



**TOWN OF RIVER BEND
BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 24-B-04
FISCAL YEAR 2024 - 2025**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of River Bend, North Carolina that the 2024-2025 Budget Ordinance as last amended on December 5, 2024, be amended as follows:

Summary

General Fund	2,455,307
General Capital Reserve Fund	89,007
Law Enforcement Separation Allowance Fund	515
Water Fund	731,736
Water Capital Reserve Fund	20,215
Sewer Fund	724,636
Sewer Capital Reserve Fund	25,250
Total	<hr/> 4,046,666

Section 1. **General Fund**

Anticipated Revenues

AD VALOREM Taxes 2024-2025	980,165
AD VALOREM Tax-Motor Vehicle	104,400
Animal Licenses	1,500
Sales Tax 1% Article 39	205,910
Sales Tax 1/2% Article 40	121,885
Sales Tax 1/2% Article 42	102,881
Sales Tax Article 44	14,636
Sales Tax Hold Harmless Distribution	112,233
Solid Waste Disposal Tax	2,200
Powell Bill Allocation	101,000
Beer and Wine Tax	13,225
Video Programming Sales Tax	47,041
Utilities Franchise Tax	116,156
Telecommunications Sales Tax	6,779
Court Refunds	500
Zoning Permits	7,000
Federal Grant	23,364
Miscellaneous	15,000
Interest- Powell Bill Investments	50
Interest-General Fund Investments	44,533
Contributions	900
Wildwood Storage Rents	18,144
Rents & Concessions	18,000
Sale of Fixed Assets	0
Transfer From Capital Reserve Fund	72,650
Appropriated Fund Balance	325,155
Total	<hr/> 2,455,307

**24-B-04
CHANGES**

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Section 1. General Fund (continued)

		24-B-04 CHANGES
Authorized Expenditures		
Governing Body	69,500	
Administration (salaries and benefits)	333,200	2,000
Finance (salaries and benefits)	150,172	1,200
Tax Listing	14,700	
Legal Services (transfer to other depts.)	36,225	(12,775)
Elections	600	
Police	867,795	
Public Buildings	84,500	
Emergency Services	5,800	
Animal Control (salaries and benefits)	23,505	950
Street Maintenance (salaries and benefits)	248,760	2,375
Public Works (salaries and benefits)	222,063	3,325
Leaf & Limb and Solid Waste (fees for remainder of fiscal year)	97,075	9,575
Stormwater Management (transfer to other depts.)	49,956	(8,075)
Wetlands and Waterways	2,900	
Planning & Zoning	60,000	
Recreation & Special Events	11,000	
Parks & Community Appearance (salaries and benefits)	67,756	1,425
Contingency	23,043	
Transfer To General Capital Reserve Fund	86,757	
Transfer To L.E.S.A. Fund	0	
Total	2,455,307	0

Section 2. General Capital Reserve Fund

Anticipated Revenues		
Contributions from General Fund	86,757	
Interest Revenue	2,250	
Total	89,007	
Authorized Expenditures		
Transfer to General Fund	72,650	
Future Procurement	16,357	
	89,007	

Section 3. Law Enforcement Separation Allowance Fund

Anticipated Revenues:		
Contributions from General Fund	0	
Interest Revenue	515	
Total	515	
Authorized Expenditures:		
Separation Allowance	0	
Future LEOSSA Payments	515	
Total	515	

Section 4. Water Fund

		24-B-04 CHANGES
Anticipated Revenues		
Utility Usage Charges, Classes 1 & 2	202,039	
Utility Usage Charges, Classes 3 & 4	19,024	
Utility Usage Charges, Class 5	11,651	
Utility Usage Charges, Class 8	5,326	
Utility Customer Base Charges	280,228	
Hydrant Availability Fee	19,215	
Taps & Connections Fees (recognize revenue earned)	4,050	2,800
Nonpayment Fees	10,500	
Late payment Fees	7,774	
Interest Revenue (recognize revenue earned)	16,790	12,530
Sale of Capital Asset	0	
Appropriated Fund Balance	155,139	
Total	731,736	15,330
Authorized Expenditures		
Administration & Finance [1] (salaries and benefits & correct labor alloc)	510,948	15,330
Operations and Maintenance	200,788	
Transfer To Fund Balance for Capital Outlay	0	
Transfer To Water Capital Reserve Fund	20,000	
Total	731,736	15,330
[1] Portion of department for bond debt service:		134,691

Section 5. Water Capital Reserve Fund

Anticipated Revenues		
Contributions From Water Operations Fund	20,000	
Interest Revenue	215	
Total	20,215	
Authorized Expenditures		
Future Expansion & Debt Service	20,215	

Section 6. Sewer Fund

Anticipated Revenues:

		24-B-04 CHANGES
Utility Usage Charges, Classes 1 & 2	260,280	
Utility Usage Charges, Classes 3 & 4	40,743	
Utility Usage Charges, Class 5	25,677	
Utility Usage Charges, Class 8	10,825	
Utility Customer Base Charges	297,179	
Taps & Connection Fees	1,250	
Late payment Fees	8,251	
Interest Revenue <i>(recognize revenue earned)</i>	21,990	13,230
Sale of Capital Asset	0	
Appropriated Fund Balance	58,441	
Total	724,636	13,230

Authorized Expenditures:

Administration & Finance [2] <i>(salaries and benefits & correct labor alloc)</i>	503,848	13,230
Operations and Maintenance	190,788	
Transfer to Fund Balance for Capital Outlay	0	
Transfer to Sewer Capital Reserve Fund	25,000	
Transfer to Sewer AIA Grant Project	5,000	
Total	724,636	13,230

[2] Portion of department for bond debt service: 116,309

Section 7. Sewer Capital Reserve

Anticipated Revenues:

Contributions From Sewer Operations Fund	25,000
Interest Revenue	250
Total	25,250

Authorized Expenditures:

Future Expansion & Debt Service	25,250
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Section 8. **Levy of Taxes**

There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of twenty-four cents (\$0.24) per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of property as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2024, for the purpose of raising the revenue listed as "Ad Valorem Taxes 2024-2025" in the General Fund Section 1 of this ordinance. This rate is based on a valuation of \$410,950,000 for purposes of taxation of real and personal property with an estimated rate of collection of 99.38%. The estimated collection rate is based on the fiscal year 2022-2023 collection rate of 99.38% by Craven County who has been contracted to collect real and personal property taxes for the Town of River Bend. Also included is a valuation of \$43,500,000 for purposes of taxation of motor vehicles with a collection rate of 100% by the North Carolina Vehicle Tax System.

Section 9. **Fees and Charges**

There is hereby established, for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, various fees and charges as contained in Attachment A of this document.

Section 10. **Special Authorization of the Budget Officer**

- A. The Budget Officer shall be authorized to reallocate any appropriations within departments.
- B. The Budget Officer shall be authorized to execute interfund and interdepartmental transfers in emergency situations. Notification of all such transfers shall be made to the Town Council at its next meeting following the transfer.
- C. The Budget Officer shall be authorized to execute interdepartmental transfers in the same fund, including contingency appropriations, not to exceed \$5,000. Notification of all such transfers shall be made to the Town Council at its next meeting following the transfer.

Section 11. **Classification and Pay Plan**

Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for all Town employees shall be 3.7% and shall begin the first payroll in the new fiscal year. The Town Manager is hereby authorized to grant merit increases to Town employees, when earned, per the approved Pay Plan.

Section 12. **Utilization of the Budget Ordinance**

This ordinance shall be the basis of the financial plan for the Town of River Bend municipal government during the 2024-2025 fiscal year. The Budget Officer shall administer the Annual Operating Budget and shall ensure the operating staff and officials are provided with guidance and sufficient details to implement their appropriate portion of the budget.

Section 13. **Copies of this Budget Ordinance**

Copies of this Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to the Clerk, Town Council, Budget Officer and Finance Officer to be kept on file by them for their direction in the disbursement of funds.

Adopted this 15th day of May, 2025.

Mark Bledsoe, Mayor

Attest:

Kristie J. Nobles, Town Clerk, MMC, NCCMC