

THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE IS July 1, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-03-003

RE: Annual Budget and Appropriations Ordinance of Frederick County, Maryland

The County Council of Frederick, County, Maryland, has determined to adopt the Budget for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, as provided in the Frederick County Charter and Frederick County Code, Sections 2-7-46 through 2-7-49. The Budget consists of the FY2026 Operating Budget, the FY2026 Capital Budget, the FY2026-2031 Capital Improvement Program, and the budget message (as these terms are defined in Section 104 of the County Charter).

A duly advertised public hearing on the proposed FY2026 Budget was held on April 22, 2025. The public had an opportunity to comment on the proposed FY2026 Budget at the public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND:

1. FY 2026 Budget Adopted. The Budget for FY2026 as shown on the attached Exhibit A is hereby adopted. The County Council made no decreases or deletions to the FY2026 County Executive Proposed Budget.
2. Fund Allocations Authorized. This Ordinance authorizes the Budget Director to make the allocation of adopted budget appropriations specifically to provide funding to the:
 - Trust Fund for Employee Pensions
 - Trust Fund for Other Post-Employment Benefits
 - Trust Fund for Length of Service Awards Program; and,

- Debt Service Fund.

3. Allocations to Internal Service Funds Authorized. This Ordinance hereby authorizes the Budget Director to make an allocation of an appropriation from a Capital Project or a Department to an appropriation for an Internal Services Fund to allow for mass purchasing and administrative efficiency of those goods and services the Internal Service Funds are created to achieve. The Internal Services Funds are: Fleet Services, Voice Services, Risk Management Insurance, and FCG Health Insurance.
4. Appropriations from Specific Contingencies to Departments or Agencies Authorized. This Ordinance hereby authorizes the Budget Director to make an allocation from specific contingencies to department and agencies to facilitate improved control and reporting. The specific contingencies are Severe Weather and Fuel.
5. Appropriations from Capital Projects to Sub-Projects Authorized. This Ordinance hereby authorizes the Budget Director to make an allocation of appropriations from Capital Projects to Sub-Projects to facilitate improved control, reporting and project management.
6. Certain Grant Appropriation Increases Authorized. Appropriations for expenditures are made contingent on the award of grant funds. In the event that actually awarded grant, other County sub-grants, or third-party funds are up to \$35,000 greater than the appropriation, then the Budget Director is authorized to automatically increase the appropriation based on the actual award and if matching funds are required the Budget Director is authorized to transfer funds from other approved appropriations. Grants not specified and included in the adopted Operating or Capital Budget or previously approved by the Council in the form of a Budget Journal shall continue to be considered Supplemental Appropriations subject to County Executive and County Council approval

as provided in the Charter. In the event that a grant crosses fiscal years and does not have the necessary appropriations for approved salary and benefit increases, the Budget Director is authorized to automatically increase the appropriation from other unspent general fund match contributions.

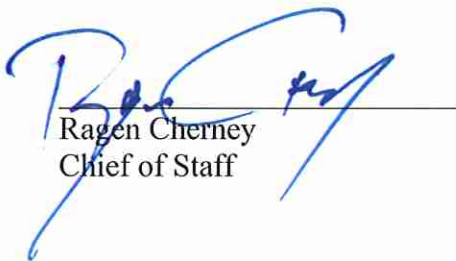
7. FY2025 Budget Encumbered But Unexpended Appropriations Rolled Over. This Ordinance hereby re-appropriates (rolls over) the encumbered but unexpended appropriations from the FY2025 Budget to the FY2026 Budget. The encumbrance must be recorded in the County's financial system of record by June 30, 2025, and must be expended by June 30, 2026.
8. Appropriation of FY2025 General Fund Unaudited Fund Balance. This Ordinance hereby reserves \$7,620,533 of the FY2025 General Fund unaudited fund balance and appropriates this sum in FY2026 for the one-time expenditures listed below:
 - a. Funding to the Fleet Fund for replacement of certain Sheriff vehicles, \$166,476
 - b. Funding to the Fleet Fund for replacement of bookmobile vehicle for Frederick County Libraries, \$184,000
 - c. Funding to the Housing Initiatives Fund, \$1,500,000
 - d. Funding to the Health Insurance Fund, \$1,870,057
 - e. Funding to the Capital Improvement Fund for technology in the classroom (Board of Education), \$400,000
 - f. Funding to the Capital Improvement Fund for property due diligence, \$2,500,000
 - g. Contribution to the Other Post Employment Benefit Trust Fund for the Board of Education, \$1,000,000

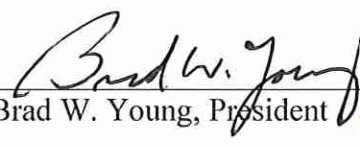
9. Accounting Changes and Technical Corrections Authorized. The Budget Director is authorized to change the adopted budget to reflect accounting changes and to make technical corrections to the budget so long as the total impact of any such alteration does not change the total appropriated operating budget and total capital budget, identified in Exhibit A.
10. Effective Date. This Annual Budget and Appropriations Ordinance of Frederick County, Maryland shall be effective for Fiscal Year 2026 beginning on July 1, 2025, and ending on June 30, 2026.

The undersigned certifies that this Annual Budget and Appropriations Ordinance of Frederick County, Maryland was approved and adopted on the 20th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST

COUNTY COUNCIL OF
FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND


Ragen Cherney
Chief of Staff

By: 
Brad W. Young, President 