Ordinance No. 2021- 12

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND APPROVING A BUDGET FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE CITY OF STAUNTON, AND FOR THE CITY OF STAUNTON, VIRGINIA, BOTH SEPARATELY AND COLLECTIVELY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022, APPROPRIATING FUNDS AT SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT (75%) OF SUCH APPROVED BUDGETED AMOUNTS FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES FOR SUCH FISCAL YEAR, SUBJECT TO FUTURE APPROPRIATION AMENDMENT(S); ESTABLISHING A TAX RATE ON TAXABLE PERSONAL PROPERTY, REAL ESTATE AND PROPERTY OF PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATIONS; ESTABLISHING AND IMPOSING A SERVICE CHARGE ON CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION; AND CONTINUING IN EFFECT ALL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STAUNTON, VIRGINIA, RELATING TO TAXES, LICENSES, FEES, SERVICE CHARGES, COSTS AND OTHER CHARGES AND ALL ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE TIME OF PAYMENT THEREOF AND COLLECTION THEREOF, EXCEPT AS HEREIN SPECIFICALLY MODIFIED

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

SECTION 1. The following budget, annexed and incorporated by reference, totaling **$131,176,865** for the City of Staunton, Virginia for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 is hereby proposed, approved and adopted:

(SEE ATTACHED BUDGET, incorporated by reference)

SECTION 2. Public revenues of the City of Staunton, Virginia are hereby appropriated for public purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, at **seventy-five percent (75%)** thereof as set forth in the appropriate Section of such budget, with the recognition and stipulation that budget approval is not an appropriation of funds and only those funds as appropriated at such percentage and no more are set aside and may be spent, subject to future appropriation amendment(s) by ordinance as may be adopted by City Council.

SECTION 3.

3.1. The tax rate for all real estate, including real estate owned by public service corporations, subject to tax for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2021, shall be and is fixed at **$0.92 per $100.00** of assessed value of such property per year, with assessed values being established through biennial reassessments pursuant to Section 58.1-3253 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, as of January of every odd numbered year.

3.2. The tax rate for all real property and improvements located in the Downtown Service District is subject to an additional tax for the calendar year beginning

January 1, 2021, which shall be and is fixed at \$0.15 (fifteen cents) per \$100.00 of assessed value of such property for calendar year 2021. Assessed values for the Downtown Service District shall be established through biennial reassessments pursuant to Section 58.1-3253 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, as of January 1 of every odd numbered year. These rates shall continue until modified by action of the Council of the City of Staunton, Virginia.

SECTION 4.

4.1. The tax rate for all personal property, including vehicles owned by public service corporations (but excluding machinery and tools, referenced and defined in Section 58.1-3507 of the Code of Virginia, as amended), subject to tax for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2021, shall be fixed at \$2.90 per \$100.00 of assessed value per year.

4.2. The tax rate for machinery and tools as defined in Section 58.1-3507 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, subject to tax for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2021 shall be and is fixed at \$1.24 per \$100.00 of assessed value per year.

SECTION 5. For the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, certain categories of property exempted from taxation under Section 58.1-3600 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, as amended, shall be assessed and have imposed a fee or service charge based on the assessed value of the real estate and the amount which the City of Staunton expended in the year preceding for police and fire protection and, in the case of faculty and staff housing of an educational institution, the cost of public school education. The categories of property eligible for such assessment, and the method for calculating the assessment, are prescribed in Section 58.1-3400 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

SECTION 6. The rate of service charge or fee imposed for property subject to such charge or fee under Section 5 of this ordinance shall be and is fixed and imposed at \$0.19 per annum per \$100.00 of assessed value and \$0.48 per annum per \$100.00 of assessed value for faculty and staff housing of an educational institution for the 2021 calendar year. The service charge shall be and is payable in one installment on December 15, 2021. Any service charge not paid when due shall bear interest computed at the rate of 10% per annum from the due date until paid.

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

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

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

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

SECTION 10.

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

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

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

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

INTRODUCED:	March 25, 2021
PUBLIC HEARING ADVERTISE DATE:	April 1, 2021
PUBLIC HEARING DATE:	April 8, 2021
ADOPTED:	April 22, 2021
EFFECTIVE DATE:	July 1, 2021

Andrea W. Oakes, Mayor

ATTEST: Morgan C. Smith

Morgan C. Smith
Interim Clerk of Council

Ordinance No. 2021-12

CITY OF STAUNTON, VIRGINIA
FY 2022 ADOPTED BUDGET

GENERAL FUND

ANTICIPATED REVENUE		BUDGET
General Property Taxes	$	27,585,063
Other Local Taxes		15,150,500
Commonwealth of Virginia		12,815,367
Current Service Charges		1,855,902
Federal Revenue		1,363,629
Recovered Costs		1,190,235
Licenses and Permits		208,400
Use of Money and Property		135,500
Fines and Forfeitures		232,000
Miscellaneous		1,217,378
Total Revenue	$	61,753,974

APPROPRIATIONS		
Transfer to Education Fund	$	13,626,250
Public Safety		13,331,493
Health and Welfare		7,682,954
Public Works		6,258,460
General Government Administration		6,338,649
Transfer to Debt Service Sinking Fund		4,844,415
Parks, Recreation, Library, and Cultural		3,860,920
Judicial Administration		2,574,028
Community Development		2,246,755
Transfer to the City CIP Fund		981,050
Educational Agency Contributions		9,000
Total Appropriations	$	61,753,974

DEBT SERVICE SINKING FUND

ANTICIPATED REVENUE		
Transfer from the General Fund	$	5,683,314
Total Revenue	$	5,683,314
APPROPRIATIONS		
Debt	$	5,683,314
Total Appropriations	$	5,683,314

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FUND

ANTICIPATED REVENUE	
Transfer from the General Fund	$981,050
Total Revenue	$981,050
APPROPRIATIONS	
Capital Improvements	$981,050
Total Appropriations	$981,050

BLUE RIDGE COURT SERVICES FUND

ANTICIPATED REVENUE		
Non Capital Grants/ Contributions	$	915,672
Miscellaneous		138,869
Charges for Services		175,000
Total Revenue	$	1,229,541
APPROPRIATIONS		
Operations	$	1,229,541
Total Appropriations	$	1,229,541

WATER FUND

ANTICIPATED REVENUE		
Charges for Service	$	4,634,597
General Revenues		80,500
Proceeds from Debt Issuance		6,900,000
Total Revenue	$	11,615,097
APPROPRIATIONS		
Operations	$	3,464,587
Debt		720,510
Capital		7,430,000
Total Appropriations	$	11,615,097

SEWER FUND

ANTICIPATED REVENUE		
Charges for Services	$	3,908,177
General Revenues		52,500
Total Revenue	$	3,960,677
APPROPRIATIONS		
Operations	$	2,687,745
Debt		922,526
Capital		350,406
Total Appropriations	$	3,960,677

PARKING FUND

ANTICIPATED REVENUE		
Charges for Services	$	374,194
General Revenues		139,481
Total Revenue	$	513,675
APPROPRIATIONS		
Operations	$	335,256
Debt		178,419
Total Appropriations	$	513,675

STORMWATER FUND

ANTICIPATED REVENUE		
Charges for Services	$	772,594
General Revenues		885,650
Total Revenue	$	1,658,244
APPROPRIATIONS		
Operations	$	458,244
Capital		1,200,000
Total Appropriations	$	1,658,244

ENVIRONMENTAL FUND

ANTICIPATED REVENUE		
Charges for Services	$	3,196,685
General Revenues		58,742
Non Capital Grants/ Contributions		10,000
Total Revenue	$	3,265,427
APPROPRIATIONS		
Operations	$	2,807,851
Capital		457,576
Total Appropriations	$	3,265,427

EDUCATION FUND

ANTICIPATED REVENUE		
Commonwealth of Virginia	$	18,435,908
Transfer from the General Fund		13,626,250
Federal Government		1,998,086
Charges for Services		876,379
General Revenues		316,875
Total Revenue	$	35,253,498
APPROPRIATIONS		
Administration and Operation of Schools	$	35,253,498
Total Appropriations	$	35,253,498

CAFETERIA FUND

ANTICIPATED REVENUE		
Operating Grants	$	1,584,649
Charges for Service		2,400
General Revenues		109,265
Total Revenue	$	1,696,314
APPROPRIATIONS		
Operations	$	1,696,314
Total Appropriations	$	1,696,314

SCHOOL TEXTBOOK FUND

ANTICIPATED REVENUE		
Commonwealth of Virginia	$	169,445
General Revenues		107,290
Total Revenue	$	276,735
APPROPRIATIONS		
Operations	$	276,735
Total Appropriations	$	276,735

SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FUND

ANTICIPATED REVENUE		
General Revenues		$100,000
Total Revenue		$100,000
APPROPRIATIONS		
Capital Improvements		$100,000
Total Appropriations		$100,000

STATE OPERATED PROGRAMS

ANTICIPATED REVENUE		
Operating Grants	$	2,735,887
General Revenues		453,432
Total Revenue	$	3,189,319
APPROPRIATIONS		
Operations	$	3,189,319
Total Appropriations	$	3,189,319

Grand Total Revenues	**$**	**131,176,865**
Grand Total Expenditures	**$**	**131,176,865**
Balance		**($0)**

INTRODUCED: March 25, 2021

Approved this 22nd day of April 2021

Effective Date: July 1, 2021

ATTEST: Morgan C. Smith
Morgan C. Smith
Interim Clerk of Council

CERTIFIED:
Andrea Oakes
Mayor of Council