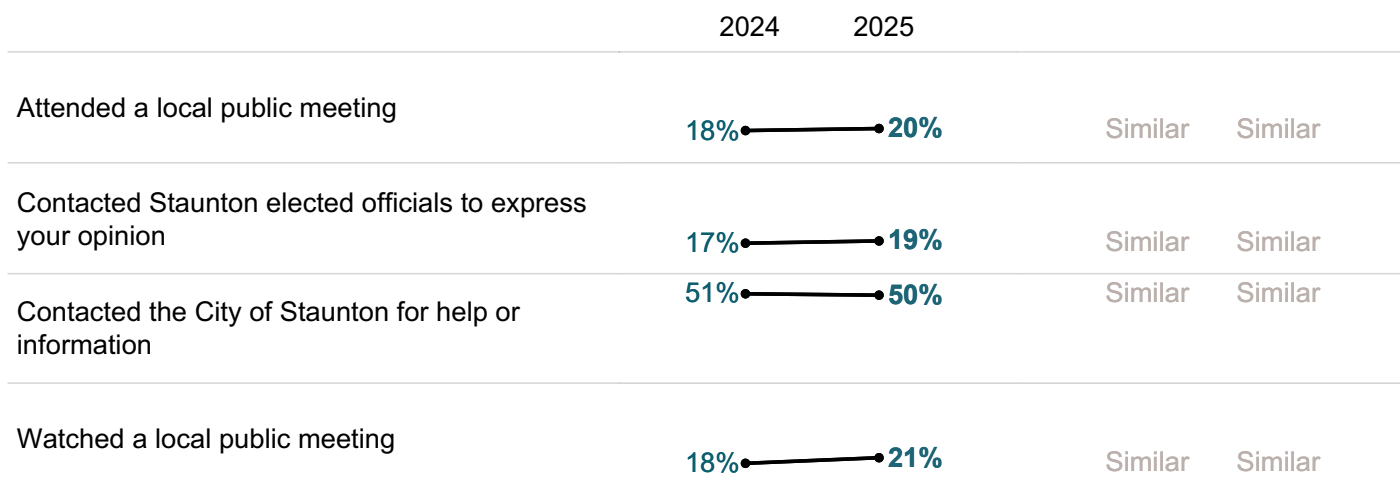
	2024	2025	vs. national benchmark ¹⁰	vs. custom benchmark ¹¹
Public information services	60%	69%	Similar	Similar
Overall customer service by Staunton employees	81%	84%	Similar	Similar

Please rate the following categories of Staunton government performance.
(% excellent or good)

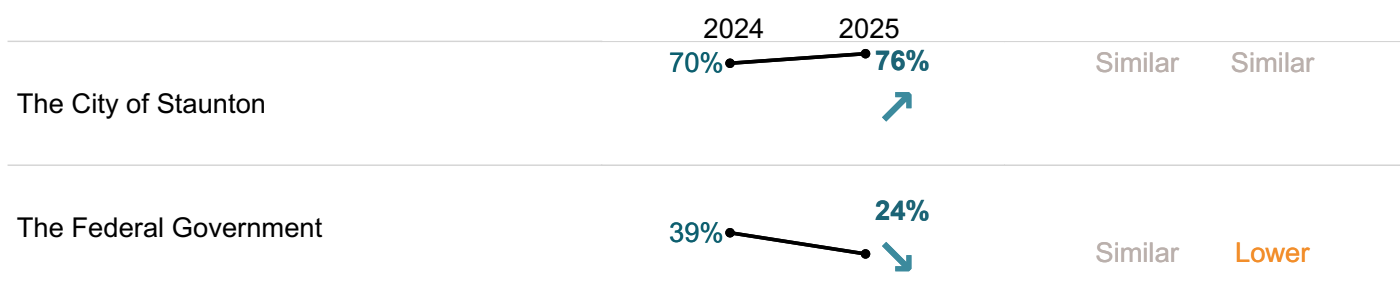
	2024	2025	vs. national benchmark ¹⁰	vs. custom benchmark ¹¹
The value of services for the taxes paid to Staunton	46%	58%	Similar	Similar
The overall direction that Staunton is taking	57%	62%	Similar	Similar
The job Staunton government does at welcoming resident involvement	49%	63%	Similar	Higher
Overall confidence in Staunton government	44%	55%	Similar	Similar
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	47%	61%	Similar	Similar
Being honest	48%	63%	Similar	Similar



Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.
(% yes)



Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?
(% excellent or good)



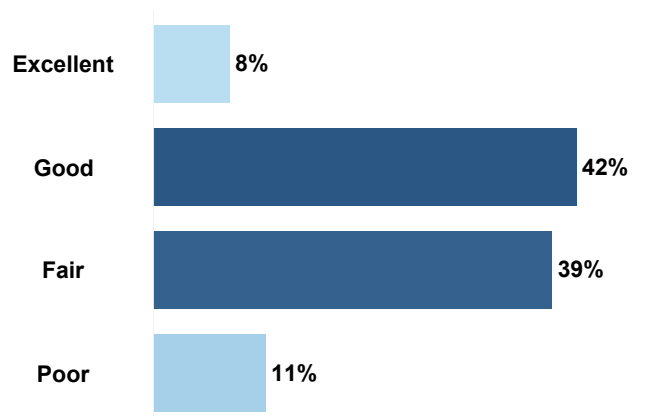
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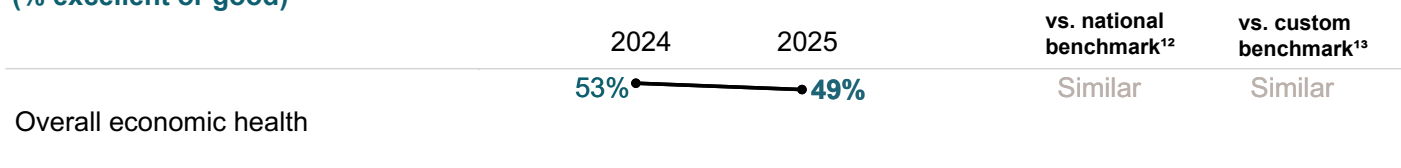
Economy

Local governments work together with private and nonprofit businesses, and with the community at large, to foster sustainable growth, create jobs, and promote a thriving local economy.

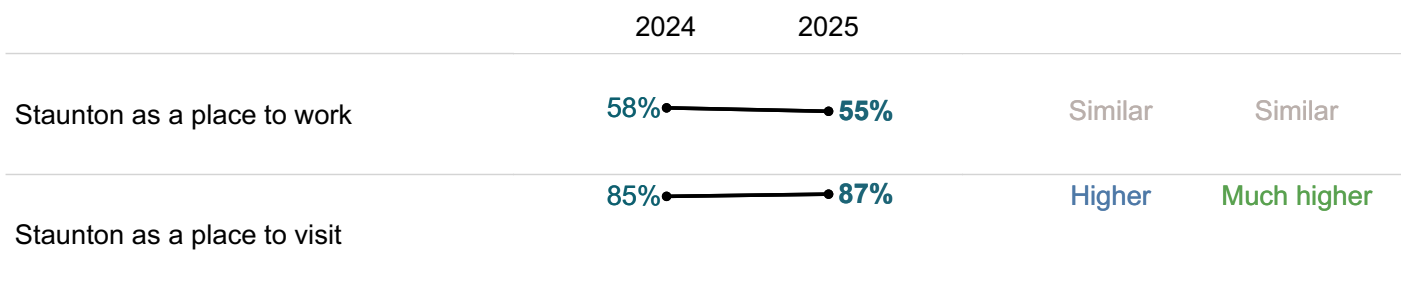
Overall economic health of Staunton, 2025



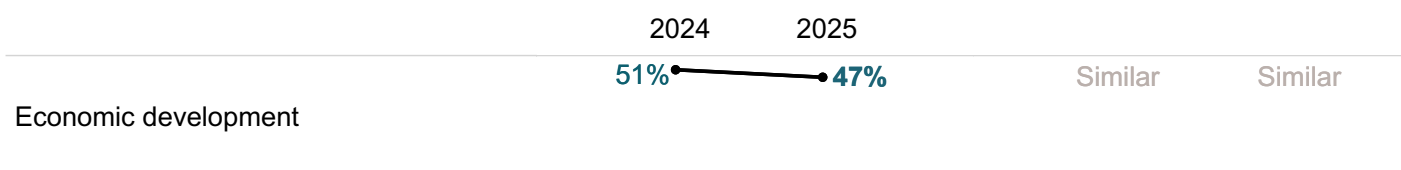
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Staunton as a whole.
(% excellent or good)



Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Staunton.
(% excellent or good)



Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Staunton.
(% excellent or good)



Please rate each of the following in the Staunton community.
 (% excellent or good)

	2024	2025		
Overall quality of business and service establishments	71%	75%	Similar	Higher
Variety of business and service establishments	52%	56%	Similar	Similar
Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	71%	75%	Higher	Higher
Employment opportunities	37%	33%	Similar	Similar
Shopping opportunities	43%	43%	Similar	Similar
Cost of living	45%	44%	Similar	Similar

What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:
 (% very or somewhat positive)

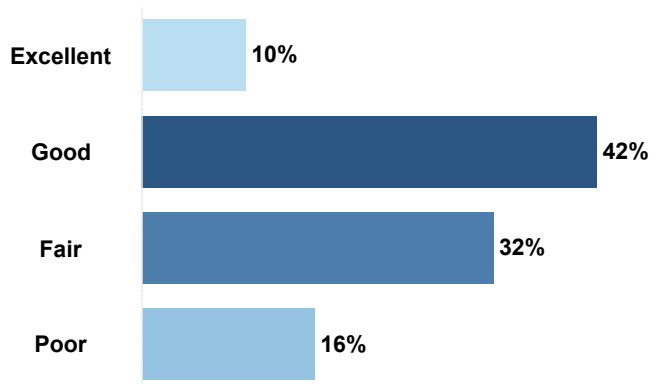
	2024	2025		
What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months?	23%	15%	Similar	Similar

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Mobility

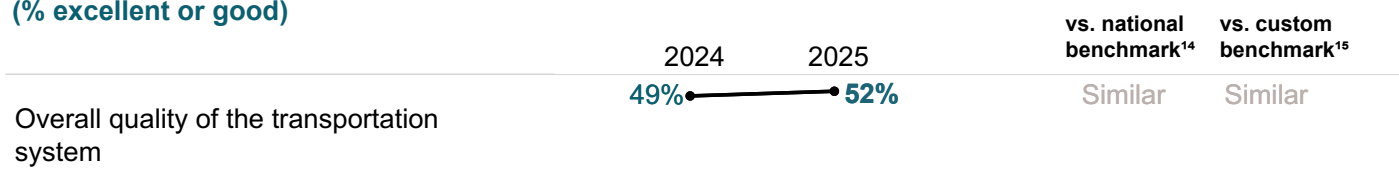
The ability of residents to move about their community with ease plays an important role in the overall quality of life for everyone who lives, works, and spends time there.

Overall quality of the transportation system in Staunton, 2025



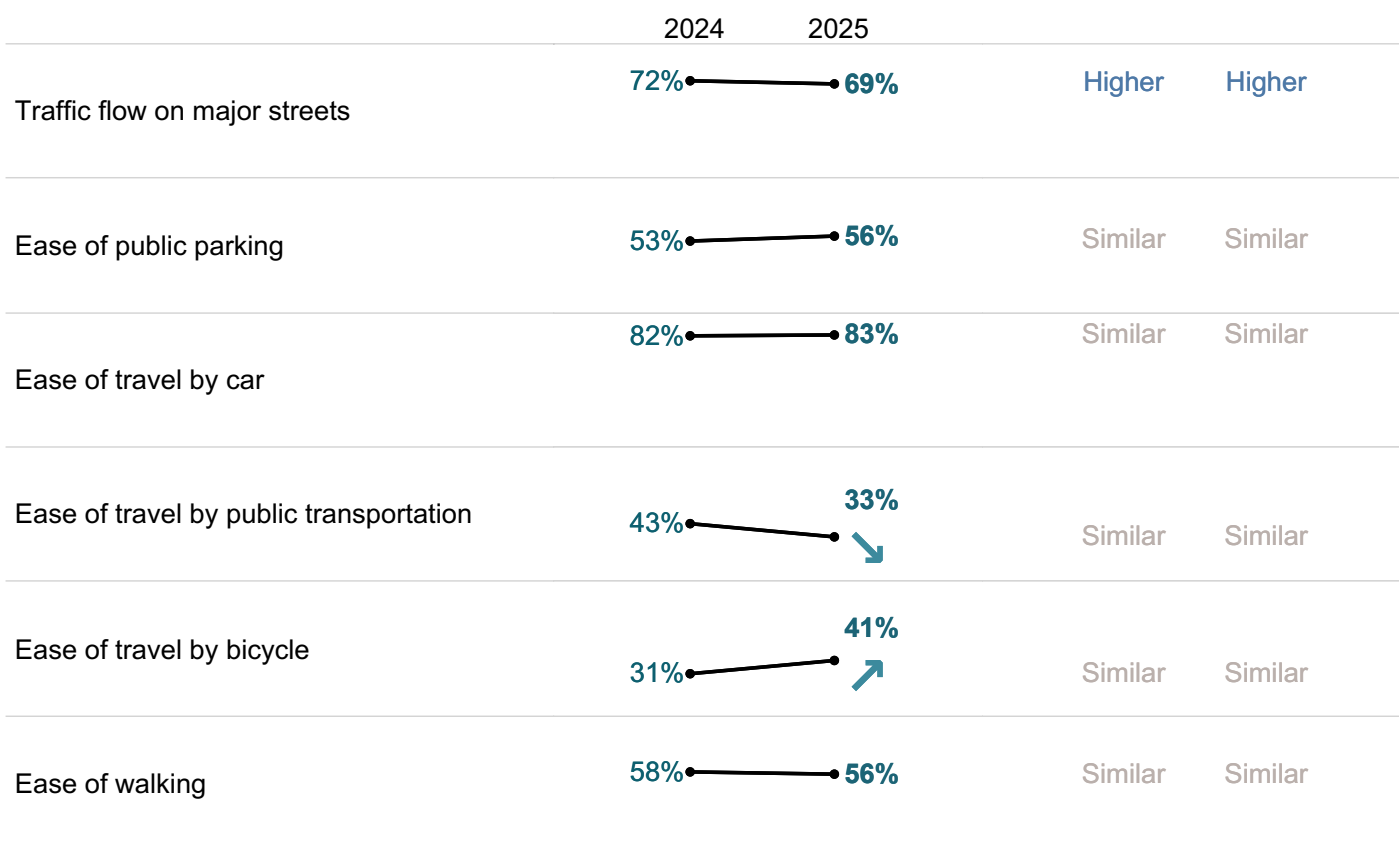
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(% excellent or good)

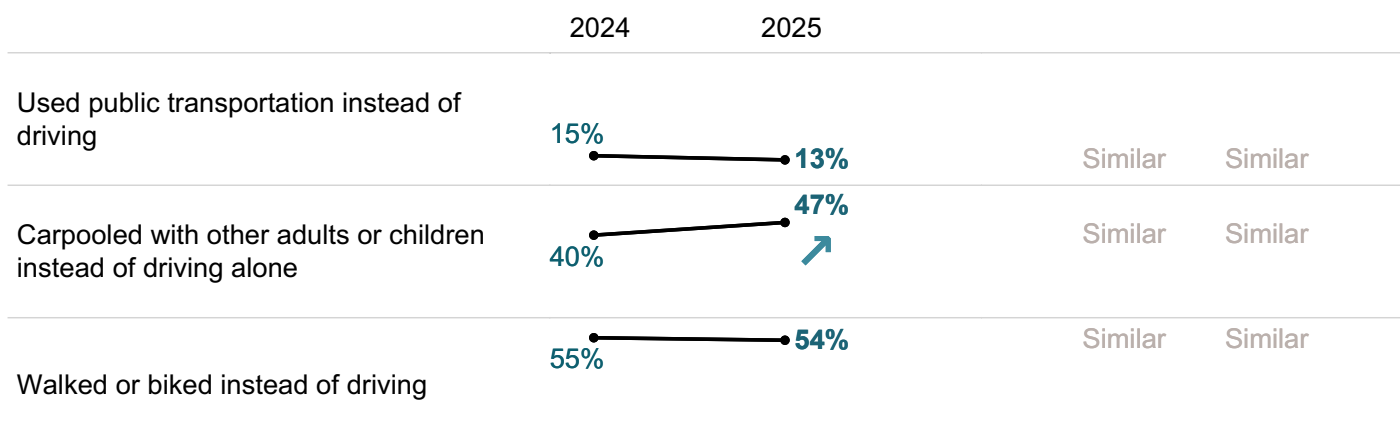


Please also rate each of the following in the Staunton community.

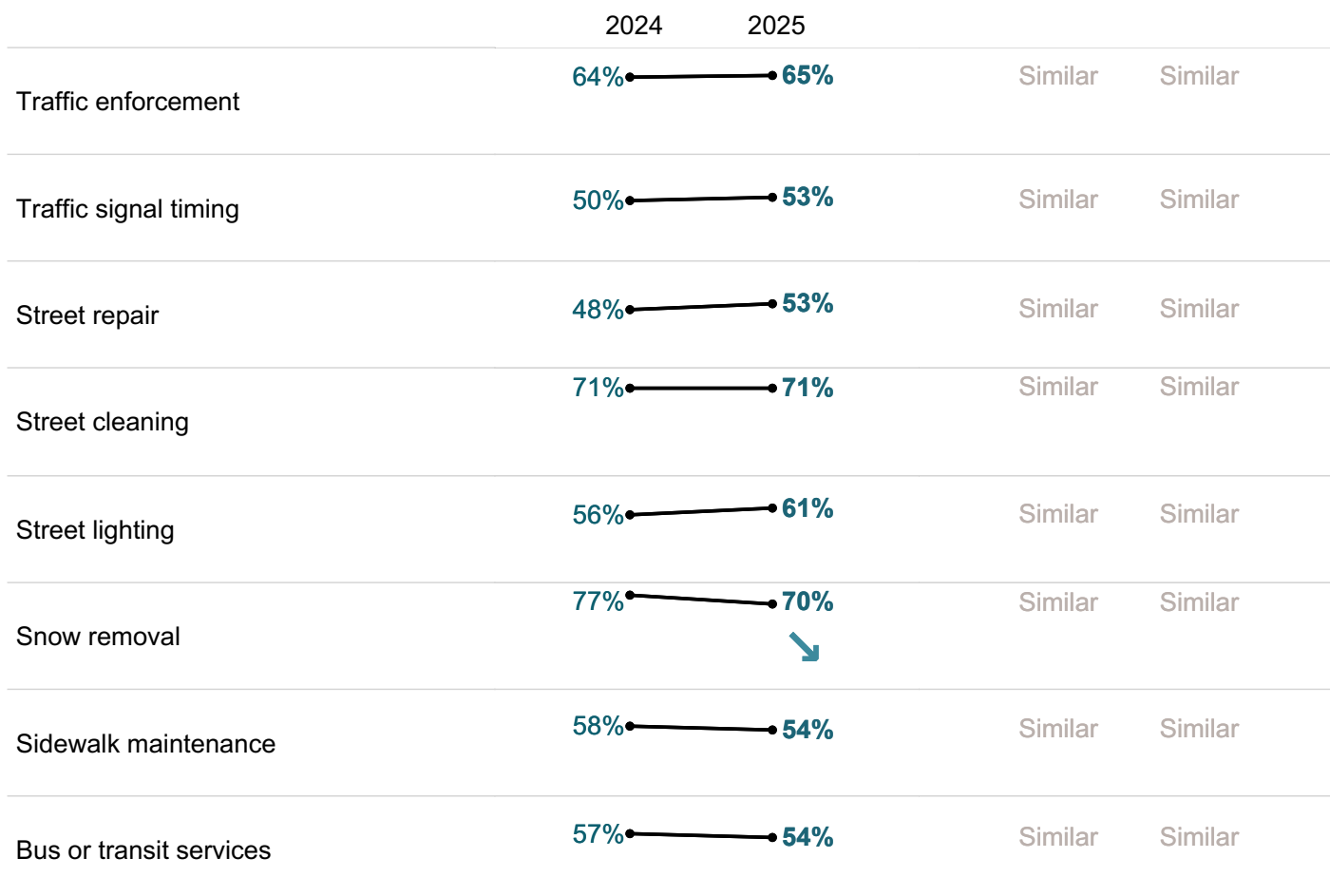
(% excellent or good)



Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.
 (% yes)



Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Staunton.
 (% excellent or good)



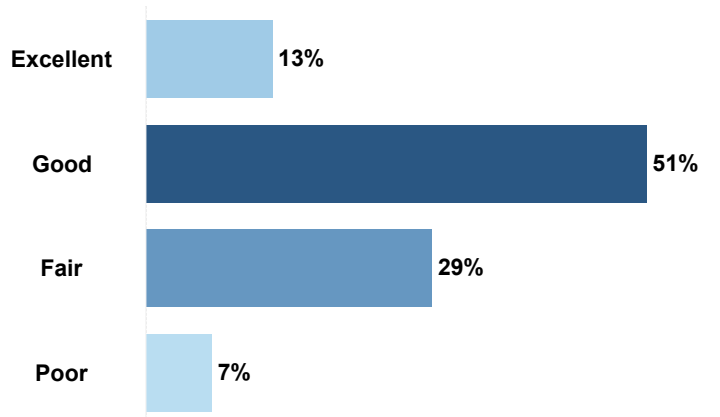
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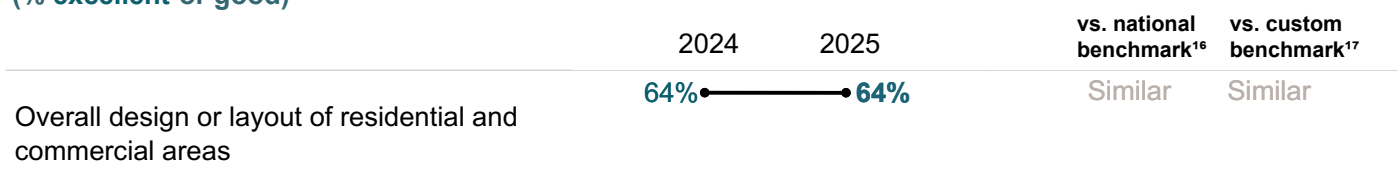
Community Design

A well-designed community enhances the quality of life for its residents by encouraging smart land use and zoning, ensuring that affordable housing is accessible to all, and supporting development that suits residents' needs.

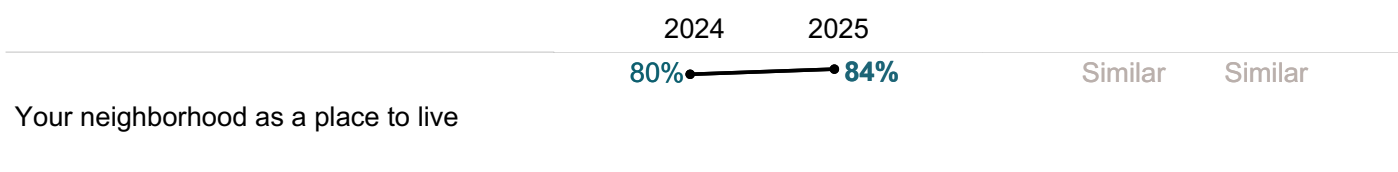
Overall design or layout of Staunton's residential and commercial areas, 2025



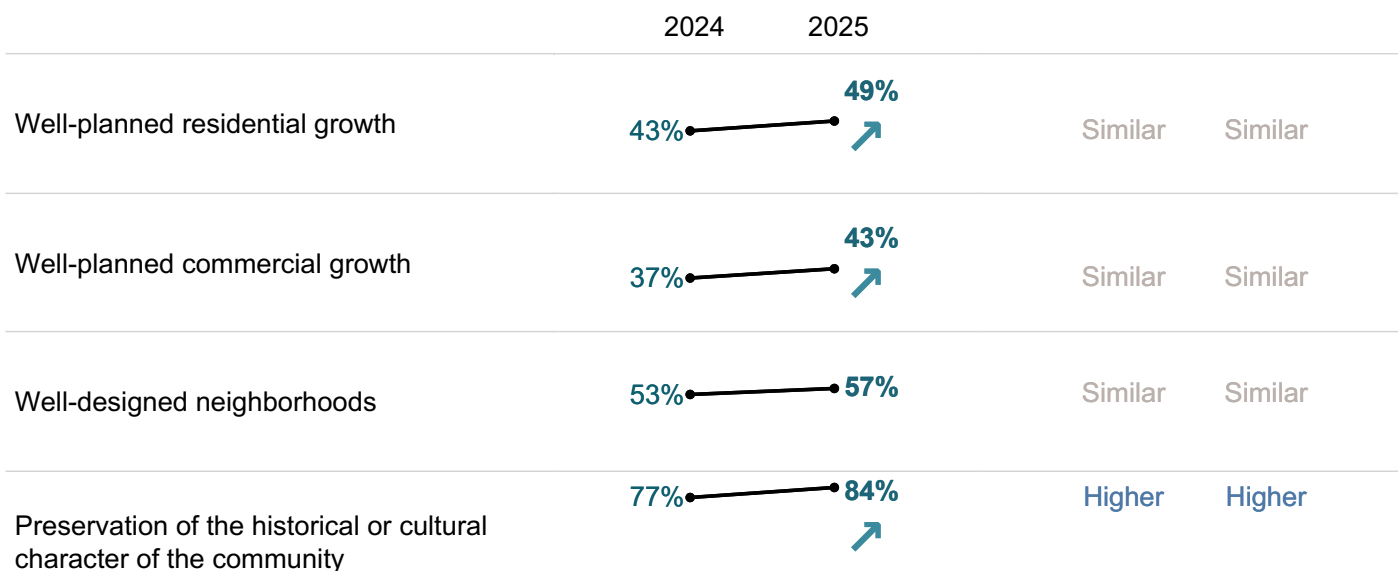
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Staunton as a whole.
(% excellent or good)



Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Staunton.
(% excellent or good)



Please also rate each of the following in the Staunton community.
(% excellent or good)



Public places where people want to spend time	64% — 71% ↗	Higher	Higher
Variety of housing options	35% — 38%	Similar	Similar
Availability of affordable quality housing	21% — 23%	Similar	Similar
Overall quality of new development	40% — 41%	Similar	Similar
Overall appearance	80% — 83%	Similar	Higher

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Staunton.
 (% excellent or good)

	2024	2025		
Land use, planning and zoning	43% — 49% ↗		Similar	Similar
Code enforcement	36% — 38%		Similar	Similar

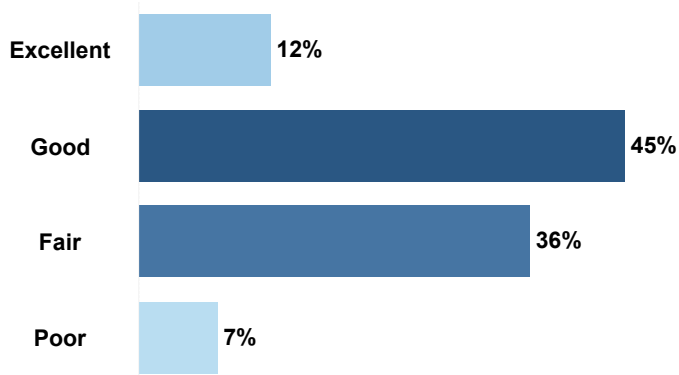
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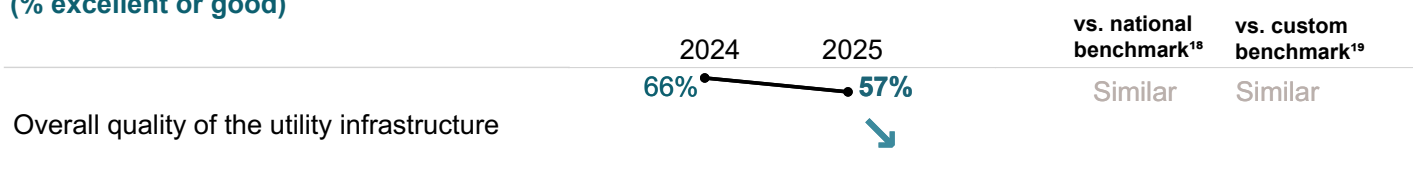
Utilities

Access to essential services like water, gas, electricity, and internet is crucial for safeguarding the physical health, economic stability, and overall well-being of the communities they support.

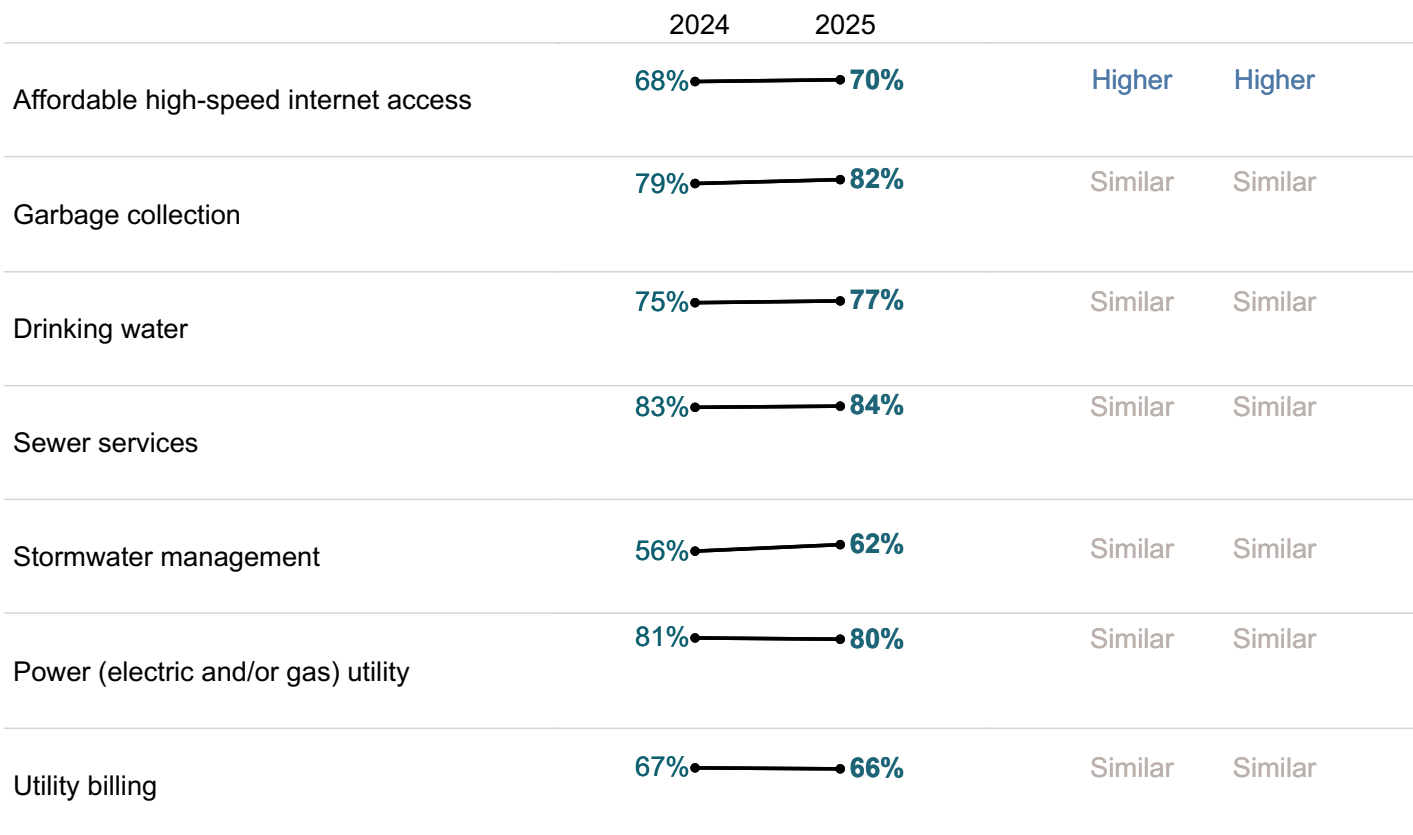
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Staunton, 2025



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(% excellent or good)



Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Staunton.
(% excellent or good)



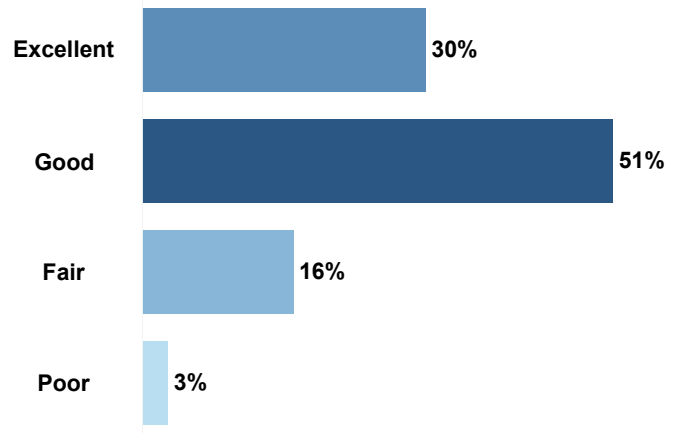
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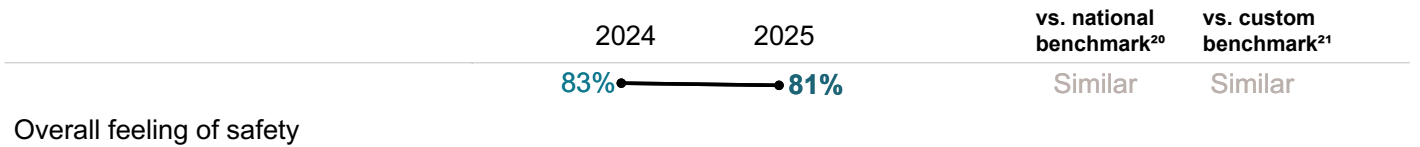
Safety

Public safety is one of the most important responsibilities of local governments, as every resident deserves to feel safe and secure both in their neighborhoods and across the wider community. The provision of strong, reliable safety services is essential to ensuring a high quality of life.

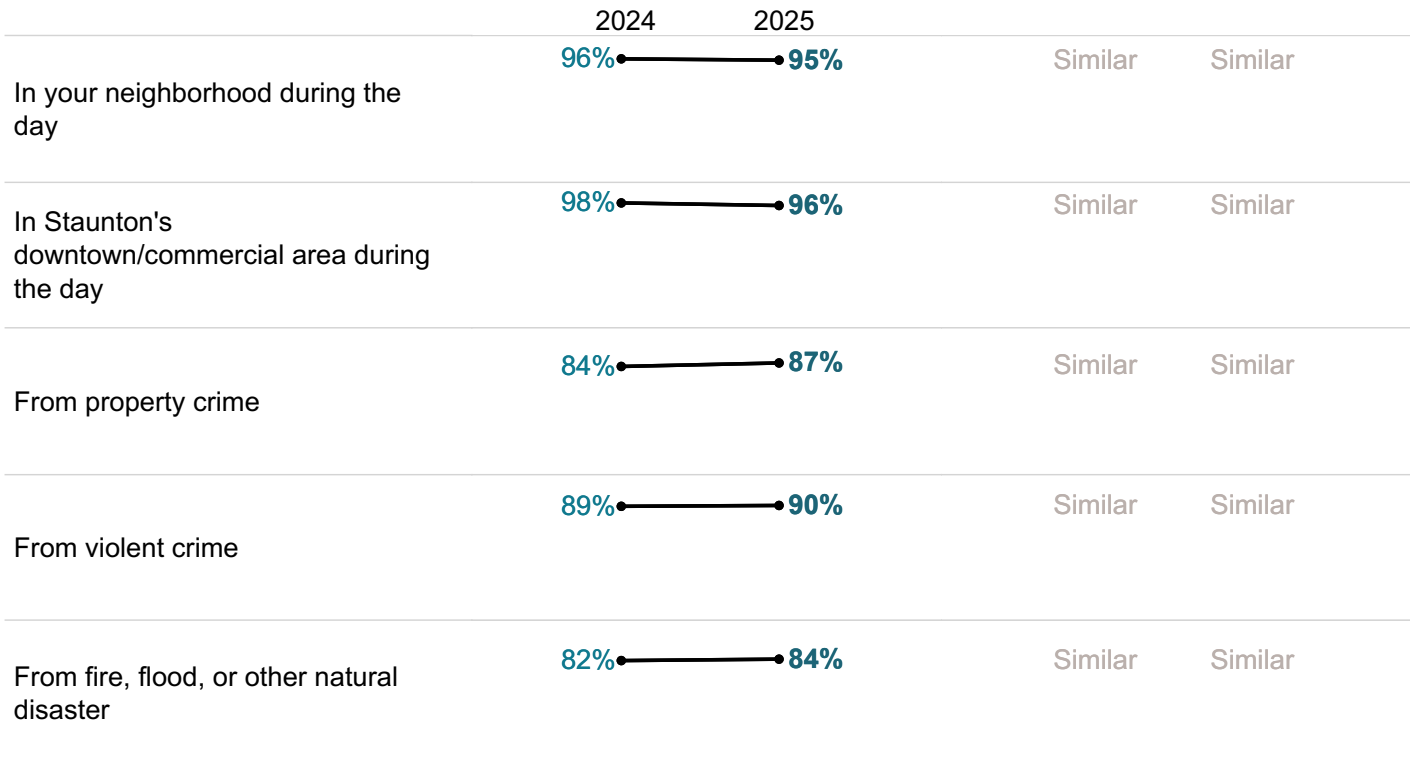
Overall feeling of safety in Staunton, 2025



Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Staunton as a whole.
(% excellent or good)



Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:
(% very or somewhat safe)



Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Staunton.
(% excellent or good)

	2024	2025		
Police/Sheriff services	77%	77%	Similar	Similar
Crime prevention	75%	76%	Similar	Similar
Animal control	68%	68%	Similar	Similar
Ambulance or emergency medical services	90%	93%	Similar	Similar
Fire services	93%	93%	Similar	Similar
Fire prevention and education	82%	80%	Similar	Similar
Emergency preparedness	61%	64%	Similar	Similar

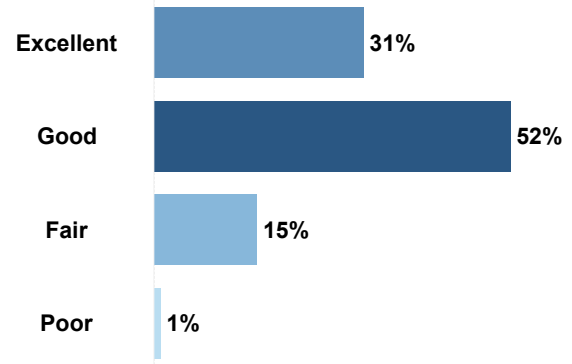
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Natural Environment

The natural spaces in which residents live and experience their communities has a direct and profound effect on quality of life. The natural environment plays a vital role in the health and well-being of residents.

Overall quality of natural environment in Staunton, 2025



Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Staunton as a whole.
(% excellent or good)

	2024	2025	vs. national benchmark ²²	vs. custom benchmark ²³
Overall quality of natural environment	81%	83%	Similar	Similar

Please also rate each of the following in the Staunton community.
(% excellent or good)

	2024	2025		
Cleanliness	80%	80%	Similar	Higher
Water resources	60%	64%	Similar	Similar
Air quality	88%	88%	Similar	Similar

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Staunton.
(% excellent or good)

	2024	2025		
Preservation of natural areas	63%	67%	Similar	Similar
Staunton open space	59%	70%	Similar	Higher
Recycling	32%	34%	Much lower	Lower
Yard waste pick-up	56%	59%	Similar	Similar

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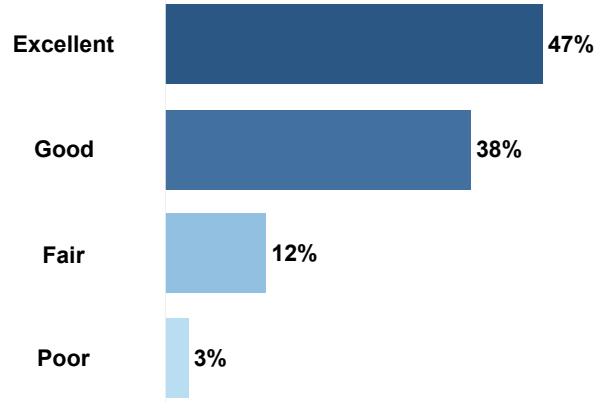
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Parks and Recreation

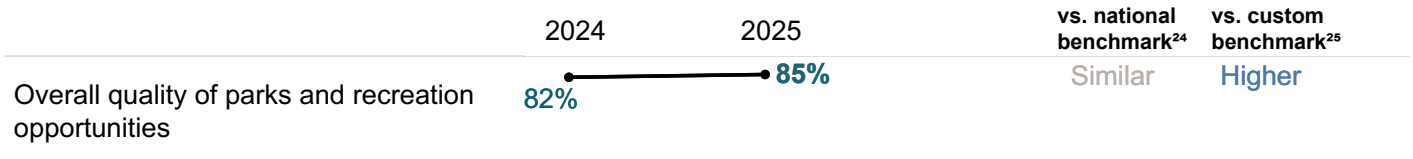
"There are no communities that pride themselves on their quality of life, promote themselves as a desirable location for businesses to relocate, or maintain that they are environmental stewards of their natural resources, without such communities having a robust, active system of parks and recreation programs for public use and enjoyment."

- National Recreation and Park Association

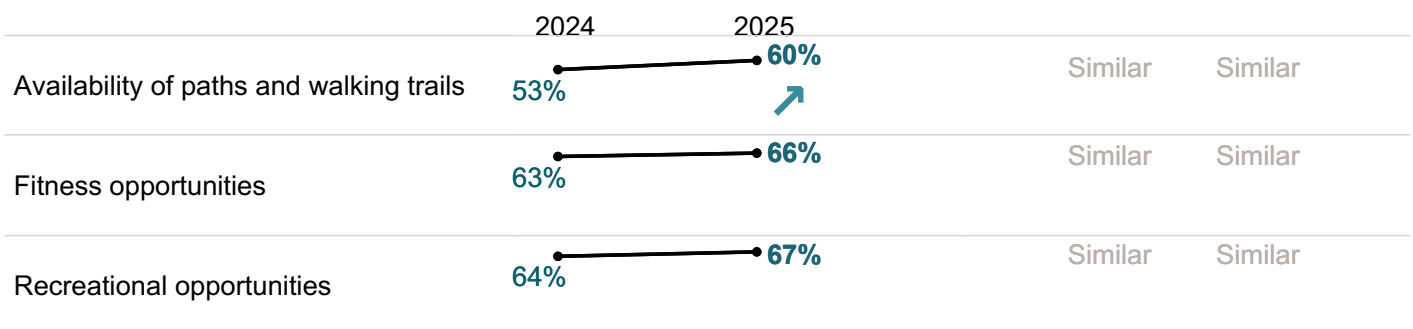
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities, 2025



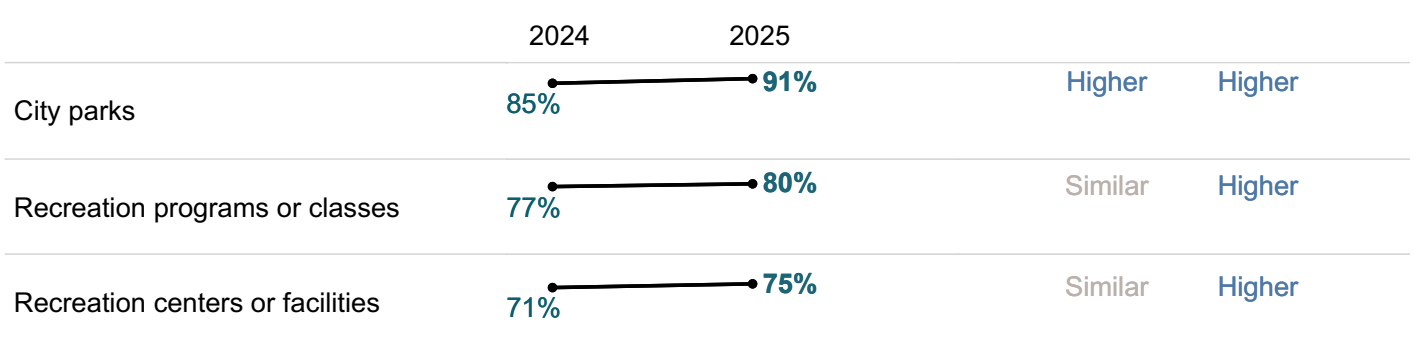
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Please also rate each of the following in the Staunton community.
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Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Staunton.
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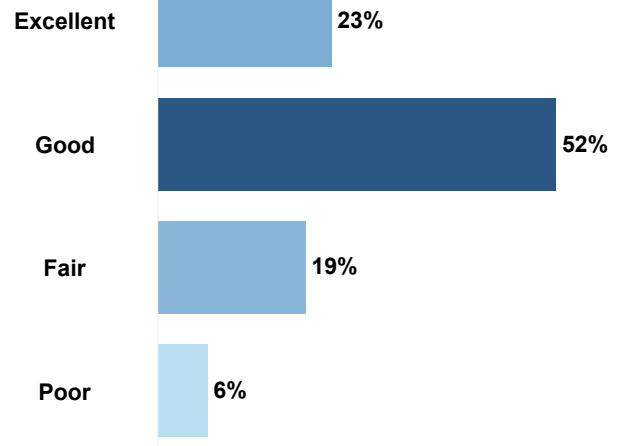
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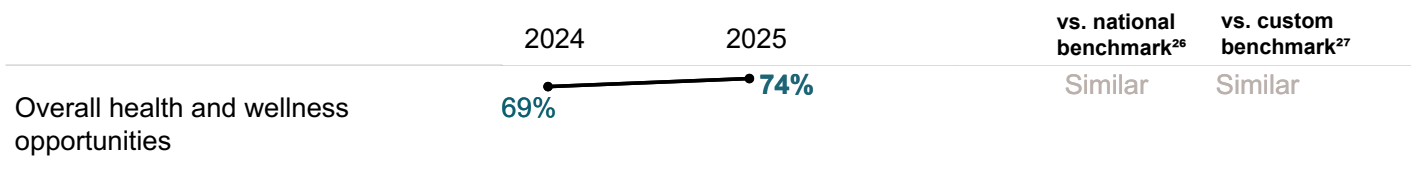
Health and Wellness

The features and amenities of a community directly influence residents' health and well-being, shaping their overall quality of life.

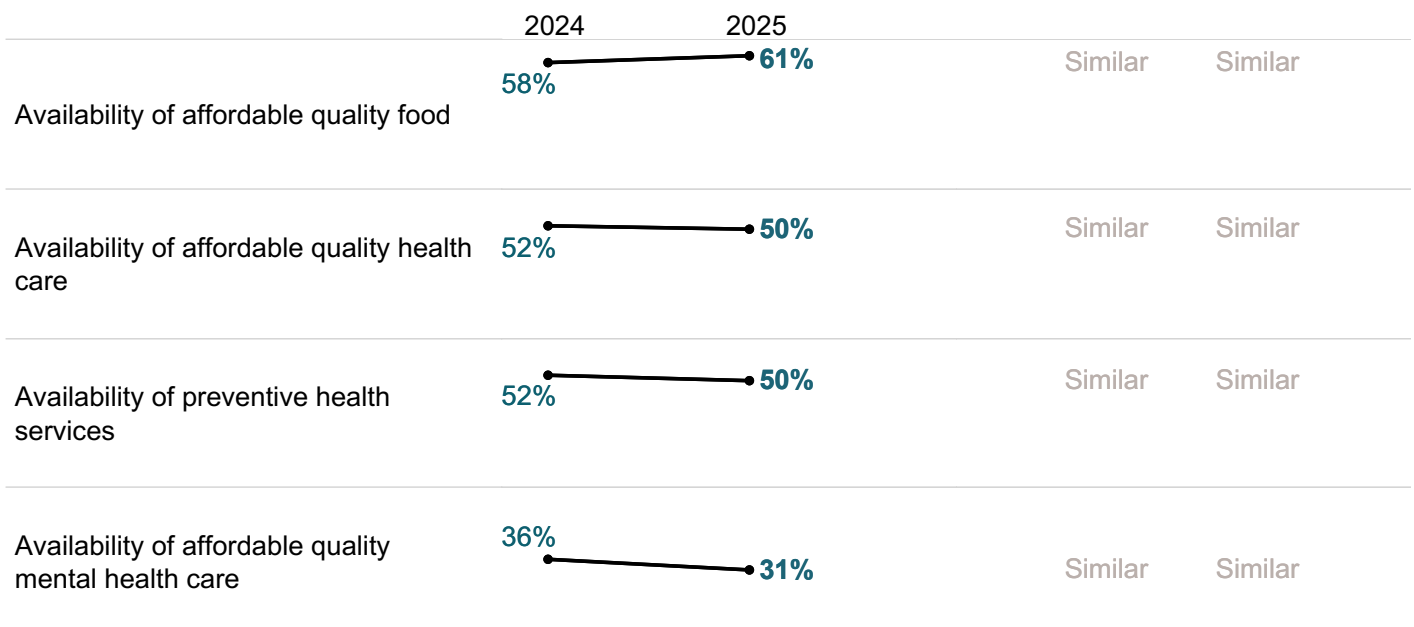
Overall health and wellness opportunities in Staunton, 2025



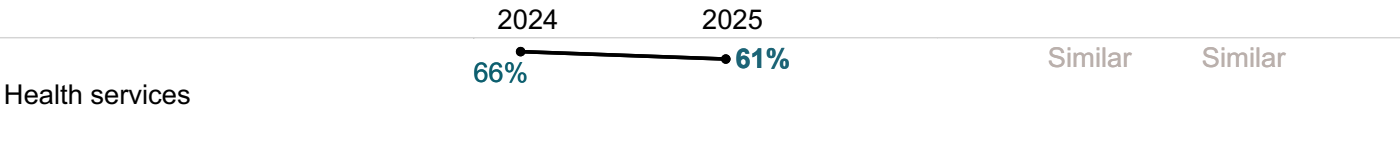
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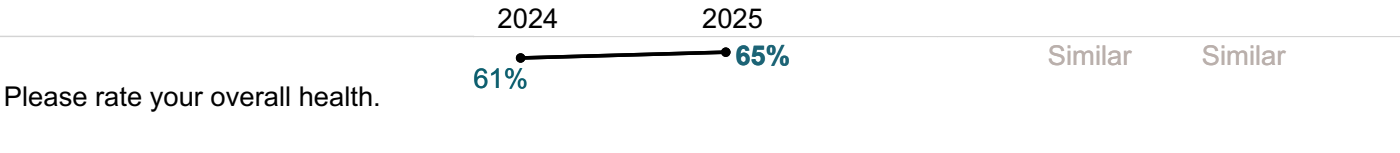
Please also rate each of the following in the Staunton community.
(% excellent or good)



Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Staunton.
(% excellent or good)



Please rate your overall health.
(% excellent or very good)

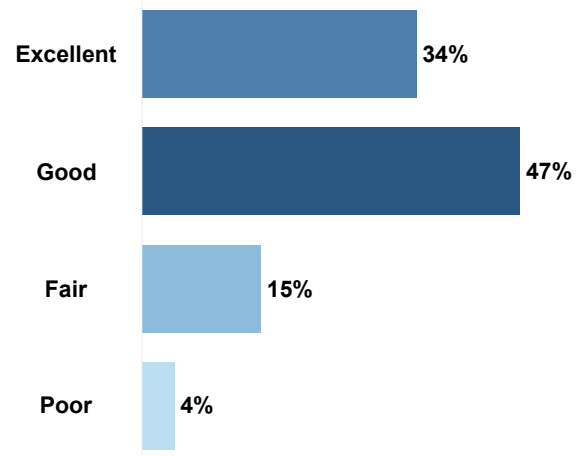


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Education, Arts, and Culture

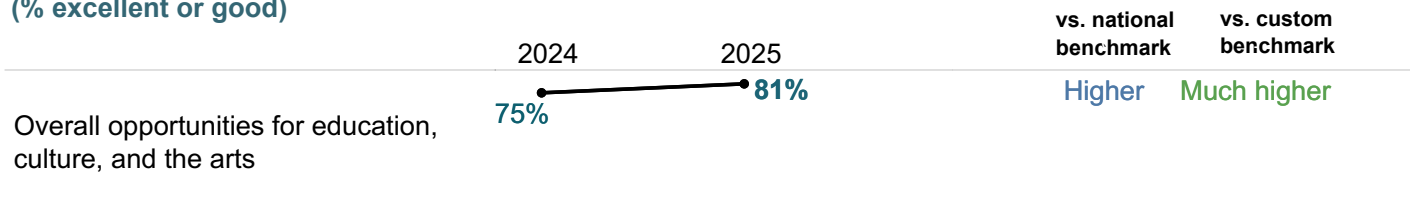
Participation in the arts, in educational opportunities, and in cultural activities is linked to increased civic engagement, greater social tolerance, and enhanced enjoyment of the local community.

Overall opportunities for education, culture and the arts, 2025



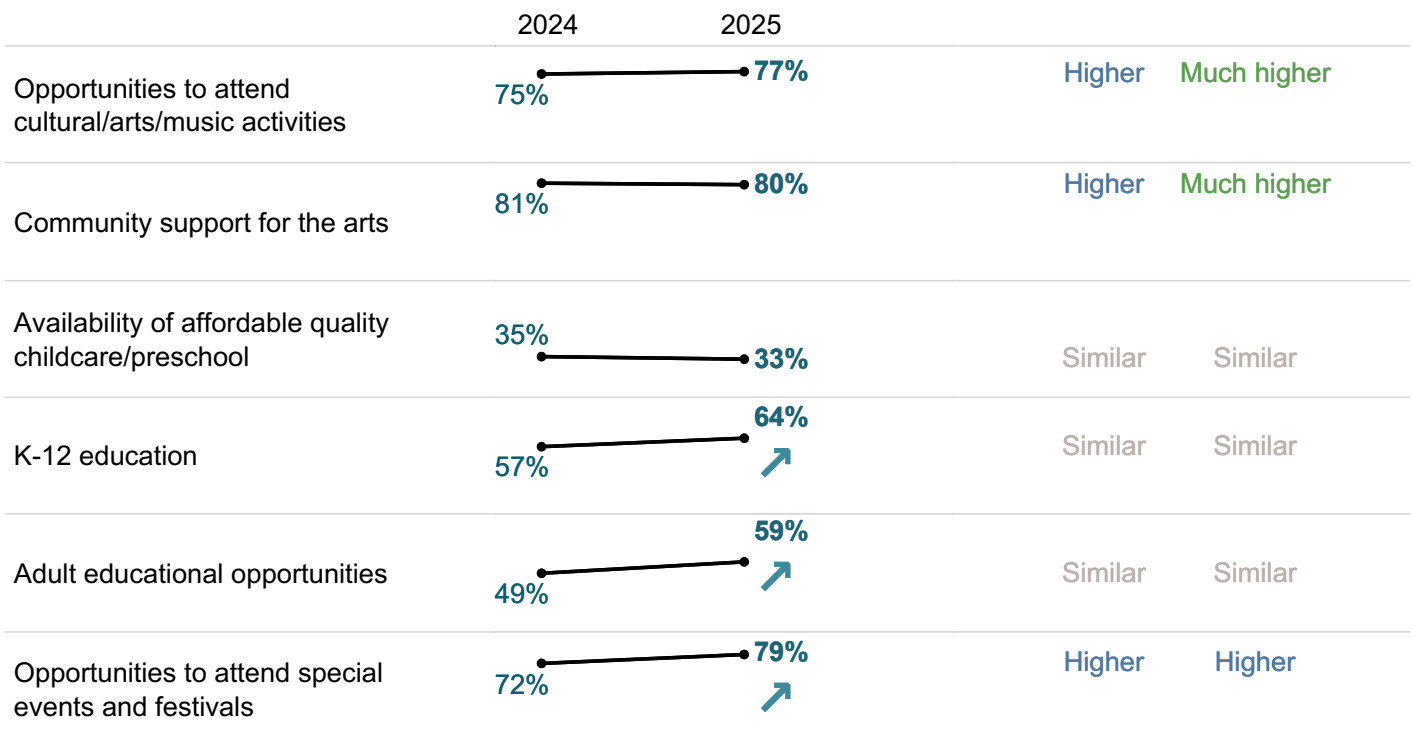
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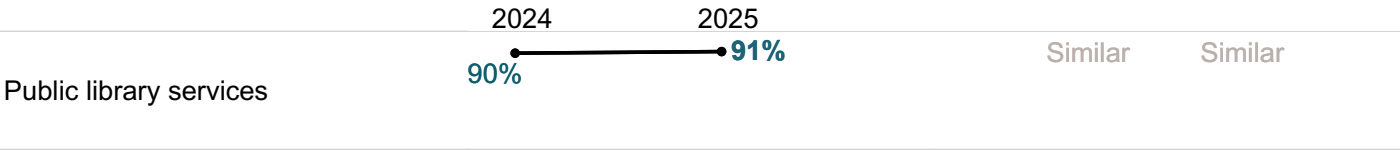


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(% excellent or good)



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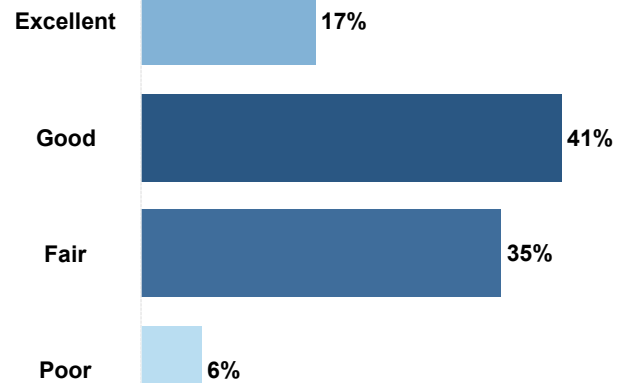


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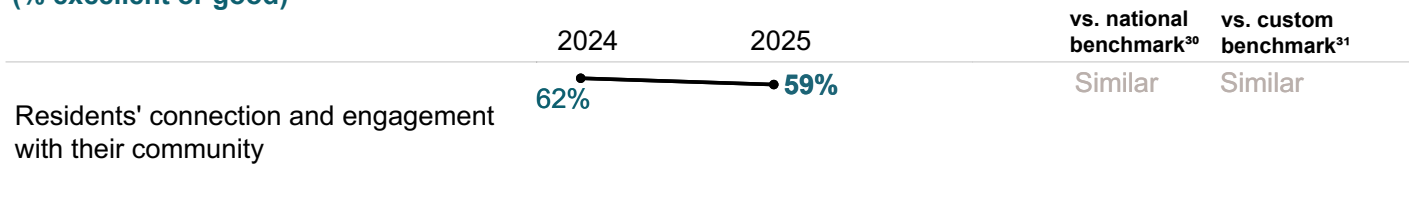
Inclusivity and Engagement

Inclusivity refers to a cultural and environmental feeling of belonging; residents who feel invited to participate within their communities feel more included, involved, and engaged.

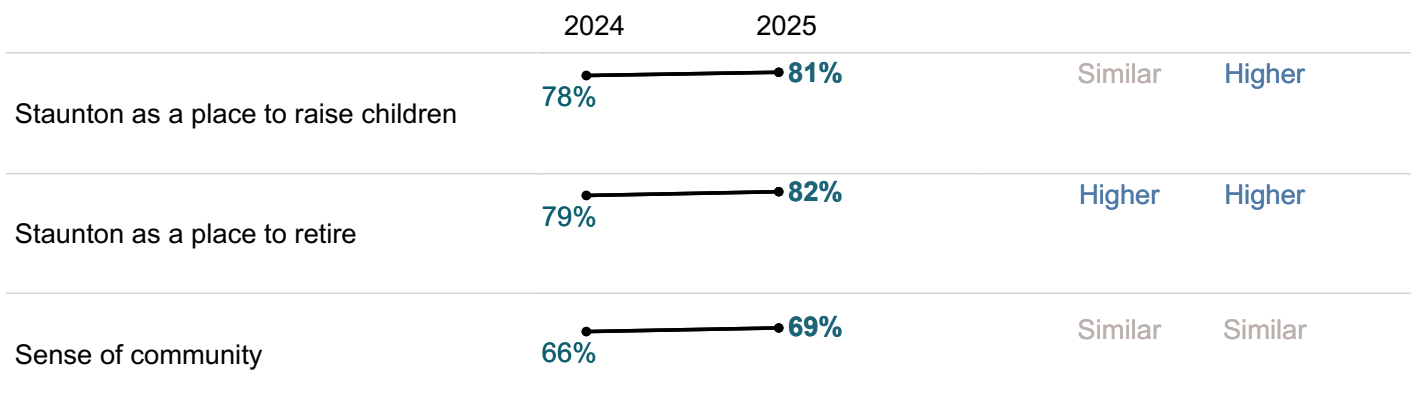
Residents' connection and engagement with their community, 2025



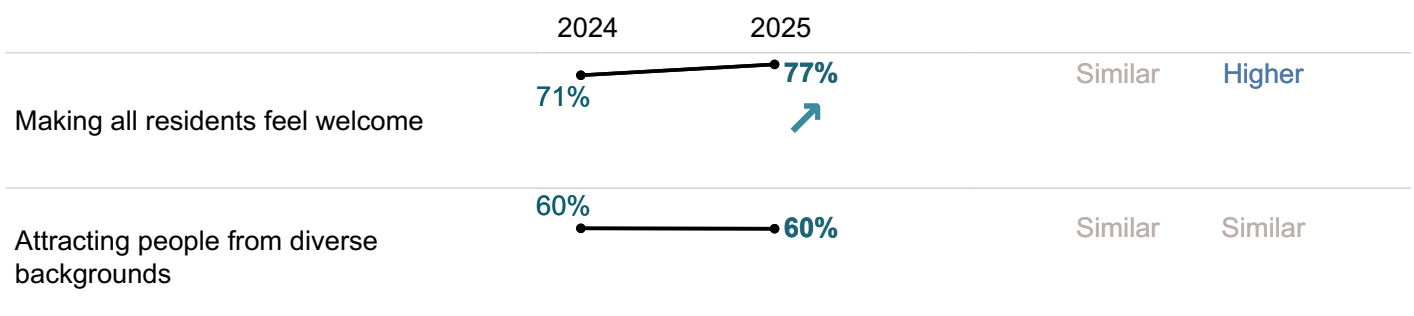
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Staunton as a whole.
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Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Staunton.
(% excellent or good)



Please rate the job you feel the Staunton community does at each of the following.
(% excellent or good)



Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds		Similar	Similar
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Taking care of vulnerable residents		Similar	Similar
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Please also rate each of the following in the Staunton community.
 (% excellent or good)

	2024 2025	Similar	Higher
Sense of civic/community pride			

Neighborhoodliness of residents		Similar	Similar
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Opportunities to participate in social events and activities		Similar	Higher
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Opportunities to volunteer		Similar	Similar
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Opportunities to participate in community matters		Similar	Higher
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Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds		Similar	Similar
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Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.
 (% yes)

	2024 2025	Similar	Similar
Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate			

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Please complete this survey if you are an adult (age 18 or older). Your responses are confidential and no identifying information will be shared.

1. Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Staunton.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Staunton as a place to live	1	2	3	4	5
Your neighborhood as a place to live	1	2	3	4	5
Staunton as a place to raise children	1	2	3	4	5
Staunton as a place to work.....	1	2	3	4	5
Staunton as a place to visit.....	1	2	3	4	5
Staunton as a place to retire.....	1	2	3	4	5
The overall quality of life in Staunton.....	1	2	3	4	5
Sense of community.....	1	2	3	4	5

2. Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Staunton as a whole.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Overall economic health of Staunton	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Staunton	1	2	3	4	5
Overall design or layout of Staunton's residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Staunton	1	2	3	4	5
(water, sewer, stormwater, electric/gas, broadband).....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall feeling of safety in Staunton.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of natural environment in Staunton.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	1	2	3	4	5
Overall health and wellness opportunities in Staunton.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts.....	1	2	3	4	5
Residents' connection and engagement with their community	1	2	3	4	5

3. Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.

	<u>Very likely</u>	<u>Somewhat likely</u>	<u>Somewhat unlikely</u>	<u>Very unlikely</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Recommend living in Staunton to someone who asks.....	1	2	3	4	5
Remain in Staunton for the next five years.....	1	2	3	4	5

4. Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:

	<u>Very safe</u>	<u>Somewhat safe</u>	<u>Neither safe nor unsafe</u>	<u>Somewhat unsafe</u>	<u>Very unsafe</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
In your neighborhood during the day.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
In Staunton's downtown/commercial area during the day	1	2	3	4	5	6
From property crime.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
From violent crime.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	1	2	3	4	5	6

5. Please rate the job you feel the Staunton community does at each of the following.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Making all residents feel welcome	1	2	3	4	5
Attracting people from diverse backgrounds.....	1	2	3	4	5
Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds.....	1	2	3	4	5
Taking care of vulnerable residents (elderly, disabled, homeless, etc.).....	1	2	3	4	5

6. Please rate each of the following in the Staunton community.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Staunton.....	1	2	3	4	5
Variety of business and service establishments in Staunton.....	1	2	3	4	5
Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	1	2	3	4	5
Employment opportunities	1	2	3	4	5
Shopping opportunities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Cost of living in Staunton.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall image or reputation of Staunton	1	2	3	4	5

7. Please also rate each of the following in the Staunton community.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Traffic flow on major streets.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of public parking.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of travel by car in Staunton.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of travel by public transportation in Staunton.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of travel by bicycle in Staunton.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of walking in Staunton.....	1	2	3	4	5
Well-planned residential growth.....	1	2	3	4	5
Well-planned commercial growth.....	1	2	3	4	5
Well-designed neighborhoods.....	1	2	3	4	5
Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community.....	1	2	3	4	5
Public places where people want to spend time.....	1	2	3	4	5
Variety of housing options.....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality housing.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of new development in Staunton.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall appearance of Staunton.....	1	2	3	4	5
Cleanliness of Staunton.....	1	2	3	4	5
Water resources (lakes, ponds, riverways, etc.).....	1	2	3	4	5
Air quality.....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of paths and walking trails.....	1	2	3	4	5
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.) ...	1	2	3	4	5
Recreational opportunities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality food.....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality health care.....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of preventive health services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality mental health care.....	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Community support for the arts.....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool.....	1	2	3	4	5
K-12 education.....	1	2	3	4	5
Adult educational opportunities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Sense of civic/community pride.....	1	2	3	4	5
Neighborliness of residents in Staunton.....	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to attend special events and festivals.....	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to volunteer.....	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to participate in community matters.....	1	2	3	4	5
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds.....	1	2	3	4	5

8. Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.

	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Contacted the City of Staunton (in-person, phone, email, or web) for help or information.....	1	2
Contacted Staunton elected officials (in-person, phone, email, or web) to express your opinion.....	1	2
Attended a local public meeting (of local elected officials like City Council or County Commissioners, advisory boards, town halls, HOA, neighborhood watch, etc.)	1	2
Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting.....	1	2
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Staunton.....	1	2
Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate.....	1	2
Voted in your most recent local election.....	1	2
Used bus, rail, or other public transportation instead of driving.....	1	2
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone.....	1	2
Walked or biked instead of driving.....	1	2

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9. Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Staunton.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Public information services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Economic development.....	1	2	3	4	5
Traffic enforcement	1	2	3	4	5
Traffic signal timing.....	1	2	3	4	5
Street repair.....	1	2	3	4	5
Street cleaning.....	1	2	3	4	5
Street lighting.....	1	2	3	4	5
Snow removal.....	1	2	3	4	5
Sidewalk maintenance.....	1	2	3	4	5
Bus or transit services	1	2	3	4	5
Land use, planning, and zoning.....	1	2	3	4	5
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
Affordable high-speed internet access	1	2	3	4	5
Garbage collection	1	2	3	4	5
Drinking water	1	2	3	4	5
Sewer services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Stormwater management (storm drainage, dams, levees, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
Power (electric and/or gas) utility.....	1	2	3	4	5
Utility billing	1	2	3	4	5
Police/Sheriff services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Crime prevention	1	2	3	4	5
Animal control.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ambulance or emergency medical services	1	2	3	4	5
Fire services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Fire prevention and education.....	1	2	3	4	5
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	1	2	3	4	5
Preservation of natural areas (open space, farmlands, and greenbelts)	1	2	3	4	5
Staunton open space.....	1	2	3	4	5
Recycling.....	1	2	3	4	5
Yard waste pick-up.....	1	2	3	4	5
City parks.....	1	2	3	4	5
Recreation programs or classes	1	2	3	4	5
Recreation centers or facilities	1	2	3	4	5
Health services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Public library services	1	2	3	4	5
Overall customer service by Staunton employees.....	1	2	3	4	5

10. Please rate the following categories of Staunton government performance.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
The value of services for the taxes paid to Staunton	1	2	3	4	5
The overall direction that Staunton is taking	1	2	3	4	5
The job Staunton government does at welcoming resident involvement.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall confidence in Staunton government.....	1	2	3	4	5
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	1	2	3	4	5
Being honest.....	1	2	3	4	5
Being open and transparent to the public.....	1	2	3	4	5
Informing residents about issues facing the community.....	1	2	3	4	5
Treating all residents fairly	1	2	3	4	5
Treating residents with respect	1	2	3	4	5

11. Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
The City of Staunton	1	2	3	4	5
The Federal Government.....	1	2	3	4	5

12. Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Staunton community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.

	<u>Essential</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>
Overall economic health of Staunton	1	2	3	4
Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Staunton	1	2	3	4
Overall design or layout of Staunton's residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.)	1	2	3	4
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Staunton (water, sewer, stormwater, electric/gas, broadband)	1	2	3	4
Overall feeling of safety in Staunton.....	1	2	3	4
Overall quality of natural environment in Staunton.....	1	2	3	4
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	1	2	3	4
Overall health and wellness opportunities in Staunton.....	1	2	3	4
Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts.....	1	2	3	4
Residents' connection and engagement with their community	1	2	3	4

The City of Staunton 2025 Community Survey

Our last questions are about you and your household.

Again, all of your responses to this survey are confidential and no identifying information will be shared.

D1. In general, how many times do you:

	Several times a day	Once a day	A few times a week	Every few weeks	Less often or never	Don't know
Access the internet from your home using a computer, laptop, or tablet computer	1	2	3	4	5	6
Access the internet from your cell phone	1	2	3	4	5	6
Visit social media sites such as Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), Nextdoor, etc.	1	2	3	4	5	6
Use or check email	1	2	3	4	5	6
Share your opinions online	1	2	3	4	5	6
Shop online	1	2	3	4	5	6

D2. Please rate your overall health.

☐ Excellent ☐ Very good ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor

D3. What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months?

Do you think the impact will be:

☐ Very positive ☐ Somewhat positive ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat negative ☐ Very negative

D4. How many years have you lived in Staunton?

- ☐ Less than 2 years
- ☐ 2-5 years
- ☐ 6-10 years
- ☐ 11-20 years
- ☐ More than 20 years

D5. Which best describes the building you live in?

- ☐ Single-family detached home
- ☐ Townhouse or duplex (may share walls but no units above or below you)
- ☐ Condominium or apartment (have units above or below you)
- ☐ Mobile home
- ☐ Other

D6. Do you rent or own your home?

- ☐ Rent
- ☐ Own

D7. About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance, and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?

- ☐ Less than \$300 ☐ \$2,500 to \$3,999
- ☐ \$300 to \$599 ☐ \$4,000 to \$6,999
- ☐ \$600 to \$999 ☐ \$7,000 to \$9,999
- ☐ \$1,000 to \$1,499 ☐ \$10,000 or more
- ☐ \$1,500 to \$2,499

D8. Do any children 17 or under live in your household?

- ☐ No ☐ Yes

D9. Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?

- ☐ No ☐ Yes

D10. How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)

- ☐ Less than \$25,000 ☐ \$100,000 to \$149,999
- ☐ \$25,000 to \$49,999 ☐ \$150,000 to \$199,999
- ☐ \$50,000 to \$74,999 ☐ \$200,000 to \$299,999
- ☐ \$75,000 to \$99,999 ☐ \$300,000 or more

D11. Are you of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or Spanish origin?

- ☐ No ☐ Yes

D12. What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be.)

- ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- ☐ White
- ☐ A race not listed

D13. In which category is your age?

- ☐ 18-24 years ☐ 55-64 years
- ☐ 25-34 years ☐ 65-74 years
- ☐ 35-44 years ☐ 75 years or older
- ☐ 45-54 years

D14. What is your gender?

- ☐ Woman
- ☐ Man
- ☐ Identify in another way → go to D14a

D14a. If you identify in another way, how would you describe your gender?

- ☐ Agender/I don't identify with any gender
- ☐ Genderqueer/gender fluid
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ Transgender man
- ☐ Transgender woman
- ☐ Two-spirit
- ☐ Identify in another way

Thank you!

Please return the completed survey in the postage-paid envelope to:
National Research Center, Inc., PO Box 14050, Houston, TX 77221-9904

2025 National Community Survey

Summary of Results

City Council Update – Feb. 26, 2026

National Community Survey - Overview



Livability Measures

10 primary categories focusing on:

- Habitability
- Desirability



Alternating Years

- Survey administered every other year
- Next survey will be late 2027
- Building trend data



Employee Satisfaction

- City will continue employee satisfaction survey
- Alternating years from community survey

Sept. 30

Postcard invitations
Sent

Oct. 7

Printed Survey (Return
Envelope) Sent

Oct. 28

Open Participation
Survey (online only)

Nov. 11

Data Collection
Closes for Both

Methodology

- **Survey Instrument:**

- Standard questions each year, across all communities
- 10 Primary Question Categories:

Economy	Mobility & Transportation
Community Design	Utilities
Safety	Natural Environment
Parks & Recreation	Health & Wellness
Education, Arts, & Culture	Inclusivity & Engagement

- **Conducting Survey:**

- 3,000 randomly selected households through USPS list
- 16% response rate (462 households) surveys completed via online link or paper
- Responses are weighted to better reflect demographics of the city (age, sex, race, Hispanic origin, housing type, housing tenure)

- **3 Ways to Compare:**

- Trend Data from early 2024 to late 2025
- Staunton's data compared to 400+ communities (surveyed in the last 5 years)
- Staunton's data compared to custom benchmark: 42 communities
 - Median Household Income (Between 50,000 – 75,000)
 - Population (< 35,000)

Key Findings

Quality of Life continues to rank high:

Nearly 9 in 10 people would recommend living in Staunton to someone that asks

Residents report feeling safe throughout the city

More than 9 in 10 feel safe in their neighborhoods, downtown, & from violent crime

Many local government items had statistically significant increases from the last survey

Being open & transparent, honest, welcoming resident involvement, being fair

Numerous Parks & Recreation & natural environment scored higher than benchmarks

City Parks – 90%, Parks & Recreation opportunities, Staunton open space

Areas of Greatest Change

Answers Between 2024 to 2025:

27 Increases

91 Similar

5 Decreases

Governance: Several 11% - 15% increases

Ease of Bicycle Travel: + 10%

Quality of Service from Federal Government: - **14%**

Impact of economy on your family in next 6 months: - **7%**

Ease of Public Transit: - **10%**

Overall quality of utility infrastructure: - **9%**

Snow Removal: - **7%**

** Change is statistically significant when greater than **5.97%**

Quality of Life

Above
custom
benchmark

Positive Ratings:

Staunton as a place to live: **87%**

✓ Likelihood of recommending living in Staunton: **89%** ↗

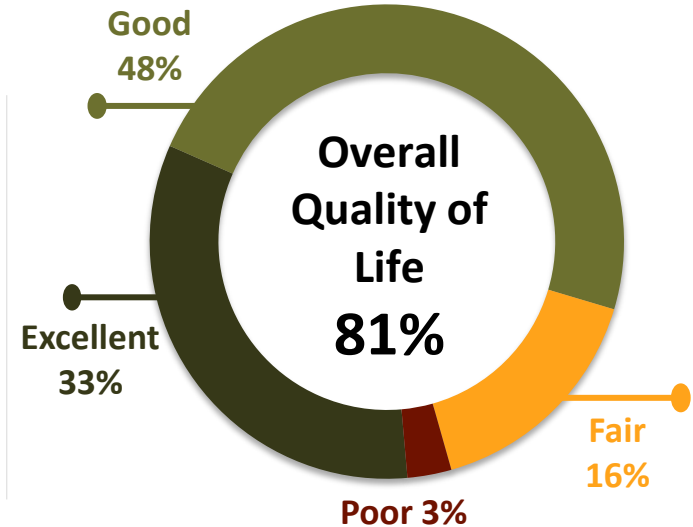
Remain in Staunton for next 5 years: **87%**

Staunton as a place to work: **55%**

✓ Staunton as a place to raise children: **81%**

✓ Staunton as a place to retire: **82%**

Sense of Community: **69%**



↗ Represents
statistical change

Safety

Excellent & Good Ratings:

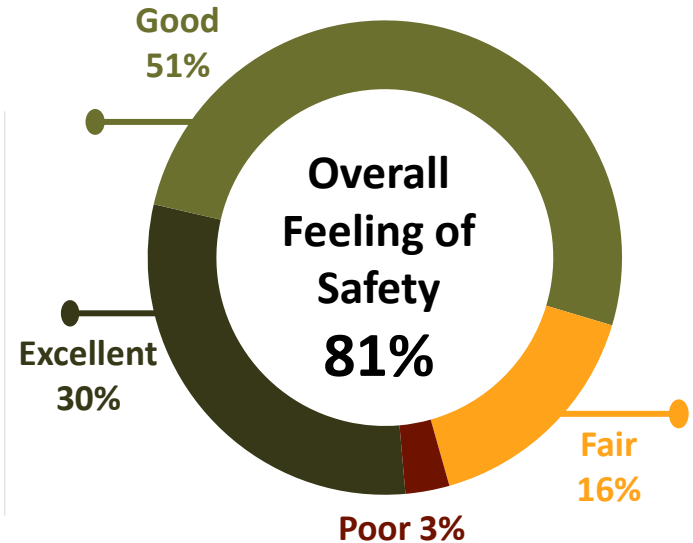
Feel safe in downtown/commercial area during day: **96%**

Feel safe in your neighborhood during day: **95%**

Feel safe from violent crime: **90%**

Feel safe from property crime: **87%**

Feel safe from fire, flood, natural disaster: **84%**



All 2025 values similar to 2024 and Custom Benchmark Cities

Parks & Recreation

Above
custom
benchmark

Excellent & Good Ratings:



Quality of City Parks: **91%**



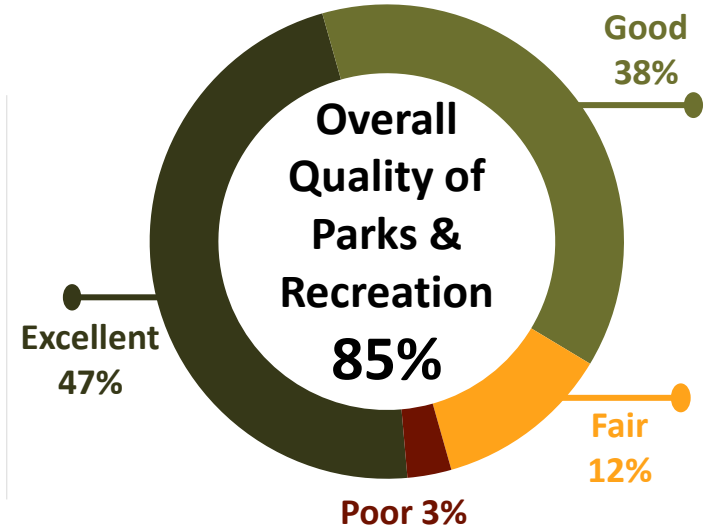
Recreation Programs: **80%**



Recreation Facilities: **75%**

Recreational Opportunities: **67%**

Availability of walking paths & trails: **60%** ↗

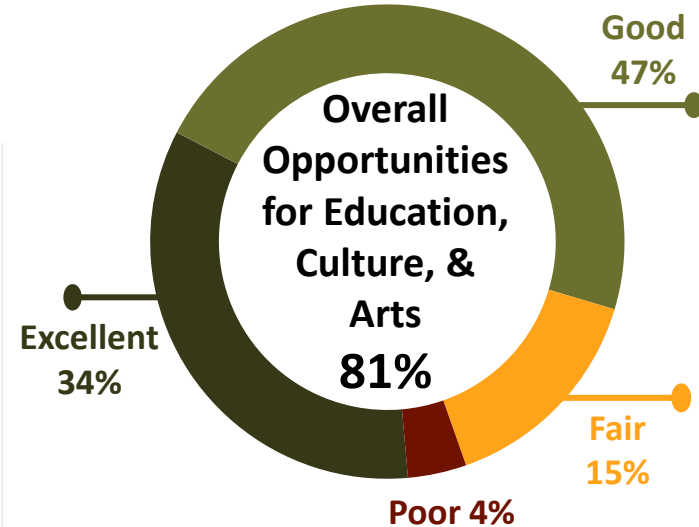


Education, Arts, & Culture

Above
custom
benchmark

Excellent & Good Ratings:

- ✓ Community Support for the Arts: **80%**
- ✓ Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities: **75%**
- ✓ Opportunities to attend special events/festivals: **79%** ↗
K-12 Education: **64%** ↗ (up from 57%)
Adult Educational Opportunities: **59%** ↗ (up from 49%)
Public Library Services: **91%**
Availability of affordable quality childcare: **33%**



Natural Environment

Above
custom
benchmark

Excellent & Good Ratings:

Air Quality: **88%**

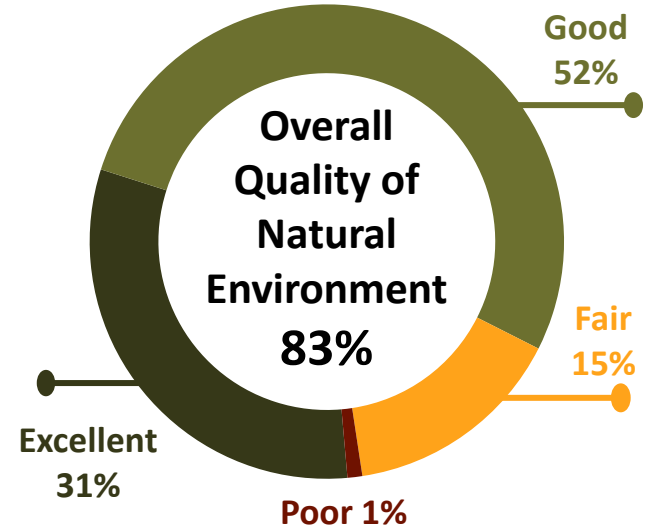
Cleanliness of Staunton: **80%**

Water Resources: **64%**

Preservation of Natural Areas: **67%**



Open Space: **70%** ↗



Health & Wellness

Excellent & Good Ratings:

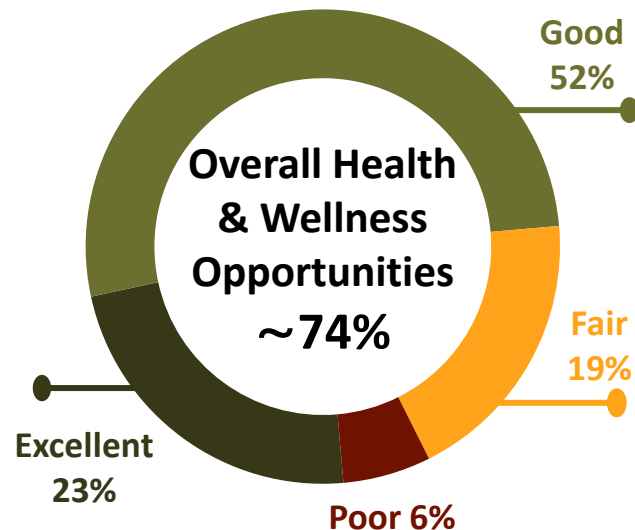
Availability of affordable quality food: **61%**

Availability of affordable quality healthcare: **50%**

Availability of preventative health services: **50%**

Availability of affordable quality mental healthcare: **31%**

Rate Your Overall health: **65%**



Utilities

Below
custom
benchmark

Excellent & Good Ratings:

Sewer services: **84%**

Drinking Water: **77%**

Power (electric/gas): **80%**

Garbage Collection: **82%**

Yard Waste Pick-Up: **59%**



Recycling: **34%**

2024
Results

83%

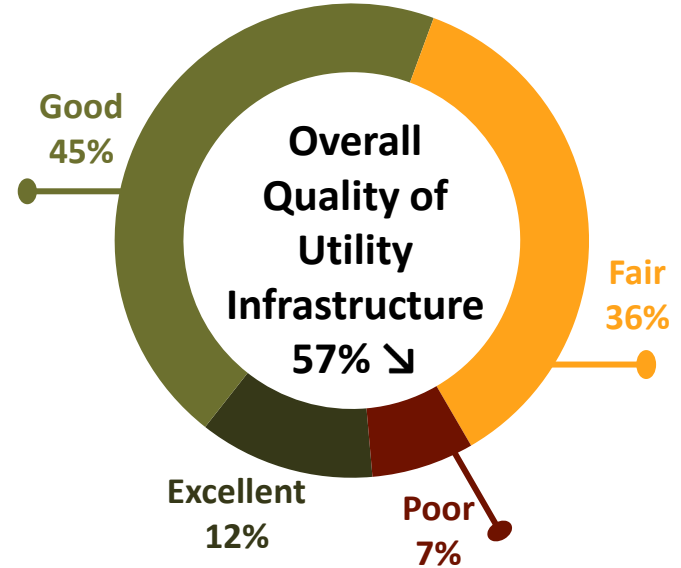
75%

81%

79%

56%

32%



Economy

Above
custom
benchmark

Excellent & Good Ratings:



Staunton as a place to visit: **87%**

Overall quality of business/service establishments: **75%**

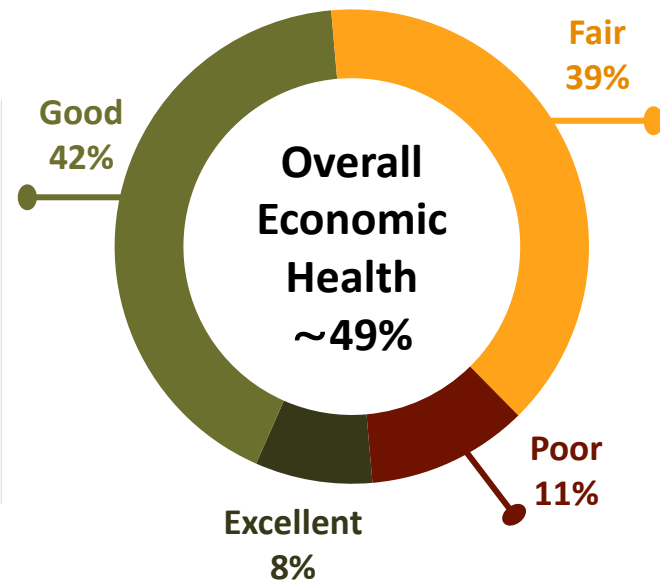
Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area: **75%**

Employment opportunities: **33%**

Cost of living in Staunton: **44%**

Availability of affordably quality housing: **23%**

Positive impact on family income in next 6 months: **15%**↘



Community Design

Above
custom
benchmark



Excellent & Good Ratings:

Overall appearance of Staunton: **83%**

Preservation of historical/cultural character: **84%** ↗

Public places where people want to spend time: **71%** ↗

Well-designed neighborhoods: **57%**

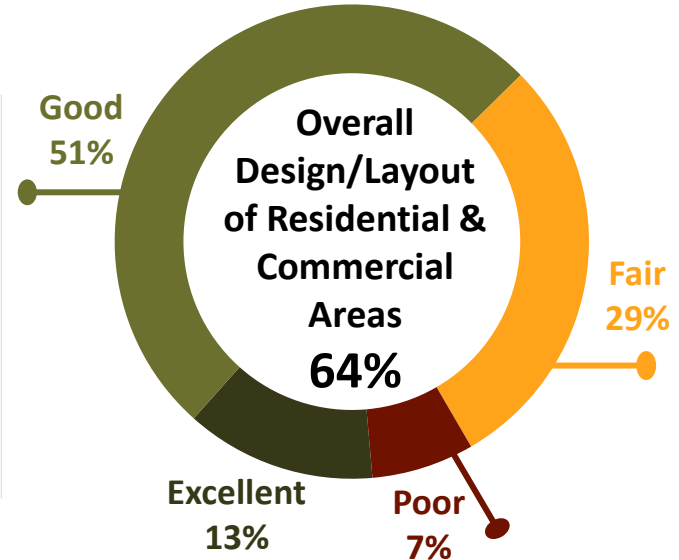
Well-planned residential growth: **49%** ↗

Well-planned commercial growth: **43%** ↗

Overall quality of new development: **41%**

Land use, planning, zoning: **49%** ↗

Code Enforcement: **38%**

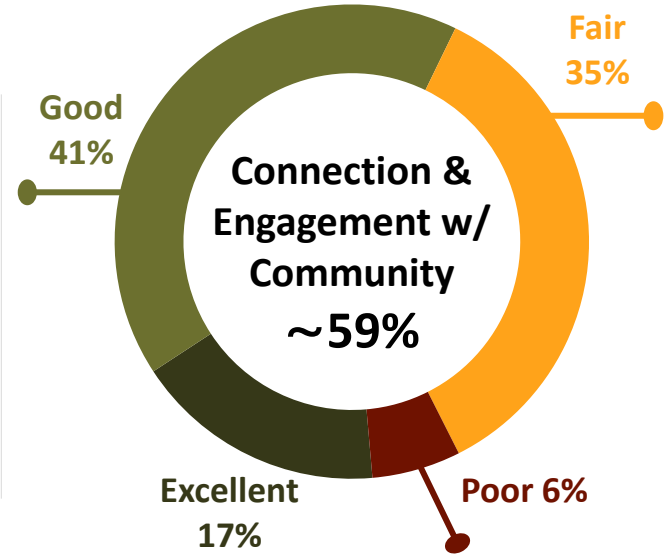


Inclusivity & Engagement

Above
custom
benchmark

Excellent & Good Ratings:

- ✓ Making all residents feel welcome: **77%** ↗
- ✓ Sense of Civic Pride: **75%** ↗
- ✓ Opportunities to participate in community matters: **70%** ↗
- Sense of Community: **69%**
- Neighborliness of residents: **68%**
- Openness toward people of diverse backgrounds: **64%** ↗
- Valuing/respecting those from diverse backgrounds: **66%**
- Taking care of vulnerable residents: **38%**



Mobility/Transportation System

Above
custom
benchmark

Excellent & Good Ratings:

Ease of travel by car: **83%**

✓ Traffic flow on major streets: **69%**

Ease of public parking: **56%**

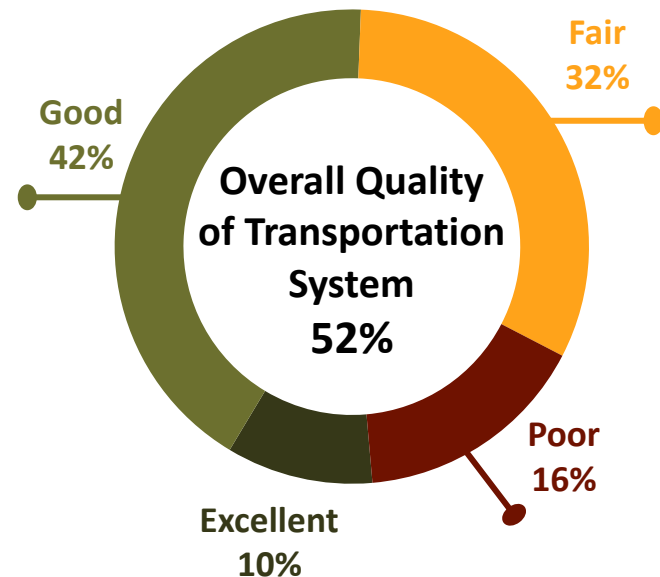
Ease of walking: **56%**

Availability of paths and walking trails: **60%** ↗

Ease of travel by bicycle: **41%** ↗

** Below benchmark
in previous survey

Ease of travel by public transportation: **33%** ↘



Mobility/Transportation System

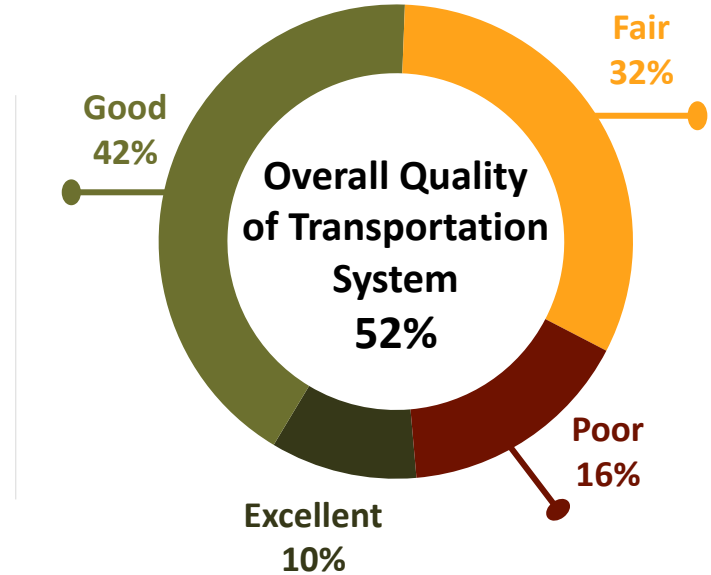
Excellent & Good Ratings:

Street Repair: **53%**

Street Cleaning: **71%**

Snow Removal: **70%** ↘

Sidewalk Maintenance: **54%**



Governance

Above
custom
benchmark

Excellent & Good Ratings:

Overall customer service by city employees: **84%**

Overall quality of the services provided by city: **76%** ↗

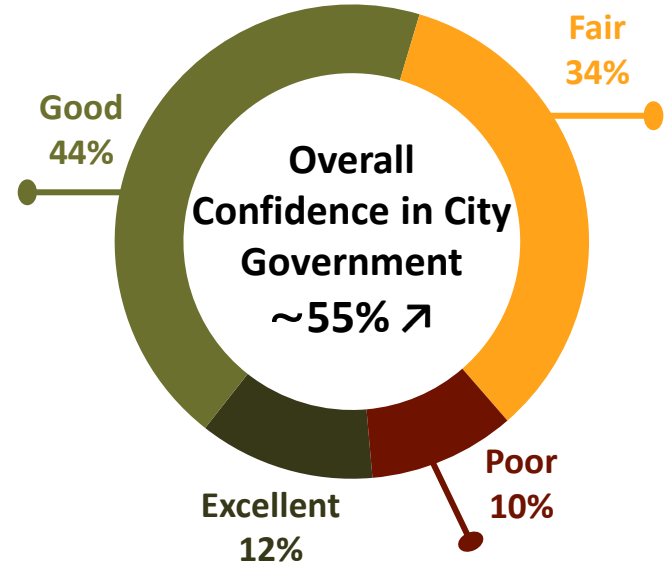
Public Information Services: **69%** ↗

Value of services for the taxes paid: **58%** ↗

Being open and transparent with the public: **57%** ↗

Generally acting in best interest of community: **61%** ↗

✓ City government welcomes resident involvement: **63%** ↗



Growth Opportunities

Residents identify concerns with local economy and affordability

- Cost of living
- Economic Development
- Employment Opportunities
- Childcare
- Housing



Many of these themes are wrapped up in the work that Housing, Economic Mobility & Opportunity, and Economic Development continue to work on.

Despite many of these being lower scores, none are below national or custom benchmarks.

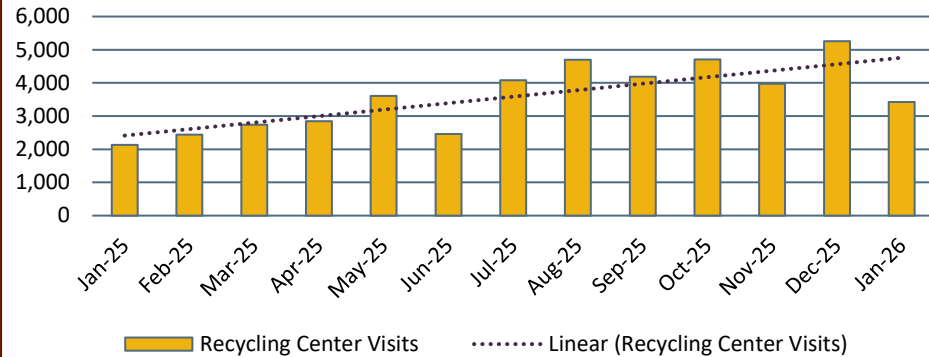
ONE Area Below Benchmarks



Recycling – 34%
(up from 32% last year)

Rated 'much lower' than national benchmarks and 'lower' than custom benchmarks

13 Month Overview - Recycling Center Visits



January: 60% increase from last year, even with a week-long closure from winter storm

CITY COUNCIL



AGENDA BRIEFING

Staunton, Virginia

Meeting Date:	February 26, 2026	City Council
Item #:	A	
Department:	City Council	
Alignment with Staunton Plan (Value/Strategic Area):	Strategic Area: Effective Communication with Citizens Value: Integrity Engagement	
Subject:	Consent Agenda	

Background: As provided in [Council Procedure Memorandum No. 14](#), it is the policy of City Council to have the City Manager place routine, noncontroversial items on a Consent Agenda. Briefings for each item included on the Consent Agenda have been prepared in the manner and format of regular business items on the agenda, with each item described in sufficient detail to provide the public with an appropriate understanding of such item. All matters listed on the Consent Agenda will be enacted by one motion and as a single item. There will be no separate discussion of an item. If discussion is desired, the item may be removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of a member of City Council and considered separately at the end of the regular meeting agenda.

The Mayor will inquire whether any member of City Council desires to remove any item from the Consent Agenda and to place such item on the regular meeting agenda for separate consideration.

Suggested Motion (if no items removed): I move to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

Suggestion Motion (if one or more items removed): I move to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of item(s) _____, and that item(s)_____ be moved to the end of the regular agenda for discussion and a separate vote.

City Manager: Leslie Beauregard

CITY COUNCIL



AGENDA BRIEFING

Staunton, Virginia

Meeting Date:	February 26, 2026	City Council
Item #	A.1	
Department:	City Council	
Alignment with Staunton Plan (Value/Strategic Area):	Values: Integrity Engagement	
Subject:	Approval of Minutes	

Background: Draft meeting minutes are attached for City Council's consideration and for approval as Council prefers.

Attachment:

Attachment 1 – Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2026

Suggested Motions: I move to approve the work session and regular meeting minutes of November 13, 2025 [as presented] [with the following changes: _____].

City Manager: Leslie Beauregard



City Council
WORK SESSION

Rita S. Wilson City Council Chambers
February 12, 2026
5:00 p.m.

Council Members present: Mayor Edwards, Vice Mayor Arrowood, and Councilors Campbell, Overholtzer, Park, Shepherd, and Woods.

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

1. Consideration of Work Session and Regular Meeting Agendas

Consistent with Procedural Memorandum No. 3, the agendas were presented for Council consideration.

Councilor Overholtzer moved to approve the work session and regular meeting agendas as presented.

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

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

2. Presentation on the Augusta County Military Memorial – “The Garden that Heals”

David Zimmerman, representing the Augusta County Military Memorial and Friends of Augusta County Veterans Memorial, updated City Council on a veteran’s memorial and garden that will be constructed at the Augusta County Government Complex in Verona. The design is currently underway and information can be found on their website at <https://augustacountymilitarymemorial.org/>.

Mr. Zimmerman stated that the Augusta County Military Memorial is not asking for a financial contribution from the city. They are simply seeking to provide information and answer questions about the memorial and garden being planned. The City of Staunton Seal, along with the City of Waynesboro’s and Augusta County’s, is intended to be featured on the monument itself.

Mr. Zimmerman highlighted the many contributions of area residents in military service including those who served at the Battle of Cowpens portrayed in the movie, *The Patriot*.

He stated that the hope is for a groundbreaking to occur this Spring.

Mayor Edwards complimented the Memorial slogan, “A garden that heals.”

Mayor Edwards thanked Mr. Zimmerman for his presentation.

3. Closed Meeting for the Provision of Legal Advice and a Prospective Business

Councilor Overholtzer moved to enter a closed meeting for (i) consultation with legal counsel, the Staunton City Attorney, regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice concerning a potential agreement with the Staunton Redevelopment and Housing Authority and the operations of the Staunton Police Department pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(8); and (ii) discussion of a prospective business where no previous announcement has been made of the business’ interest in locating in the vicinity of Frontier Drive in the City of Staunton pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(5).

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

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

The Council reconvened after the closed meeting.

Vice-Mayor Arrowood moved that Council reconvene in an open meeting and certify to the best of each member’s knowledge that only lawfully exempted public business matters were discussed and that only public business matters as identified in the closed meeting motion were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting.

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

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

The February 12, 2026 Staunton City Council Work Session adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

John Blair
City Clerk

**REGULAR MEETING OF STAUNTON CITY COUNCIL****Thursday, February 12, 2026****7:03 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
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.

Mayor Edwards highlighted that February is Black History Month.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Edwards made the following statement on behalf of the City Council:

I want to use my time tonight to address concerns about the safety of newcomers from other countries who live in, or visit, our city. We understand these concerns, and we share the deep alarm many feel about how immigrants and, at times, bystanders are being treated by federal law enforcement agents under direction from Washington.

There have been requests for the City Council to adopt a resolution as other cities have done. We want to be honest about our concern that, at this moment, such a resolution may be largely symbolic, especially for people who may never see it or may not trust it.

Let's be mindful that immigrants are not a monolith. They differ by country of origin, age, language, immigration status, length of time in the U.S., education, employment, and level of integration into our community. Acting on behalf of such a complex population requires humility, listening, and care.

That does not mean we are unaware, disengaged, or indifferent. It means we are focused on what we feel helps those who may be too afraid to act.

What is happening in Staunton is sustained, grassroots outreach. This work, consistent and relational, is how trust is built and how people begin to feel safer accessing services.

We also want to be clear: everyone in Staunton, regardless of status, can access emergency services. Any 911 call will be responded to professionally and safely. All residents may use City resources- our libraries, schools, parks, and facilities.

At the same time, we must be honest about legal realities. Local law enforcement cannot interfere with a lawful arrest supported by a judicial warrant. However, If federal agents unlawfully enter a home or damage property, residents can and should call the police.

The Staunton Police Department does not have, and has never had, a cooperative agreement with federal immigration enforcement. We do not hold detainees on behalf of federal immigration authorities.

The scale of the situation is unprecedented and evolving. Any response must be thoughtful, grounded in law, and centered on those most at risk.

We will continue to prioritize actions that build trust, meet immediate needs, and protect the dignity and safety of vulnerable people, not just in words, but in practice. We also truly appreciate caring community members who are supporting and looking out for their friends and neighbors.

Thank you.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councilor Woods made the following motions out of the Nominations Committee:

Appoint Sheba Lane to the Staunton Redevelopment and Housing Authority for a four-year term commencing March 1, 2026 and ending February 28, 2030;

Reappoint Tracy Teye to the Staunton Redevelopment and Housing Authority for a four-year term commencing March 1, 2026 and ending February 28, 2030;

Reappoint Randolph Bertin and Coye Heard to the Lewis Creek Watershed Advisory Board for three-year terms commencing on March 1, 2026 and ending February 28, 2029;

Reappoint Bart McDowell to the Landscape Advisory Board for a three-year term commencing on March 1, 2026 and ending February 28, 2029;

Reappoint Maggie Ragon to the Shenandoah Valley Airport Commission for a three-year term commencing on March 1, 2026 and ending February 28, 2029;

Reappoint Joy Ingram to the Social Services Advisory Board for a four-year term commencing on March 1, 2026 and ending February 28, 2030; and

Appoint Jeff Binder and Stephanie Mason to the Youth Commission for three-year terms commencing on March 1, 2026 and ending February 28, 2029.

The motion did not require a second, 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		

REGULAR MEETING-(Note: All Resolutions and Ordinances Adopted Shall Appear at the Conclusion of These Minutes.)

A. Consent Agenda

A.1. Approval of Minutes

Work Session and Regular Meeting of January 22, 2026

A.2. Consideration of Resolutions Confirming and Ending the January 23, 2026 Declaration of Emergency

A.3. Authorization of Staunton Crossing Utility Easement

A.4. Consideration of Resolution to Update Bylaws for Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

A.5. Consideration of Proclamation to be Presented in Council Chambers in honor of Brain Injury Awareness Month (March)

A.6. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2026 Virginia Commission for the Arts – Arts in Practice Grant

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 a Request by Stuart Armstrong to Rezone 912 W Beverley Street from R-4, High Density Residential District, to B-5, Mixed Use Business District Conditional

Tim Hartless, Planning Manager, provided the following information to the Council:

Stuart Armstrong is requesting a rezoning of 912 W Beverley Street from R-4, High Density Residential District, to B-5, Mixed Use Business District Conditional. The property is located on the south side of W Beverley Street in the block between Montgomery Avenue and Stafford Street and located in the Newtown Historic District. The property consists of a building which is approximately 14,136 square feet (two floors) on a lot that is approximately 16,500 square feet. The building was constructed in the early 1900s and opened as the Dunsmore Business College. The business college closed in 1977. For a short time, the building was home to the Valley Mission but has mostly been vacant since the early to mid-1980s.

The current R-4 zoning of the property allows for a range of residential uses including single-family, two family, and multi-family. The 16,500 square foot lot size allows for up to seven multi-family units. Over the years, staff has had many conversations with various developers related to reuse of this building but the seven-unit limit, the parking required for those units, and the lack of space available onsite to construct those parking spaces has always been a challenge to make redevelopment work. As a result, the building has been vacant for the past 40 years.

If the rezoning is approved, the applicant plans to create low-income multi-family units for seniors. If the B-5 conditional zoning is approved, the number of units permitted here will be determined based on the amount of parking that can be provided (not based on lot size as with R-4). For senior housing, one parking space is required for every two units. It is worth noting that B-5 zoning does allow for off-site parking (parking on other properties); however, in this case, all surrounding zoning is residential and parking is not a permitted principal use in residential zoning districts. So, required parking for the proposed use must be located on the 912 W Beverley Street property. This will likely be accomplished with the construction of a small parking lot or parking deck on the rear of the property, accessed from Anderson Street. Under the current R-4 zoning, there is a minimum 25-foot setback from Anderson Street which makes construction of a parking deck infeasible. However, in the B-5 district, no setback is required for construction of a parking deck.

City staff conducted a review of the proposed rezoning and generally supports the request. However, staff did express concerns with the wide range of business uses that are permitted in B-5. In response to those concerns, the applicant has offered proffers to make this a B-5 conditional

zoning request. The conditions proffered, eliminate all business uses and limit the use of the property to those uses permitted in the R-4, High Density Residential District.

Rezoning is only the first step in multi-step process to redevelop the property for the intended use. A site plan will be required for construction of any parking facilities and a building permit will be required for a change in building code use group. Site plan and building permit approval cannot occur until after the applicant has demonstrated that they can provide the required number of parking spaces onsite.

Surrounding zoning is all R-4, High Density Residential. Surrounding uses include a mixture of single-family and multi-family dwellings.

The “Generalized Land Use and Development Guide, Future Land Use Map” Staunton, Virginia, Comprehensive Plan 2018 – 2040, designates this area as Neighborhood Residential. These are older neighborhoods which can be characterized by large housing units on small lots. One of the policies of this designation is to encourage the development of in-fill housing units that are compatible with the existing facilities and structures. The existing Dunsmore building (14,136 SF) is far too large to be used for only one single-family unit. If the property is to be reused, multi-family use is the most reasonable use.

At its meeting on January 15, 2026, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing. During the public hearing two people spoke in opposition to the request expressing concerns with the limited amount of parking currently available on Anderson Street. On a 4-0 vote, the Commission unanimously voted to recommend approval of the request.

Carter Greene, on behalf of the applicant, presented a PowerPoint presentation about the project that included a proposed site plan. Mr. Greene emphasized his client’s work with the Staunton Redevelopment and Housing Authority on the project. He stated that there would be fifteen total senior living units if the project is approved.

Councilor Campbell reported that the Planning Commission discussed potential future parking issues related to the development. The Commission will monitor the situation, and, if necessary, recommend future interventions including signage.

Vice-Mayor Arrowood complimented the project and highlighted that the B-5 zoning district enabled the project. He asked if the owner is confident that the project will proceed. Mr. Greene stated that this is the first hurdle, and the owner plans to continue his pursuit of the project.

Councilor Shepherd asked how many parking spaces the project would have. Mr. Greene said that it would have eight spaces on the upper deck and potentially three spaces on the lower deck.

Councilor Overholtzer said the project is exciting and he appreciated the thoughtfulness of the project.

Mayor Edwards stated the following:

“In a moment, I will open the Public Hearing. It is a time that Council sets aside to hear from citizens and others about a specific topic.

We ask that you please give your name, your address, and then keep your remarks at five minutes or less. When you reach the five-minute time limit, I will let you know that your time limit has expired.

For our Zoom participants, please raise your hand now if you wish to speak on this particular matter. If you raise your hand during this Public Hearing, you will also be able to raise your hand during this Council meeting for other Public Hearings and Matters from the Public. Please keep your comments to five minutes. Once everyone who wishes to speak has had an opportunity, I will then close the Public Hearing.

I will now open the Public Hearing, so if you wish to speak, please approach the podium. We will alternate between individuals physically present and those that have their hands raised via the Zoom platform.”

The public hearing was opened.

Jenny Hill stated that she was concerned about eight parking spaces for fifteen residents. She also stated that there are current issues with parking on Anderson Street which can affect mail delivery.

Vice-Mayor Arrowood asked Mr. Hartless to discuss the potential parking issues. Mr. Hartless stated that the parking requirements are based on the assumption that seniors utilize less cars, and therefore only one space is required for every two residents. He stated that if parking issues arise from the project, the City could look at broadening the shoulder of Anderson Street.

Vice-Mayor Arrowood moved that Council adopt the ordinance and approve the conditional rezoning as recommended by the Planning Commission.

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. Consideration of Updated Work Plan for Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Meggie Taylor presented the updated 2026 Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Work Plan for Council approval. Key updates and strategic shifts from the previous version include:

- Updated Goals:
 - Multimodal Planning: The plan explicitly positions BPAC as a major stakeholder to provide guidance on the City's upcoming Multimodal Transportation Plan.

- Information Hub: A new objective has been added to support a repository for bicycle and pedestrian information, including centralizing digital resources.
- Community Liaison Role: The updated plan refines the committee's role as a vital community liaison, emphasizing its function in bridging the gap between residents and City staff to ensure public input is central to future infrastructure projects.

Ms. Taylor also recognized Committee members Aaron Barmer and Jim Printy for their presence in the audience.

Councilor Campbell asked about BPAC's work to make Gypsy Hill Park more pedestrian and bicycle friendly. Ms. Taylor said that the Committee is looking at wayfinding and additional bike racks.

Councilor Campbell asked about the possibility of having BPAC make the sidewalk construction and repair process more public facing.

Councilor Overholtzer mentioned the potential merger of the greenways plan and the bike and pedestrian plan in the new Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Taylor stated that the goal is to merge the plans into a multimodal plan within the Comprehensive Plan.

Vice-Mayor Arrowood asked if aspects of the plan are implemented when there is restriping or repaving. Ms. Taylor said that is correct in order to save funds.

Councilor Overholtzer moved to approve the 2026 Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Work Plan.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Campbell 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:

The Virginia Department of Transportation will conduct a public hearing in City Council Chambers on February 25, 2026 between 4 and 6 p.m. concerning the Commerce Road/Lewis Creek Greenway Project.

Due to the snow and ice, the Comprehensive Plan stakeholder meeting for deaf residents has been rescheduled to March 4, 2026 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Staunton Public Library.

Due to the Presidents' Day holiday, trash pick-up will shift. Additionally, city offices and the Recycling Center, as well as the Staunton Public Library will be closed to observe the holiday.

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."

Grace Shuler stated that she first wanted to thank all veterans who served the nation. She then expressed concerns about the possible removal of plaques from the Augusta County Circuit Courthouse to the proposed Veterans Memorial. She said that the plaques removal would detract from the historical structure and that moving them to the new Veterans Memorial would perpetuate segregation.

Mary Miller expressed her gratitude to Council including Mayor Edwards' tribute at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Service. She mentioned her attendance at the memorial service for Barbare Clyburn in Aiken, South Carolina. She concluded by reading Maya Angelou's poem "And Still I Rise".

Deborah Kushner thanked the City staff and residents for their efforts at snow and ice removal. She also commended all of Council for attending the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Service. She addressed the Flock cameras within the City and said she still understood that one camera remained standing in the City. She urged Council to oppose mass surveillance efforts within the City and stated that she supported an ordinance to bar mass surveillance.

Aaron Barmer thanked City staff for its efforts during the recent snow and ice event. He also thanked Mayor Edwards for her statement at the meeting. He said that the statement was a good start, but it needed to be followed up with persistent, continuous, and transparent action. He also urged residents to explore the public domain library site librivox.org. He recommended the book The Anti-Coup.

Randy Hamlett congratulated the City on its snow and ice removal efforts as well as last year's paving and street improvement efforts last year, and the great relationship of the Council with the Staunton West End Business Association.

Mark Hopp highlighted that law enforcement agencies across the country are using school security cameras to assist ICE. He highlighted various private and public sector surveillance and facial recognition efforts in China, Australia, New York, and the United Kingdom. He also stated that mass surveillance efforts were fueling the need for data centers. He also stated that mass

surveillance efforts could be used against his Republican colleagues. He said this is not a partisan issue and that all should oppose mass surveillance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

John C. Blair, II
Clerk of Council

CITY COUNCIL



AGENDA BRIEFING

Staunton, Virginia

Meeting Date:	February 26, 2026	Samantha Johson Director of Tourism
Item #	A.2	
Department:	Tourism	
Alignment with Staunton Plan (Value/Strategic Area):	Value: Excellence; Engagement Strategic Area: An Economically Vibrant Community	
Subject:	Consideration of Application to the Virginia Tourism Corporation Destination Marketing Organization Marketing Grant	

Background: Visit Staunton seeks approval to apply for a Virginia Tourism Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) Marketing Grant to produce *For the Love of*, a mini digital series that tells Staunton's story through the people who create here. The series will spotlight 6-10 local artisans—glassblowers, chefs, instrument makers, sculptors, winemakers, costume designers—capturing the passion, skill, and pride behind their craft. Filmed against the backdrop of Staunton, each piece will connect creative process to place, reinforcing the city's identity as a destination rooted in authenticity and artistry. Content will be strategically repurposed across multiple digital platforms to maximize reach, longevity, and return on investment. This project builds destination recognition by celebrating the people who make Staunton distinct.

Community Focus:

This project directly reflects Staunton's commitment to Excellence and Engagement by elevating the voices and livelihoods of local makers whose work shapes the city's identity. By spotlighting small businesses and artisans, the series keeps the economic and promotional benefits rooted within our community while fostering local pride. The storytelling approach strengthens connections between residents and visitors, reinforcing that Staunton's greatest asset is its people. In celebrating those who create here, we invest not only in tourism, but in community vitality and shared identity.

Fiscal Impact: This grant program is designed to reimburse eligible projects for up to \$15,000. Grant awards to organizations must include a 50% cash or in-kind match. The total cost is \$22,500 to produce and market the series. Because this grant requires a cash match, per City Council

Procedure Memorandum No. 5, submitting an application for this grant requires approval by City Council. The city's 50% match (\$7,500 total) for the grant will be paid with existing funds in the Tourism Department's Advertising budget.

City Manager's Recommendation: Recommend that City Council authorize staff to apply for the Virginia Tourism Destination Marketing Organization Marketing Grant.

Suggested Motion: I move City Council authorize staff to apply for the Virginia Tourism Destination Marketing Organization Marketing Grant.

City Manager: Leslie Beauregard

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AGENDA BRIEFING

Staunton, Virginia

Meeting Date:	February 26, 2026	Leslie M. Beauregard, City Manager John C. Blair, II City Attorney
Item #	A.3	
Department:	City Council	
Alignment with Staunton Plan (Value/Strategic Area):	Value: Excellence Strategic Area: A Economically Vibrant Community	
Subject:	Consideration of Updated Cooperation Agreement Between the Staunton Redevelopment and Housing Authority and the City of Staunton	

Background: In 1978, the City of Staunton and the Staunton Redevelopment and Housing Authority (SRHA) entered into a Cooperation Agreement concerning the real estate taxation of SRHA properties.

The 1978 Agreement established a Payment In Lieu Of Taxes (PILOT) for properties directly owned by SRHA.

In the intervening forty-eight years, federal policies have expanded the range of ownership models for redevelopment and housing authorities. This includes public-private partnerships with entities which receive funding through the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program.

The new Cooperation Agreement provides that the PILOT may apply to properties that SRHA indirectly owns in accordance with Article X, Section 6 of the Constitution of Virginia.

Attachments:

Attachment 1—Proposed Cooperation Agreement

Attachment 2—1978 Cooperation Agreement

City Manager Recommendation: Adopt the motion as presented.

Suggested Motions: I move to approve the proposed Cooperation Agreement between the City of Staunton and the Staunton Redevelopment and Housing Authority and to authorize the City Manager to execute the new Cooperation Agreement.

City Manager: Leslie M. Beauregard

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into this __ day of _____, 2026, by and between Staunton Redevelopment and Housing Authority, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia (“SRHA”) and the City of Staunton, Virginia, a municipal corporation of the Commonwealth of Virginia (the “City”).

WITNESSETH:

In consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the parties hereto do agree as follows:

1. Whenever used in this Agreement:

(a) The term “Project” shall mean any tax-exempt affordable housing hereafter developed and/or operated as an entity by or through SRHA with federal, state or local financial assistance, including but not limited to, financial assistance through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) and/or any other comparable or successor organizations. Project shall include, but not be limited to, any housing development receiving project-based rental assistance by or through SRHA pursuant to an Annual Contributions Contract between HUD and SRHA (“ACC”) or a Housing Assistance Payment (“HAP”) Contract, and shall include Low-Income Public Housing (“LIPH”) units under Section 9 of the Housing Act of 1937, as amended, and housing units receiving assistance under Section 8 of the Housing Act of 1937, as amended, as part of the Project-Based Voucher (“PBV”) program or the Project-Based Rental Assistance (“PBRA”) program, or other similar programs that provide ongoing project-based rental assistance for affordable housing. . A “Project” must be owned either (1) by SRHA or the Staunton Housing Corporation, or (2) by an entity of which SRHA or the Staunton Housing Corporation is a member or partner, subject to review by the Staunton City Manager, in consultation with the Staunton City Attorney, to determine that the entity meets the definition of “indirectly owned” by SRHA pursuant to Article X, Section 6 of the Constitution of Virginia.

(b) The term “Taxing Body” shall mean the State or any political subdivision taxing unit thereof in which a Project is situated and which would have authority to assess or levy real or personal property taxes or to certify such taxes to a taxing body or public officer to be levied for its use and benefit with respect to a Project if it were not exempt from taxation.

(c) The term “Shelter Rent” shall mean the total of all charges to all tenants of a Project for dwelling rents and non-dwelling rents (excluding all other income of such Project), less the cost to SRHA of all dwelling and non-dwelling utilities.

2. SRHA shall endeavor (a) to secure or facilitate the procurement of loans, annual contributions, project-based rental assistance and/or other financing through contracts with HUD, including but not limited to ACC and HAP contracts, or other affordable housing financing sources (collectively, "Subsidy Contracts") covering one or more Projects (regardless of the ownership of such Projects) and (b) to develop and administer, or oversee the development and administration of, such Project or Projects, each of which shall be located within the corporate limits of the City. The obligations of the parties hereto shall apply to each such Project.
3.
 - (a) With respect to any Project so long as either (i) the ongoing rental subsidy for such Project is provided by or through a public body or governmental agency (regardless of the ownership of the Project) and is used for affordable housing purposes, or (ii) any Subsidy Contract in connection with such Project remains in force and effect, or (iii) any bonds issued in connection with such Project or any monies due to HUD, or any other lender under a Subsidy Contract, in connection with such Project remain unpaid, whichever period is the longest, the City agrees that it will not levy or impose any real or personal property taxes or special assessments upon such Project or upon SRHA with respect thereto. During such period, SRHA shall make annual payments (herein called "Payments in Lieu of Taxes") in lieu of taxes and special assessments and in payment for the public services and facilities furnished from time to time by the City without other cost or charge for or with respect to such Project.
 - (b) The City may waive all or part of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes at any time for the purpose of permitting SRHA to use such payment for activities which are approved by the City Council and directly related to one or more Project. The City Council's waiver of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes shall be by a majority vote of the members of the Staunton City Council.
 - (c) If required, each such annual Payment in Lieu of Taxes shall be made after the end of the fiscal year established for such Project, and shall be in an amount equal to either (i) ten percent (10%) of the Shelter Rent charged by SRHA or the entity that owns the Project in respect to such Project during such fiscal year, (ii) the amount permitted to be paid by applicable state law in effect on the date each payment is made, or (iii) an amount determined and approved by City Council, whichever amount is the lower.
 - (d) The City shall distribute the Payment in Lieu of Taxes among the Taxing Bodies in the proportion which the real property taxes which would have been paid to each Taxing Body for such year if the Project were not exempt from taxation bears to the total real property taxes which would have been paid to all of the Taxing Bodies for such year if the Project were not exempt from taxation; provided, however, that no payment for any year shall be made to any Taxing Body in excess of the amount of the real property taxes which would have been paid to such Taxing Body for such year if the Project were not exempt from taxation.

(e) Upon failure of SRHA to make any Payment in Lieu of Taxes, no lien against any Project or assets of SRHA shall attach, nor shall any interest or penalties accrue or attach on account thereof.

4. So long as either (i) a Project is owned and/or receives project-based rental assistance by or through a public body or governmental agency and is used for affordable housing purposes, or (ii) any Subsidy Contract in connection with a Project remains in force and effect, or (iii) any bonds issued in connection with a Project or any monies due to HUD, or any other lender under a Subsidy Contract, in connection with such Project remain unpaid, whichever period is the longest, the City, without cost or charge to SRHA, the Project or the tenants of such Project (other than the Payments in Lieu of Taxes) shall:

(a) Furnish or cause to be furnished to SRHA, the Project and/or the tenants of such Project public services and facilities of the same character and to the same extent as are furnished from time to time without cost or charge to other dwellings and inhabitants in the City;

(b) Insofar as the City may lawfully do so, vacate such streets, roads and alleys within the area of such Project as may be necessary in the development thereof, and convey without charge to SRHA or the Project such interest as the City may have in such vacated areas; and, insofar as it is lawfully able to do so without cost or expense to SRHA or to the City, cause to be removed from such vacated areas, insofar as it may be necessary, all public or private utility lines and equipment;

(c) Insofar as the City may lawfully do so, grant such waivers of the building code of the City as are reasonable and necessary to promote economy and efficiency in the development and administration of such Project, and make such changes in any zoning of the site and surrounding territory of such Project as are reasonable and necessary for the development and protection thereof;

(d) Insofar as the City may lawfully do so, accept grants of easements necessary for the development of such Project; and

(e) Cooperate with SRHA and/or the Project by such other lawful action or ways as the City and SRHA may find necessary in connection with the development and administration of such Project.

5. With respect to any Project, the City further agrees that within a reasonable time after receipt of a written request therefor from SRHA:

(a) It will accept the dedication of all interior streets, roads, alleys, and adjacent sidewalks within the area of such Project, together with all storm and sanitary sewer mains in such dedicated areas, after SRHA, at its own expense, has completed the grading, improvement, paving, and installation thereof in accordance with specifications acceptable to the City;

(b) It will accept necessary dedications of land for, and will, subject to appropriation by the City Council, grade, improve, pave, and provide sidewalks for, all streets bounding such Project or necessary to provide adequate access thereto (in consideration whereof the City shall pay to SRHA such amount as would be assessed against the Project site for such work if such site were privately owned); and

(c) It will, consistent with City policies and ordinances, provide, or cause to be provided, water mains and storm and sanitary sewer mains, leading to such Project and serving the bounding streets thereof (in consideration whereof SRHA shall pay to the City such amount as would be assessed against the Project site for such work if such site were privately owned).

6. If by reason of the City's failure or refusal to furnish or cause to be furnished any public services or facilities which it has agreed hereunder to furnish or cause to be furnished to SRHA, to any Project or to the tenants of any Project, SRHA incurs any expense to obtain such services or facilities, then SRHA may deduct the amount of such expense from any Payments in Lieu of Taxes due or to become due to the City with respect to any such Project (regardless of the ownership of the Project).
7. No Cooperation Agreement heretofore entered into between the City and SRHA shall be construed to apply to any Project covered by this Agreement.
8. The privileges and obligations of the City hereunder shall remain in full force and effect with respect to each Project so long as each such Project is owned, operated or financed by or through SRHA or any other public body or governmental agency, including HUD, authorized by law to engage in the development or administration of affordable housing projects.

[Signatures Appear on Next Page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City and SRHA have respectively signed this agreement and caused their seals to be affixed and attested as of the day and year first above written.

CITY OF STAUNTON,
a municipal corporation of the Commonwealth
of Virginia

(SEAL)

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

ATTEST:

Title: _____

**STAUNTON REDEVELOPMENT AND
HOUSING AUTHORITY,**
a Political Subdivision of The
Commonwealth of Virginia

(SEAL)

By: _____
Name: Nehemias Velez
Title: Executive Director

ATTEST:

Title: _____

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
CORRECTNESS:**

City Attorney

Form HUD-92481. THIS FORM HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF Housing and Urban Development for use by a Local Authority as a guide in drafting agreements providing for local cooperation, as required by the Housing Act of 1937, and by regulations of the Department.

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COOPERATION AGREEMENT

This Agreement entered into this 8th day of May, 1978, by and between Staunton Redevelopment and Housing Authority (herein called the "Local Authority") and City of Staunton, Virginia, (herein called the "Municipality"), witnesseth:

In consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the parties hereto do agree as follows:

1. Whenever used in this Agreement:

(a) The term "Project" shall mean any low-rent housing hereafter developed or acquired by the Local Authority with financial assistance of the United States of America acting through the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (herein called the "Government"); excluding, however, any low-rent housing project covered by any contract for loans and annual contributions entered into between the Local Authority and the Government, or its predecessor agencies, prior to the date of this Agreement.

(b) The term "Taxing Body" shall mean the State or any political subdivision or taxing unit thereof in which a Project is situated and which would have authority to assess or levy real or personal property taxes or to certify such taxes to a taxing body or public officer to be levied for its use and benefit with respect to a Project, if it were not exempt from taxation.

(c) The term "Shelter Rent" shall mean the total of all charges to all tenants of a Project for dwelling rents and nondwelling rents (excluding all other income of such Project), less the cost to the Local Authority of all dwelling and nondwelling utilities.

(d) The term "Slum" shall mean any area where dwellings predominate which, by reason of dilapidation, overcrowding, faulty arrangement or design, lack of ventilation, light or sanitation facilities, or any combination of these factors, are detrimental to safety, health, or morals.

2. The Local Authority shall endeavor (a) to secure a contract or contracts with the Government for loans and annual contributions covering one or more Projects

comprising approximately 100 units of low-rent housing and (b) to develop or acquire and administer such Project or Projects, each of which shall be located within the corporate limits of the Municipality. The obligations of the parties hereto shall apply to each such Project.

3. (a) Under the constitution and statutes of the Commonwealth of Virginia, all Projects are exempt from all real and personal property taxes (and special assessments) levied or imposed by any Taxing Body. With respect to any Project, so long as either (i) such Project is owned by a public body or governmental agency and is used for low-rent housing purposes, or (ii) any contract between the Local Authority and the Government for loans or annual contributions or both, in connection with such Project remains in force and effect, or (iii) any bonds issued in connection with such Project or any monies due to the Government in

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connection with such Project remain unpaid, whichever period is the longest, the Municipality ~~acknowledges that the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia exempt from levy of any real or personal property taxes (or special assessments) upon such Project or upon the Local Authority with respect thereto.~~ During the period, the Local Authority shall make annual payments (herein called "payments in Lieu of Taxes") in lieu of such taxes (and special assessments) and in payment for the Public services and facilities furnished from time to time without other cost or charge for or with respect to such Project.

(b) Each such annual Payment in Lieu of Taxes shall be made

after the end of the fiscal year established for such Project, and shall be in an amount equal to either (i) ten percent (10%) of the Shelter Rent actually collected but in no event to exceed ten percent (10%) of the Shelter Rent charged by the Local Authority in respect to such Project during such fiscal year.

or (ii) the amount permitted to be paid by applicable State law in effect on the date such payment is made, whichever amount is the lower.

(c) No payment for any year shall be made to the Municipality in excess of the amount of the real property taxes which would have been paid to the Municipality for such year if the Project were not exempt from taxation.

(d) Upon failure of the Local Authority to make any Payment in Lieu of Taxes, no lien against any Project or assets of the Local Authority shall attach, nor shall any interest or penalties accrue or attach on account thereof.

4. The Municipality agrees that, subsequent to the date of initiation (as defined in the United States Housing Act of 1937) of each Project and within five years after the completion thereof, or such further period as may be approved by the Government there has been or will be elimination, as certified by the Municipality, by demolition, condemnation, effective closing, or compulsory repair or improvement, of unsafe or insanitary dwelling units situated in the locality or metropolitan area in which such Project is located, substantially equal in number to the number of newly constructed dwelling units provided by such Project; Provided, That, where more than one family is living in an unsafe or insanitary dwelling unit, the elimination of such unit shall count as the elimination of units equal to the number of families accommodated therein; and Provided, further, That this paragraph 4 shall not apply in the case of (i) any Project developed on the site of a Slum cleared subsequent to July 15, 1949, and that the dwelling units eliminated by the clearance of the site of such Project shall not be counted as elimination for any other Project or any other low-rent housing project.

5. During the period commencing with the date of the acquisition of any part of the site or sites of any Projects and continuing so long as either (i) such Project is owned by a public body or governmental agency and is used for low-rent housing purposes, or (ii) any contract between the Local Authority and the Government for loans or annual contributions, or both, in connection with such Project remains in force and effect, or (iii) any bonds issued in connection with such Project or any monies due to the Government in connection with such Project remain unpaid, whichever period is the longest, the Municipality without cost or charge to the Local Authority or the tenants of such Project (other than the Payments in Lieu of Taxes) shall:

(a) Furnish or cause to be furnished to the Local Authority and the tenants of such Project public services and facilities of the same character and to the same extent as are furnished from time to time without cost or charge to other dwellings and inhabitants in the Municipality;

(b) Insofar as it is lawfully able to do so, vacate

such streets, roads, and alleys within the area of such Project as may be necessary in the development thereof, and convey without charge to the Local Authority such interest as the Municipality may have in such vacated areas; and, insofar as it is lawfully able to do so without cost or expense to the Local Authority or to the Municipality, cause to be removed from such vacated areas, insofar as it may be necessary to promote economy and efficiency in the development and administration of such Project, and at the same time safeguard health and safety, and (ii) make such changes in any zoning of the site and surrounding territory of such Project as are reasonable and necessary for the development and protection of such Project and the surrounding territory;

(d) Accept grants of easements necessary for the development of such Project; and

(e) Cooperate with the Local Authority by such other lawful action or ways as the Municipality and the Local Authority may find necessary in connection with the development and administration of such Project.

6. In respect to any Project the Municipality further agrees that within a reasonable time after receipt of a written request therefor from the Local Authority:

(a) It will accept the dedication of all interior streets, roads, alleys and adjacent sidewalks within the area of such Project, together with all storm and sanitary sewer mains in such dedicated areas, after the Local Authority, at its own expense, has completed the grading, improvement, paving, and installation thereof in accordance with specifications acceptable to the Municipality;

(b) It will accept necessary dedications of land for, and will grade, improve, pave, and provide sidewalks for, all streets bounding such Project or necessary to provide adequate access thereto (in consideration whereof the Local Authority shall pay to the Municipality such amount as would be assessed against the Project site for such work if such site were privately owned); and

(c) It will provide, or cause to be provided, water mains, and storm and sanitary sewer mains, leading to such Project and serving the bounding streets thereof (in consideration whereof the Local Authority shall pay to the Municipality such amount as would be assessed against the Project site for such work if such site were privately owned).



7. If by reason of the Municipality's failure or refusal to furnish or cause to be furnished any public services or facilities which it has agreed hereunder to furnish or to cause to be furnished to the Local Authority incurs any expense to obtain such services or facilities then the Local Authority may deduct the amount of such expense from any Payments in Lieu of Taxes due or to become due to the Municipality in respect to any Project or any other low-rent housing projects owned or operated by the Local Authority.

8. No Cooperation Agreement heretofore entered into between the Municipality and the Local Authority shall be construed to apply to any Project covered by this Agreement.

9. No member of the governing body of the Municipality or any other public official of the Municipality who exercises any responsibilities or functions with respect to any Project during

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his tenure or for one year thereafter shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in any Project or any Property included or planned to be included in any Project, or any contracts in connection with such Projects or property. If any such governing body member or such other public official of the Municipality involuntarily acquires or had acquired prior to the beginning of his tenure any such interest, he shall immediately disclose such interest to the Local Authority.

10. So long as any contract between the Local Authority and the Government for loans (including preliminary loans) or annual contributions, or both, in connection with any Project remains in force and effect, or so long as any bonds issued in connection with any Project or any monies due to the Government in connection with any Project remain unpaid, this Agreement shall not be abrogated, changed, or modified without the consent of the Government. The privileges and obligations of the Municipality hereunder shall remain in full force and effect with respect to each Project so long as the beneficial title to such Project is held by the Local Authority or by any other public body or governmental agency, including the Government, authorized by law to engage in the development or administration of low-rent housing projects. If at any time the beneficial title to, or possession of, any Project is held by such other public body or governmental agency, including the Government, the provisions hereof shall inure to the benefit of and may be enforced by, such other public body or governmental agency, including the Government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Municipality and the Local Authority have respectively signed this Agreement and caused their seals to be affixed and attested as of the day and year first above written.

CITY OF STAUNTON, VIRGINIA
(Corporate Name of Municipality)

By Michael E. Finlough
Mayor

(SEAL)
ATTEST:

B. W. Kern
City Clerk

STAUNTON REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING AUTHORITY
(Corporate Name of Local Authority)

By Mark Finch
Chairman

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

W. E. Brington
Title

CITY COUNCIL



AGENDA BRIEFING

Staunton, Virginia

Meeting Date:	February 26, 2026	Jessie L. Moyers Chief Finance Officer
Item #	B	
Department:	Finance	
Alignment with Staunton Plan (Value/Strategic Area):	Value: Excellence Strategic Area: An Economically Vibrant Community and An Informed and Engaged Community	
Subject:	Public Hearing for Ordinance to Amend the FY2026 Budget Ordinance for the City of Staunton by Adding Budget Amendment Number Two	

Background: The second budget amendment for fiscal year 2026 has been prepared for review and discussion. The total budget amendment equals \$24,200,424. This budget amendment does require a public hearing, which was properly advertised on February 18, 2026 in the *News Leader*. Discussion and the public hearing are scheduled for February 26, 2026 and consideration of the ordinance is scheduled for the March 12, 2026 City Council meeting.

City Budget Amendment—\$20,611,027

1. General Fund amendment of \$9,959,834
 - \$9,203,386 – Appropriate Prior Year Fund Balance
 - \$34,310 – Appropriate Recovered Costs
 - \$114,700 – Appropriate Opioid Settlement Funds
 - \$607,438– Appropriate Grants and Contributions
2. Grants Fund amendment of \$28,197
 - \$8,499 – Appropriate First Responders Wellness grant
 - \$7,708 – Appropriate PSAP Equipment grant
 - \$11,990 – Appropriate DCJS grant
3. Capital Improvement Fund amendment of \$9,120,758

- \$4,594,788 – Appropriate Transfers from City General Fund
 - \$25 – Appropriate Recovered Cost
 - \$750,000 – Appropriate Interest Revenue
 - \$3,775,945 – Appropriate Grant Revenue
4. Bond Fund amendment of \$361,393
 - \$361,393 – Appropriate Interest Earned
 5. Blue Ridge Court Services amendment of \$(10,600)
 - \$(10,600) – Adjust Grant Revenue
 6. Water Fund amendment of \$1,151,145
 - \$1,151,145 – Appropriate Proceeds from Bond Issuance
 7. Environmental Fund amendment of \$300
 - \$300 – Adjust DEQ Grant Revenue

School Budget Amendment—\$3,589,397

1. Education Fund amendment of \$1,880,680
 - \$3,469 – Appropriate Insurance Proceeds
 - \$712,694 – Appropriate Prior Year Fund Balance
 - \$1,164,517 – Appropriate Grant Revenue
2. School SOP Fund amendment of \$31,376
 - \$31,376 – Appropriate Grant Revenue
3. School Cafeteria Fund amendment of \$77,760
 - \$63,658 – Appropriate Prior Year Fund Balance
 - \$14,102 – Appropriate Transfer from Education Fund
4. School Textbook Fund amendment of \$958,584
 - \$958,584 – Appropriate Prior Year Fund Balance
5. School CIP Fund amendment of \$640,997
 - \$245,997 – Appropriate Grant Revenue
 - \$225,000 – Appropriate Transfer from Education Fund
 - \$170,000 – Appropriate Transfer from City CIP Fund

Attachments:

Attachment 1—Budget Amendment Number Two

Attachment 2—Notice of Public Hearing

Attachment 3—PowerPoint Presentation

City Manager’s Recommendation: Discuss the proposed budget ordinance and conduct the public hearing.

Suggested Motion: Not Applicable.

City Manager: Leslie Beauregard

**Ordinance No. 2026-
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND
THE FY2026 BUDGET ORDINANCE
FOR THE CITY OF STAUNTON
BY ADDING BUDGET AMENDMENT NUMBER TWO**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Staunton, Virginia, that the FY2026 Budget is amended as follows:

GENERAL FUND - 110

Anticipated Revenue

General Revenue	\$	9,203,386
Recovered Costs		34,310
Miscellaneous Revenue		114,700
Operating Grants and Contributions		<u>607,438</u>
Total Revenue	\$	9,959,834

Appropriations

General Government	\$	512,430
Judicial Administration		47,238
Public Safety		501,313
Public Works		4,119,539
Parks, Recreation, Cultural		39,534
Community Development		200,000
Transfers to Other Funds		<u>4,539,780</u>
Total Appropriations	\$	9,959,834

GRANTS FUND - 215

Anticipated Revenue

Capital Grants and Contributions	\$	<u>28,197</u>
Total Revenue	\$	28,197

Appropriations

Public Safety	\$	<u>28,197</u>
Total Appropriations	\$	28,197

CITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND - 390

Anticipated Revenue

Transfer from the General Fund	\$	4,594,788
Capital Grants and Contributions	\$	3,775,945
Recovered Costs	\$	25
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$	<u>750,000</u>
Total Revenue	\$	9,120,758

Appropriations

Capital Projects	\$	<u>9,120,758</u>
Total Appropriations	\$	9,120,758

BOND FUND - 395

Anticipated Revenue

General Revenue	\$	<u>361,393</u>
Total Revenue	\$	361,393

Appropriations

Operations	\$	<u>361,393</u>
Total Appropriations	\$	361,393

BLUE RIDGE COURT SERVICES - 210

Anticipated Revenue

Operating Grants and Contributions	\$	<u>(10,600)</u>
Total Revenue	\$	(10,600)

Appropriations

Operations	\$	<u>(10,600)</u>
Total Appropriations	\$	(10,600)

WATER FUND - 530

Anticipated Revenue

Prior Year Fund Balance (Bond funds)	\$	1,151,145
Total Revenue	\$	1,151,145

Appropriations

Capital	\$	1,151,145
Total Appropriations	\$	1,151,145

ENVIRONMENTAL FUND - 580

Anticipated Revenue

Operating Grants and Contributions	\$	300
Total Revenue	\$	300

Appropriations

Operations	\$	300
Total Appropriations	\$	300

EDUCATION FUND - 900

Anticipated Revenue

General Revenue	\$	3,469
Prior Year Fund Balance	\$	712,694
Operating Grants and Contributions		1,164,517
Total Revenue	\$	1,880,680

Appropriations

Operations	\$	1,880,680
Total Appropriations	\$	1,880,680

EDUCATION SOP FUND - 920

Anticipated Revenue

Operating Grants and Contributions	\$	31,376
Total Revenue	\$	31,376

Appropriations

Operations	\$	31,376
Total Appropriations	\$	31,376

CAFETERIA FUND - 930

Anticipated Revenue

Prior Year Fund Balance	\$	77,760
Total Revenue	\$	77,760

Appropriations

Operations	\$	77,760
Total Appropriations	\$	77,760

TEXTBOOK FUND - 910

Anticipated Revenue

Prior Year Fund Balance	\$	958,584
Total Revenue	\$	958,584

Appropriations

Operations	\$	958,584
Total Appropriations	\$	958,584

SCHOOL CIP FUND- 966

Anticipated Revenue

Transfer from the Education Fund	\$	225,000
Transfer from the City General Fund		170,000
Capital Grants and Contributions		<u>245,997</u>
Total Revenue	\$	640,997

Appropriations

Capital Projects	\$	<u>640,997</u>
Total Appropriations	\$	640,997

GRAND TOTAL BUDGET AMENDMENT NO 2	\$	24,200,424
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INTRODUCED: February 26, 2026

PUBLIC HEARING: February 26, 2026

Public Hearing Advertisement Date: February 18, 2026

Approved this _____ day of _____ 2026

Effective Date: _____

CERTIFIED: _____

ATTEST: _____

John Blair
Clerk of Council

Michele Edwards
Mayor of Council

CITY OF STAUNTON			
FY 2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2			
		AMOUNT	
	LEDGER CODE	REVENUE	EXPENDITURE
GENERAL FUND			
GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL ADMINISTRATION			
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>			
Noncapital Grant	11013-45551	\$ 47,879	
Special Expenses	11011270-55205-48001		\$ 47,879
To appropriate ICMA grant			
Misc Revenue	11001-41750-40257	\$ 114,700	
Other Expense	11099800-55670-40257		\$ 114,700
To appropriate Opioid Settlement Funds			
Appropriation of prior year reserves	11001-41930	\$ 349,851	
Other Expenses-Opioid Funds	11099800-55670-40257		\$ 349,851
To appropriate carry over balance for Opioid Funds			
JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION			
<u>COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY</u>			
Appropriation of Prior Year Fund Balance	11001-41930	\$ 24,238	
State forfeited assets	11022210-55472		\$ 24,238
To carry forward the balance of the state forfeited assets confiscated as a result of criminal drug operations, as mandated by state requirements			
Appropriation of prior year fund balance	11001-41930	\$ 23,000	
Non Capital Equipment	11022170-55486		\$ 23,000
To appropriate fund balance for equipment purchase			
PUBLIC SAFETY			
<u>POLICE DEPARTMENT</u>			
Appropriation of Prior Year Fund Balance	11001-41930	\$ 78,010	
State forfeited asset expenditures	11033110-55472		\$ 76,954
Federal forfeited asset expenditures	11033110-55473		\$ 1,056
To carry forward the balance of the state and federal forfeited asset funds. Carry forward is mandated by state and federal regulations.			
Law Enforcement	11001-45225	\$ 43,758	
Non capital equipment	11033110-55486		\$ 43,758
To appropriate additional 599 funds			
US Marshall Forfeited Asset	11033-46207-53300	\$ 25,000	
Police Overtime	11033110-51530-53300		\$ 25,000
To appropriate US Marshal Services Joint Law Enforcement Operations Task Force Funding			
Appropriation of prior year fund balance	11001-41930	\$ 135,000	
Non Capital Equipment	11033110-55486		\$ 135,000
To appropriate fund balance for equipment purchase			
<u>FIRE DEPARTMENT</u>			
Appropriation of Prior Year Fund Balance	11001-41930	\$ 156,995	
Four for Life funds expenditures	11033290-55602		\$ 45,156
Fire Programs funds expenditures	11033290-55639		\$ 111,839
To carry forward the balance of state funds received, as mandated by state requirements.			
Fire Program Funds	11033-45525	\$ 56,121	
Fire Program Funds	11033290-55639		\$ 56,121
To appropriate additional Fire Program Funds			

CITY OF STAUNTON			
FY 2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2			
		AMOUNT	
	LEDGER CODE	REVENUE	EXPENDITURE
PS NonCap Four For Life	11033-45418	\$ 725	
Four for Life funds expenditures	11033290-55602		\$ 725
To appropriate Funds for Life			
Insurance Recovery	11031-41928	\$ 5,704	
M&R Vehicles	11033210-53105		\$ 5,704
To appropriate insurance check			
PUBLIC WORKS			
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>			
Appropriation of prior year fund balance	11001-41930	\$ 3,685,584	
Maint/Street Paving	11044130-53225-18300		\$ 3,685,584
To appropriate carry over balance for VDOT reimburseable funds			
Street & Highway Maint Funds	11043-45530	\$ 433,955	
Maint/Street Paving	11044130-53230-18000		\$ 433,955
To appropriate additional VDOT reimburseable funds			
PARKS AND RECREATION			
<u>PARKS AND RECREATION</u>			
Appropriation of prior year reserves	11001-41930	\$ 1,056	
Materials and Supplies	11077110-55415-31200		\$ 1,056
To carry forward the balance of donated funds to build a nature park.			
Appropriation of prior year reserves	11001-41930	\$ 2,876	
Building improvements/ capital outlay.	11077110-58385-34400		\$ 2,876
To carry forward the balance of donated funds for the Booker T. Washington facility kitchen.			
Insurance Reovery	11071-41928	\$ 28,606	
Maint of Facilities	11077210-53165		\$ 28,606
To appropriate insurance reocvery for repairs			
<u>HORTICULTURE</u>			
Appropriation of prior year reserves	11001-41930	\$ 1,867	
Intern	11077120-51510-33200		\$ 1,867
To appropriate Susan Blackley grant funds (Community Foundation)			
Appropriation of prior year reserves	11001-41930	\$ 5,129	
Tree Care	11077120-53040-33400		\$ 5,129
To appropriate Forest Sustainability Funds			
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT			
<u>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u>			
Appropriation of Prior Year Unassigned Fund Balance	11001-41930	\$ 200,000	
Special Expenses	11088150-55205		\$ 200,000
To appropriate prior year fund balance to support Wharf Businesses			

CITY OF STAUNTON			
FY 2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2			
		AMOUNT	
	LEDGER CODE	REVENUE	EXPENDITURE
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS			
<u>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS</u>			
Appropriation of Prior Year Unassigned Fund Balance	11001-41930	\$ 3,628,050	
Transfer to the City Capital Improvements Fund	11099600-59339		\$ 3,628,050
To record transfer to CIP from prior year reserves			
Appropriation of prior year fund balance	11001-41930	\$ 811,730	
City Infrastructure	11099600-59339		\$ 811,730
To appropriate carry over for Infrastructure repairs			
Appropriation of prior year fund balance	11001-41930	\$ 100,000	
City Hall Improvements	11099600-59339		\$ 100,000
To appropriate carry over for City Hall Improvements			
Contribution to Health Department	11055110-55605		\$ (55,008)
Transfer to CIP Fund	11099600-59339		\$ 55,008
To set aside remaining Health Dept funds for roof			
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		\$ 9,959,834	\$ 9,959,834

BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2 GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND REVENUE SUMMARY

General Revenues

<u>Appropriation of Prior Year Fund Balance</u>		\$ 9,203,386
Opioid Settlement	349,851	
Sheriff's Office	23,000	
Forfeited Assets for Police - State	76,954	
Forfeited Assets for Comm Attorney	24,238	
Forfeited Assets for Police - Federal	1,056	
Public Safety	135,000	
EMS Four for Life Funds for Fire Department	45,156	
Fire Programs Fund	111,839	
Recreation- Nature Park Donations	1,056	
Recreation-Donations- Booker T. Community Center	2,876	
Horticulture	6,996	
Public Works - Streets	3,685,584	
Economic Development	200,000	
Transfer to the Capital Improvements Fund	4,539,780	
<u>Recovered Costs</u>		34,310
Public Safety - Insurance Proceeds	5,704	
Parks and Rec	28,606	
<u>Miscellaneous Revenue</u>		114,700
General government - Opioid Settlement	114,700	

CITY OF STAUNTON			
FY 2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2			
		AMOUNT	
	LEDGER CODE	REVENUE	EXPENDITURE

<u>Non-Capital Grants and Contributions</u>		607,438	
General Government	47,879		
Police Department	68,758		
Fire Department	56,846		
Public Works	433,955		
		\$ 9,959,834	-

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

General Government	\$ 512,430	
Judicial Administration	47,238	
Public Safety	501,313	
Public Works	4,119,539	
Parks, Recreation, Cultural	39,534	
Economic Development	200,000	
Transfer to Other Funds	<u>\$ 4,539,780</u>	
Total General Fund Expenditures	\$ 9,959,834	-

CITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND			
Transfer from the General Fund	39001-49211	\$ 3,628,050.00	
Fire Truck Reserve	39033210-58463		\$ 350,000.00
Self Contained Breathing Appar.	39033210-58518		\$ 30,000.00
Cardiac Monitors	39033210-58519		\$ 10,000.00
Fire Station Reserve	39044210-58479		\$ 200,000.00
Police Station Reserve	39033110-58197		\$ 150,000.00
CAD/RMS System	39033110-58539		\$ 475,000.00
City Ineligible Streets Paving	39044130-58403		\$ 150,000.00
Public Works Equipment Fund	39044130-58505		\$ 175,000.00
Public Works Building Fund	39044210-58506		\$ 200,000.00
Park and Ride Lighting	39044130-58547		\$ 150,000.00
Greenways	39077210-58508		\$ 100,000.00
New Sidewalks Reserve	39044130-58484		\$ 300,000.00
Bike & Ped Plan Reserve	39088110-58513		\$ 125,000.00
Affordable Housing	39088115-58549		\$ 30,000.00
Public Use Facilities	39077210-58524		\$ 600,000.00
Parks and Rec Equipment Fund	39077210-58546		\$ 100,000.00
Golf Cart Replacement Fund	39077130-55486		\$ 60,000.00
Porch Replacements	39077210-58548		\$ 112,000.00
IT Equipment	39011510-58423		\$ 100,000.00
Blue Ridge Comm College	39066800-58430		\$ 41,050.00
Transfer to Schools CIP	39099600-59396		\$ 170,000.00
To appropriate funds transferred from the General Fund per CIP			
Transfer from the General Fund	39001-49211	\$ 811,730	
City Infrastructure	39044130-58545		\$ 811,730
To appropriate carry over for Infrastructure repairs			
Transfer from the General Fund	39001-49211	\$ 100,000	
City Hall Improvements	39044210-58550		\$ 100,000
To appropriate carry over for City Hall Improvements			
CIP Fund Interest Income	39001-41510	\$ 750,000.00	
CIP Undesignated	39099800-58400		\$ 750,000.00
To appropriate interest earned in the CIP Fund			

CITY OF STAUNTON			
FY 2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2			
		AMOUNT	
	LEDGER CODE	REVENUE	EXPENDITURE
Transfer from the General Fund Health Department Building To set aside remaining Health Dept funds for roof	39001-49211 39055110-58413	\$ 55,008.00	\$ 55,008.00
PSAP Grant E911 Equipment To appropriate NG911 Grant	39033-45551-40264 39033140-58467-40264	\$ 142,291.90	\$ 142,291.90
Recovered Cost CIP Undesignated To appropriate recovered cost	39001-41901 39099800-58400	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
State Capital Grants Sidewalks To appropriate VDOT Smart Scale Funds for Edgewood	39044-45560-75322 39044130-58379-75322	\$ 3,633,653.00	\$ 3,633,653.00
TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND		\$ 9,120,758	\$ 9,120,758
BOND FUND			
Interest Earned JDR Courthouse To appropriate interest earned	39501-41510 39544210-58529-74611	\$ 310,000.00	\$ 310,000.00
Interest Earned on Bond Fund JDR Courthouse To appropriate additional bond interest	39501-41510-74614 39544210-58529-74614	\$ 51,392.83	\$ 51,392.83
TOTAL BOND FUND		\$ 361,392.83	\$ 361,392.83
GRANTS FUND			
<u>Police Department</u> First Responders Wellnes Grant Special Equipment To appropriate Office of First Responder Grant	21534-45559-40263 21533110-58341-40263	\$ 8,499	\$ 8,499
PSAP Grant Non-capital equipment To appropriate 911 Grant	21533-45551-40264 21533140-55486-40264	\$ 7,708	\$ 7,708
DCJS Grant Non-capital equipment To appropriate DCJS Grant	21533-45559-40265 21533110-55486-40265	\$ 11,990	\$ 11,990
TOTAL GRANTS FUND		\$ 28,197	\$ 28,197

CITY OF STAUNTON			
FY 2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2			
		AMOUNT	
	LEDGER CODE	REVENUE	EXPENDITURE
BLUE RIDGE COURT SERVICES FUND			
Supreme Court Therapeutic Docket	21033-45571	\$ (10,600)	
M&S Urine	21033342-55404		\$ (10,600)
To appropriate BRCS grant			
TOTAL BLUE RIDGE COURT SERVICES FUND		\$ (10,600)	\$ (10,600)
WATER FUND			
Proceeds from bond issuance	53001-41930	\$ 1,151,145	
Staunton Crossing Water Tank	53004399-58390-74914		\$ 15,065
Staunton Crossing Water Line	53004399-58365-74914		\$ 99,854
GSPS Pump Station	53004399-58367-73514		\$ 765,726
Uniontown PER	53004399-58365-75014		\$ 5,500
Reservoir Liner	53004399-58390-75114		\$ 265,000
To appropriate bond funds for Crossing Water Project			
TOTAL WATER FUND		\$ 1,151,145	\$ 1,151,145
ENVIRONMENTAL FUND			
Comm of VA grant funds	58003-45540	\$ (1,700)	
Interest Revenue	58001-41510	\$ 2,000	
Materials and Supplies	58004822-55415		\$ 300
To adjust Comm of VA grant funds from the Department of Environmental Quality			
TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL FUND		\$ 300	\$ 300

FY 2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2 SUMMARY

CITY GOVERNMENT FUNDS

GENERAL FUND	\$ 9,959,834
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$ 9,120,758
BOND FUND	\$ 361,393
GRANTS FUND	\$ 28,197
BLUE RIDGE COURT SERVICES FUND	\$ (10,600)
WATER FUND	\$ 1,151,145
ENVIRONMENTAL FUND	\$ 300
TOTAL CITY GOVERNMENT FUNDS	\$ 20,611,027

EDUCATION FUNDS

EDUCATION FUND	\$ 1,880,680
SCHOOL CIP FUND	\$ 640,997
CAFETERIA FUND	\$ 77,760
TEXTBOOK FUND	\$ 958,584
SOP FUND	\$ 31,376
TOTAL EDUCATION FUNDS	\$ 3,589,397

TOTAL FY2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2	\$ 24,200,424
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**STAUNTON CITY SCHOOLS
FY 2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT
AMENDMENT NO. 2**

EDUCATION FUND 900		REVENUES	EXPENDITURES
STATE AND FEDERAL GRANT REVENUE/PROGRAMS			
TITLE III Part A- Limited English Proficient			
To appropriate additional Title III funding	900300-43375-T3-00	\$ 12,458	
Educational supplies	91102195-56013-T3-00		\$ 12,458
TITLE I Part D Neglected and Delinquent			
To appropriate additional federal grant funds for neglected and delinquent students			
TITLE I Part D Neglected and Delinquent	900300-43015-T1D00	\$ 68,460	
Contingency	91101100-59100-T1D00		\$ 68,460
Special Education Preschool Program			
To appropriate the balance of grant funds for the preschool program			
Special Education Preschool 619 Funds	900300-43173-PRE00	\$ 30,100	
PRESCHOOL Contingency-Grant Balance	91101100-59100-PRE00		\$ 30,100
TITLE VIB Federal Grant			
To appropriate remaining grant funds from prior year grant funds awarded for T6B00			
Federal Revenue	900300-43027-T6B00	\$ 797,943	
T6B00 Contingency	91101100-59100-T6B00		\$ 797,943
To appropriate remaining grant funds from prior years for TITLE I			
TITLE I Revenue	900300-43010-T1-00	\$ 218,408	
TITLE 1 Contingency -Grant Balances	91101100-59100-T1-00		\$ 218,408
To appropriate remaining grant funds from prior year for TITLE II			
Title II Grant Revenue	900300-43345-RT-00	\$ 18,934	
Teacher Salaries	91102187-51120-RT-00		\$ 18,934
To adjust prior year and new grant funds for TITLE IV			
Title IV Revenue	900300-43378-T4-00	\$ (1,914)	
TITLE IV Contingency	91102195-56013-T4-00		\$ (1,914)
To appropriate the Virginia All In Initiative			
State Grant Revenue	900100-49302	\$ 94,809	
Contingency	91101100-59100-ALLIN		\$ 94,809
TOTAL STATE AND FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAMS		\$ 1,239,198	\$ 1,239,198

**STAUNTON CITY SCHOOLS
FY 2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT
AMENDMENT NO. 2**

LOCAL GENERAL REVENUE/PROGRAMS			
To appropriate prior year balance of Equity Funds			
Prior Year Fund Balance	900100-49302	\$ 35,110	
Contingency	91101100-59100-KIND		\$ 35,110
To appropriate Equity Fund donations			
Donation Revenues	900300-40580-KIND	\$ 7,035	
Contingency	91101100-59100-KIND		\$ 7,035
To appropriate private donation for school libraries			
Donations Private Gifts	900300-40580	\$ 500	
Books and Subscriptions	91321181-56012		\$ 167
Books and Subscriptions	91321182-56012		\$ 167
Books and Subscriptions	91321183-56012		\$ 166
To appropriate the balance of donated funds received from the Thacker Fund for Bessie Weller Elementary School			
Prior Year Fund Balance	900100-49302	\$ 31,883	
Bessie Weller Elementary Thacker Fund	91101181-56109-THACK		\$ 31,883
To Appropriate Remaining SHS Future Garden			
Prior Year Fund Balance	900100-49302	\$ 313	
Repair/Maint SHS	94209099-53688-SHS21		\$ 313
To Appropriate Remaining SMS Outdoor Learning			
Prior Year Fund Balance	900100-49302	\$ 1,945	
Repair/Maint SHELBURNE	94209099-53687-SMS21		\$ 1,945
To reappropriate T Alden Arts Grant			
Prior Year Fund Balance	900100-49302	\$ 1,184	
Educational Supplies	91101181-56013		\$ 592
Educational Supplies	91101183-56013		\$ 592
To reappropriate SPARK			
Prior Year Fund Balance	900100-49302	\$ 1,000	
Non Capital Equipment	91104184-56486-SPARK		\$ 1,000
To reappropriate ESY			
Prior Year Fund Balance	900100-49302	\$ 50,000	
Other Professional Salaries	91312587-51130-ESY		\$ 26,416
Group Life Insurance	91312587-52001-ESY		\$ 377
Health Insurance Credit	91312587-52005-ESY		\$ 5,815
Social Security	91312587-52010-ESY		\$ 2,005
VRS Hybrid	91312587-52021-ESY		\$ 4,544
Health Insurance Credit	91312587-52023-ESY		\$ 387
DC Retirement	91312587-52024-ESY		\$ 269
Worker's Comp	91312587-52025-ESY		\$ 87
Disability	91312587-52035-ESY		\$ 100
Instructional Supply Allotment	91312587-56101-ESY		\$ 10,000

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To reappropriate bonus			
Prior Year Fund Balance	900100-49302	\$ 271,450	
Bonus	91101181-51628		\$ 19,415.00
Bonus	91101182-51628		\$ 19,635.00
Bonus	91101183-51628		\$ 19,085.00
Bonus	91101281-51628		\$ 7,700.00
Bonus	91101282-51628		\$ 6,050.00
Bonus	91101283-51628		\$ 8,250.00
Bonus	91102187-51628		\$ 23,425.00
Bonus	91102287-51628		\$ 10,813.00
Bonus	91102387-51628		\$ 2,200.00
Bonus	91103188-51628		\$ 22,913.00
Bonus	91103189-51628		\$ 1,650.00
Bonus	91103288-51628		\$ 7,700.00
Bonus	91103388-51628		\$ 3,300.00
Bonus	91103488-51628		\$ 825.00
Bonus	91103588-51628		\$ 1,100.00
Bonus	91104184-51628		\$ 8,855.00
Bonus	91104284-51628		\$ 3,300.00
Bonus	91211181-51628		\$ 550.00
Bonus	91211182-51628		\$ 550.00
Bonus	91211183-51628		\$ 550.00
Bonus	91212187-51628		\$ 2,200.00
Bonus	91213188-51628		\$ 2,200.00
Bonus	91311195-51628		\$ 2,544.00
Bonus	91311295-51628		\$ 1,238.00
Bonus	91312187-51628		\$ 550.00
Bonus	91312587-51628		\$ 550.00
Bonus	91313195-51628		\$ 1,306.00
Bonus	91313295-51628		\$ 963.00
Bonus	91321181-51628		\$ 550.00
Bonus	91321182-51628		\$ 825.00
Bonus	91321183-51628		\$ 825.00
Bonus	91322187-51628		\$ 1,100.00
Bonus	91323188-51628		\$ 1,100.00
Bonus	91411181-51628		\$ 2,200.00
Bonus	91411182-51628		\$ 2,200.00
Bonus	91411183-51628		\$ 2,200.00
Bonus	91412187-51628		\$ 3,300.00
Bonus	91413188-51628		\$ 4,400.00
Bonus	92129095-51628		\$ 1,100.00
Bonus	92159095-51628		\$ 550.00
Bonus	92169095-51628		\$ 1,100.00
Bonus	92219095-51628		\$ 550.00
Bonus	92229095-51628		\$ 3,300.00
Bonus	92239095-51628		\$ 1,100.00
Bonus	93109096-51628		\$ 1,100.00
Bonus	93209096-51628		\$ 10,800.00
Bonus	93309096-51628		\$ 1,500.00
Bonus	93409096-51628		\$ 1,100.00
Bonus	94109095-51628		\$ 1,100.00
Bonus	94209099-51628		\$ 16,000.00
Bonus	94309099-51628		\$ 550.00
Bonus	94409099-51628		\$ 275.00
Bonus	94509099-51628		\$ 275.00
Bonus	97109081-51628		\$ 495.00
Bonus	97109082-51628		\$ 495.00
Bonus	97109083-51628		\$ 495.00
Bonus	97109088-51628		\$ 550.00
Bonus	97109095-51628		\$ 1,100.00
Bonus	97309095-51628		\$ 3,413.00
FICA	91101181-52010		\$ 1,485.00
FICA	91101182-52010		\$ 1,502.00

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FICA	91101183-52010		\$	1,460.00
FICA	91101281-52010		\$	589.00
FICA	91101282-52010		\$	463.00
FICA	91101283-52010		\$	631.00
FICA	91102187-52010		\$	1,793.00
FICA	91102287-52010		\$	827.00
FICA	91102387-52010		\$	168.00
FICA	91103188-52010		\$	1,754.00
FICA	91103189-52010		\$	126.00
FICA	91103288-52010		\$	589.00
FICA	91103388-52010		\$	252.00
FICA	91103488-52010		\$	63.00
FICA	91103588-52010		\$	84.00
FICA	91104184-52010		\$	677.00
FICA	91104284-52010		\$	252.00
FICA	91211181-52010		\$	42.00
FICA	91211182-52010		\$	42.00
FICA	91211183-52010		\$	42.00
FICA	91212187-52010		\$	168.00
FICA	91213188-52010		\$	168.00
FICA	91311195-52010		\$	195.00
FICA	91311295-52010		\$	95.00
FICA	91312187-52010		\$	42.00
FICA	91312587-52010		\$	42.00
FICA	91313195-52010		\$	100.00
FICA	91313295-52010		\$	74.00
FICA	91321181-52010		\$	42.00
FICA	91321182-52010		\$	63.00
FICA	91321183-52010		\$	63.00
FICA	91322187-52010		\$	84.00
FICA	91323188-52010		\$	84.00
FICA	91411181-52010		\$	168.00
FICA	91411182-52010		\$	168.00
FICA	91411183-52010		\$	168.00
FICA	91412187-52010		\$	252.00
FICA	91413188-52010		\$	337.00
FICA	92129095-52010		\$	84.00
FICA	92159095-52010		\$	42.00
FICA	92169095-52010		\$	84.00
FICA	92219095-52010		\$	42.00
FICA	92229095-52010		\$	252.00
FICA	92239095-52010		\$	84.00
FICA	93109096-52010		\$	84.00
FICA	93209096-52010		\$	826.00
FICA	93309096-52010		\$	115.00
FICA	93409096-52010		\$	84.00
FICA	94109095-52010		\$	84.00
FICA	94209099-52010		\$	1,225.00
FICA	94309099-52010		\$	42.00
FICA	94409099-52010		\$	21.00
FICA	94509099-52010		\$	21.00
FICA	97109081-52010		\$	38.00
FICA	97109082-52010		\$	38.00
FICA	97109083-52010		\$	38.00
FICA	97109088-52010		\$	42.00
FICA	97109095-52010		\$	84.00
FICA	97309095-52010		\$	261.00
Transfer to the Cafeteria Fund	98909095-59392		\$	7,640.00
Transfer to the Cafeteria Fund	98909095-59392		\$	6,462.00
Contingency	91101100-59100		\$	(6,462.00)

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To appropriate carryover for FY26 School CIP			
Prior Year Fund Balance	900100-49302	\$ 225,000	
Transfer to CIP	98909095-59394		\$ 225,000
To appropriate donations for Food Drive			
Donations	900300-40580-FOOD	\$ 810	
Contingency	91101100-59100-FOOD		\$ 810
To appropriate VAE grant			
Other Grant Revenue	900381-40587-VAE	\$ 1,500	
Other Grant Revenue	900387-40587-VAE	\$ 4,106	
Other Grant Revenue	900388-40587-VAE	\$ 6,177	
Education Supplies	91101181-56013-VAE		\$ 1,500
Education Supplies	91102187-56013-VAE		\$ 4,106
Misc Grant Expenditures	91103188-55679-VAE		\$ 6,177
To appropriate VRSA Insurance Proceeds			
Insurance Recovery	900100-40510	\$ 2,250	
R&M Services	94509099-53604		\$ 2,250
To appropriate VRSA Insurance Proceeds			
Insurance Recovery	900100-40510	\$ 1,219	
Repair and Maint. Services	93409096-56009		\$ 1,219
TOTAL LOCAL GENERAL REVENUE/PROGRAMS		\$ 641,482	\$ 641,482
TOTAL EDUCATION FUND		\$ 1,880,680	\$ 1,880,680

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STATE OPERATED PROGRAMS FUND 920		REVENUES	EXPENDITURES
To appropriate additional federal grant funds for neglected and delinquent students			
Federal T1D00 Grant Revenue	920391-43015-T1D00	\$ 14,650	
Other Salaries	S1109991-51120-T1D00		\$ 14,650
To appropriate revenue for bonus			
Detention Revenue	920391-42220	\$ 6,069	
Bonus	S1109991-51628		\$ 4,538.00
FICA	S1109991-52010		\$ 347.00
Bonus	S1319991-51628		\$ 1,100.00
FICA	S1319991-52010		\$ 84.00
CCCA Revenue	920393-42220	\$ 10,657	
Bonus	S1109993-51628		\$ 8,250.00
FICA	S1109993-52010		\$ 631.00
Bonus	S1319993-51628		\$ 1,650.00
FICA	S1319993-52010		\$ 126.00
TOTAL STATE OPERATED PROGRAMS FUND 920		\$ 31,376	\$ 31,376
SCHOOL CIP FUND 966		REVENUES	EXPENDITURES
Appropriate School Security Equipment Grant			
Other State Grant	966400-42999-SSE25	\$ 27,018.00	
Undesignated CIP (SCS Match)	K9009000-58100		\$ (6,754.50)
Security Equipment-McSwain	K6609082-58215-SSE25		\$ 33,772.50
To cover balance in CIP account			
Undesignated CIP	K9009000-58100		\$ 1,154.92
School Building Security Equipment	K6609095-58215-SSS25		\$ (1,154.92)
To appropriate FY26 school capital per plan			
Transfer from Education	966100-49290	\$ 225,000.00	
Parking Lot Paving	K6209095-58113		\$ 100,000.00
Technology Infrastructure	K6809095-58120		\$ 100,000.00
Furniture Reserve	K9009000-58102		\$ 25,000.00
To appropriate transfer from City CIP			
Transfer from City CIP	966100-49239	\$ 170,000.00	
Construction	K6609087-58360		\$ 100,000.00
School Bus	K6009096-58110		\$ 50,000.00
Parking Lot Paving	K6209095-58113		\$ 20,000.00
Appropriate School Security Equipment Grant			
Other State Grant	966400-42999-SSE26	\$ 218,979.00	
Undesignated CIP (SCS Match)	K9009000-58100		\$ (54,744.75)
Security Equipment-BW	K6609081-58215-SSE26		\$ 30,421.56
Security Equipment-MCSWAIN	K6609082-58215-SSE26		\$ 146,526.09
Security Equipment-WARE	K6609083-58215-SSE26		\$ 28,943.00
Security Equipment-SHELBURNE	K6609087-58215-SSE26		\$ 33,916.55
Security Equipment-SHS	K6609088-58215-SSE26		\$ 33,916.55
TOTAL SCHOOL CIP FUND 966		\$ 640,997.00	\$ 640,997.00

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CAFETERIA FUND 930		REVENUES	EXPENDITURES
Appropriation from fund balance	930100-49302	\$ 63,658	
Contingency	H5109000-59100-SSO		\$ 15,210
Other Operating Supplies	H5109081-56014-SOSB		\$ 200
Other Operating Supplies	H5109000-56014-NKHVA		\$ 2,683
Paper Supplies	H5109000-56003-MM5K		\$ 3,489
Contingency	H5109000-59100-KIND		\$ 2,000
Contingency	H5109000-56002-GIANT		\$ 38,134
Other Operating Supplies	H5109000-56014-KIWA		\$ 24
Contingency	H5109000-59100		\$ 1,918
Appropriation to fund bonuses			
Transfer from Education	930100-49290	\$ 14,102	
Bonus	H5109081-51628		\$ 2,200
Bonus	H5109082-51628		\$ 1,650
Bonus	H5109083-51628		\$ 1,900
Bonus	H5109084-51628		\$ 1,100
Bonus	H5109087-51628		\$ 3,000
Bonus	H5109088-51628		\$ 2,150
Bonus	H5209095-51628		\$ 1,100
FICA	H5109081-52010		\$ 168
FICA	H5109082-52010		\$ 126
FICA	H5109083-52010		\$ 145
FICA	H5109084-52010		\$ 84
FICA	H5109087-52010		\$ 230
FICA	H5109088-52010		\$ 165
FICA	H5209095-52010		\$ 84
TOTAL SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND 930		\$ 77,760	\$ 77,760

TEXTBOOK FUND 910		REVENUES	EXPENDITURES
To appropriate prior year funds for textbook purchases			
Prior Year Fund Balance	9100100-49302	\$ 958,584	
Textbook Adoptions	B1109195-56021		\$ 958,584
TOTAL TEXTBOOK FUND 910		\$ 958,584	\$ 958,584

GRAND TOTAL BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2		\$ 3,589,397.00	\$ 3,589,397.00
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF STAUNTON, VIRGINIA

TAKE NOTICE that on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at the regular meeting of City Council at 7:00 p.m., to be held in the Rita S. Wilson Council Chambers, First Floor, City Hall, 116 West Beverley Street, Staunton, Virginia, the City Council intends to amend the Fiscal Year 2026 budget and will consider the adoption of the following:

An Ordinance to amend the FY 2026 Budget Ordinance for the City of Staunton, by adding Budget Amendment Number 2

A brief synopsis of the proposed budget amendment is stated below:

General Fund \$9,959,834
Capital Improvements Fund \$9,120,758
Bond Fund \$361,393
Grants Fund \$28,197
Blue Ridge Court Services \$(10,600)
Water Fund \$1,151,145
Environmental Fund \$300
Education Fund \$1,880,680
School Capital Fund \$640,997
Cafeteria Fund \$77,760
Textbook Fund \$958,584
SOP Fund \$31,376
Total FY 2026 Budget Amendment No. 2 is \$24,200,424

All persons wishing to be heard at the public hearings are invited to attend. The public may also participate in the public hearings by Zoom, or by phone. Specific instructions to participate by Zoom or by phone can be found at: www.staunton.va.us/council.

Those interested in listening to the meeting may do so via live stream from the City's website or by listening to the public access television Channel (Comcast Channel 7). The public may also provide comments to City Council by (i) emailing the Clerk of Council at: blairjc@ci.staunton.va.us, or (ii) calling 540.332.3992. Voice mail messages are acceptable. Hearing impaired persons desiring to participate in the public hearings should contact the Clerk of Council by email at blairjc@ci.staunton.va.us, to request an interpreter. A copy of the proposed amendment shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Staunton City Manager located at 116 West Beverley Street, Staunton, Virginia.

John C. Blair
Clerk of Council

Please run this advertisement on Wednesday, February 18, 2026.



FY2026 Budget Amendment #2

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By Jessie L. Moyers, CFO



FY2026 Budget Amendment #2

Totals \$24,200,424

City Amendment - \$20,611,027

School Amendment - \$3,589,397

Important Dates:

- **February 9th** – School Board held public hearing and approved their part of the amendment.
- **February 18th** – Public Hearing was advertised in the *NewsLeader*.
- **February 26th** – Introduction of FY2026 BA#2 to City Council and Public Hearing scheduled.
- **March 12th** – City Council to consider FY2026 BA#2



City Amendment \$20,611,027

- **General Fund \$9,959,834**
 - \$9,203,386 – Prior Year Fund Balance

Carry Over from Restricted Fund Balance \$4,305,606

- \$3,685,584 VDOT Maint. Funds Carry Over
- \$349,851 Opioid Carry Forward
- \$156,995 Funds for Life and Fire Program Funds
- \$78,010 State and Federal Forfeited Assets for PD
- \$24,238 State Forfeited Assets for CA Office
- \$5,129 Forest Sustainability Funds
- \$2,876 Booker T Washington facility funds
- \$1,867 Susan Blackley grant funds
- \$1,056 Nature Park Funds

Carry Over from Unrestricted Fund Balance \$4,897,780

- \$3,628 050 Transfer to CIP Fund - CIP funding (details to follow)
- \$811,730 Transfer to CIP Fund - Infrastructure repair funding
- \$200,000 Support for Wharf businesses
- \$135,000 Firearm Replacement for Police Department
- \$100,000 Transfer to CIP Fund – City Hall Improvements
- \$23,000 Firearm Replacement for Sheriff's office



City Amendment \$20,611,027

- **General Fund \$9,959,834 cont.**
 - \$34,310 – Recovered Costs
 - \$28,606 Insurance recovery for Parks and Rec facilities
 - \$5,704 Insurance recovery for Fire Department
 - \$114,700 – Opioid Settlement Funds
 - \$607,438 – Grant and Contributions
 - \$433,955 VDOT Maint. Funds
 - \$56,121 Fire Program Funds
 - \$47,879 ICMA Grant (Economic Mobility)
 - \$43,758 Law Enforcement 599 Funds
 - \$25,000 US Marshall Task Force Funding
 - \$725 Funds for Life



City Amendment \$20,611,027



- **Grant Fund \$28,197**
 - \$11,990 – DCJS Grant
 - \$8,499 – First Responders Wellness Grant
 - \$7,708 – PSAP Equipment Grant
- **Capital Improvement Fund \$9,120,758**
 - \$4,594,788 – Transfer from General Fund
 - \$3,628,050 FY2026 CIP Funding (details on the next slide)
 - \$811,730 Infrastructure repairs/improvements (tunnel repairs)
 - \$100,000 City Hall improvements (signage and doors)
 - \$55,008 Health Department Roof
 - \$3,633,653 – VDOT SmartScale Funding (Edgewood Sidewalk)
 - \$750,000 – Interest Revenue (Undesignated CIP)
 - \$142,292 NG911 Equipment Grant
 - \$25 – Recovered Costs



FY2026 CIP FUNDED WITH CARRY OVER \$3,628,050

Funded from Budget Amendment, \$3,628,050:

- \$350,000 Fire truck replacement reserve
- \$30,000 Fire & Rescue breathing apparatus
- \$10,000 Fire & Rescue cardiac monitor
- \$200,000 Fire Station #1 improvements reserve (first year funding)
- \$375,000 CAD/RMS system replacement
- \$150,000 Police Department relocation reserve-Phase I (first year funding)
- \$150,000 Ineligible streets/parking lots (increased from \$100,000)
- \$175,000 Public Works equipment fund (increased from \$100,000)
- \$200,000 Public Works building fund (increased from \$100,000)
- \$100,000 Gypsy Hill Park power hookups (redirect to CAD shortfall)
- \$150,000 Crossing Way Park & Ride lighting (new project)
- \$100,000 IT Equipment reserve (first year funding)



FY2026 CIP FUNDED WITH CARRY OVER \$3,628,050

Funded from Budget Amendment, \$3,628,050 cont.:

\$100,000 Greenways project

\$300,000 New sidewalks (increased from \$100,000)

\$125,000 Bike and pedestrian project

\$30,000 Housing reserve (first year funding)

\$100,000 Parks & Rec equipment reserve (first year funding)

\$60,000 Golf cart replacement reserve (first year funding)

\$600,000 Parks & Rec Public Use Facilities

\$112,000 Parks porch replacements

\$41,050 Blue Ridge Community College capital share

\$100,000 School building maintenance reserves

\$50,000 School bus replacement reserve (first year funding)

\$20,000 School parking lot paving reserve (first year funding)



City Amendment \$20,611,027

- **Bond Fund \$361,393** – Interest Earned
- **Blue Ridge Court Services \$(10,600)** – Adjust Grant Revenue
- **Water Fund \$1,151,145** – Proceeds from Bond Issuance
 - \$765,726 – GSPS Pump Station
 - \$265,000 – WTP Clearwell Cover Replacement
 - \$99,854 – Staunton Crossing Water Lines
 - \$15,065 – Staunton Crossing Water Tank
 - \$5,500 – Uniontown PER
- **Environmental Fund \$300** – Adjust DEQ Grant Revenue



School Amendment \$3,589,397

- **Education Fund \$1,880,680**
 - \$1,164,517 Grant Revenue (federal and state grants)
 - \$712,694 Prior Year Fund Balance (restricted grants/donations, state bonus funds, carry over)
 - \$3,469 Insurance Proceed
- **SOP Fund \$31,376**
 - \$31,376 Grant Revenue
- **Cafeteria Fund \$77,760**
 - \$63,658 Prior Year Fund Balance (for restricted gifts and grants)
 - \$14,102 Transfer from Education (for bonus)
- **Textbook Fund \$958,584**
 - \$958,584 Prior Year Fund Balance
- **School CIP Fund \$640,997**
 - \$245,997 School Security Equipment Grant
 - \$225,000 Transfer from Education Fund
 - \$170,000 Transfer from City CIP Fund



Thank you! Questions?



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CITY COUNCIL



AGENDA BRIEFING

Staunton, Virginia

Meeting Date:	February 26, 2026	Jessie L. Moyers Chief Finance Officer
Item #	C	
Department:	Finance	
Alignment with Staunton Plan (Value/Strategic Area):	Value: Excellence; Engagement; Environmentally Conscious Strategic Area: Advanced Environmental Sustainability and Infrastructure; A Healthy Community; Improved Quality of Life through Recreation; Effective Communication with Citizens	
Subject:	Discussion of Proposed FY 2027 – FY 2031 Capital Improvement Plan	

Background: Chief Finance Officer, Jessie Moyers, will introduce the proposed FY 2027-2031 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for all City funds and the School CIP Fund. The School Board reviewed the School CIP at their January 2026 meeting and adopted the plan at their February 2026 school board meeting.

The Planning Commission conducted a public hearing and adopted the proposed CIP at their February 19, 2026 meeting. A work session to further review the CIP will be held on April 2, 2026. A public hearing on both the operating and capital budget will occur on April 9, 2026. Final consideration of the CIP is scheduled for City Council on April 23, 2026.

Attachments:

Attachment 1—[Proposed FY2027 – FY2031 Capital Improvement Plan](#)

Attachment 2—PowerPoint Presentation

City Manager's Recommendation: For review and discussion only.

Suggested Motion: Not applicable.

City Manager: Leslie Beauregard



Capital Improvement Plan FY2027-FY2031

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- ◆ **February 19, 2026 - Planning Commission Meeting**
 - ❖ Public Hearing
 - ❖ Adoption by Planning Commission

- ◆ **February 26, 2026 - City Council Work Session**
 - ❖ Introduction of updated plan

- ◆ **April 2, 2026 – City Council Work Session**
 - ❖ Work session to review plan

- ◆ **April 23, 2026 – City Council Regular Meeting**
 - ❖ Adoption of the updated plan



**CITY OF STAUNTON, VIRGINIA
and
STAUNTON CITY SCHOOLS
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

	FY2026 REVIEW	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031	TOTAL FIVE YEAR PLAN	PROJECTS NOT SCHEDULED/NOT FUNDED
GENERAL FUND	\$ 8,899,823	\$ 8,478,277	\$ 9,486,960	\$ 6,040,044	\$ 13,390,111	\$ 9,731,869	\$ 47,127,261	\$ 82,132,680
WATER FUND	\$ 4,337,570	\$ 3,240,000	\$ 5,726,000	\$ 2,271,000	\$ 10,450,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 22,137,000	\$ 49,450,000
SEWER FUND	\$ 1,706,800	\$ 950,000	\$ 6,450,000	\$ 2,100,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 10,800,000	\$ 2,700,000
STORMWATER FUND	\$ 715,756	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,390,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,390,000	\$ -
ENVIRONMENTAL FUND	\$ -	\$ 335,000	\$ 285,000	\$ 295,000	\$ 305,000	\$ 315,000	\$ 1,535,000	\$ 275,000
PARKING FUND*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000,000
STAUNTON CITY SCHOOLS	\$ 3,752,952	\$ 1,762,000	\$ 1,390,000	\$ 1,540,975	\$ 895,000	\$ 595,000	\$ 6,182,975	\$ 157,200,000
TOTAL CIP PLAN	\$ 19,412,901	\$ 14,765,277	\$ 23,337,960	\$ 13,637,019	\$ 25,840,111	\$ 11,591,869	\$ 89,172,236	\$ 294,757,680

5 YEAR PLAN= \$ 89,172,236

New General Fund Reserves Proposed

City Infrastructure Repairs & Improvements

- Alignment with City Council's 2026-2028 Staunton Plan
 - **A Resilient and Sustainable Community:** Enhancing Staunton's livability and environmental stewardship by addressing aging infrastructure...
- Established during the FY2026 budget process.
- Funded by increasing real estate tax rate by 2 cents in 2025.
- Addresses critical infrastructure improvements within the city.
- First focus is on the Wharf tunnel repairs.



- Alignment with City Council's 2026-2028 Staunton Plan
 - **A Resilient and Sustainable Community:**
Develop the city's initial Sustainability Plan to create policy aimed at reducing city energy use and emissions, implementation of green infrastructure, improving flood resiliency, and protecting/rehabilitating natural resources.
- Proposed Funding
 - FY2027 \$100,000
 - FY2028 \$150,000
 - FY2029 \$200,000
 - FY2030 \$250,000
 - FY2031 \$250,000



Biking and Walking Infrastructure & Amenities

- Alignment with City Council's 2026-2028 Staunton Plan
 - **A Healthy Community:** Consolidate, prioritize, and pursue continued implementation of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan and Greenways Plan to create an accessible and connected multi-modal transportation and recreation network throughout the city.
- Not new, but combines three existing funds: New Sidewalks, Bike & Pedestrian, and Greenways.
- Allows for greater flexibility when funding projects.
- Updated Five Year plan combines the three previous reserves:
 - FY2027 \$625,000
 - FY2028 \$725,000
 - FY2029 \$725,000
 - FY2030 \$725,000
 - FY2031 \$725,000



New General Fund Projects

Reimagine Booker T. Washington School

- Alignment with City Council's 2026-2028 Staunton Plan
 - **An Economically Vibrant Community:** Identify 1-2 opportunities to advance the West End Revitalization Plan. Reimagine Booker T. Washington as a community center and hub for events and services.
- Would fund consultant to facilitate a community visioning process
- Could be used to secure future grants
- Scheduled to begin in FY2026
- Funded by West End Reserves



Recreation Master Plan

- Alignment with City Council's 2026-2028 Staunton Plan
 - **A Healthy Community:** Develop a Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Would develop a long-term comprehensive strategy for guiding the planning, development, and management of Staunton's parks, facilities, and programs
- Last needs assessment was 2007
- Estimated Cost is \$90,000
- Funded by CIP Reserves





Re-Visioning of Downtown Staunton



- Alignment with City Council's 2026-2028 Staunton Plan
 - **An Economically Vibrant Community:** Develop a holistic plan for downtown Staunton.
- Encourage future growth, improve wayfinding, identify opportunities to redevelop the wharf, reinvestments in the train station, expansions/improvements to Shop and Dine Out, improved integration of MBU, and expansion of SDDS services
- Estimated Cost is \$100,000
- Funded by General Fund Carryover

Development of Remainder of JDR District Court Site – West Beverley St.

- Alignment with City Council's 2026-2028 Staunton Plan
 - **An Economically Vibrant Community:** Identify 1-2 opportunities to advance the West End Revitalization Plan. A Master Plan for additional city and community services/facilities at the JD&R Courthouse property.
- Estimated Cost is \$250,000



Other General Fund Projects

FY2027

- Lake Tams Spring House Renovation - \$60,000
- Renovation of the Spring Boxes in GHP - \$180,000
- Garden Center Updates - \$100,000
- Duck Pond Dredging - \$150,000
- West End Bus Shelters - \$20,000 (next 4 years)
- West Johnson Street Retaining Wall - \$349,000
- Salt Equipment Storage Building - \$350,000

FY2029

- Moxie/Memorial Stadium Parking Lot Repaving - \$350,000
- Augusta St Sidewalk Improvements - \$5,811,832

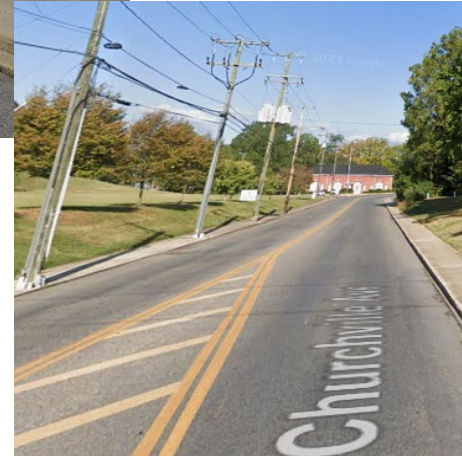
FY2030

- Moxie Stadium Renovations - \$1.8 M



VDOT Administered Projects

- **Richmond Ave/Greenville Ave Intersection Improvements**
 - VDOT UPC 111051 \$2,800,000
 - Local Funding \$1,200,000
- **Richmond Ave and Crossing Way Shared Use Path**
 - VDOT UPC 119651 \$4,124,210
- **Greenville Ave Road Diet**
 - VDOT UPC 119656 \$3,727,694
- **Commerce Rd and Lewis Creek Greenway**
 - VDOT UPC 119657 \$6,300,075 (VDOT Project website)
- **Churchville Ave Streetscape**
 - VDOT UPC 125439 \$1,032,429
 - Local Funding \$1,119,677



Uniontown Neighborhood Action Plan

- Alignment with City Council's 2026-2028 Staunton Plan
 - **A Resilient and Sustainable Community:** Complete the design for Uniontown water and sewer in 2026, with a goal of starting construction in 2027.
- The following projects are recommendations in the Uniontown Neighborhood Action Plan:
 - **AR-11**- Uniontown Neighborhood Improvements Reserve - \$287,261 per year.
 - **CD-2501** – Uniontown Surveys - \$100,000
 - **CD-3001** – Uniontown Roadway & Pedestrian Infrastructure Improvements - \$6,367,600 (need to identify a grant opportunity)
 - **WF-2602** – Uniontown Water Extension - \$4,125,000
 - **SF-2602** – Uniontown Sewer Extension - \$6,600,000





Unfunded City Projects - \$82 million

- New Police Station - \$23.4 million
- New Fire Station - \$18 million
- Fire Station #2 Additions - \$6.2 million
- Frontier Drive Improvements - \$10.4 million
- Various Streetscape Projects - \$24 million



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Water Fund

Water Projects

- Annual Waterline Replacements - \$450,000

Fiscal Year 2027

- Richmond Ave Waterline Replacement Phase I - \$2,500,000
- Franklin Hills #1 Water Tank Inspection and Repainting - \$290,000

Fiscal Year 2028

- Water Treatment Plant Filter Rehab - \$1,200,000
- Franklin Hills #2 Water Tank Inspection and Repainting - \$126,000
- North River Pipeline Tunnel Study - \$200,000
- Uniontown Water Extension - \$3,750,000

Fiscal Year 2029

- Shutterlee Mill Water Tank Inspection and Repainting - \$1,031,000
- Richmond Ave Waterline Replacement Phase II - \$10,600,000 (construction in FY2030)
- Water Treatment Plant Roof - \$190,000



Unfunded Water Projects

PROJECTS NOT SCHEDULED (NS) OR NOT FUNDED (NF)	PROJECT ESTIMATE
North River Tunnel & Upper Raw Water Pipeline Repair/Replacement	\$ 11,000,000
North River Central Raw Water Pipeline Replacement	\$ 20,000,000
North River Lower & Gardner Springs Raw Water Pipeline Replacement	\$ 10,500,000
New Raw Water Source Development (Groundwater)	\$ 7,950,000
	\$ 49,450,000

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Sewer Fund

Sewer Projects

- Annual Sewer line Replacements - \$250,000

Fiscal Year 2027

- New Hope Rd Sewer I&I Mitigation and Pump Station - \$500,000
- Design Old Staunton Steam Laundry Sanitary Sewer Line Relocation - \$50,000
- Lewis Creek Sanitary Sewer Downtown PER - \$150,000

Fiscal Year 2028

- Uniontown Sewer Extension \$3,750,000
- Design of Commerce Road Sewer Line – Phase II - \$200,000

Fiscal Year 2029

- Locust Avenue Sewer - \$900,000
- Commerce Rd Phase III - \$950,000

Fiscal Year 2030

- Sherwood Ave Sewer Relocation - \$250,000
- Design of Lewis Creek Sewer Phase III & IV - \$300,000

Fiscal Year 2031

- Lewis Creek Sanitary Sewer Phase III & IV Construction - \$2,700,000 (unfunded)
- Design Institute Sewer Line - \$250,000





Stormwater Fund

Stormwater Projects

- FY2026 Flood Resiliency Plan
- FY2026 Wharf Daylighting Study - \$159,000
- FY2026 Lake Tams Continuous Monitoring/Control System – \$421,756
- FY2029 Green Hills Industrial Park – Basin Retrofits - \$1,390,000





Staunton City Schools

School Projects

- Annual Bus Replacement - \$125,000
- FY2027 Shelburne Old Gym HVAC - \$150,000
- FY2027 Shelburne Generator - \$630,000
- Chromebook Replacements
 - FY2027 \$308,000
 - FY2029 \$1,600,000 (\$955,088 UNFUNDED)
- FY2028 Dixon School Generator - \$300,000
- FY2028 Ware ADA Ramp - \$300,000
- FY2029 SHS Track Bathroom - \$350,000
- FY2029 Dixon Boiler Replacement - \$500,000



School Projects Continued

- **Roof Recoating**

- FY2027 Shelburne Middle School - \$387,000
- FY2028 Dixon School \$195,000
- FY2029 McSwain Elementary \$95,975
- FY2030 Staunton High School \$300,000

- **Parking Lot Repaving**

- FY2027 McSwain Elementary Repaving \$300,000
- FY2028 Bessie Weller Elementary - \$300,000
- FY2029 Ware Elementary - \$300,000



School Projects Continued

- Furniture/Equipment Reserve - \$25,000 per year. No planned purchases at this time.
- Vehicle Reserve - \$25,000 per year. No planned purchases at this time.



Unfunded School Projects - \$160 million

- FY2026/FY2027 SVCAL Renovation - \$9,950,000
- FY2027/FY2028 Shelburne Renovation - \$60,000,000
- FY2030 Dixon School Renovation - \$60,000,000
- FY2031 Operations Facility - \$30,000,000





Thank you! Questions?

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