

Ordinance No. 2024- 06

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A BUDGET FOR THE
CITY OF STAUNTON, VIRGINIA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES FOR SUCH FISCAL YEAR,
SUBJECT TO FUTURE APPROPRIATION AMENDMENT;
ESTABLISHING A TAX RATE ON TAXABLE PERSONAL PROPERTY,
REAL ESTATE AND PROPERTY OF PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATIONS;
ESTABLISHING AND IMPOSING A SERVICE CHARGE ON
CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION;
AND CONTINUING IN EFFECT ALL ORDINANCES OF THE
CITY OF STAUNTON, VIRGINIA, RELATING TO TAXES, LICENSES,
FEES, SERVICE CHARGES, COSTS AND OTHER CHARGES AND
ALL ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE TIME OF
PAYMENT THEREOF AND COLLECTION THEREOF, EXCEPT AS HEREIN
SPECIFICALLY MODIFIED**

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

SECTION 1. The following budget, annexed and incorporated by reference, totaling **\$148,627,141** for the City of Staunton, Virginia for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 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, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, as set forth in the appropriate Section of such budget.

SECTION 3.

3.1. The tax rate for all real estate, including real estate owned by public service corporations, subject to tax for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2024, shall be and is fixed at \$0.89 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, 2024, which shall be and is fixed at \$0.15 (fifteen cents) per \$100.00 of assessed value of such property for calendar year 2024. 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, 2024, 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, 2024 shall be and is fixed at \$1.24 per \$100.00 of assessed value per year.

SECTION 5. For the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, certain categories of property exempted from taxation under Section 58.1-3600 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, as amended, shall be assessed and have imposed a fee or service charge based on the assessed value of the real estate and the amount which the City of Staunton expended in the year preceding for police and fire protection and, in the case of faculty and staff housing of an educational institution, the cost of public school education. The categories of property eligible for such assessment, and the method for calculating the assessment, are prescribed in Section 58.1-3400 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

SECTION 6. The rate of service charge or fee imposed for property subject to such charge or fee under Section 5 of this ordinance shall be and is fixed and imposed at \$0.19 per annum per \$100.00 of assessed value and \$0.49 per annum per \$100.00 of assessed value for faculty and staff housing of an educational institution for the 2024 calendar year. The service charge shall be and is payable in one installment on December 15, 2024. Any service charge not paid when due shall bear interest computed at the rate of 10% per annum from the due date until paid.

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

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

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

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

SECTION 10.

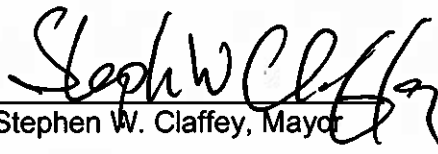
10.1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to transfer funds from one line item to another line item within each Fund of such budget, with the exception of the general contingency account.

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

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

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

This ordinance shall be effective July 1, 2024.


Stephen W. Claffey, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kiley A. Kesecker
Clerk of Council

**CITY OF STAUNTON, VIRGINIA
FY 2025 ADOPTED BUDGET**

GENERAL FUND

ANTICIPATED REVENUE

	BUDGET
General Property Taxes	\$ 34,407,774
Other Local Taxes	\$ 20,219,522
Commonwealth of Virginia	\$ 13,407,833
Current Service Charges	\$ 1,753,889
Federal Revenue	\$ 1,179,557
Recovered Costs	\$ 1,404,109
Licenses and Permits	\$ 269,200
Use of Money and Property	\$ 615,000
Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 197,500
Miscellaneous	\$ 49,000
Total Revenue	\$ 73,503,384

APPROPRIATIONS

Transfer to Education Fund	\$ 17,256,610
Public Safety	\$ 16,528,351
Health and Welfare	\$ 7,470,044
Public Works	\$ 6,905,910
General Government Administration	\$ 7,941,303
Transfer to Debt Service Sinking Fund	\$ 5,676,903
Parks, Recreation, Library, and Cultural	\$ 4,525,525
Judicial Administration	\$ 3,545,290
Community Development	\$ 3,050,865
Transfer to the City CIP Fund	\$ 861,783
Nondepartmental	\$ (268,200)
Educational Agency Contributions	\$ 9,000
Total Appropriations	\$ 73,503,384

DEBT SERVICE SINKING FUND

ANTICIPATED REVENUE

Transfer from the General Fund	\$ 5,676,903
General Revenues	\$ 1,161,216
Total Revenue	\$ 6,838,119

APPROPRIATIONS

Debt	\$ 6,838,119
Total Appropriations	\$ 6,838,119

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FUND

ANTICIPATED REVENUE

Transfer from the General Fund	\$ 861,783
Total Revenue	\$ 861,783

APPROPRIATIONS

Capital Improvements	\$ 861,783
Total Appropriations	\$ 861,783

BLUE RIDGE COURT SERVICES FUND

ANTICIPATED REVENUE

Non Capital Grants/ Contributions	\$ 1,160,474
Miscellaneous	155,500
Charges for Services	140,000
Total Revenue	\$ 1,455,974

APPROPRIATIONS

Operations	\$ 1,455,974
Total Appropriations	\$ 1,455,974

WATER FUND**ANTICIPATED REVENUE**

Charges for Service	\$	4,736,333
General Revenues		185,000
Grant Contributions		-
Total Revenue	\$	4,921,333

APPROPRIATIONS

Operations	\$	3,451,936
Debt		943,397
Capital		526,000
Total Appropriations	\$	4,921,333

SEWER FUND**ANTICIPATED REVENUE**

Charges for Services	\$	4,409,296
General Revenues		1,277,795
Total Revenue	\$	5,687,091

APPROPRIATIONS

Operations	\$	3,179,717
Debt		868,034
Capital		1,639,340
Total Appropriations	\$	5,687,091

PARKING FUND**ANTICIPATED REVENUE**

Charges for Services	\$	274,500
General Revenues		185,989
Total Revenue	\$	460,489

APPROPRIATIONS

Operations	\$	283,598
Debt		176,891
Total Appropriations	\$	460,489

STORMWATER FUND**ANTICIPATED REVENUE**

Charges for Services	\$	1,350,500
General Revenues		30,000
Total Revenue	\$	1,380,500

APPROPRIATIONS

Operations	\$	1,030,500
Capital		350,000
Total Appropriations	\$	1,380,500

ENVIRONMENTAL FUND**ANTICIPATED REVENUE**

Charges for Services	\$	3,629,900
General Revenues		1,465,329
Non Capital Grants/ Contributions		14,000
Total Revenue	\$	5,109,229

APPROPRIATIONS

Operations	\$	3,208,116
Capital		1,901,113
Total Appropriations	\$	5,109,229

EDUCATION FUND**ANTICIPATED REVENUE**

Commonwealth of Virginia	\$	23,686,599 (1)
Transfer from the General Fund		17,256,610
Federal Government		1,862,054
Charges for Services		10,000
General Revenues		56,292
Total Revenue	\$	42,871,555

APPROPRIATIONS

Administration and Operation of Schools	\$	42,871,555
Total Appropriations	\$	42,871,555

(1) This revenue figure is estimated and will be adjusted on the first budget amendment of FY2025.

CAFETERIA FUND

ANTICIPATED REVENUE

Operating Grants	\$	1,841,677
Charges for Service		5,350
General Revenues		<u>394,946</u>
Total Revenue	\$	<u>2,241,973</u>

APPROPRIATIONS

Operations	\$	<u>2,241,973</u>
Total Appropriations	\$	<u>2,241,973</u>

SCHOOL TEXTBOOK FUND

ANTICIPATED REVENUE

Commonwealth of Virginia	\$	251,534
General Revenues		<u>152,018</u>
Total Revenue	\$	<u>403,552</u>

APPROPRIATIONS

Operations	\$	<u>403,552</u>
Total Appropriations	\$	<u>403,552</u>

SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FUND

ANTICIPATED REVENUE

General Revenues	\$	<u>150,000</u>
Total Revenue	\$	<u>150,000</u>

APPROPRIATIONS

Capital Improvements	\$	<u>150,000</u>
Total Appropriations	\$	<u>150,000</u>

STATE OPERATED PROGRAMS

ANTICIPATED REVENUE

Operating Grants	\$	<u>2,742,159</u>
Total Revenue	\$	<u>2,742,159</u>

APPROPRIATIONS

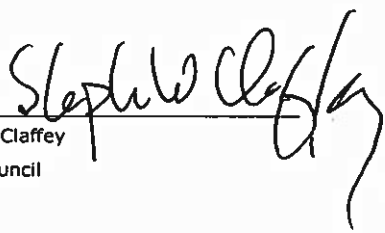
Operations	\$	<u>2,742,159</u>
Total Appropriations	\$	<u>2,742,159</u>

Grand Total Revenues	\$	<u>148,627,141</u>
Grand Total Expenditures	\$	<u>148,627,141</u>
Balance		\$0

Approved this 25th day of April 2024

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

ATTEST: 
Kiley A. Kesecker
Clerk of Council

CERTIFIED: 
Stephen W. Claffey
Mayor of Council