

Mayor and Council

Work Session and Special Session (36th Voting Session)

May 12, 2026

Agenda

"The City of Hagerstown will inspire an inclusive, business-friendly, and sustainable community with clean, safe, and vibrant neighborhoods."

"The City of Hagerstown shall be a community focused municipality"

The agenda and meeting packet is available at www.hagerstownmd.org/government/agenda

"Imagination is everything. It is the preview to life's coming attraction." Albert Einstein

5:00 PM WORK SESSION

- 5:00 PM** 1. Washington County Arts Council – *Kathryn Gratton, Board Member and Incoming President and Chris Brewer, Executive Director*
- 5:30 PM** 2. FY 2027 Budget Presentation and Upcoming Discussion Schedule – *Scott Nicewarner, City Administrator, Michelle Hepburn, Chief Financial Officer and Brooke Garver, Accounting and Budget Manager*
- 6:00 PM** 3. Application for Safe Streets for All – *Jim Bender, City Engineer*
- 6:15 PM** 4. Charter Review: Next Steps – *Scott Nicewarner, City Administrator*
- 5:15 PM** 5. GIS Program Briefing - *Oren Reed, Information Technology Manager and Rylee Ely GIS Coordinator*

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Testimony for Public Hearings will be accepted in person at the scheduled meeting. Anyone wishing to speak during the public hearing must sign in at City Hall prior to the hearing. Each speaker will be permitted to speak for three (3) minutes.

Public Hearing Notices

Public Hearing: Real Property Tax Rate beginning July 1, 2026

Public Hearing: Proposed Budget July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

Public Hearing: Water and Wastewater Rates

SPECIAL SESSION

1. Introduction of an Ordinance: Tax Rate beginning July 1, 2026
2. Introduction of an Ordinance: Budget FY2026/2027
3. Introduction of an Ordinance: Establish Water Rates for FY 2027 through FY 2031
4. Introduction of an Ordinance: Establish Wastewater Rates for FY2027 through FY2031
5. Approval of Sale of 2003 KME XMFD Pumper Truck
6. Appointment to Hagerstown Housing Authority
Ronald Brezler, Jr. – Term Expires August 30, 2028

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

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**REQUIRED MOTION
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND**

Topic:

Washington County Arts Council – *Kathryn Gratton, Board Member and Incoming President and Chris Brewer, Executive Director*

Mayor and City Council Action Required:

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Financial Impact:

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Wash_Co_Arts_Council_Talking_Points_5.12.26.pdf

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Memo: WCAC Talking Points

WASHINGTON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

Mayor and City Council Work Session

May 12, 2026 | 15 Minutes

Thank you to the Mayor and members of Council for inviting the Washington County Arts Council to your work session today. We are genuinely grateful for the opportunity to be at the table, and we are here to listen, to learn, and to explore where WCAC can be a useful partner in the City's vision for the Arts & Entertainment District in the months ahead.

1. WCAC as a Resource for the A&E District

A short overview of what WCAC brings to the District and where we are well positioned to support the City's goals.

- A network of 160+ regional artists available for City projects and public art initiatives
- A long-standing anchor presence in downtown Hagerstown drawing visitors into the District year-round
- Re-granting capacity that channels state and county arts funding directly into local artists and organizations
- Programming experience, marketing reach, and an active membership base that can amplify City-led arts initiatives

2. The City's Vision for the A&E District

We would value hearing directly from the Mayor and Council on how the City sees the A&E District evolving in the coming year, and where you see WCAC fitting in. A few questions we would love to explore together:

- What are the City's top priorities for the A&E District in the spring and summer ahead, and through the rest of 2026?
- Where does the City see the most opportunity for arts programming to support downtown vibrancy and economic activity?
- What public art, placemaking, or cultural events does the City have in development where WCAC's artist network or programming experience could lend a hand?
- How would the City like to see WCAC show up as the District grows, and how can we be most helpful to your office and your staff?

3. A Simple Next Step: Filling the Ex-Officio Seat

WCAC's bylaws reserve a seat on our Board of Directors for an ex-officio representative from the City of Hagerstown. That seat is currently vacant, and filling it is the single most practical step we can take together to keep our work aligned. With a City representative at the table, communication stays open, the City has direct visibility into WCAC's programming, and we can move quickly when collaborative opportunities arise. We would welcome the Council's help identifying who that representative might be.

Thank you again for your time and for the partnership we share in caring for this community. We look forward to the work ahead.

Respectfully submitted, Washington County Arts Council Board of Directors

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HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND**

Topic:

FY 2027 Budget Presentation and Upcoming Discussion Schedule – *Scott Nicewarner, City Administrator, Michelle Hepburn, Chief Financial Officer and Brooke Garver, Accounting and Budget Manager*

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FY27 Budget Review



CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

Finance & Accounting Department

One East Franklin Street • Hagerstown, MD 21740

Telephone: 301.766.4142 • Website: www.hagerstownmd.org

To: Scott Nicewarner, City Administrator

From: Michelle Hepburn, Chief Financial Officer
Brooke Garver, Accounting & Budget Manager

Date: May 12, 2026

Subject: FY27 Budget Review

On Tuesday, April 7, 2026, we began FY27 Proposed Budget discussions with a summarized overview. Staff will continue to review the FY27 Proposed Budget through April and May. The schedule outlined below is a draft and can be updated based upon time needed and discussion topics.

The FY27 Proposed Budget includes changes to rates that will take effect upon adoption of the FY27 Proposed Budget:

1. Business Revolving Loan Application Fee - \$100-\$250 to \$200-\$500
2. Code Administration Municipal Infractions – increase from maximum of \$1,000 to \$5,000
3. Residential Fence Permits - \$45 to \$50
4. Forest Conservation fee-in-lieu - \$0.402/sq ft to \$0.41/ss ft
5. Water Department property rental to City employees - 3% increase
6. Water Benefit Charges – 3% increase
7. Water Metered Service for City & County – 3% increase
8. Water Department Fire Protection – 3% increase
9. Wastewater Cell Tower Rental Revenue – 3% increase
10. Wastewater Benefit Charges – 3% increase
11. Wastewater Service Charges for City, County, and Joint County – 3% increase

May 12, 2026:

1. Water Fund 5 Year Projections - Section 6, Pages 18-20
2. Water Fund Capital Improvement Projects - Section 7, Pages 33-34 and 135-147
3. Wastewater Fund 5 Year Projections - Section 6, Pages 21-23
4. Wastewater Fund Capital Improvement Projects - Section 7, Pages 35-36 and 148-159
5. Mayor & Council Discussion and Questions

May 12, 2026:

- Public Hearing: FY27 Budget and Property Tax Rate
- Introduction of Ordinances (FY27 Budget and Property Tax Rate)

May 19, 2026:

- Adoption of Ordinances (FY27 Budget and Property Tax Rate)



**REQUIRED MOTION
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Topic:

Application for Safe Streets for All – *Jim Bender, City Engineer*

Mayor and City Council Action Required:

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Safe_Streets_for_All_Grant_Application.pdf

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Safe Streets for All Grant
Application



CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

Department of Engineering & Permits

May 12, 2026

TO: Scott Nicewarner, City Administrator

FROM: Jim Bender, City Engineer JMB

RE: Safe Streets for All Grant Application

1. Background

In 2022, the City applied for a Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant from the Federal Highway Administration, and was awarded \$160,000 in grant funds to prepare a Safety Action Plan. The City Council adopted the plan in May 2025. By adopting that plan, the City is now eligible to apply for implementation funds to actually construct some of the improvements recommended in the plan. The purpose of this memo is to obtain the Council's authorization to apply for the latest round of implementation grant funding.

2. Mayor & Council Action Requested

Review this information, and decide whether or not to authorize staff to submit an application for these funds. If the Council authorizes this effort, staff will work to prepare and submit the grant application by the May 26th submission deadline. Staff will be present at the work session to discuss.

3. Discussion

The funding for the SS4A program came from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Act; this is the final year for this funding opportunity. Approximately \$1 billion has been allocated for safety projects in the current funding cycle. A press release announcing the latest round of funding is attached.

There are two different tracks under which applications can be submitted: Planning & Demonstration, or Implementation. Staff plans to submit an application under the Implementation track. Implementation grants can be used to physically construct improvements that make streets safer for drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Staff have several potential projects in mind, including the replacement of a few traffic signals that are reaching the end of their service life, and enhanced pedestrian safety features at several street intersections. These projects were identified in the Safety Action Plan.

In the FY 27 City Budget Book currently being reviewed by the Council, Capital Improvement Project 811 "Systemwide Roadway Safety Improvements" shows proposed expenditures if the City is awarded grant funds. As with many Federal grant programs, the City will be responsible for 20% in local matching funds. Staff plans to request \$2 million in grant funds, which will require \$400,000 in local funds. As listed under CIP 811, the local matching funds will be expended over Fiscal Years 2028, 2029, and 2030.

attachment: SS4A press release

Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy to Invest Nearly \$1 Billion to Upgrade Crucial Safety Infrastructure and Save Lives on American Roads

Friday, March 27, 2026

Safe Streets & Roads for All grants will bolster emergency response services, expand truck parking, modernize rail crossings, and upgrade family-focused infrastructure

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy today announced the availability of \$999.5 million in funding to upgrade America's crucial safety infrastructure and save more lives. The Safe Streets for All grant program will fund faster emergency response, more parking for truckers, modern rail crossings, and safer neighborhood streets for families.

"We are empowering our state and local partners to modernize vital infrastructure and reduce roadway fatalities," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy. "This grant program will cover everything from ensuring paramedics can reach you faster in an emergency to making sure kids are safer when walking to school. No matter how you and your family travel, we are working at the speed of Trump to make sure you get there safely."

The [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) outlines the application criteria. Partners are encouraged to submit eligible projects as soon as possible but must do so by May 26, 2026.

Additional Information:

The SS4A program helps improve roadway safety by investing in safety strategies that will reduce serious injuries and fatalities.

The SS4A program offers two types of grants: **Planning and Demonstration Grants** and **Implementation Grants**. Planning and Demonstration Grants support the development, completion, or enhancement of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, while Implementation Grants fund projects or strategies aligned with an existing Action Plan to address roadway safety challenges.

Grant recipients are selected through a collaborative process led by the Department, bringing together experts from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

**REQUIRED MOTION
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Topic:

Charter Review: Next Steps – *Scott Nicewarner, City Administrator*

Mayor and City Council Action Required:

Discussion:

Financial Impact:

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Memo: Charter Review Next Steps



CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

Scott A. Nicewarner
City Administrator

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TO: Mayor and City Council

Subject: Establishment of a Charter Review Committee

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide recommendations for establishing a Charter Review Committee to evaluate, modernize, and strengthen the City Charter to ensure it reflects current governance needs, legal standards, and community expectations. Municipal charters serve as the foundational governing document for a city, outlining powers, structure, and procedures. Over time, provisions may become outdated due to changes in state law, administrative practices, or evolving community priorities. A periodic and structured review ensures the Charter remains relevant, transparent, and effective.

Establishing a Charter Review Committee provides a structured, transparent, and community-driven approach to ensuring the City's governing framework remains effective and responsive. The recommendations on structure outlined below are meant to provide the Council with options to which the City can position itself for stronger governance and long-term success.

The committee may be comprised of a diverse group of 7–11 members, including residents representing different districts or neighborhoods, individuals with legal, governmental, or administrative experience, at least one current or former elected official (non-voting or advisory capacity recommended). Best practice shows the consideration of the elected body appointing a chairperson with experience in public administration or law though certainly not required.

Members would be appointed by the Mayor upon Council confirmation. Staff would encourage public applications to promote transparency and inclusiveness as well as defining clear eligibility criteria (e.g., residency, no conflicts of interest).

The Scope of Work of the committee should be as follows:

- Review the entire Charter for clarity, consistency, and relevance
- Identify outdated or conflicting provisions
- Evaluate governance structure, roles, and authorities
- Ensure alignment with current state law
- Consider best practices in municipal governance
- Solicit and incorporate public input

The committee should look forward to working between six to twelve months on this project. This would include milestones for the initial organizational meeting, public engagement opportunities, draft recommendations, and a final presentation to the Mayor and City Council. Public engagement may include hosting public meetings, listening sessions or workshops to familiarize the residents with the charter. Staff would ensure that all meetings are recorded and that public

hearings are televised. Staff would also provide a site on our city webpage (www.hagerstownmd.org) for additional comment.

The role of staff would be to assist with research and legal review, meeting coordination and documentation (minutes), as well as public communication. Staff would not serve as a voting member of the committee, solely being used in a support role. It would also be a suggestion to involve the City Attorney or to request subject matter experts to address the committee for any clarifications or additional information they may wish to have.

The deliverable expected from the committee would be a formal report to include the recommended Charter amendments, the rationale for each recommendation and a summary of the public input received during the process for each of the recommendations. It would be the discretion of the Council if a draft presentation of the recommendations was made to allow for elected body input before the final report is made.

Upon a work session presentation of the final report, the council would discuss and during Regular Session approve the committee report. Staff would then communicate the plan through social media and the City website.

Staff will be available for questions. Following approval, staff will develop an application and make it available to the public. We would suggest a two-week application period then provide the applications to you for your review.

Sincerely,



City Administrator

**REQUIRED MOTION
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
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Topic:

GIS Program Briefing - *Oren Reed, Information Technology Manager and Rylee Ely GIS Coordinator*

Mayor and City Council Action Required:

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Memo



CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

Information Technology Department

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Email: infotechmail@hagerstownmd.org

Website: www.hagerstownmd.org

May 8, 2026

To: Mayor and Council

From: Oren Reed, Information Technology Manager and Rylee Ely, GIS Coordinator

Subject: Briefing on the Progress of the City of Hagerstown's GIS Program

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am requesting an opportunity to brief the Mayor and Council on the current progress, recent accomplishments, and upcoming initiatives of the City of Hagerstown's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) program. Over the past year, the program has advanced significantly in its capabilities, data quality, and support for city operations. A brief presentation would allow us to highlight key improvements, demonstrate new tools available to staff and the public, and outline strategic priorities for the coming year.

Topics we propose to cover include:

- Enhancements to the city's geospatial data infrastructure
- New GIS applications supporting public safety, public works, planning, and community engagement
- Progress on data integration across departments
- Upcoming projects and resource needs to continue program growth

We believe this briefing will provide valuable insight into how GIS is strengthening decision-making, improving service delivery, and supporting long-term planning efforts across the city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Oren Reed", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Oren Reed
Information Technology Manager

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Public Hearing Notices

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Public Hearing Notices

Published on April 27, 2026



CITY OF HAGERSTOWN
NOTICE
OF A PROPOSED
REAL PROPERTY TAX

For the taxable year beginning July 1, 2026, the City of Hagerstown, Maryland proposes to keep the real property tax rate constant at \$1.0570 per \$100 of assessment.

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax rate will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 in the Mayor and Council Chamber at City Hall, 1 E. Franklin Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged. Anyone wishing to speak during this Public Hearing must pre-register using the form found on the City's website: www.hagerstownmd.org no later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled start of the meeting. Failing to pre-register accurately may result in a speaker not being permitted to speak. Speakers will be called in the order they pre-registered. Each speaker will be permitted to speak for three (3) minutes.

All citizens are encouraged to participate. Individuals with questions regarding this hearing or requiring special accommodations may call the City Clerk's office at (301) 739-8577 ext. 113.

CITY OF HAGERSTOWN,
MARYLAND
Scott Nicewarner
City Administrator
April 27 2026
LHAG0503023

PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF HAGERSTOWN
PROPOSED BUDGET
JULY 1, 2026 - JUNE 30, 2027

A Public Hearing will be held by the Mayor and City Council on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 to discuss the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2026-2027 which is as follows:

Fund	Amount Proposed
General Fund	\$ 75,593,452
Community Development Block Grant Fund	854,618
Other Special Revenue Funds	2,085,035
General/Capital Improvement Projects	13,345,500
Total Governmental Funds	91,878,605
Electric Fund	49,800,269
Water Fund	41,368,305
Wastewater Fund	41,292,461
Parking Fund	2,094,425
Golf Fund	879,672
Property Management Fund	594,812
Stormwater Fund	4,484,889
Total Enterprise Funds	140,514,833
Service & Trust Funds	16,262,564
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PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF HAGERSTOWN
PROPOSED CHANGES TO
CITY OF HAGERSTOWN
WATER & WASTEWATER
RATES AND CHARGES

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 1 E. Franklin Street, Hagerstown, Maryland to discuss a proposed Five-Year Rate Plan that would be in effect from Fiscal Year 27 through the end of Fiscal Year 31 for increases in water and wastewater rates.

Under the proposed increase, water service user fee rate increases will vary in FY27 based on water usage for all inside and outside City water customers. Inside and outside City water user rates will increase 5% annually in FY28, FY29, FY30, and FY31. Wholesale water rates will increase approximately 5% annually for FY27 through FY31.

Under the proposed increase, wastewater service user rate increase will vary in FY27 based on wastewater usage for all inside, outside, and joint City wastewater customers. Inside, outside, and joint City wastewater customers rates will increase 3% annually for FY28, FY29, FY30, and FY31.

Under the proposed increase, water fire-line fees will increase 5% annually for FY27 through FY31.

Under the proposed increase, water benefit fees will increase 5% annually for FY27 though FY31. Wastewater Benefit fees will increase 3% annually for FY27 though FY31.

All interested citizens will have the opportunity to attend the meeting. Anyone wishing to speak during this Public Hearing must pre-register using the form found on the City's website: www.hagerstownmd.org no later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled start of the meeting. Failing to pre-register accurately may result in a speaker not being permitted to speak. Speakers will be called in the order they pre-registered. Each speaker will be permitted to speak for three (3) minutes.

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By authority: Mayor and Council of the City of Hagerstown, Maryland

CITY OF HAGERSTOWN,
MARYLAND
Donna K. Spickler, City Clerk
April 27 2026
LHAG0503031

**REQUIRED MOTION
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND**

Topic:

Public Hearing: Real Property Tax Rate beginning July 1, 2026

Mayor and City Council Action Required:

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MARYLAND
Scott Nicewarner
City Administrator
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LHAG0503023

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Topic:

Public Hearing: Proposed Budget July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

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Topic:

Public Hearing: Water and Wastewater Rates

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CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

Utilities Department

1 Clean Water Circle • Hagerstown, MD 21740

Telephone: 301-739-8577, ext. 650

Website: www.hagerstownmd.org

May 6, 2026

To: Scott Nicewarner, City Administrator
From: Nancy Hausrath, Director of Utilities
Subject: Water/Wastewater Rates Five Year Rate Plan
Action: Public Hearing

The Utilities Department Financial and Administrative staff have been working with NewGen Strategies and Solutions to update the existing Water and Wastewater Rate Model to develop a Water and Wastewater five-year rate plan. The five-year rate plan will be in effect from Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) through Fiscal Year 2031 (FY31). The rates were developed utilizing updated financial operational requirements and capital needs for each operation. Assumptions were developed utilizing historical data, current trends, and economic projections including but not limited to the following:

- Fees and Charges collected will continue to self-support the Departments' financial needs
- Fees and Charges collected will allow for continued reinvestment of the systems
- Contingency and Unplanned Expense fund reserves should be maintained
- 2.0 % Water Average Inflation Rate Increase
- 1.8% Wastewater Average Inflation Rate Increase
- 0.5% Customer Growth Rate
- 0.0% Consumption Growth Rate
- 1.0% Miscellaneous Revenue Growth Rate

The revenue requirements developed in the rate model utilized the criteria listed below. This criterion was also used to develop/update the current proposed rate plan and is included in our five-year capital and operations budget projections. Please note that the FY27 Budget included a 3% rate increase for water and wastewater pending the results the updated rate mode.

- operating and maintenance costs
- capital improvements
- existing debt service
- contributions to reserves

The previously adopted rate plan for FY26 contained the following considerations. The current Rate Plan builds on the work previously completed.

- Institute an approved 5-year rate structure which will eliminate the need for annual approvals and will diminish our dependence of the use of benefit charges to fund debt and allow the utilities to continue to perform financially independent from the General Fund while maintaining the ability to meet the environmental requirements and regulations mandated by the regulatory agencies.
- Adopt an inclining block rate structure for all water and wastewater customers based on water usage.
- Maintain a utility rate basis for setting Outside City rates
- Establish a Repair, Renewal, and Replacement (3R) Reserve Fund for aging infrastructure expenditures that are growth related
- Increase Fire Line Charges (5% per year)
- Increase Benefit Fee Charges (5% per year for Water and 3% per year for Wastewater)

The proposed Water and Wastewater Rate Schedule continues to maintain fixed fees to collect approximately 20% of the required revenue for operations. The usage fees for all water and wastewater customers will be calculated using a 4-tier inclining rate schedule as shown in Figure 1. Sample bills for water and wastewater can be reviewed in Figure 2. The proposed water and wastewater rates will result in a 5% revenue increase for the Water Fund and a 3% revenue increase for the Wastewater Fund. Actual percentage increases and/or decreases in customer bills will be a function of actual metered water.

In order to achieve and maintain the financial health of the Water and Wastewater Divisions, staff proposes moderate increases to the Water and Wastewater Division rate structure through FY2031. Staff will continue to work with NewGen Strategies and Solutions to maintain the model annually to ensure the required revenue is collected for each fund.

Figure 1. Water and Wastewater Rates

WATER						
INSIDE - Volume Fee per 1000 Gallons						
Residential Cost per 1000 Gallons	Current	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
0-18,000 gallons	\$2.43					
> 18,000 gallons	\$4.64					
Tier 1 Usage: 0-9,000	gallons	\$1.76	\$1.84	\$1.94	\$2.03	\$2.13
Tier 2 Usage: 9,001-18,000		\$2.19	\$2.30	\$2.42	\$2.54	\$2.67
Tier 3 Usage: 18,001-36,000		\$2.63	\$2.77	\$2.90	\$3.05	\$3.20
Tier 4 Usage: over 36,000		\$3.07	\$3.23	\$3.39	\$3.56	\$3.73
*Current Structure is same as non-residential tiers below						
Non-Residential Cost per 1000 Gallons	Current	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
0-100,000 gallons	\$2.42					
> 100,000 gallons	\$2.16					
Tier 1 Usage: 0-9,000	gallons	\$1.76	\$1.84	\$1.94	\$2.03	\$2.13
Tier 2 Usage: 9,001-18,000		\$2.19	\$2.30	\$2.42	\$2.54	\$2.67
Tier 3 Usage: 18,001-36,000		\$2.63	\$2.77	\$2.90	\$3.05	\$3.20
Tier 4 Usage: over 36,000		\$3.07	\$3.23	\$3.39	\$3.56	\$3.73

WATER						
OUTSIDE - Volume Fee per 1000 Gallons						
Residential Cost per 1000 Gallons	Current	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
0-18,000 gallons	\$5.89					
> 18,000 gallons	\$11.14					
Tier 1 Usage: 0-9,000	gallons	\$4.21	\$4.42	\$4.65	\$4.88	\$5.12
Tier 2 Usage: 9,001-18,000		\$5.27	\$5.53	\$5.81	\$6.10	\$6.40
Tier 3 Usage: 18,001-36,000		\$6.32	\$6.64	\$6.97	\$7.32	\$7.68
Tier 4 Usage: over 36,000		\$7.37	\$7.74	\$8.13	\$8.54	\$8.96
*Current Structure is same as non-residential tiers below						
Non-Residential Cost per 1000 Gallons	Current	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
0-100,000 gallons	\$5.86					
> 100,000 gallons	\$5.33					
Tier 1 Usage: 0-9,000	gallons	\$4.21	\$4.42	\$4.65	\$4.88	\$5.12
Tier 2 Usage: 9,001-18,000		\$5.27	\$5.53	\$5.81	\$6.10	\$6.40
Tier 3 Usage: 18,001-36,000		\$6.32	\$6.64	\$6.97	\$7.32	\$7.68
Tier 4 Usage: over 36,000		\$7.37	\$7.74	\$8.13	\$8.54	\$8.96

WATER						
WHOLESALE - Volume Fee per 1000 Gallons						
Wholesale Cost per 1000 Gallons	Current	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
0-18,000 gallons	\$4.92	\$4.88	\$5.03	\$5.28	\$5.54	\$5.82
> 18,000 gallons	\$4.48	\$4.88	\$5.03	\$5.28	\$5.54	\$5.82

SEWER						
INSIDE - Volume Fee per 1000 Gallons						
Cost per 1000 Gallons	Current	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
per 1,000 gallons	\$7.83					
Tier 1 Usage: 0-9,000	gallons	\$5.71	\$5.88	\$6.06	\$6.24	\$6.43
Tier 2 Usage: 9,001-18,000		\$7.14	\$7.35	\$7.57	\$7.80	\$8.03
Tier 3 Usage: 18,001-36,000		\$8.57	\$8.82	\$9.09	\$9.36	\$9.64
Tier 4 Usage: over 36,000		\$9.99	\$10.29	\$10.60	\$10.92	\$11.25
INSIDE JOINT - Volume Fee per 1000 Gallons						
Cost per 1000 Gallons	Current	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
per 1,000 gallons	\$10.12					
Tier 1 Usage: 0-9,000	gallons	\$7.38	\$7.60	\$7.83	\$8.07	\$8.31
Tier 2 Usage: 9,001-18,000		\$9.23	\$9.50	\$9.79	\$10.08	\$10.39
Tier 3 Usage: 18,001-36,000		\$11.07	\$11.41	\$11.75	\$12.10	\$12.46
Tier 4 Usage: over 36,000		\$12.92	\$13.31	\$13.71	\$14.12	\$14.54
OUTSIDE - Volume Fee per 1000 Gallons						
Cost per 1000 Gallons	Current	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
per 1,000 gallons	\$13.12					
Tier 1 Usage: 0-9,000	gallons	\$9.42	\$9.70	\$10.00	\$10.30	\$10.60
Tier 2 Usage: 9,001-18,000		\$11.78	\$12.13	\$12.49	\$12.87	\$13.26
Tier 3 Usage: 18,001-36,000		\$14.13	\$14.56	\$14.99	\$15.44	\$15.91
Tier 4 Usage: over 36,000		\$16.49	\$16.98	\$17.49	\$18.02	\$18.56
OUTSIDE JOINT - Volume Fee per 1000 Gallons						
Cost per 1000 Gallons	Current	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
per 1,000 gallons	\$11.39					
Tier 1 Usage: 0-9,000	gallons	\$8.28	\$8.53	\$8.78	\$9.05	\$9.32
Tier 2 Usage: 9,001-18,000		\$10.35	\$10.66	\$10.98	\$11.31	\$11.65
Tier 3 Usage: 18,001-36,000		\$12.42	\$12.79	\$13.18	\$13.57	\$13.98
Tier 4 Usage: over 36,000		\$14.49	\$14.92	\$15.37	\$15.83	\$16.31

Figure 2. Sample Bills

SAMPLE WATER BILL - INSIDE QUARTERLY				
CURRENT		Inside - Fixed	Inside - Usage	Total Water Bill
Usage	9,000	\$ 10.50	\$ 21.87	\$ 32.37
Proposed FY27		Inside - Fixed	Inside - Usage	Total Water Bill
Usage	9,000	\$ 11.00	\$ 15.80	\$ 26.80
QUARTERLY WATER INSIDE INCREASE:				\$ (5.57)

SAMPLE WATER BILL - OUTSIDE QUARTERLY				
CURRENT		Inside - Fixed	Inside - Usage	Total Water Bill
Usage	9,000	\$ 30.55	\$ 53.01	\$ 83.56
Proposed FY27		Inside - Fixed	Inside - Usage	Total Water Bill
Usage	9,000	\$ 31.90	\$ 37.93	\$ 69.82
QUARTERLY WATER OUTSIDE INCREASE:				\$ (13.74)

SAMPLE SEWER BILL - INSIDE QUARTERLY				
CURRENT		Inside - Fixed	Inside - Usage	Total Sewer Bill
Usage	9,000	\$ 32.19	\$ 70.47	\$ 102.66
Proposed FY27				
Usage	9,000	\$ 33.73	\$ 51.39	\$ 85.12
QUARTERLY SEWER INSIDE INCREASE:				\$ (17.54)

SAMPLE SEWER BILL - INSIDE JOINT QUARTERLY				
CURRENT		Inside Joint-Fixed	Inside Joint -Usage	Total Sewer Bill
Usage	9,000	\$ 32.19	\$ 91.08	\$ 123.27
Proposed FY27				
Usage	9,000	\$ 43.61	\$ 66.44	\$ 110.05
QUARTERLY SEWER JOINT INCREASE:				\$ (13.22)

SAMPLE SEWER BILL - OUTSIDE QUARTERLY				
CURRENT		Outside - Fixed	Outside - Usage	Total Sewer Bill
Usage	9,000	\$ 53.48	\$ 118.08	\$ 171.56
Proposed FY27				
Usage	9,000	\$ 55.65	\$ 84.79	\$ 140.45
QUARTERLY SEWER OUTSIDE INCREASE:				\$ (31.11)

SAMPLE SEWER BILL - OUTSIDE JOINT QUARTERLY				
CURRENT		Outside Joint-Fixed	Outside Joint-Usage	Total Sewer Bill
Usage	9,000	\$ 46.51	\$ 102.51	\$ 149.02
Proposed FY27				
Usage	9,000	\$ 48.91	\$ 74.52	\$ 123.42
QUARTERLY SEWER JOINT INCREASE:				\$ (25.60)

SAMPLE WATER BILL - INSIDE QUARTERLY				
CURRENT		Inside - Fixed	Inside - Usage	Total Water Bill
Usage	15,000	\$ 10.50	\$ 36.45	\$ 46.95
Proposed FY27				
Usage	15,000	\$ 11.00	\$ 28.97	\$ 39.97
QUARTERLY WATER INSIDE INCREASE:				\$ (6.98)

SAMPLE WATER BILL - OUTSIDE QUARTERLY				
CURRENT		Inside - Fixed	Inside - Usage	Total Water Bill
Usage	15,000	\$ 30.55	\$ 88.35	\$ 118.90
Proposed FY27				
Usage	15,000	\$ 31.90	\$ 69.53	\$ 101.43
QUARTERLY WATER OUTSIDE INCREASE:				\$ (17.47)

SAMPLE SEWER BILL - INSIDE QUARTERLY				
CURRENT		Inside - Fixed	Inside - Usage	Total Sewer Bill
Usage	15,000	\$ 32.19	\$ 117.45	\$ 149.64
Proposed FY27				
Usage	15,000	\$ 33.73	\$ 94.22	\$ 127.94
QUARTERLY SEWER INSIDE INCREASE:				\$ (21.70)

SAMPLE SEWER BILL - INSIDE JOINT QUARTERLY				
CURRENT		Inside Joint-Fixed	Inside Joint -Usage	Total Sewer Bill
Usage	15,000	\$ 32.19	\$ 151.80	\$ 183.99
Proposed FY27				
Usage	15,000	\$ 43.61	\$ 121.81	\$ 165.42
QUARTERLY SEWER JOINT INCREASE:				\$ (18.57)

SAMPLE SEWER BILL - OUTSIDE QUARTERLY				
CURRENT		Outside - Fixed	Outside - Usage	Total Sewer Bill
Usage	15,000	\$ 53.48	\$ 196.80	\$ 250.28
Proposed FY27				
Usage	15,000	\$ 55.65	\$ 155.46	\$ 211.11
QUARTERLY SEWER OUTSIDE INCREASE:				\$ (39.17)

SAMPLE SEWER BILL - OUTSIDE JOINT QUARTERLY				
CURRENT		Outside Joint-Fixed	Outside Joint-Usage	Total Sewer Bill
Usage	15,000	\$ 46.51	\$ 170.85	\$ 217.36
Proposed FY27				
Usage	15,000	\$ 48.91	\$ 136.61	\$ 185.52
QUARTERLY SEWER JOINT INCREASE:				\$ (31.84)

PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF HAGERSTOWN
PROPOSED CHANGES TO CITY OF HAGERSTOWN
WATER & WASTEWATER RATES AND CHARGES

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 1 E. Franklin Street, Hagerstown, Maryland to discuss a proposed Five-Year Rate Plan that would be in effect from Fiscal Year 27 through the end of Fiscal Year 31 for increases in water and wastewater rates. Testimony will be accepted at the Public Hearing.

Under the proposed increase, water service user fee rate increases will vary in FY27 based on water usage for all inside and outside City water customers. Inside and outside City water user rates will increase 5% annually in FY28, FY29, FY30, and FY31. Wholesale water rates will increase approximately 5% annually for FY27 through FY31.

Under the proposed increase, wastewater service user rate increase will vary in FY27 based on wastewater usage for all inside, outside, and joint City wastewater customers. Inside, outside, and joint City wastewater customers rates will increase 3% annually for FY28, FY29, FY30, and FY31.

Under the proposed increase, water fire-line fees will increase 5% annually for FY27 through FY31.

Under the proposed increase, water benefit fees will increase 5% annually for FY27 through FY31. Wastewater Benefit fees will increase 3% annually for FY27 through FY31.

Anyone wishing to speak during this Public Hearing must pre-register using the form found on the City's website: www.hagerstownmd.org no later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled start of the meeting. Failing to pre-register accurately may result in a speaker not being permitted to speak. Speakers will be called in the order they pre-registered. Each speaker will be permitted to speak for three (3) minutes.

All citizens are encouraged to participate. Individuals with questions regarding this hearing or requiring special accommodations may call the City Clerk's office at (301) 739-8577, ext. 113.

By authority: Mayor and Council of the City of Hagerstown, Maryland

CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND
Donna K. Spickler, City Clerk

**REQUIRED MOTION
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND**

Topic:

Introduction of an Ordinance: Tax Rate beginning July 1, 2026

Mayor and City Council Action Required:

Discussion:

Financial Impact:

Recommendation:

Motion:

Action Dates:

ATTACHMENTS:

File Name

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Description

Introduction of an
Ordinance: Tax Rate
beginning July 1, 2026

REQUIRED MOTION

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND**

DATE: May 12, 2026

TOPIC: Introduction of an Ordinance: Tax Rates Beginning July 1, 2026

Charter Amendment	_____
Code Amendment	_____
Ordinance	___ X ___
Resolution	_____
Other	_____

MOTION:

I hereby move for the introduction of an ordinance on May 12, 2026 to establish the City's tax rates for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 on the basis of \$1.057 per \$100 of assessed value of all real property and \$2.643 per \$100 of assessed value of all business personal property within the City of Hagerstown.

DATE OF INTRODUCTION: 05/12/2026
DATE OF PASSAGE: 05/19/2026
EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2026

ORDINANCE No.

**ESTABLISHING THE TAX RATES
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027
CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND**

Pursuant to the Charter of the City of Hagerstown and the general public laws of the State of Maryland, the legislative body of the City of Hagerstown is charged with establishing tax rates; and the Mayor and Council, as the duly constituted legislative body for the City of Hagerstown has complied with all the provisions of the Annotated Code of the State of Maryland, the Charter of the City of Hagerstown and all other applicable laws in reference to establishing said tax rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, ENACTED and ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hagerstown, that the tax rates for the City for the taxable levy year from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, is hereby established as follows:

- A. All real property is hereby levied and chargeable on the basis of **\$1.057** per \$100 based on the assessed value of said properties as required by the Charter of the City of Hagerstown, the Maryland Constitution, and the Annotated Code of Maryland.
- B. All business personal property, except as otherwise provided for by Ordinance 98-04 entitled *ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ASSESSMENT LEVY FOR THE PERSONAL PROPERTY CATEGORIES OF MANUFACTURING MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT, COMMERCIAL INVENTORY AND MANUFACTURING INVENTORY for the CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND for the FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1998 and Thereafter*, is hereby levied and chargeable on the basis of **\$2.643** per \$100 based on the assessed value of said properties as required by the Charter of the City of Hagerstown, the Maryland Constitution, and the Annotated Code of Maryland.
- C. Taxpayers who pay the taxes referred to herein, between the period of July 1, 2026 up to and including July 31, 2026, shall be entitled and are hereby granted a one quarter of one percent (1/4%) discount on the amount of said tax. Any property tax levy assessed and invoiced after September 30, 2026 shall be and is hereby granted a period of thirty (30) days from the invoice date to pay without additional interest or penalty.
- D. A semiannual payment plan for all real property is established in accordance with state law. Any taxpayer who makes an election to pay taxes on a semi-annual payment plan shall pay a service charge on and with the second installment based on the amount deferred.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the effective date of the tax rate established herein is July 1, 2026 and shall govern for the period set forth.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND**

William B. McIntire, Mayor

Donna Spickler, City Clerk

Date of Introduction: *May 12, 2026*
Date of Passage: *May 19, 2026*
Effective Date: *July 1, 2026*

**REQUIRED MOTION
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND**

Topic:

Introduction of an Ordinance: Budget FY2026/2027

Mayor and City Council Action Required:

Discussion:

Financial Impact:

Recommendation:

Motion:

Action Dates:

ATTACHMENTS:

File Name

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Description

Motion: Ordinance Introduce
Budget FY 2027

REQUIRED MOTION

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND**

DATE: May 12, 2026

TOPIC: Introduction of an Ordinance: Budget FY 2026/27

- Charter Amendment _____
- Code Amendment _____
- Ordinance X
- Resolution _____
- Other _____

MOTION:

I hereby move for the introduction of an ordinance on May 12, 2026 to adopt the City’s budget for fiscal year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 in the total amount of \$248,656,002.

DATE OF INTRODUCTION: 05/12/2026
DATE OF PASSAGE: 05/19/2026
EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2026

ORDINANCE No.

**ESTABLISHING THE BUDGET FOR
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027
CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND**

Pursuant to the Charter of the City of Hagerstown, the City Council is required to adopt a budget providing a complete financial plan for the budget year, with estimates of anticipated revenues and proposed expenditures for the coming year. The Charter further requires that the total anticipated revenues shall equal or exceed the total of the proposed expenditures.

In accordance with the provisions of the City Charter, Article VII, Finance, the City Administrator submitted a proposed budget to the Mayor and Council not less than ninety days before the beginning of the fiscal year, and a public hearing was held on May 12, 2026 after fifteen days' notice in a newspaper of general circulation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, ENACTED and ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hagerstown, that the budget for the City for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, is hereby established as follows:

Funds	Proposed FY27 Budget
General Fund	\$ 75,593,452
Community Development Block Grant Fund	854,618
Special Revenue Funds	2,085,035
General/Capital Improvement Projects	13,345,500
Total Government Funds	91,878,605
Electric Fund	49,800,269
Water Fund	41,368,305
Wastewater Fund	41,292,461
Parking Fund	2,094,425
Golf Fund	879,672
Property Management Fund	594,812
Stormwater Fund	4,484,889
Total Enterprise Funds	140,514,833
Service & Trust Funds	16,262,564
Total Combined Uses of Funds	\$ 248,656,002

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the effective date of the budget established herein is July 1, 2026 and shall govern for the period set forth.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND**

(SEAL)

William B. McIntire, Mayor

Donna Spickler, City Clerk

Date of Introduction: *May 12, 2026*
Date of Passage: *May 19, 2026*
Effective Date: *July 1, 2026*

Record and return to: Donna Spickler, City Clerk
City Hall, Room 200
One East Franklin Street
Hagerstown, MD 21740

**REQUIRED MOTION
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND**

Topic:

Introduction of an Ordinance: Establish Water Rates for FY 2027 through FY 2031

Mayor and City Council Action Required:

Discussion:

Financial Impact:

Recommendation:

Motion:

Action Dates:

ATTACHMENTS:

File Name

Description

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Motion and Introduction of

_WATER_RATES_MOTION_AND_ORDINANCE_05062026.docx an Ordinance Water Rates

REQUIRED MOTION
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

DATE: **May 12, 2026**

TOPIC: **Introduction of an Ordinance:**
Establish Water Rates for FY27 through FY31

Charter Amendment	_____
Code Amendment	_____
Ordinance	<u> X </u>
Resolution	_____
Other	_____

MOTION:

I hereby move for the introduction of an ordinance to establish the unit cost of water rates for all customers as per the detailed individual rate and fee changes in the volume charges and fixed charges by meter size as indicated in the body of the Ordinance for FY27 through FY31 effective for all bills rendered on or after July 1, 2026. Water Benefit Fees and Fire Line Fees will increase by 5% each year for inside and outside customers for FY27 through FY31 and become effective on July 1, 2026. These rates and fees are necessary to meet the revenue requirements of the Water Fund in order to keep the fund self-supporting as determined by the 2026 Cost of Service Study prepared by NewGen Strategies and Solutions, LLC.

The detailed individual volume charges and fixed charges by meter size are indicated in the body of the ordinance for FY27 through FY31. The increased rates shall be effective for all bills rendered on or after July 1, 2026.

DATE OF INTRODUCTION: May 12, 2026
DATE OF PASSAGE: May 19, 2026
EFFECTIVE DATE: June 18, 2026

ORDINANCE

REVISING RATES FOR WATER TREATMENT AND DISTRIBUTION FOR THE CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Hagerstown, Maryland, pursuant to provisions of the City Charter and the Code of the City of Hagerstown, Maryland, Chapter 238, Water, to establish adequate rates and charges for water treatment and distribution.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hagerstown, Maryland, that the following rate schedules are hereby adopted.

1. CITY RATES (Section 238-44)

The rate in dollars per 1,000 gallons of metered water consumption per quarter for those customers located within Hagerstown’s corporate boundaries shall be:

INSIDE - Volume Fee per 1000 Gallons					
Residential Cost per 1000 Gallons	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Tier 1 Usage: 0-9,000	\$1.76	\$1.84	\$1.94	\$2.03	\$2.13
Tier 2 Usage: 9,001-18,000	\$2.19	\$2.30	\$2.42	\$2.54	\$2.67
Tier 3 Usage: 18,001-36,000	\$2.63	\$2.77	\$2.90	\$3.05	\$3.20
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*Current Structure is same as non-residential tiers below					
Non-Residential Cost per 1000 Gallons	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Tier 1 Usage: 0-9,000	\$1.76	\$1.84	\$1.94	\$2.03	\$2.13
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Tier 4 Usage: over 36,000	\$3.07	\$3.23	\$3.39	\$3.56	\$3.73

In addition, for customers billed quarterly, a fixed minimum charge in dollars will be assessed and shall be:

INSIDE - Fixed Fee for Each Meter Size						
Fixed Fee - EDU QUARTERLY		FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Meter Size	EDU's	Fixed - Q	Fixed - Q	Fixed - Q	Fixed - Q	Fixed - Q
5/8	1	\$11.00	\$11.49	\$12.01	\$12.54	\$13.10
3/4	1	\$11.00	\$11.49	\$12.01	\$12.54	\$13.10
1	2.5	\$27.50	\$28.73	\$30.01	\$31.36	\$32.76
1.5	5	\$54.99	\$57.45	\$60.03	\$62.72	\$65.52
2	8	\$87.99	\$91.93	\$96.04	\$100.34	\$104.84
3	16	\$175.98	\$183.86	\$192.09	\$200.69	\$209.67
4	25	\$274.96	\$287.27	\$300.14	\$313.58	\$327.62
6	50	\$549.93	\$574.55	\$600.27	\$627.15	\$655.23
8	80	\$879.88	\$919.28	\$960.44	\$1,003.44	\$1,048.37
10	138	\$1,517.79	\$1,585.75	\$1,656.76	\$1,730.94	\$1,808.45

In addition, for customers billed monthly, the fixed minimum charge in dollars shall be ONE THIRD OF THE QUARTERLY FIXED MINIMUM CHARGE.

INSIDE - Fixed Fee for Each Meter Size						
Fixed Fee - EDU Monthly		FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Meter Size	EDU's	Fixed - M	Fixed - M	Fixed - M	Fixed - M	Fixed - M
5/8	1	\$3.67	\$3.83	\$4.00	\$4.18	\$4.37
3/4	1	\$3.67	\$3.83	\$4.00	\$4.18	\$4.37
1	2.5	\$9.17	\$9.58	\$10.00	\$10.45	\$10.92
1.5	5	\$18.33	\$19.15	\$20.01	\$20.91	\$21.84
2	8	\$29.33	\$30.64	\$32.01	\$33.45	\$34.95
3	16	\$58.66	\$61.29	\$64.03	\$66.90	\$69.89
4	25	\$91.65	\$95.76	\$100.05	\$104.53	\$109.21
6	50	\$183.31	\$191.52	\$200.09	\$209.05	\$218.41
8	80	\$293.29	\$306.43	\$320.15	\$334.48	\$349.46
10	138	\$505.93	\$528.58	\$552.25	\$576.98	\$602.82

2. RATES NON-CITY (Section 238-45)

- A. The rate in dollars per 1,000 gallons of metered water consumption per quarter for those customers that are not located within Hagerstown’s corporate boundaries shall be:

INSIDE - Volume Fee per 1000 Gallons					
Residential Cost per 1000 Gallons	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Tier 1 Usage: 0-9,000	\$1.76	\$1.84	\$1.94	\$2.03	\$2.13
Tier 2 Usage: 9,001-18,000	\$2.19	\$2.30	\$2.42	\$2.54	\$2.67
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*Current Structure is same as non-residential tiers below					
Non-Residential Cost per 1000 Gallons	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
0-100,000 gallons					
> 100,000 gallons					
Tier 1 Usage: 0-9,000	\$1.76	\$1.84	\$1.94	\$2.03	\$2.13
Tier 2 Usage: 9,001-18,000	\$2.19	\$2.30	\$2.42	\$2.54	\$2.67
Tier 3 Usage: 18,001-36,000	\$2.63	\$2.77	\$2.90	\$3.05	\$3.20
Tier 4 Usage: over 36,000	\$3.07	\$3.23	\$3.39	\$3.56	\$3.73

In addition, for customers billed quarterly, a fixed minimum charge in dollars based on water meter size shall be assessed and shall be:

OUTSIDE - Fixed Fee for Each Meter Size						
Fixed Fee - EDU QUARTERLY		FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Meter Size	EDU's	Fixed - Q	Fixed - Q	Fixed - Q	Fixed - Q	Fixed - Q
5/8	1	\$31.90	\$33.32	\$34.82	\$36.37	\$38.00
3/4	1	\$31.90	\$33.32	\$34.82	\$36.37	\$38.00
1	2.5	\$79.74	\$83.31	\$87.04	\$90.94	\$95.01
1.5	5	\$159.48	\$166.62	\$174.08	\$181.87	\$190.02
2	8	\$255.17	\$266.59	\$278.53	\$291.00	\$304.03
3	16	\$510.33	\$533.18	\$557.06	\$582.00	\$608.06
4	25	\$797.39	\$833.10	\$870.40	\$909.37	\$950.09
6	50	\$1,594.78	\$1,666.19	\$1,740.80	\$1,818.74	\$1,900.18
8	80	\$2,551.65	\$2,665.91	\$2,785.28	\$2,909.99	\$3,040.29
10	138	\$4,401.60	\$4,598.69	\$4,804.60	\$5,019.73	\$5,244.50

In addition, for customers billed monthly, the fixed minimum charge in dollars shall be ONE THIRD THE QUARTERLY FIXED MINIMUM CHARGE.

OUTSIDE - Fixed Fee for Each Meter Size						
Fixed Fee - EDU Monthly		FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Meter Size	EDU's	Fixed - M	Fixed - M	Fixed - M	Fixed - M	Fixed - M
5/8	1	\$10.63	\$11.11	\$11.61	\$12.12	\$12.67
3/4	1	\$10.63	\$11.11	\$11.61	\$12.12	\$12.67
1	2.5	\$26.58	\$27.77	\$29.01	\$30.31	\$31.67
1.5	5	\$53.16	\$55.54	\$58.03	\$60.62	\$63.34
2	8	\$85.06	\$88.86	\$92.84	\$97.00	\$101.34
3	16	\$170.11	\$177.73	\$185.69	\$194.00	\$202.69
4	25	\$265.80	\$277.70	\$290.13	\$303.12	\$316.70
6	50	\$531.59	\$555.40	\$580.27	\$606.25	\$633.39
8	80	\$850.55	\$888.64	\$928.43	\$970.00	\$1,013.43
10	138	\$1,467.20	\$1,532.90	\$1,601.53	\$1,673.24	\$1,748.17

- B. The rate in dollars per 1,000 gallons of metered water consumption per quarter for the three (3) MUNICIPAL RESALE CUSTOMERS (Funkstown, Smithsburg, and Williamsport) shall be:

WATER					
WHOLESALE - Volume Fee per 1000 Gallons					
Wholesale	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Cost per 1000 Gallons					
0-100,000 gallons	\$5.23	\$5.49	\$5.76	\$6.05	\$6.35
> 100,000 gallons	\$4.70	\$4.94	\$5.18	\$5.44	\$5.72

In addition, for customers billed monthly, the fixed minimum charge in dollars shall be ONE THIRD THE QUARTERLY FIXED MINIMUM CHARGE for Outside Customers.

WHOLESALE - Fixed Fee for each Meter Size

Fixed Fee - Monthly	Current	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Meter Size	Fixed - M	Fixed - M	Fixed - M	Fixed - M	Fixed - M	Fixed - M
4	\$213.85	\$ 213.79	\$ 223.36	\$ 233.36	\$ 243.81	\$ 254.73
6	\$427.70	\$ 427.58	\$ 446.72	\$ 466.72	\$ 487.62	\$ 509.46
8	\$684.32	\$ 684.12	\$ 714.75	\$ 746.76	\$ 780.20	\$ 815.13

3. PRIVATE FIRE LINE SERVICE – ANNUAL FEE (Section 238-31 E.)

The annual fee in dollars for fire line service by pipe size shall be as follows:

INSIDE - FIRELINE Charges					
Fireline Annual	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Meter Size					
4-inch	\$249.00	\$261.00	\$274.00	\$288.00	\$302.00
6-inch	\$558.00	\$586.00	\$616.00	\$646.00	\$679.00
8-inch	\$994.00	\$1,044.00	\$1,096.00	\$1,151.00	\$1,208.00
10-inch	\$1,552.00	\$1,630.00	\$1,712.00	\$1,797.00	\$1,887.00
12-inch	\$2,234.00	\$2,345.00	\$2,463.00	\$2,586.00	\$2,715.00
OUTSIDE - FIRELINE Charges					
Fireline Annual	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Meter Size					
4-inch	\$332.00	\$348.00	\$365.00	\$384.00	\$403.00
6-inch	\$744.00	\$781.00	\$821.00	\$861.00	\$905.00
8-inch	\$1,325.00	\$1,392.00	\$1,461.00	\$1,535.00	\$1,611.00
10-inch	\$2,069.00	\$2,173.00	\$2,283.00	\$2,396.00	\$2,516.00
12-inch	\$2,979.00	\$3,127.00	\$3,284.00	\$3,448.00	\$3,620.00

4. BENEFIT FEES (Section 238-10 G (6).) Water Benefit Charge shall be assessed as follows:

WATER BENEFIT CHARGES - INSIDE

Benefit Fee	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Per Gallon	\$16.16	\$16.97	\$17.82	\$18.71	\$19.65
minimum - 200 gallons	\$3,232	\$3,394	\$3,564	\$3,742	\$3,930

WATER BENEFIT CHARGES - OUTSIDE

Benefit Fee	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Per Gallon	\$ 32.32	\$ 33.94	\$ 35.64	\$ 37.42	\$ 39.30
minimum - 200 gallons	\$ 6,464	\$ 6,788	\$ 7,128	\$ 7,484	\$ 7,860

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED that the Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after passage with increases in rates effective for all bills rendered in the current fiscal year on or after July 1, 2026 and for all bills rendered on or after July 1st of each of the subsequent fiscal years.

WITNESS AND ATTEST
AS TO CORPORATE SEAL

MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

Donna K. Spickler, City Clerk

William B. McIntire, Mayor

DATE OF INTRODUCTION: May 12, 2026
DATE OF PASSAGE: May 19, 2026
EFFECTIVE DATE: June 18, 2026

**REQUIRED MOTION
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND**

Topic:

Introduction of an Ordinance: Establish Wastewater Rates for FY2027 through FY2031

Mayor and City Council Action Required:

Discussion:

Financial Impact:

Recommendation:

Motion:

Action Dates:

ATTACHMENTS:

File Name

Intro_Ordinance_Establish_Sewer_Rates_FY27-FY31.pdf

Description

Motion: Intro Ordinance
Sewer Rates FY27-FY31

REQUIRED MOTION

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND**

DATE: May 12, 2026

TOPIC: Introduction of an Ordinance:
Establish Sewer Rates for FY27 through FY31

Charter Amendment	_____
Code Amendment	_____
Ordinance	<u> X </u>
Resolution	_____
Other	_____

MOTION:

I hereby move for the introduction of an ordinance to establish the unit cost of sewer rates for all customers as per the detailed individual rate and fee changes in the volume charges and fixed charges by meter size as indicated in the body of the Ordinance for FY27 through FY31 effective for all bills rendered on or after July 1, 2026. Wastewater Benefit Fees will increase by 3% each year for inside and outside customers in FY27 through FY31 and become effective on July 1, 2026. These rates and fees are necessary to meet the revenue requirements of the Sewer Fund in order to keep the fund self-supporting as determined by the 2026 Cost of Service Study prepared by NewGen Strategies and Solutions, LLC.

The detailed individual volume charges and fixed charges by meter size are indicated in the body of the ordinance for FY27 through FY31 The increased rates shall be effective for all bills rendered on or after July 1, 2026.

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ORDINANCE

REVISING RATES FOR SEWAGE COLLECTION AND TREATMENT FOR THE CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Hagerstown, Maryland, pursuant to provisions of the City Charter and the Code of the City of Hagerstown, Maryland, Chapter 240, Water Pollution Control, to establish adequate rates and charges for sewage collection and treatment.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hagerstown, Maryland, that the following rate schedules are hereby adopted.

1. CITY RATES (Section 240-63)

The rate per 1,000 gallons of metered water consumption for those customers located within Hagerstown's corporate boundaries shall be:

INSIDE - Volume Fee per 1000 Gallons					
Cost per 1000 Gallons	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Tier 1 Usage: 0-9,000	\$5.71	\$5.88	\$6.06	\$6.24	\$6.43
Tier 2 Usage: 9,001-18,000	\$7.14	\$7.35	\$7.57	\$7.80	\$8.03
Tier 3 Usage: 18,001-36,000	\$8.57	\$8.82	\$9.09	\$9.36	\$9.64
Tier 4 Usage: over 36,000	\$9.99	\$10.29	\$10.60	\$10.92	\$11.25

In addition, for customers billed quarterly, a fixed minimum charge based on water meter size shall be assessed and shall be:

INSIDE - Fixed Fee for Each Meter Size

Fixed Fee - EDU		FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
QUARTERLY						
Meter Size	EDU's	Fixed - Q	Fixed - Q	Fixed - Q	Fixed - Q	Fixed - Q
5/8	1	\$33.73	\$34.57	\$35.43	\$36.31	\$37.21
3/4	1	\$33.73	\$34.57	\$35.43	\$36.31	\$37.21
1	2.5	\$84.32	\$86.42	\$88.57	\$90.77	\$93.03
1.5	5	\$168.64	\$172.83	\$177.13	\$181.54	\$186.06
2	8	\$269.82	\$276.53	\$283.41	\$290.46	\$297.69
3	16	\$539.65	\$553.07	\$566.83	\$580.93	\$595.38
4	25	\$843.20	\$864.17	\$885.67	\$907.70	\$930.28
6	50	\$1,686.39	\$1,728.34	\$1,771.33	\$1,815.40	\$1,860.56
8	80	\$2,698.23	\$2,765.35	\$2,834.14	\$2,904.64	\$2,976.89
10	138	\$4,654.44	\$4,770.22	\$4,888.88	\$5,010.50	\$5,135.14

In addition, for customers billed monthly, the fixed minimum charge shall be ONE THIRD THE QUARTERLY FIXED MINIMUM CHARGE.

INSIDE - Fixed Fee for Each Meter Size

Fixed Fee - EDU MONTHLY		FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Meter Size	EDU's	Fixed - M	Fixed - M	Fixed - M	Fixed - M	Fixed - M
5/8	1	\$11.24	\$11.52	\$11.81	\$12.10	\$12.40
3/4	1	\$11.24	\$11.52	\$11.81	\$12.10	\$12.40
1	2.5	\$28.11	\$28.81	\$29.52	\$30.26	\$31.01
1.5	5	\$56.21	\$57.61	\$59.04	\$60.51	\$62.02
2	8	\$89.94	\$92.18	\$94.47	\$96.82	\$99.23
3	16	\$179.88	\$184.36	\$188.94	\$193.64	\$198.46
4	25	\$281.07	\$288.06	\$295.22	\$302.57	\$310.09
6	50	\$562.13	\$576.11	\$590.44	\$605.13	\$620.19
8	80	\$899.41	\$921.78	\$944.71	\$968.21	\$992.30
10	138	\$1,551.48	\$1,590.07	\$1,629.63	\$1,670.17	\$1,711.71

The rate per 1,000 gallons of metered water consumption for those customers located within Hagerstown's corporate boundaries and served by County Sewer (Inside Joint Customers) shall be:

INSIDE JOINT - Volume Fee per 1000 Gallons					
Cost per 1000 Gallons	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
per 1,000 gallons					
Tier 1 Usage: 0-9,000	\$7.38	\$7.60	\$7.83	\$8.07	\$8.31
Tier 2 Usage: 9,001-18,000	\$9.23	\$9.50	\$9.79	\$10.08	\$10.39
Tier 3 Usage: 18,001-36,000	\$11.07	\$11.41	\$11.75	\$12.10	\$12.46
Tier 4 Usage: over 36,000	\$12.92	\$13.31	\$13.71	\$14.12	\$14.54

In addition, for Inside Joint Customers billed quarterly, a fixed minimum charge based on water meter size shall be assessed and shall be:

JOINT INSIDE - Fixed Fee for Each Meter Size

Fixed Fee - EDU QUARTERLY		FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Meter Size	EDU's	Fixed - Q	Fixed - Q	Fixed - Q	Fixed - Q	Fixed - Q
5/8	1	\$43.61	\$44.69	\$45.80	\$46.94	\$48.11
3/4	1	\$43.61	\$44.69	\$45.80	\$46.94	\$48.11
1	2.5	\$109.02	\$111.73	\$114.51	\$117.36	\$120.28
1.5	5	\$218.03	\$223.46	\$229.01	\$234.71	\$240.55
2	8	\$348.85	\$357.53	\$366.42	\$375.54	\$384.88
3	16	\$697.70	\$715.06	\$732.85	\$751.08	\$769.76
4	25	\$1,090.16	\$1,117.28	\$1,145.07	\$1,173.56	\$1,202.75
6	50	\$2,180.33	\$2,234.56	\$2,290.15	\$2,347.12	\$2,405.50
8	80	\$3,488.52	\$3,575.30	\$3,664.24	\$3,755.39	\$3,848.81
10	138	\$6,017.70	\$6,167.39	\$6,320.81	\$6,478.05	\$6,639.19

In addition, for Inside Joint Customers billed monthly, the fixed minimum charge shall be ONE THIRD THE QUARTERLY FIXED MINIMUM CHARGE.

INSIDE JOINT - Fixed Fee for Each Meter Size

Fixed Fee - EDU MONTHLY		FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Meter Size	EDU's	Fixed - M	Fixed - M	Fixed - M	Fixed - M	Fixed - M
5/8	1	\$14.54	\$14.90	\$15.27	\$15.65	\$16.04
3/4	1	\$14.54	\$14.90	\$15.27	\$15.65	\$16.04
1	2.5	\$36.34	\$37.24	\$38.17	\$39.12	\$40.09
1.5	5	\$72.68	\$74.49	\$76.34	\$78.24	\$80.18
2	8	\$116.28	\$119.18	\$122.14	\$125.18	\$128.29
3	16	\$232.57	\$238.35	\$244.28	\$250.36	\$256.59
4	25	\$363.39	\$372.43	\$381.69	\$391.19	\$400.92
6	50	\$726.78	\$744.85	\$763.38	\$782.37	\$801.83
8	80	\$1,162.84	\$1,191.77	\$1,221.41	\$1,251.80	\$1,282.94
10	138	\$2,005.90	\$2,055.80	\$2,106.94	\$2,159.35	\$2,213.06

2. RATES OUTSIDE CITY (Section 240-64)

The rate per 1,000 gallons of metered water consumption for those customers that are not located within Hagerstown's corporate boundaries and not located within an established area of joint sewer service with the Washington County Department of Water Quality shall be:

OUTSIDE - Volume Fee per 1000 Gallons					
Cost per 1000 Gallons	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
per 1,000 gallons					
Tier 1 Usage: 0-9,000	\$9.42	\$9.70	\$10.00	\$10.30	\$10.60
Tier 2 Usage: 9,001-18,000	\$11.78	\$12.13	\$12.49	\$12.87	\$13.26
Tier 3 Usage: 18,001-36,000	\$14.13	\$14.56	\$14.99	\$15.44	\$15.91
Tier 4 Usage: over 36,000	\$16.49	\$16.98	\$17.49	\$18.02	\$18.56

In addition, for customers billed quarterly, a fixed minimum charge based on water meter size shall be assessed and shall be:

OUTSIDE - Fixed Fee for Each Meter Size

Fixed Fee - EDU QUARTERLY		FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Meter Size	EDU's	Fixed - Q	Fixed - Q	Fixed - Q	Fixed - Q	Fixed - Q
5/8	1	\$55.65	\$57.04	\$58.45	\$59.91	\$61.40
3/4	1	\$55.65	\$57.04	\$58.45	\$59.91	\$61.40
1	2.5	\$139.13	\$142.59	\$146.14	\$149.77	\$153.50
1.5	5	\$278.25	\$285.18	\$292.27	\$299.54	\$306.99
2	8	\$445.21	\$456.28	\$467.63	\$479.26	\$491.19
3	16	\$890.41	\$912.56	\$935.26	\$958.53	\$982.37
4	25	\$1,391.27	\$1,425.88	\$1,461.35	\$1,497.70	\$1,534.96
6	50	\$2,782.55	\$2,851.76	\$2,922.70	\$2,995.41	\$3,069.92
8	80	\$4,452.07	\$4,562.82	\$4,676.32	\$4,792.65	\$4,911.87
10	138	\$7,679.82	\$7,870.87	\$8,066.66	\$8,267.32	\$8,472.98

In addition, for customers billed monthly, the fixed minimum charge shall be ONE THIRD THE QUARTERLY FIXED MINIMUM CHARGE.

OUTSIDE - Fixed Fee for Each Meter Size

Fixed Fee - EDU MONTHLY		FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Meter Size	EDU's	Fixed - M	Fixed - M	Fixed - M	Fixed - M	Fixed - M
5/8	1	\$18.55	\$19.01	\$19.48	\$19.97	\$20.47
3/4	1	\$18.55	\$19.01	\$19.48	\$19.97	\$20.47
1	2.5	\$46.38	\$47.53	\$48.71	\$49.92	\$51.17
1.5	5	\$92.75	\$95.06	\$97.42	\$99.85	\$102.33
2	8	\$148.40	\$152.09	\$155.88	\$159.75	\$163.73
3	16	\$296.80	\$304.19	\$311.75	\$319.51	\$327.46
4	25	\$463.76	\$475.29	\$487.12	\$499.23	\$511.65
6	50	\$927.52	\$950.59	\$974.23	\$998.47	\$1,023.31
8	80	\$1,484.02	\$1,520.94	\$1,558.77	\$1,597.55	\$1,637.29
10	138	\$2,559.94	\$2,623.62	\$2,688.89	\$2,755.77	\$2,824.33

3. JOINT RATES (Section 240-64)

The rate per 1,000 gallons of metered water consumption for those customers located within an established area of joint sewer service with the Washington County Department of Water Quality shall be:

OUTSIDE JOINT - Volume Fee per 1000 Gallons					
Cost per 1000 Gallons	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
per 1,000 gallons					
Tier 1 Usage: 0-9,000	\$8.28	\$8.53	\$8.78	\$9.05	\$9.32
Tier 2 Usage: 9,001-18,000	\$10.35	\$10.66	\$10.98	\$11.31	\$11.65
Tier 3 Usage: 18,001-36,000	\$12.42	\$12.79	\$13.18	\$13.57	\$13.98
Tier 4 Usage: over 36,000	\$14.49	\$14.92	\$15.37	\$15.83	\$16.31

In addition, for customers billed quarterly, a fixed minimum charge based on water meter size shall be assessed and shall be:

OUTSIDE JOINT- Fixed Fee for Each Meter Size

Fixed Fee - EDU QUARTERLY		FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Meter Size	EDU's	Fixed - Q	Fixed - Q	Fixed - Q	Fixed - Q	Fixed - Q
5/8	1	\$48.91	\$50.12	\$51.37	\$52.65	\$53.96
3/4	1	\$48.91	\$50.12	\$51.37	\$52.65	\$53.96
1	2.5	\$122.26	\$125.30	\$128.42	\$131.62	\$134.89
1.5	5	\$244.53	\$250.61	\$256.84	\$263.23	\$269.78
2	8	\$391.24	\$400.98	\$410.95	\$421.17	\$431.65
3	16	\$782.49	\$801.95	\$821.90	\$842.34	\$863.30
4	25	\$1,222.63	\$1,253.05	\$1,284.22	\$1,316.16	\$1,348.90
6	50	\$2,445.27	\$2,506.09	\$2,568.44	\$2,632.33	\$2,697.81
8	80	\$3,912.43	\$4,009.75	\$4,109.50	\$4,211.72	\$4,316.49
10	138	\$6,748.94	\$6,916.82	\$7,088.88	\$7,265.22	\$7,445.95

In addition, for customers billed monthly, the fixed minimum charge shall be ONE THIRD THE QUARTERLY FIXED MINIMUM CHARGE.

OUTSIDE JOINT - Fixed Fee for Each Meter Size

Fixed Fee - EDU MONTHLY		FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Meter Size	EDU's	Fixed - M	Fixed - M	Fixed - M	Fixed - M	Fixed - M
5/8	1	\$16.30	\$16.71	\$17.12	\$17.55	\$17.99
3/4	1	\$16.30	\$16.71	\$17.12	\$17.55	\$17.99
1	2.5	\$40.75	\$41.77	\$42.81	\$43.87	\$44.96
1.5	5	\$81.51	\$83.54	\$85.61	\$87.74	\$89.93
2	8	\$130.41	\$133.66	\$136.98	\$140.39	\$143.88
3	16	\$260.83	\$267.32	\$273.97	\$280.78	\$287.77
4	25	\$407.54	\$417.68	\$428.07	\$438.72	\$449.63
6	50	\$815.09	\$835.36	\$856.15	\$877.44	\$899.27
8	80	\$1,304.14	\$1,336.58	\$1,369.83	\$1,403.91	\$1,438.83
10	138	\$2,249.65	\$2,305.61	\$2,362.96	\$2,421.74	\$2,481.98

4. LOW PRESSURE SERVICE RATES (Section 240.36)

In addition to the standard service charge rates for all classes of customers, customers with low pressure sewer service with grinder pumps shall be charged a low-pressure service surcharge for the additional cost of maintaining the low-pressure system. The quarterly surcharge shall continue to be \$97.80 per each grinder pump serving one (1) unit and \$53.73 per unit for each grinder pump serving two (2) units.

5. EXCESS STRENGTH, INDUSTRIAL SURCHARGE RATES (Section 240-47)

In addition to the standard service charge rates for all classes of customers, customers with excess strength waste for the following waste characteristics shall pay the following industrial surcharge rates. The industrial surcharge rate for Chemical Oxygen Demand in excess above 2.919 pounds shall continue to be \$0.33 per 1,000 gallons. For Biological Oxygen Demand in excess above 1.688 pounds the surcharge rate shall continue to be \$0.82 per 1,000 gallons. For Suspended Solids in excess above 1.688 pounds the surcharge rate shall continue to be \$0.82 per 1,000 gallons. For Grease and Oil in excess of 0.0000 pounds the surcharge rate shall continue to be \$0.47 per 1,000 gallons.

6. BENEFIT CHARGE (Section 240-31) Sewer Benefit Charge shall be assessed as follows for inside and outside sewer customers:

WASTEWATER BENEFIT CHARGES

INSIDE

Benefit Fee	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Per Gallon	\$27.87	\$28.71	\$29.57	\$30.46	\$31.37
minimum - 200 gallons	\$5,574	\$5,742	\$5,914	\$6,091	\$6,274

OUTSIDE

Benefit Fee	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Per Gallon	\$31.67	\$32.62	\$33.60	\$34.61	\$35.65
minimum - 200 gallons	\$6,335	\$6,525	\$6,720	\$6,922	\$7,130

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after passage with increases in rates effective for all bills rendered in the current fiscal year on or after July 1, 2026 and for all bills rendered on or after July 1st of each of the subsequent fiscal years.

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Topic:

Approval of Sale of 2003 KME XMFD Pumper Truck

Mayor and City Council Action Required:

Discussion:

Financial Impact:

Recommendation:

Motion:

Action Dates:

ATTACHMENTS:

File Name

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Description

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CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

John E DiBacco
Fire Chief

May 12, 2026

TO: Scott Nicewarner, City Administrator

FROM: John DiBacco, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Sale 2003 KME XMFD Pumper

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council accept and act upon an offer to dispose of a 2003 KME XMFD pumper, previously assigned as Reserve Engine 3.

The offer, in the amount of \$50,000, was received through the apparatus marketplace ShopGarage.com, a nationwide platform specializing in the sale of surplus fire equipment and apparatus. ShopGarage.com charges a 10% fee for its services, which include listing, marketing, facilitating the sale, and arranging payment. This results in a fee of \$4,500.

Staff believes this to be the most favorable offer given the age and condition of the pumper. The apparatus has been listed on the website for approximately eight weeks, and this represents the first serious offer received.

REQUIRED MOTION

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND**

Date: May 12, 2026

**TOPIC: APPROVAL OF SALE OF PUMPER: 2003 KME XMFD
Pumper**

Charter Amendment	_____
Code Amendment	_____
Ordinance	_____
Resolution	_____
Other	<u> X </u>

MOTION: I hereby move for Mayor and Council approval of the sale of a 2003 KME XMFD Pumper, which was recently removed from service by HFD. The vehicle has been listed for sale on ShopGarage.com, a marketplace specializing in municipal vehicles and equipment, since February 2026.

To date, the offer of \$50,000 represents the only bid received for the pumper. Based on the length of time on the market and the absence of additional offers, this amount is considered fair and reasonable.

DATE OF PASSAGE: May 12, 2026
EFFECTIVE DATE: May 12, 2026



The Marketplace for Municipal Vehicles & Equipment

BILL OF SALE

Pursuant to this Bill of Sale (this "Bill of Sale"), City of Hagerstown, a operating in the State of Maryland ("Seller"), in consideration of \$50,000 and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby sell, assign, transfer, convey, and set over unto a (the "Buyer"), the following personal property, in its as is condition (the "Vehicle"): 2004 KME XMFD Pumper, VIN: 1K9AF42854N058778; to have and to hold the same unto Buyer, its legal representatives, successors, and assigns forever.

Seller represents and warrants that: (1) Seller is conveying good and valid title to the Vehicle; and (2) Seller has the right to sell the Vehicle to Buyer and shall warrant and defend the right against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

Buyer hereby acknowledges and agrees that the Vehicle is being conveyed "AS IS, WHERE IS, WITH ALL FAULTS". THE VEHICLE IS IN A USED CONDITION, AND SELLER IS NEITHER A MANUFACTURER NOR DISTRIBUTOR, NOR DEALER OR MERCHANT OF THE VEHICLE. SELLER MAKES NO WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE IN RESPECT TO THE VEHICLE. Except as specifically provided herein, this Bill of Sale is made by Seller without recourse and without any expressed or implied representation or warranty whatsoever.

Buyer acknowledges and agrees that, prior to execution of this Bill of Sale, Buyer has had the opportunity to conduct any and all inspections, investigations, tests, and other due diligence deemed necessary or appropriate by Buyer, including but not limited to reviewing service and maintenance records, condition information, photographs, videos, virtual inspections, and communicating directly with Seller regarding the Vehicle (collectively, "Due Diligence"). Buyer further acknowledges that Buyer is solely responsible for conducting its own Due Diligence and for determining the condition, suitability, and fitness of the Vehicle prior to committing to purchase.

Buyer expressly acknowledges that Buyer's decision to purchase the Vehicle is based solely on Buyer's own Due Diligence and independent judgment, and not on any statements, representations, or warranties of Seller except as expressly set forth in this Bill of Sale.

Buyer forever discharges Seller from any and all claims, liabilities, damages, and injuries that Buyer may incur relating to the use of the Vehicle, or in any way arising out of the sale and transfer of ownership of the Vehicle contemplated herein.

Words and phrases herein, including acknowledgment hereof, shall be construed as in the singular or plural number, and as the appropriate gender, according to the context. A facsimile or PDF signature shall be treated as an original. This Bill of Sale may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Bill of Sale to be executed effective as of 4/20/2026.

GARAGE The *Marketplace* for Municipal Vehicles & Equipment

SELLER: City of Hagerstown

BUYER:

By: _____

By: _____

Print Name : Justin Malott _____

Print Name : _____

Its : Donna Spickler _____

Its : _____



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Municipal Vehicles & Equipment

FREIGHT TERMS OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Buyer and Seller acknowledge that transportation of the Vehicle may be arranged either (a) through Garage Technologies, Inc. ("Garage") as a separately invoiced, optional service ("Garage Freight"), or (b) directly by Buyer or Seller, independent of Garage ("Non-Garage Freight").

In the event Garage Freight is selected, Garage will assist with engaging partner freight carriers pursuant to the terms communicated to Buyer, and such transportation services shall be governed solely by the applicable freight invoice, carrier terms, and insurance coverage provided in connection therewith.

In the event Non-Garage Freight is selected, Buyer and Seller acknowledge and agree that Garage is not a party to any shipping or transportation agreement, does not arrange, supervise, insure, or guarantee transportation, and assumes no responsibility or liability for pickup timing, transit delays, loss, damage, carrier performance, or insurance coverage. All coordination, risk of loss, and responsibility for transportation under Non-Garage Freight shall rest solely with Buyer and/or Seller and the selected carrier.

Buyer and Seller further acknowledge that Garage's involvement with respect to Non-Garage Freight, if any, is limited to administrative facilitation or the exchange of contact or availability information, and does not create any duty, obligation, or liability on the part of Garage.

SELLER: City of Hagerstown

BUYER:

By: _____

By: _____

Print Name : Justin Malott

Print Name : _____

Its : Donna Spickler

Its : _____

**REQUIRED MOTION
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND**

Topic:

Appointment to Hagerstown Housing Authority
Ronald Brezler, Jr. – Term Expires August 30, 2028

Mayor and City Council Action Required:

Discussion:

Financial Impact:

Recommendation:

Motion:

Action Dates: