

OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Wake County, North Carolina, that the following budget ordinance for the General Fund is hereby adopted:

Section 1: TAX LEVY. There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of sixty one and five tenths cents (61. 5¢) per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of property that is located within Wake County and listed for taxes as of January 1, 2017. The revenue from this source is included in real, personal and public service property in "Ad Valorem Taxes" in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

This rate is based on estimated valuation of property, for the purpose of taxation of: (1) 100% of total assessed property tax value of real, personal and public service valuation of one hundred thirty three billion, four hundred twenty five million (\$133,425,000,000) and an estimated collection rate of 99.50%; and (2) 100% of total assessed property tax value of vehicle valuation of ten billion, nine hundred and fifty million (\$10,950,000,000) and an estimated collection rate of 99.50%.

The Revenue Director of Wake County is hereby authorized, empowered, and commanded to collect the taxes set forth in the tax records filed in the office of the Wake County Revenue Department in the amounts and from the taxpayers likewise therein set forth. Such taxes are hereby declared to be a first lien upon all real property of the respective taxpayers in the County of Wake, and this order shall be a full and sufficient authority to direct, require, and enable the Revenue Director to levy on and sell any real or personal property of such taxpayers, with or without the assistance of the Wake County Sheriff, for and on account thereof, in accordance with law.

Section 2: GENERAL FUND REVENUES. (A) It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018:

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 884,794,500
Sales Tax	191,866,000
Lease/Rental Vehicle Tax	2,550,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	1,222,003
Real Property Transfer (Excise) Tax	11,600,000
Federal Shared Revenues	11,963,339
State Shared Revenues	82,206,455
Local Shared Revenues	4,021,850
Licenses and Permits	4,976,998
Charges for Services	63,153,703
Investment Earnings	1,220
Miscellaneous	340,022
Transfers from Other Funds	2,749,014
Intrafund Transfers	1,000,000
Appropriation of ABC Reserves for Human Services	316,580
Appropriation of ABC Reserves for Sheriff	134,000
Restricted for Future Appropriations of Register of Deeds	397,316
Automation Funds	

TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	\$ 1,263,293,000
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Section 2(B): Thirty percent (30%) of the proceeds from the local half-cent sales and use tax authorized July 1, 1984 under authority of Article 40 of the North Carolina General Statutes and sixty percent (60%) of the local half-cent sales and use tax authorized October 1, 1986 under the authority of Article 42 of the North Carolina General Statutes are hereby declared to be included in the appropriation for school capital outlay, capital projects, and/or school debt service.

Section 3: GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund for the operation of the County government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018:

General Government	
Board of Commissioners	\$ 601,128
County Manager	1,505,149
County Attorney	2,729,307
Communications Office	973,986
Board of Elections	5,111,817
Budget and Management Services	1,093,237
Facilities, Design, and Construction	1,552,387
Finance	2,804,133
Human Resources	2,676,739
Information Services	16,383,120
Register of Deeds	3,695,522
Revenue	8,894,738
Community Services	34,790,069
Environmental Services	12,257,038
General Services	28,413,612
Human Services	181,058,811
Behavioral Health	27,046,964
Emergency Medical Services	42,482,238
Fire Services	2,754,785
Emergency Communications	1,669,511
City-County Bureau of Identification	6,243,403
Sheriff	89,203,545
Quasi-Governmental	781,450
Non-departmental	
Health Benefits	9,576,000
Risk Management Cost of Claims	1,474,203
Public Agencies	2,277,456
Memberships	528,345
Non-departmental Services	1,193,299
Economic Development	490,000
Jail Alternative Programs	1,006,723
<u>Salary and Benefit Reserve</u>	<u>7,019,285</u>
Subtotal Non-departmental Services & Reserves	9,709,307
Reserve for Future Use	1,500,000
Education	
Wake County Public Schools (Section 4(A))	425,911,000
Wake Technical Community College	21,286,000

Transfers

Transfer to County Capital Projects Fund	29,919,000
Transfer to Schools Capital Projects	45,601,000
Transfer to Debt Service Fund (Ad Valorem)	196,473,000
Transfer to Debt Service Fund (Sales Tax)	43,315,000
<u>Interfund Transfer to Revaluation Reserve</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
Subtotal Transfers	316,308,000

TOTAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION	\$ 1,263,293,000
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Section 4: WCPSS APPROPRIATION. (A) Purpose and Function. The appropriation to the Wake County Public Schools System (WCPSS) is hereby allocated by purpose and function as defined by NCGS 115C-426 and as authorized by NCGS 115C-429(b). The Wake County Board of Education will notify the Board of Commissioners of amendments to the WCPSS budget. For amendments which would increase or decrease the amount of the County appropriation allocated to a purpose and function by more than fifteen percent (15%) of the adopted appropriation the WCPSS will notify the Board of Commissioners at a public meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

Instructional Services

Regular Instructional Services	\$ 139,217,693
Special Populations Services	35,364,768
Alternative Programs and Services	14,705,992
School Leadership Services	16,510,304
Co-Curricular Services	15,959,394
School-Based Support Services	15,936,757
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System-wide Support Services

Support and Developmental Services	9,162,505
Special Populations Support and Development Services	4,484,268
Alternative Programs and Services Support and Development Services	1,719,890
Technology Support Services	13,989,428
Operational Support Services (WCPSS Fund 02)	93,315,030
Operational Support Services (WCPSS Fund 04)	1,191,669
Operational Support Services (WCPSS Fund 08)	899,014
Financial and Human Resource Services	14,920,042
Accountability Services	2,593,026
System-wide Pupil Support Services	4,912,912
Policy, Leadership, and Public Relations Services	8,811,745
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Non-Programmed Charges

Payments to Other Governmental Units	32,216,563
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TOTAL WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS APPROPRIATION	\$ 425,911,000
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Section 5: RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK. There is hereby levied a tax at the rate shown below, per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2017, located within the Wake County portion of the Durham-Wake Counties Research Triangle Park Research and Production Service District for the raising of revenue for said district. The estimated total of valuation of property for the special district for the purpose of taxation is as follows:

	Assessed Value	Tax Rate
Research and Production Service District	\$ 1,938,092,000	6.29 cents

There is hereby appropriated to the Durham-Wake Counties Research Triangle Park Research and Production Service District from the net proceeds of this tax the amount for use by said district in such manner and for such expenditures as is permitted by law from the net proceeds of this tax, including a tax collection rate of two-tenths of one percent to be paid to Wake County for collecting the tax. The anticipated revenue from this tax rate is \$1,216,060. The actual net proceeds from the tax shall constitute the appropriation from said tax levy.

Section 6: AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATION. The County Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations within a Fund as contained herein under the following conditions:

- A) He may transfer amounts between appropriations within the same Fund. For transfers exceeding \$75,000 he shall make a report of the transfer to the Board of Commissioners at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board following the transfer.
- B) He may transfer amounts from the salary and benefits reserve to individual departmental appropriations following adoption of the budget in order to properly fund salary and benefit amounts within departments.

Section 7: AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS. The County Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute contractual documents under the following conditions:

- A) He may execute contracts for construction or repair projects that do not require formal competitive bid procedures.
- B) He may execute contracts for: (1) purchases of apparatus, supplies, and materials, or equipment which are within budgeted appropriations; (2) leases of personal property for a duration of one year or less and within departmental appropriations; (3) lease of personal property for more than 12 months if the annual expense is less than \$50,000; and (4) service contracts within appropriations or contracts for 12 months or less.
- C) He may execute grant agreements to or from governmental units and other public, private, and non-profit organizations that are within budgeted appropriations, unless a grantor requires approval and execution by the Board of Commissioners.
- D) He may execute contracts, as the lessor or lessee of buildings, land, equipment, vehicles, heavy equipment and other property provided that such leases are of one-year duration or less and that funds therefore are within budgeted appropriations.
- E) He may, within budgeted appropriations, approve all change orders and amendments to contracts previously approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Section 8: AUTHORITY TO SETTLE CLAIMS. The County Manager, or his designee, may authorize payment in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 in settlement of any liability claims against the County or against any of its officers or employees as provided by Resolution of May 20, 1985 and Resolutions of October 6, 2003. The County Manager shall make quarterly reports to the Board of Commissioners of any such payments.

Section 9: ENCUMBRANCES AT YEAR END. Operating funds encumbered by the County as of June 30, 2017 are hereby appropriated to this budget. Multiple year grants unexpended by the County as of June 30, 2017 are hereby appropriated to this budget.

Section 10: WHITE GOODS. Funds provided by the State of North Carolina for disposal of white goods that are not spent as of June 30, 2017, are designated for future year expenditures on white goods programs and are hereby appropriated to the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund budget.

Section 11: FEE CHANGES. As authorized in Section 153(A)-102 of the North Carolina General Statutes, the following fees are hereby established or amended, effective on July 1, 2017.

Name	Description	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Engineer Option Permit	Allows County to charge plan review fee for homeowners who contract a private engineer to draft septic system plans.	N/A	\$120
Ground Water Sample Testing Waiver	Ground Water Sample Testing Waiver for Wake County Residents Priority List Outreach. Temporary waiver for households identified during outreach events.	\$50	\$0
Food Service Plan Review Fee	Increase current Plan Review fee to maximum allowable by statute.	\$200	\$250
EMS Special Event Standby Ambulance Fee	The per hour fee for each EMS Ambulance and two employees used to provide standby medical service at a community event.	\$105	\$155
EMS Special Event Standby Bike/Cart Team Fee	The per hour fee for each EMS Bike Team (i.e. two EMS employees, EMS bikes, and medical equipment) or Cart Team (i.e. two EMS employees, patient transport cart, and medical equipment) used to provide standby medical service at a community event.	\$90	\$125
EMS Special Event Standby Venue Team Fee	The per hour fee for each EMS Venue Team (i.e. two EMS employees and medical equipment) used to provide standby medical service at a community event.	N/A	\$90
EMS Special Event Standby Single Responder Fee	The per hour fee for each Supervisor or single responder unit (i.e. one employee and medical/supervisory equipment) used to provide standby medical service at a community event.	\$50	\$70
Zoning Appeal	Fee to process Zoning Appeal Application. This type of appeal is when a property owner is appealing staff's interpretation of a zoning regulation and makes an appeal to the Board of Adjustment.	\$250	\$300

Name	Description	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Planned Compliance Permit Application	Application required by property owners in order to get a site back in compliance after a change in zoning for which that property owner requested rezoning.	\$375	\$800
Major Site Plan Review	Major site plan review is required when a there is a change in use on a site. The reduction in this fee is in order to better align with other cases that are administrative and not Board related.	\$800	\$500
Final Subdivision Review	Final Review on a Final Plat Subdivision Submittal is conducted for consistency with the Planning Board's preliminary plan approval, with the construction plat approval, compliance with all applicable standards of the Subdivision Ordinance, and with applicable recordation requirements.	\$300	\$600
Modification of a Previously Approved Rezoning	Application to request a modification that a zoning condition be removed after rezoning because of a modified use on the property.	\$750	\$1,000
Grave Removal	There is an application process to file petition for grave disinterment or removal which staff review and provide a written certificate of removal facts.	\$300	\$500
Traffic Impact Analysis	Required as part of any rezoning petition, Special Use Permit petition, or other application for a land use permit that would allow or proposes development expected to generate more added vehicle trips as specified in the UDO and is intended to help ensure that new development does not adversely affect the capacity of streets and intersections to safely and efficiently accommodate vehicular traffic.	\$1,000	\$1,500
Special Use Permit	Required when the "special use" in a particular zoning district is one that – because of its inherent nature, extent and external effects – generally is not appropriate in the district, but might be if subject to special standards and review that will ensure it is located, designed and operated in a manner that is in harmony with neighboring development.	\$375	\$800
Sign Permit	Required to place any publicly displayed information that's presented in the form of words, symbols and/or pictures and is designed to advertise your business. Sign permits provide legal permission to post such information.	\$50	\$100

Section 12: The County Manager shall distribute copies of this Budget Ordinance as appropriate.

ADOPTED the 19th day of June 2017.