

**Town of Creswell, North Carolina
BUDGET ORDINANCE
FISCAL YEAR
2023-2024**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the Town of Creswell, North Carolina:

Section 1: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund for the operation of the town government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this Town:

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

General government	\$ 144,968
Fire Department	8,000
Insect Control	800
Roads & Streets	8,000
Transportation	14,000
Contingency Appropriation	8,000
Future Expenditures (i.e. Reserve)	7,170
TOTAL	\$ 190,938

Section 2: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024:

GENERAL FUND REVENUE

Real Property Taxes	\$ 91,428
Motor Vehicle Taxes	11,900
Powell Bill Funds	8,100
Beer & Wine Tax	1,110
Local Option Sales Tax	52,790
Utility Franchise Tax	21,760
Sales Tax Refund	3,500
Other Revenues	350
TOTAL	\$ 190,938

Section 3: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Water and Sewer Fund for the operation of the water and sewer utilities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore approved for the Town:

Water Operations Department	\$ 116,892
Sewer Operations Department	215,039
Water and Sewer Maintenance Department	19,500
Debt Service	9,420
Contingency Appropriation	11,102
TOTAL	\$ 371,953

Section 4: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Water and Sewer Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024:

Water Usage Charges	\$ 145,914
Sewer Usage Charges	226,039
TOTAL	\$ 371,953

Section 5: There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of fifty cents (\$0.50) per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of property as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2023, for the purpose of raising the revenue listed "Current Year's Property Taxes" in the General Fund in Section 2 of this ordinance.

This rate is based on a total valuation of property for the purposes of taxation of \$21,268,727 and an estimated rate of collection of 90.50%.

Section 6: The Budget Officer is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations as contained herein under the following conditions:

- a. Transfers between line item expenditures within a department without limitation and without a report being required. These changes must not result in increases in recurring obligations such as salaries.
- b. Transfers up to \$1,000 between departments, including contingency appropriations, within the same fund. The budget officer must make an official report on such transfers at the next regular meeting of the Governing Board.
- c. All transfer between funds require prior approved by the Governing Board in an amendment to the Budget Ordinance.

Section 7: The Budget Officer may make cash advances between funds for periods not to exceed 60 days without reporting to the Governing Board. Any advances that extend beyond 60 days must be approved by the Board. All advances that will be outstanding at the end of the fiscal year must be approved by the Board.

Section 8: Copies of this Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to the Governing Board and to the Budget and Finance Officer to be kept on file by them for their direction in the disbursement of funds.

Adopted this 21st day of June, 2023.



Edwin Ray Blount
Mayor



Penny Chapman
Finance Officer



**Town of Creswell
Schedule of Fees
Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

**Effective July 1, 2023
WATER & SEWER RATES
(INSIDE TOWN LIMITS)**

Water Base Rate	\$19.10
Commercial Water Base Rate	
2" meter	\$52.00
1" meter	\$32.90
Residential Water Rates	0-5,000 - \$12.25 (per 1,000 gallons) 5,001-10,000 - \$12.75 per additional 1,000 gallons 10,001-15,000 - \$13.25 per additional 1,000 gallons 15,001 and above - \$13.75 per additional 1,000 gallons
Sewer Base Rate	\$28.95
Residential Sewer Rates	\$7.45 per 1,000 gallons
Tyrrell County Sewer Rates	\$17.90 Base Rate \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons

**WATER & SEWER RATES
(OUTSIDE TOWN LIMITS)**

Water Base Rate	\$25.07
Residential Water Rates	0-5,000 - \$12.25 (per 1,000 gallons) 5,001-10,000 - \$12.75 per additional 1,000 gallons 10,001-15,000 - \$13.25 per additional 1,000 gallons 15,001 and above - \$13.75 per additional 1,000 gallons
Sewer Base Rate	\$37.99
Residential Sewer Rates	\$7.45 per 1,000 gallons

OTHER WATER AND SEWER CHARGES AND FEES:

<u>Reconnection Charge</u>	
Charge for reconnection of water/sewer service after Disconnection due to nonpayment	\$35
<u>Late Fee</u>	
Late fee (will charged on accounts with unpaid balances beyond the 15 th of the month)	\$5
<u>NSF Fee</u>	
After customer has been charged an NSF fee two times, the town will no longer accept checks from that customer.	\$25
<u>Water and Sewer Deposit/Cut-on fee</u>	
W/S Deposit (refundable once account is closed)	\$200
W/S Cut-on fee (one-time fee, non-refundable)	\$35
<u>Meter Tampering</u>	
Meter tampering (any misuse of meter by customer)	\$150 plus criminal charges
<u>Mowing</u>	
Charge for violation of town ordinance of weed and refuse control	\$150