



TOWN OF RIVER BEND

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**RIVER BEND TOWN COUNCIL
PROPOSED AGENDA
June 18, 2026
River Bend Town Hall – 45 Shoreline Drive
5:00 p.m.**

Pledge: Weaver

1. Call to Order (Mayor Bledsoe Presiding)
2. Invocation / Pledge
3. Recognition of New Residents
4. Additions/Deletions to Agenda
5. Addresses to the Council - NONE
6. Public Comment

The public comment period is set aside for members of the public to offer comments to the Council. It is the time for the Council to listen to the public. It is not a Question & Answer session between the public and the Council or Staff. All comments will be directed to the Council. Each speaker may speak for up to 3 minutes. A member of staff will serve as timekeeper. A sign-up sheet is posted by the meeting room door and will be collected prior to the start of the Public Comment Period. Speakers will be called on by the Clerk in the order that they signed up. In order to provide for the maintenance of order and decorum, the Council has adopted a policy for this section of the meeting. A copy of the policy is posted by the door for your review. Please follow the policy. If you have a specific question for staff, you are encouraged to contact the Town Manager or the appropriate Department Head at another time.

7. Public Hearings - NONE
8. Consent Agenda

All items listed under this section are considered routine by the Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

A. Approve:

*Minutes of May 14, 2026 Work Council Meeting
Minutes of May 21, 2026 Regular Council Meeting*

9. Town Manager's Report – Delane Jackson
FY26-27 Budget Summary

Activity Reports

- A. *Monthly Police Report* by Chief Joll
- B. *Monthly Water Resources Report* from Director of Public Works Mills
- C. *Monthly Work Order Report* from Director of Public Works Mills
- D. *Monthly Zoning Report* from Assistant Zoning Administrator McCollum

Administrative Reports:

10. Finance – Councilman Leonard
 - A. Financial Report - Finance Director
 - B. **VOTE** – FY26-27 Proposed Budget Ordinance
 - C. **VOTE** – Wastewater Treatment Plant Capital Project Fund Ordinance

11. CAC – Councilwoman Benton
 - A. CAC Report
 - B. **VOTE** – Advisory Board Reappointments

12. Environment & Waterways – Councilman Leonard
 - A. **VOTE** – FY26-27 Leaf & Limb Schedule
 - B. **VOTE** – Advisory Board Reappointments

13. Planning Board – Councilman Sheffield
 - A. **VOTE** – Advisory Board Reappointments

14. Board of Adjustment – Councilman Sheffield
 - A. **VOTE** – Advisory Board Reappointments

15. Public Safety – Councilwoman Noonan
 - A. Community Watch

16. Parks & Recreation – Councilman Weaver
 - A. Parks and Rec Report
 - B. Organic Garden Report
 - C. **VOTE** – Advisory Board Reappointments

17. CLOSED SESSION - NCGS§143-318.11(a)(3)

18. Adjournment

**River Bend Town Council
Work Session Minutes
May 14, 2026
Town Hall
5:00 p.m.**

Present Council Members: Mayor Mark Bledsoe
Buddy Sheffield
Lisa Benton
Brian Leonard
Kathy Noonan
Jeff Weaver

Town Manager: Delane Jackson
Finance Director: Mandy Gilbert
Town Clerk: Kristie Nobles
Police Chief: Sean Joll
Town Attorney: Trey Ferguson

Members of the Public Present: 4

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bledsoe called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at the River Bend Town Hall with a quorum present.

VOTE – Addition to the Agenda

Councilman Leonard motioned to amend the agenda by adding Closed Session NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(6) as item #8. The motion carried unanimously.

VOTE – Approval of Agenda

Councilman Leonard motioned to accept the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion – Water / Sewer AIA

The Town Manager introduced Gary Flowers with Municipal Engineering. Mr. Flowers presented a PowerPoint on the recently completed Water and Sewer AIA (Asset Inventory and Assessment) grants.

Discussion – Stormwater AIA

The Town Manager introduced Bobby Blow with Municipal Engineering. Mr. Blowe presented a PowerPoint on the recently completed Stormwater AIA (Asset Inventory and Assessment) grant.

Discussion – Town Ordinance, 7.01.003 Recommendation

Chief Joll stated that he recommends amending the town ordinance 7.01.003 to follow the North Carolina General Statute regarding unlicensed motor vehicle operation prohibition. The Town Manager stated that he would have the proposed ordinance amendment ready for the next meeting.

Discussion – Town Ordinance, 9.01 Animals Recommendation

The Town Manager stated that he has worked with the town attorney to amend the town's ordinance 9.01 to address dog attacks and vicious animals. Councilman Weaver stated that he would like for item #3 in the dangerous animal definition removed regarding animals that have been trained in attack methods. The Council agreed to have the language removed. There was

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a brief discussion about the “warning sign” that the town will provide indicating that a vicious animal is kept at that residence. It was agreed that the town would provide those signs when an animal is deemed vicious. The Town Manager stated that he would have the ordinance amendment ready for the next meeting.

Discussion – Surplus Real Property

The Town Manager stated that the town did not receive any bids for the property located at 111 Starboard and the town will retain ownership of the property.

REVIEW – Agenda for the May 21, 2026, Council Meeting

The Council reviewed the agenda for the May 21, 2026, Council Meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Councilwoman Benton motioned to go into Closed Session under NCSG §143-318.11(a)(6). The Council entered Closed Session at 6:04 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Councilwoman Benton motioned to return to Open Session at 6:48 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS

There being no further business, *Councilman Weaver moved to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Kristie J. Nobles, MMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk

**River Bend Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2026
Town Hall
5:00 p.m.**

Present Council Members: Mayor Mark Bledsoe
Buddy Sheffield
Lisa Benton
Brian Leonard
Kathy Noonan
Jeff Weaver

Town Manager: Delane Jackson
Finance Director: Mandy Gilbert
Police Chief: Sean Joll
Town Clerk: Kristie Nobles
Town Attorney: Trey Ferguson

Members of the Public Present: 16

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bledsoe called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at the River Bend Town Hall with a quorum present, followed by invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF NEW RESIDENTS

None

VOTE – Addition to the Agenda

Councilman Leonard motioned to amend the agenda by adding Resolution Protecting Municipal Property Tax Authority as item 12b. The motion carried unanimously.

VOTE – Approval of Agenda

Councilman Leonard motioned to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

James Crozier - 33 Pier Point - thanked the town for locating the blow off near his residence and stated that for the first time he has clean water at his home. He spoke in opposition of a property tax increase and stated that he supports Councilwoman Benton's letter posted online.

Jeff Meyer - 266 Shoreline Drive – he stated that he has lived in River Bend for two years and that he is opposed to a tax increase.

James Myers - 111 Portside Drive - he thanked Councilman Benton for posting her letter. He stated he opposes a tax increase and asked what the increase is for. He also asked what the council discretionary line in the budget is for.

Chris Barta - 404 Gatewood Drive - he stated that he opposes a tax increase.

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Sandra Barta - 404 Gatewood Drive - she stated that she opposes a tax increase.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

The Mayor presented the Council with the Consent Agenda. *Councilman Leonard moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.* Within this motion, the following items were approved:

A. Approve:

*Minutes of April 9, 2026 Work Council Meeting
Minutes of April 16, 2026 Regular Council Meeting
Minutes of April 28, 2026 Budget Workshop Meeting
Minutes of April 30, 2026 Budget Workshop Meeting
Minutes of May, 11, 2026 Budget Workshop Meeting
Minutes of May 14, 2026 Budget Workshop Meeting*

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Manager gave the following updates:

- Advertisement has begun for bids for the test wells.
- The permit for a change in the town's water treatment permit is under review by the state.
- The FY26-27 Budget Public Hearing will be on June 11, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. during the Council work session. He stated that the Council would vote on the proposed budget on June 18, 2026.

PRESENTATION OF DRAFT FY26-27 BUDGET MESSAGE AND ORDINANCE

The Manager provided the Council with a copy of the Draft Budget Message and Ordinance. He stated it would be released to the public next week. He then reviewed the document and pointed out several pages of the pertinent data and statistics.

Councilwoman Benton expressed concern with the budget numbers presented when comparing the Town of River Bend against town's that do not provide water services.

Chief Joll stated that it is the season for newborn fawns in the area. He asked that residents do not touch or move the fawns, because typically the mother is nearby. He also stated that the warm weather brings out foxes who can have mange and asked that they be left alone.

Councilwoman Benton thanked Officer LaVan for the help he provided to a resident during an emergency situation.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilwoman Noonan

Councilwoman Noonan stated that the following ordinances were discussed at the previous council meeting.

VOTE – Proposed Amendment to Chapter 7.01.003 of the Town's Ordinance

Councilwoman Noonan motioned to approve the Amendment to Chapter 7.01.003 of the Town's Ordinance as presented. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

VOTE – Proposed Amendment to Chapter 9.01 of the Town's Ordinance

Councilwoman Noonan motioned to approve the Amendment to Chapter 9.01 of the Town's Ordinance as presented. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

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PARKS & RECREATION – Councilman Weaver

Councilman Weaver gave the following updates:

- The Jewelry Workshop was extremely popular; every seat was filled and participants requested more of this type of workshop in the future.
- The Fun Run last Saturday included more kids and will be planned again next year.
- Yin Yoga is this Saturday at 10 AM. The class, just like all P&R events, is free.
- Deadline to register for the Caregivers Class run by the Senior Center at our Community Building is June 1.
- P&R has a short, four-question survey to determine what free digital classes will be offered by ECU. You can go to the Town's Website; the first header will direct you to the survey.
- Plans for a Movie Night on Friday, June 12 at the River Bend Country Club are underway.
- There will also be a Bingo Night on Friday, June 19 with a Food Truck.
- Keep up with P&R on their Facebook page.

RIVER BEND COMMUNITY ORGANIC GARDEN

Councilman Weaver gave the following report:

April was a busy month. Gardeners worked 306 hours in April. The Plant Sale was successful. The Swap-a-Plant space is open. Notices have been posted on social media. The next meeting is scheduled for June 1 at 1:30 pm. Guests are always welcome at the meetings and in the garden.

VOTE – Dog Park Rules

Councilman Weaver stated that the proposed Dog Park Rules were discussed at the previous council meeting.

Councilman Weaver motioned to approve the Dog Park Rules as presented. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

FINANCE – Councilman Leonard

Financial Report – Finance Director, Mandy Gilbert, presented the financial statement for the month of April to the Council. She stated the total of the Town's Cash and Investments as of April 30, 2026, were \$3,069,192 and Ad Valorem Tax Collections for FY25-26 were \$1,134,110 and Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Collections were \$99,436.

VOTE – Resolution Protecting Municipal Property Tax Authority

The Town Manager stated that legislation is currently moving forward, which would restrict town's ability to set their tax rates. He stated that the presented resolution is in opposition of those proposed restrictions. He stated that if the Council approves the resolution, it will be sent to the town's delegation in Raleigh to state the town's official opposition.

Councilman Leonard motioned to approve the Resolution Protecting Municipal Property Tax Authority as presented. The motion passed with 4 ayes and 1 nay with Councilman Sheffield voting nay. (see attached)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, *Councilman Weaver moved to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.* The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Kristie J. Nobles, MMC
Town Clerk

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF RIVER BEND

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of River Bend that the Town Code of Ordinances, Title VII, Traffic Code, Chapter 7.01, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Section 7.01.003, Unlicensed Motor Vehicle Operation Prohibited be amended as follows:

§ 7.01.003 UNLICENSED MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATION PROHIBITED.


- A. No unlicensed motorized vehicle except mopeds (as described in General Statutes) and motorized wheelchairs or similar vehicles not exceeding 1,000 pounds gross weight, may be operated on the streets or highways of the town.

- B. All unlicensed motor vehicles operated on the streets or highways of the town, shall be operated in accordance with chapter 20 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

Adopted this the 21st day of May, 2026



 Mark Bledsoe, Mayor

ATTEST:


 Kristie J. Nobles, Town Clerk



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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF RIVER BEND

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of River Bend that the Town Code of Ordinances, Title IX, General Regulations, Chapter 9.01 Animals, be amended as follows:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 9.01.001 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

ANIMAL. Any live vertebrate creature.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER. The animal control officer shall be the Chief of Police, or his or her designee, and shall be responsible for enforcement of this chapter. The animal control officer shall be an "authorized representative of the town" as provided in chapter.

DANGEROUS ANIMAL.

- (1) One which, when unprovoked, engages in any behavior that requires a defensive action by any person to prevent bodily injury when the person and the animal are off the property of the owner or keeper; or
- (2) One which, when unprovoked, bites a person causing injury less severe than that defined as a "severe injury"; or
- (3) One which has been trained or is kept primarily or in part for the purpose of fighting, or any animal trained for fighting; or
- (4) Any animal which, when off the property of its owner or keeper, has killed, seriously bitten, inflicted injury or otherwise caused injury by attacking a domestic animal when unprovoked.

DOMESTIC ANIMAL.

- (1) An animal that typically is found in a domesticated or tame state and usually is kept as a pet.
- (2) This definition includes but is not limited to dogs and cats.

EQUINE. Any horse, pony, mule, donkey, or hinny.

Added 02/18/21; Ref: 2021-ORD-01

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LIVESTOCK.

- (1) An animal that typically is kept principally for productive or useful purposes, rather than as a pet.
- (2) The definition includes but is not limited to horses, cows, pigs, goats, sheep, mules and chickens.
- (3) Equine animals may be kept within the corporate boundaries of the town in compliance with § 9.01.017 herein.

Amended 02/18/21; Ref: 2021-ORD-01

POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ANIMAL. Any animal which causes any person being chased or approached to reasonably believe that the animal will cause physical harm to the person when off the property of the owner or keeper.

SEVERE INJURY. Any physical injury to a human being that results in muscle tears, disfiguring lacerations, multiple sutures, corrective surgery, cosmetic surgery, broken bones or hospitalization; either individually or in any combination thereof.

RUNS AT LARGE.

- (1) An animal runs at large when it is off the premises of the owner and is not under the immediate and effective constraint of the owner or other competent person in charge of the animal.
- (2) The term **IMMEDIATE AND EFFECTIVE CONTROL** means that the animal is sufficiently restrained by use of a leash that constrains the animal to the close proximity of the owner or other competent person and to override the animal's ability to depart therefrom.

VICIOUS ANIMAL. Any animal which, when unprovoked, inflicts severe injury on a human being; provided, however, that the phrase vicious animal shall not apply to the following:

- (1) Any dog or other animal that has bitten, attacked or attempted to attack only persons unlawfully on its owner's premises for the purpose of committing a crime;
- (2) Any dog or other animal which has bitten, attacked or attempted to attack only when provoked by physically abusive or inhumane treatment; or
- (3) Any dog that inflicts an injury upon a human who is injured while attempting to break apart two or more dogs engaged in a dogfight; provided that the injury to the human is less severe than that defined as a "severe injury."

WILD ANIMAL. An animal that typically is found in a non-domesticated state and that poses or reasonably appears to pose a potential danger to persons, other animals, or property.

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(Prior Code, Ch. 6, Art. I)

§ 9.01.002 INTERFERENCE WITH ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER.

- A. No person may obstruct, interfere with, hinder or molest the animal control officer in the lawful performance of any duty authorized by this chapter.
- B. No person may release or attempt to release any animal that is in the custody of the animal control officer.

(Prior Code, Ch. 6, Art. VI) Penalty, see § 1.01.999

§ 9.01.003 ANIMAL FECES.

It will be unlawful for any person within the town to fail or neglect to remove immediately any animal feces deposited on public or private property without the consent of the owner of the property, by an animal in the care, charge, control or custody of the person, or owned, possessed or harbored by the person.

(Prior Code, Ch. 6, Art. VI) Penalty, see § 1.01.999

**REGULATION AND
CONTROL**

§ 9.01.015 RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED.

- A. No person owning or having possession, charge, custody or control of any animal shall cause, permit or allow the animal to stray or in any manner to run at large upon any public street, sidewalk or other public property or to stray, run at large or otherwise trespass upon the private property of another.
- B. Except as otherwise allowed by federal or state law, no person shall trap or capture, or attempt to trap or capture, any domesticated animal, livestock or wild animal that runs at large. The prohibition contained herein shall not apply to the animal control officer, or any other federal, state or local official or employee acting under the authority of his position.
- C. A violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall be penalized as provided in §1.01.999

(Prior Code, Ch. 6, Art. II) Penalty, see § 1.01.999

§ 9.01.016 ANIMALS CREATING A NUISANCE.

No person may allow or have any animal within the town that:

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- A. Habitually or repeatedly, without provocation, chases, snaps at, or attacks pedestrians, bicyclists or vehicles;
- B. Causes serious annoyance to neighboring residents and interferes with the reasonable use and enjoyment of their property by habitual barking, howling, whining or meowing;
- C. Repeatedly pilfers or turns over garbage or waste receptacles, damages gardens, flowers, shrubs or vegetables;
- D. Habitually trespasses upon neighboring properties and carries off articles or objects not belonging to the animal's owner; or
- E. Repeatedly defecates on public or private property other than that of the owner, without the owner or other competent person in charge of the animal removing any animal feces immediately, and disposing of it in a safe and sanitary manner.

(Prior Code, Ch. 6, Art. II) Penalty, see § 1.01.999

§ 9.01.017 PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN ANIMALS.

No person may have or keep within the corporate boundaries of the town any livestock or wild animals, except:

- A. Livestock or wild animals possessed or kept in conformance with a federal, state or local program designed to protect and promote the public health, safety and welfare, but only if the program has been approved by the Town Council.
- B. Equine animals kept on any parcel of land within the corporate boundaries of the town provided that the parcel is a minimum size of 8 acres, and provided that the parcel provides adequate size to meet any setback requirements herein. No more than 1 equine animal per 2 acres shall be allowed on any parcel.

Amended 02/18/2021; Ref: 2021-ORD-01

(Prior Code, Ch. 6, Art. II) Penalty, see § 1.01.999

§ 9.01.018 POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS, DANGEROUS, AND VICIOUS ANIMALS.

A. *Vicious animals.* Any owner of a vicious animal must keep such animal confined at all times while on the owner's premises. Any vicious animal beyond the premises of its owner must be securely muzzled and restrained by a leash no longer than six feet in length and under the physical restraint of an individual at least 18 years of age. The muzzle shall be made in a manner that will not cause injury to the animal or interfere with its vision or respiration, but shall prevent such animal from biting any human or other animal. Further, the owner of a vicious animal shall comply with the following provisions within 30 days after any determination or decision that the animal is a vicious animal, which determination or decision either is not appealed within the period provided in §9.01.063 or is not subject to further appeal:

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1. The owner shall display in a prominent place on the owner's premises clearly visible warning signs as the town shall determine are necessary in its sole discretion, which shall be provided by the town, indicating that there is a vicious animal on the premises. The same warning sign must be posted on the enclosure in which such animal is confined.
2. The owner shall provide to the town clerk proof of public liability insurance in the amount of at least \$500,000.00 insuring the owner for any personal injuries inflicted by the vicious animal and such insurance policy shall name the town as an additional insured. Proof of such insurance shall be provided to the town annually for so long as the vicious animal remains in the owner's custody or more frequently upon request from the town.

B. *Potentially dangerous animals and dangerous animals.* Any owner of a potentially dangerous animal or dangerous animal must ensure that said animal is kept within the confines of the owner's yard. Any potentially dangerous animal or dangerous animal beyond the premises of its owner must be securely restrained by a leash no longer than six (6) feet in length and under the physical restraint of a person.

§ 9.01.019 LOCATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ANIMAL PENS AND ENCLOSURES.

Lots, pens, coops, stables and other enclosures where animals are kept or fed shall not be allowed in any front yard and shall be located at a distance from dwellings and places of concentrated human activity and at a distance from sources of water or food supply or food preparation as may be necessary to protect the public health.

- A. All stables used for the keeping of equine animals, shall be kept a minimum of 50 feet from all property lines and 50 feet from any residential building.

Amended 02/18/21; Ref: 2021-ORD-01

(Prior Code, Ch. 6, Art. II) Penalty, see § 1.01.999

§ 9.01.020 BIRD SANCTUARY CREATED.

The territory within the corporate limits of the town is hereby declared a bird sanctuary in accordance with the authority conferred upon the municipality by North Carolina General Statutes.

(Prior Code, Ch. 6, Art. II) Penalty, see § 1.01.999

§ 9.01.021 LICENSE AND REGISTRATION FEE AND TAG.

- A. No dog or cat shall be owned, kept, harbored, maintained or cared for within the corporate limits of the town unless it first is licensed and registered with the town pursuant to this subchapter and, at all times, has attached the license tag issued by the town as proof thereof. Person registering dog or cat must be a minimum of 16 years of age. The dog or cat must also have attached proof of current rabies vaccination. If no rabies vaccination is due to being under 4 months of age, proof of age must be presented, either by written record or statement from a veterinarian.

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- B. A license and registration fee shall be charged by the town for each dog and cat licensed effective with the issuance of the 1999 animal tags.
- C. Animal licenses hereunder shall be issued on an annual basis, being valid for the period from the March 1 of a given year through March 31 of the following year. The license and registration fee provided in division (B) above shall be the same regardless of the date during the year that the license is issued. The owner or person registering the animal must present proof of current rabies vaccination when applying for the license.

(Prior Code, Ch. 6, Art. II) Penalty, see § 1.01.999

RABIES

§ 9.01.035 QUARANTINE OF ANIMALS SUSPECTED OF HAVING RABIES.

- A. Every animal that has bitten any person or other animal or that shows symptoms of rabies shall be securely confined for a period of at least 10 days before the animal shall be released.
- B. (1) The owner of an animal that has bitten any person or that has shown symptoms of rabies shall report the same immediately to the local health director.
(2) In addition, any person bitten by an animal shall immediately report the incident to the local health director.
- C. Animals quarantined in accordance with this section shall be confined in a veterinary hospital or any other place designated by the local health director, the expense of the confinement to be paid by the owner of the animal.
- D. Any animal, confined pursuant to this section, upon being diagnosed by a licensed veterinarian as free of rabies, shall be released to the owner upon payment by owner of fees and expenses incurred by the confinement and diagnoses.

(Prior Code, Ch. 6, Art. III) Penalty, see § 1.01.999

§ 9.01.036 DISPOSITION OF RABID ANIMALS.

- A. Every rabid animal, after rabies has been diagnosed by a licensed veterinarian, shall be killed at once in a humane manner by its owner or a peace officer, except that if the animal has bitten a human being, the animal shall be confined under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian until death of the animal. The remains of the animal shall be disposed of as provided in North Carolina General Statutes.
- B. An animal bitten by a proven rabid animal or animal suspected of having rabies that is not available for laboratory diagnosis shall be destroyed immediately by its owner or a peace officer unless the bitten animal has been vaccinated against rabies more than 3 weeks prior to being bitten, and is given a booster dose of rabies vaccine within 3 days of the bite.

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(Prior Code, Ch. 6, Art. III) Penalty, see § 1.01.999

CARE AND PROTECTION

§ 9.01.050 CARE REQUIRED; ABANDONMENT PROHIBITED.

The owner of every animal shall be responsible for the care, vaccination, registration and/or licensing and behavior of the animal. No owner may fail to provide his animals with sufficient good and wholesome food and water, proper shelter and protection from the weather and veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering.

(Prior Code, Ch. 6, Art. IV) Penalty, see § 1.01.999

§ 9.01.051 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

No person shall willfully overdrive, overload, wound, injure, torture, cruelly beat, needlessly mutilate, trap, entice, or kill any animal or cause or procure the same.

(Prior Code, Ch. 6, Art. IV) Penalty, see § 1.01.999

§ 9.01.052 RESPONSIBILITY OF INJURING ANIMALS.

Any person who, as the operator of a motor vehicle or bicycle, strikes and injures a domestic animal shall stop at once and render assistance as may be possible and shall immediately report the incident to the animal's owner. If the owner cannot be ascertained or located with reasonable effort, the operator shall notify the Town Clerk or Town Police or the County Sheriff's Office.

(Prior Code, Ch. 6, Art. IV) Penalty, see § 1.01.999

§ 9.01.053 TOWN DOG PARK

The Town Council may, in its discretion, develop and maintain one or more dog parks. The Town Council may adopt rules and regulations concerning the use of any dog park created by the Town. Any violation of dog park rules adopted by the Town Council shall be a violation of the Code and shall be enforced by any and all remedies contained in § 1.01.999 GENERAL PENALTY of the Code.

ENFORCEMENT AND APPEALS

§ 9.01.060 BOARD OF ANIMAL CONTROL.

- A. There hereby is established a board of animal control. The board shall consist of three (3) members appointed by the Town Council for a term of two (2) years. Any member of the board

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of animal control may be removed from office by the Town Council for any reason. Vacancies shall be filled by the Town Council.

- B. The board shall elect a chairperson who shall conduct the meetings of the board. Selection as chairperson does not preclude the chairperson of his or her authority to vote on all matters before the board. No official action of the board shall be taken at other than a meeting at which a quorum of two or more members are present. Any action approved by the majority vote of those members present shall be the action of the board.
- C. The board shall hear appeals provided for under this subsection. The board may only affirm or reverse the determination appealed from, and the decision of the board shall be the final determination by the town. The decision shall be in writing, shall be delivered by personal service to the animal control officer or any other authorized representative of the town who shall have issued the related notice and/or civil citation, and shall be delivered either by personal service or by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, to the animal's owner.

§ 9.01.061 ANIMALS IN VIOLATION.

Any permitted animal found in violation of this chapter shall be subject to the following:

- A. *Civil citation.* A police officer or other authorized representative of the town is empowered to issue a civil citation to any owner where there is reasonable cause to believe that the owner has violated any provision of this chapter. A civil penalty shall be levied against any such owner for each violation of this chapter, such civil penalty to be in the amount of \$100.00 for the first violation of this chapter, \$200.00 for the second violation of this section, and \$500.00 for each subsequent violation of this section, which penalty shall be paid within 30 days of the date of the citation or appealed as provided for in this subsection.
- B. In addition to the penalties referenced in other sections of this Code, the owner of any animal determined by the animal control officer or any other authorized representative of the town to be a vicious animal, dangerous animal or potentially dangerous animal shall be subject to the following civil penalties, provided that no penalty in excess of \$500.00 shall be imposed for any single act, omission, or condition that constitutes a violation of this chapter:
 - 1. \$75.00 for each animal declared potentially dangerous;
 - 2. \$150.00 for each animal declared dangerous; and
 - 3. \$225.00 for each animal declared vicious.
- C. *Injunction.* A police officer or other authorized representative of the town is empowered to apply to the appropriate division of the general court of justice for a mandatory or prohibitory injunction commanding any person violating this chapter to cease such violation.
- D. *Impoundment.* Any such permitted animal may be taken up and impounded by a police officer or other authorized representative of the town and delivered to the Craven County animal shelter or to an authorized representative of the county for impoundment. It shall be unlawful for any person to obstruct or interfere in any way with the impoundment of an animal pursuant to this section, or to release or attempt to release an animal being so impounded. No notice to the owner shall be required prior to impoundment pursuant to this section;

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provided, however, that a reasonable effort shall be made to notify the owner of an animal prior to impoundment. The animal's owner shall be responsible for all impound fees and expenses incurred by the town.

- E. *Destruction of animals.* Any animal may be properly destroyed by a police officer or other authorized representative of the town without prior notice to the owner in the following circumstances:
1. Where an animal cannot be captured and impounded safely due to resistance by the animal resulting in danger to the police officer, other authorized representative of the town or the public in general.
 2. Where the animal reasonably appears to be suffering from rabies or any other infectious disease which threatens public safety, or from a life-threatening injury or disability.
 3. Where the animal is in the act of biting, attacking, pursuing, injuring or killing any person or any domestic animal.

§ 9.01.062 NOTICES.

- A. Service of all notices provided for under this article may be affected by one of the following methods or by any other method permitted by law:
1. By personally delivering a copy of the notice to the owner or to any person capable of receiving process for the owner being served under Rule 4 of the North Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure. Any notice personally delivered shall be served when delivered or deemed served if refused or rejected.
 2. By mailing a copy of such notice by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the owner. Any notice so mailed shall be served when delivered or deemed served if refused or rejected.
- B. If either of the methods of service specified above is attempted for ten (10) days without success, then the notice may be served by publishing the notice one time in a newspaper having general circulation in the town. Any notice so published shall be deemed served upon publication.

§ 9.01.063 APPEALS.

- A. The owner of any animal determined by the animal control officer or any other authorized representative of the town to be a potentially dangerous animal, dangerous animal, or vicious animal and notified of such determination may appeal the determination to the board of animal control by filing written objections with the town within three (3) days after service of the aforesaid notice. The board of animal control shall schedule a hearing within 10 days of the filing of the appeal. Appellate filing fees will be \$50.00 per appeal, per animal, payable to the town. In the event that the board of animal control reverses the decision of the animal control officer, the owner shall be entitled to a refund of the appellate filing fee. Any appeal from the final decision of the board of animal control pertaining to the determination of whether or not an animal is a potentially dangerous animal, dangerous animal, or vicious animal shall be taken to North Carolina Superior Court by filing notice of appeal and a petition for review within 10 days of the final decision of the board of animal control.


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- B. An appeal of any citation for a violation of the provisions of this chapter, other than those provided for in subsection A of this section 9.01.063, shall be made by filing written objections with the town within 30 days of the date of the citation. The board of animal control shall consider such objections at its next regular meeting or at a later meeting in the board's discretion but in no event later than 30 days from the date the appeal is received by the town.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption.



Adopted this the 21st day of May, 2026



Mark Bledsoe, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kristie Nobles, Town Clerk

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Town of River Bend Dog Park Rules

1. Hours: The Dog Park is open from -Sunrise to Sunset.
2. Users enter at their own risk.
3. Handlers are responsible for any injuries or damages caused by dogs they bring into the park.
4. Dogs must have a valid license and/or rabies tag.
5. Dogs must be leashed when entering and exiting the Dog Park.
6. Maximum of three dogs per handler.
7. Small dog area is reserved for dogs up to 25 pounds. (Small dogs are also allowed in large dog area, but large dogs are not allowed in small dog area).
8. For the safety of your dog(s) and other park visitors, choke, prong (pinch) and spike collars are strictly prohibited. If you use these types of collars, remove them before entering the dog park.
9. No Children under the age of 16 are permitted unless accompanied by an adult. Children have a tendency to scream and run when excited, which can trigger a dog's prey drive or natural instinct to chase. For this reason and for the safety of your children, we do not recommend bringing small children and infants into the dog park.
10. Aggressive dogs are not permitted on the premises. Dogs must be removed at the first sign of aggression. If your dog does not interact well with other dogs or humans, you should not bring it to the Dog Park.
11. Female dogs in heat are prohibited from entering the park.
12. Sick dogs, or dogs with parasites (worms, ticks, fleas, etc.) are not allowed in the park.
13. Dog owners must be in the area of the park and within view of their dogs at all times.
14. All off-leash dogs must be under voice control of their owners. If you cannot control your dog off leash, keep your pet leashed at all times.
15. Dog owners must keep their leash in hand at all times.
16. Please do not bring dog food or human food into the park and please, no smoking in the park.
17. Owners must clean up dog feces. Seal waste in the provided plastic bags before disposing in designated receptacle.
18. Fill any holes your dog digs.
19. Proof of a current rabies vaccination and license is required upon request of a police or animal control officer. Tags may serve as proof.
20. As determined by the Town Manager or a police officer, any user's failure to abide by the park rules may result in the loss of privileges to use the Dog Park for the owner and/or the dog. Failure to abide by the park rules may also result in the -owners being ticketed.

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**RESOLUTION OPPOSING MODIFICATIONS TO MUNICIPAL
PROPERTY TAX AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, municipal governments are statutorily authorized to provide essential public services, including, but not limited to, public safety, emergency response, infrastructure, parks, and code enforcement; and

WHEREAS, property taxes constitute a primary, stable, and locally controlled source of revenue necessary to fund these essential municipal services and to meet both ongoing operational needs and long-term capital obligations; and

WHEREAS, the authority to levy and adjust property taxes allows municipal governments to respond responsibly to changing economic conditions, population growth, service demands, emergencies, and state or federal mandates; and

WHEREAS, municipalities follow transparent procedures prior to any tax changes by presenting annual budgets on a strict schedule and hosting open meetings for citizen input and questions; and

WHEREAS, proposals to modify, limit, cap, freeze, or otherwise restrict municipal property tax authority — whether through constitutional amendment, statutory change, or administrative action — may reduce local flexibility, undermine fiscal stability, and shift costs to less stable revenue sources; and

WHEREAS, such modifications may result in unintended consequences, including service reductions, delayed infrastructure investment, increased fees, and disproportionate impacts on residents; and

WHEREAS, municipal governments are best positioned to balance fiscal responsibility with service delivery, accountability, and responsiveness to local needs through transparent budgeting and elected representation at the local level;

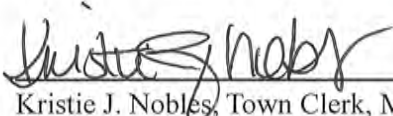
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the River Bend Town Council supports the current property tax authority in North Carolina, which enables municipalities to manage property tax rates within established statutory limits; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the River Bend Town Council formally opposes any legislation or constitutional amendment that would further restrict, cap, reduce, or otherwise limit municipal property tax authority.

ADOPTED this the 21st day of May, 2026.




Mark Bledsoe, Mayor


Kristie J. Nobles, Town Clerk, MMC

HURRICANE SEASON 2026 IS ALMOST HERE

You may not receive a more important message from the Town of River Bend this year. Please take the time to read the whole message and most importantly, heed it.

The Atlantic Hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30 each year. Historically, Fall is the most active part of hurricane season for our region. August, September and October are usually the busiest months for hurricanes along North Carolina's coast. However, a hurricane could develop outside of the official hurricane season. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is predicting a below-normal Atlantic hurricane season for 2026 (and I hope they are right). This year's forecast predicts 8-14 named storms and 3-6 hurricanes including 1-3 major hurricanes. NOAA's National Weather Service Director, Ken Graham said "...its essential to review your hurricane preparedness plan now. It only takes one storm to make for a very bad season." I agree with Ken.

Our proximity to the Atlantic coast, combined with the low elevation above sea level for large parts of our town, makes River Bend vulnerable to impacts from hurricanes. A tropical system does not need to develop into a hurricane to cause damage in River Bend, particularly in the flood zone. Click [here](#) to view our flood zone maps, which were developed by FEMA. Enter your address (street, city, state, zip) then click on GO for the map. For this site, enter New Bern as your city.

Based on our history and geography, if you live in River Bend, you may want to consider purchasing flood insurance. You can obtain a policy from a local agent, through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The Town of River Bend is a participant in the Community Rating System (CRS) of the NFIP. In short, that means that the town maintains records and files on flood zone properties, has and enforces a local flood damage prevention ordinance and meets other annual minimum requirements to be a CRS participant. Our CRS status means that River Bend residents who live in a special flood hazard area (SFHA) are eligible for a 10% discount on annual flood insurance policy premiums. Those living in other areas could be eligible for a 5% discount. Typically, regular homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damages from rising waters (flooding). If you are uncertain about your insurance coverage, you should contact your agent now. Do not wait until after the storm to learn that you are not covered. Most insurance companies require flood insurance to be purchased at least 30 days prior to a named storm that impacts a customer. That means that you cannot buy coverage at the last minute when a storm is already headed in our direction.

Although it has been almost 8 years ago, Hurricane Florence is still in the memory of many River Bend residents. Our records show that 503 homes in River Bend were flooded by Hurricane Florence. There about 500 homes in the SFHA in River Bend. According to data from the NFIP, just before Hurricane Florence made landfall on September 14, 2018, there were 443 flood insurance policies in effect in River Bend. As of this week, there are now 547 flood insurance policies in effect in River Bend. That's good, but down 23 policies compared to this time last year.

Now, and throughout the summer, is a good time for you to assess your property and see if you are ready for a hurricane or even a smaller magnitude tropical storm. There are many things that you can do now so that you will be better prepared if a storm does impact us. A few suggestions are:

1. Check your trees and other vegetation. Remove any dead, damaged or leaning limbs that may fall on your home or other buildings. Don't forget to look above where you park your car, too. A tree or limb

can ruin a vehicle. You may need that vehicle to leave the area. You do not want to be pruning or trying to hire a tree trimmer shortly before the storm. They will likely be in high demand then. Also, trimming shortly before a storm creates debris that could also cause trouble during the storm.

2. Check your gutters, roof and siding (and flood vents if your home is equipped with them). Be sure they are in proper working condition and/or are properly secured. Do you have a tarp and enough rope to secure it if your roof is damaged during a storm? Tarps are hard to find near a storm's arrival. Also check your windows and doors to make sure they are prepared to keep out the elements.

3. Check the drainage features on your property. Be sure they are clear and working properly.

4. If you own a generator (or chainsaw), give it a tune up now. Exercise your generator. A generator has two main components. They are the motor and the generator. Cranking the motor and letting it run will only exercise the motor part. Be sure to plug something into it and make sure the generator part is also working. It is called "testing under load." Simply plugging a lamp or fan will do the trick. It would be unfortunate to own a perfectly running generator engine that does not produce electricity. Often, following hurricanes or other natural disasters, more people die from improper use of generators than die due to the actual storm event. If you own a generator, make sure that you and your family know how, when, and where to operate it. Make sure that you have adequate and proper fuel storage containers. When a storm is approaching, they are difficult to find in stores. A milk jug is not a proper/safe fuel storage container. Batteries and flashlights may be hard to find, too. Test your supply and stock up now. Consider buying a spare chain for your chainsaw, just in case yours breaks.

5. Outdoor items such as swings, lawn furniture, trash cans and anything else that is in your yard can become wind-driven projectiles during a storm. Imagine a trash can lid striking the window of your home or vehicle at 75 mph. Also, loose items like basketballs or flowerpots can float away and completely block storm drains, which can contribute to flooding. Now is the time to formulate a plan for how you will address these issues when a storm is approaching. I recommend having a place to store the items inside or being able to tie them down during a storm. You may need to buy a supply of rope now. Speaking of being tied down, all portable storage buildings are required to be properly anchored.

6. Subscribe to the town's e-news and Blackboard Connect service. They are two separate services. Being a subscriber to one does not automatically enroll you in the other. Today, we have 383 Blackboard subscribers. That's up 15 from last year. That number should be much higher. For comparison, we currently have 985 e-news subscribers. This time last year, we had 1,025. Subscribing to either can be done by clicking on the "[Register for Alerts](#)" button near the top of our home page. Immediately before and after a storm event, we will utilize these services, along with our web page, as our primary means to share official updates and guidance. We cannot subscribe for you. If you do not subscribe, you simply will not get the information. Please do not rely on information that you may find on social media as your trusted source for information. It may be inaccurate. To ensure that you get the messages, you (not us) must keep your contact data up-to-date in these systems.

7. Familiarize yourself with your electrical supplier. Duke Energy is the electrical supplier in River Bend. They have lots of useful information on their Storm Center [website](#) about what to do before, during and after a storm, including many FAQs. The Town of River Bend does not direct the operations of Duke's restoration crews following a storm. There is no need to call Town Hall to report a power outage. You should know how to communicate directly with Duke Energy **PRIOR** to an emergency event.

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8. Familiarize yourself with your natural gas supplier. Piedmont Natural Gas is the natural gas supplier in River Bend. They have lots of useful public awareness and safety information on their [website](#). You should call 911 in the event of a gas leak. What would you do if a tree fell on your gas HVAC unit and ruptured your gas line? You should know how to communicate directly with Piedmont Natural Gas **PRIOR** to an emergency event.

9. If an evacuation is ordered, heed it. Evacuation orders are serious and should be followed. Rescue crews do not provide service when the weather conditions are too dangerous for them to operate. Do not expect them to risk their life to save yours when you should have been gone from the area.

10. Know where your water shut-off valve is located and how to operate it. The town's water meter is not meant to be used as a water cut-off device for leaks on the customer's side of the meter. If you do not have a water shut-off valve, as is required by the state building code, you should have one installed now. A water leak inside your home can happen anytime, without warning, not just during hurricane season. You need to be able to turn off your water at your valve.

11. Following large-scale events, the Town of River Bend uses a contractor to provide debris removal. Often this activity is in collaboration with and subject to strict FEMA guidelines. Do not place debris by the roadside for collection until **AFTER** the town has published debris collection guidelines for that event. You can find those guidelines on our web page as the storm approaches. If your debris is not properly placed, it cannot be collected. In that case, you will be solely responsible for its disposal. Repeat, improperly placed debris will **NOT** be collected by the town. Please, just wait for instructions and when they are posted, follow them exactly. The best way to avoid issues is to simply follow the rules. Failure to do so will create problems for you.

12. The Town of River Bend is not responsible for providing "flood-safe" parking area for vehicles. Many vehicles were flooded during Hurricane Florence. If you live in low-lying areas, you should find higher ground to safely park your vehicles, boat, etc. during a potential flooding event.

Obviously, we hope that you will never find yourself in a hurricane in River Bend. However, hurricanes and other tropical storm events, are natural and fairly common events in eastern North Carolina. If you live here, the best thing to do is to prepare for them as best you can, long before they arrive. Just like every other town in the state, the Town of River Bend can offer no guarantees of total protection from a hurricane, or any storm event. Consider what happened in Western North Carolina in 2024 when Hurricane Helene devastated a large area that is 300 miles from the coast. They still have not fully recovered. You play a major role in protecting your own life and property and reducing your exposure to damage. Are you ready? If not, what are you waiting on?

By: Delane Jackson (posted 5-27-2026)

This document is posted on the town's web page, visit it to access the embedded links.



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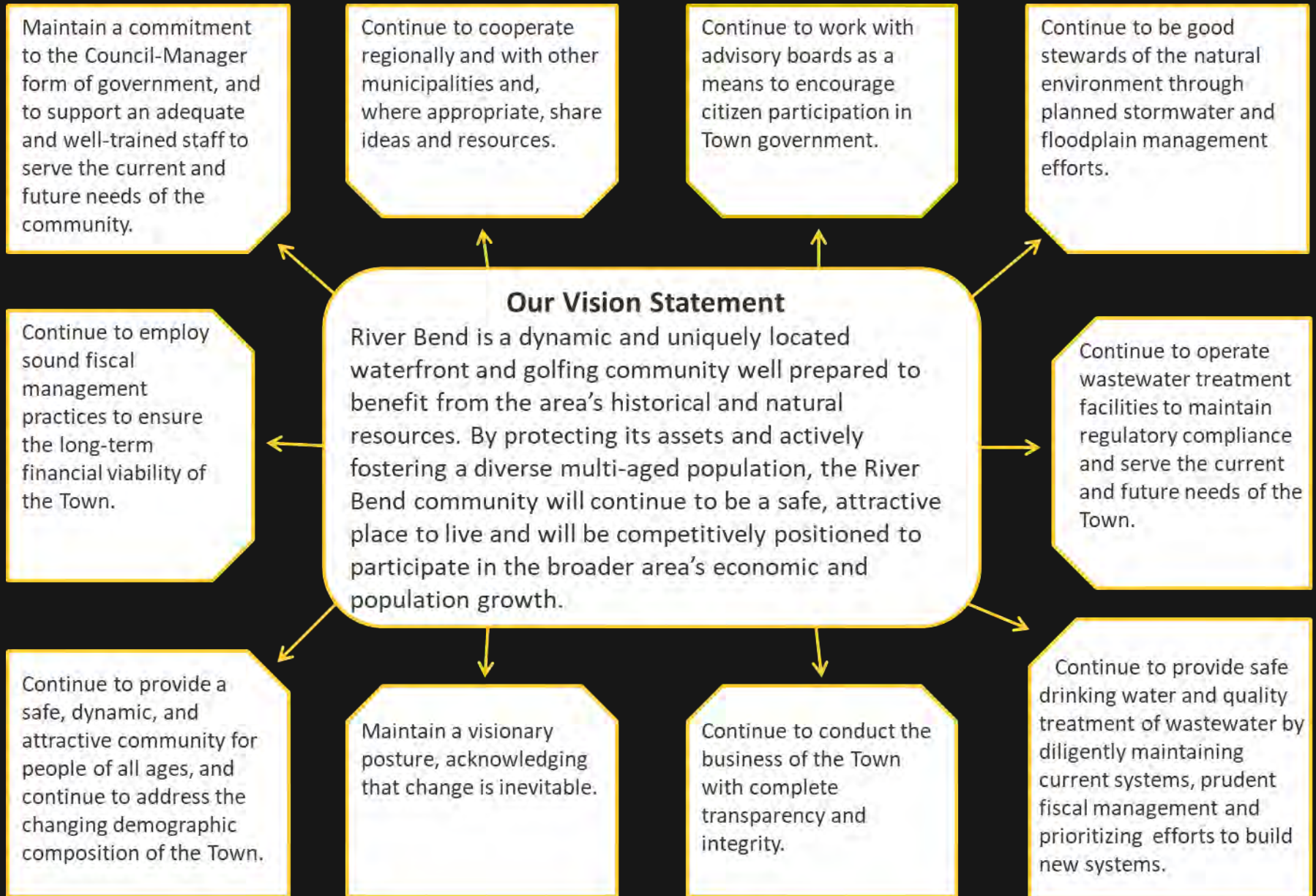
**Fiscal Year
2026-2027**

Proposed Budget Summary

June 18, 2026

Town of River Bend

Mayor and Town Council Priorities for Fiscal Year 2026-27



FY 26-27 Budget Calendar

January 15- Budget Kick-Off Meeting

Budget Workshops 2026

April 28

April 30

May 11

May 14

Average Public In Attendance- 2.25

May 21- Draft Budget Message and Proposed Budget Ordinance presented to Council & minutes of all budget workshops published and adopted

May 28- Budget Message Released to Public

June 11- Public Hearing on Proposed Budget

June 18- Adoption of Budget Ordinance (hopefully)

July 1- Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Begins

Budget Material was provided on Town's Webpage



The screenshot displays the Town of River Bend, NC website. At the top left is the town's logo, a circular seal with a river and trees, and the text "Town of River Bend, NC" and "1981". To the right of the logo are navigation links: "MAPS", "Emergency Info", "Make A Payment", "New Customer Information", "Contact Us", and "Webpage & Social Media". Below these is a search bar and a secondary navigation menu with links for "Government", "Departments", "About River Bend", "Advisory Boards", and "Solid Waste Or".

The main content area is titled "Finance" and contains a list of links: "FY26-27 Budget Preparation", "FY25-26", "FY24-25", "FY23-24", "FY22-23", "Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports", "FY24-25 Audit Presentation", and "5-Year Comparison".

The "FY26-27 Budget Preparation" page is highlighted, showing a breadcrumb trail: "Home / Departments / Finance". The main heading is "FY26-27 Budget Preparation". Below it is a sub-heading "Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Preparation Workshops". The page lists several workshops with their dates and corresponding minutes:

- Budget Kickoff January 15, 2026**
- Budget Workshop April 28, 2026**
Minutes of April 28, 2026
- Budget Workshop April 30, 2026**
Minutes of April 30, 2026 Workshop
- Budget Workshop May 11, 2026**
Minutes of May 11, 2026 Workshop
- Budget Workshop May 14, 2026**
Minutes of May 14, 2026 Workshop

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Screenshot from town's webpage

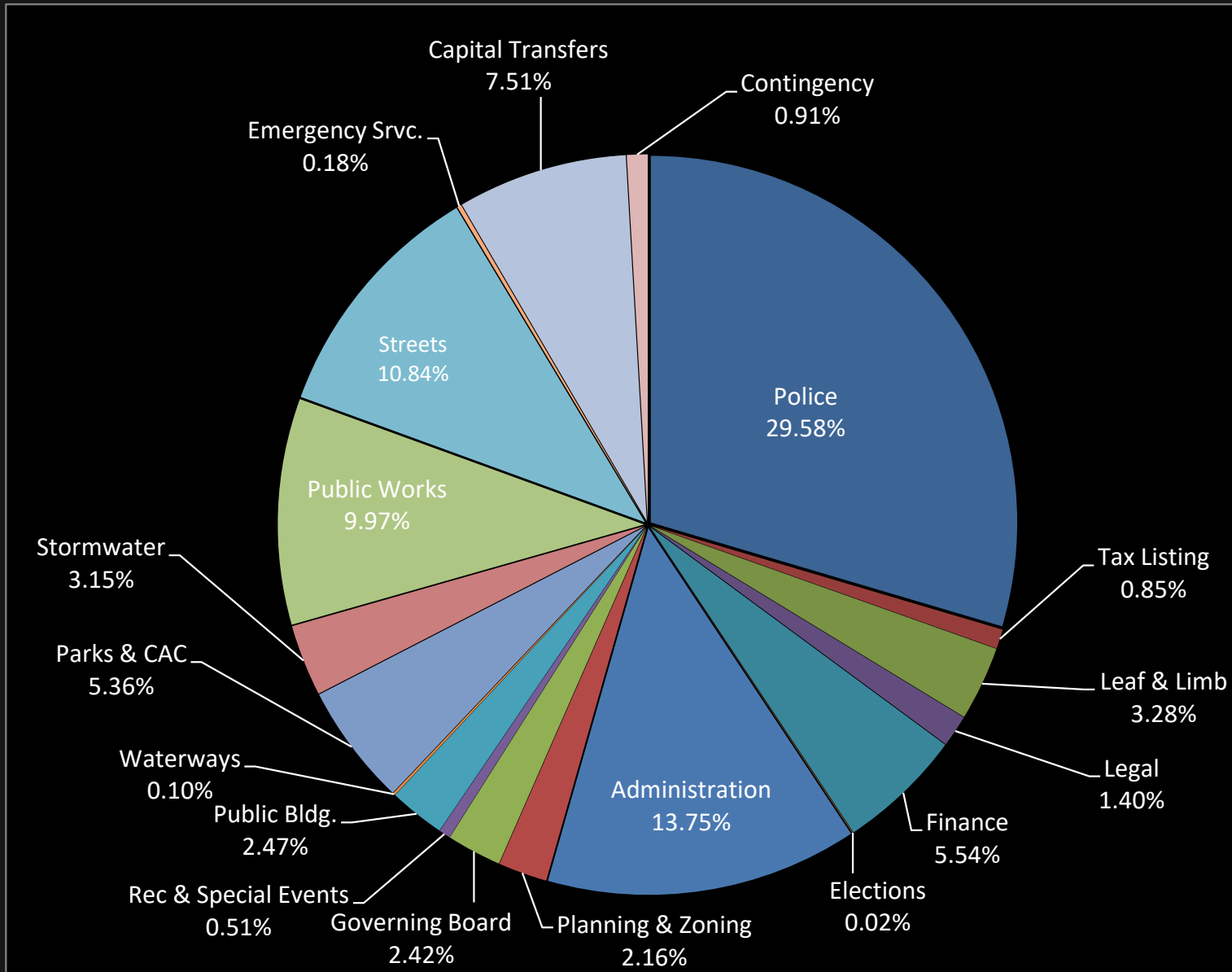
General Fund Summary

- Represents a 10.62% increase in spending over FY26 (+\$287,605)
- Increases tax rate to 30¢ (+2¢)
- Maintains all current programs and services
- Includes CIP funding of \$224,900 (+\$73,556 vs. in FY26)
- Provides 2.2% COLA for all employees, plus 1% longevity (standard)
- Provides \$229,300 for street paving program (-\$50 vs. FY26)
- Maintains conservative revenue estimates
- Includes \$40,000 discretionary funding, \$50,000 for new police vehicle, \$34,000 for stormwater projects, and more
- Includes \$298,996 appropriation from fund balance (+\$93,116 or +45% vs. FY26)
- Projects a fund balance of 77.6% (which is over \$1,700,000) at year end FY27
- Includes \$88,000 for pickleball courts construction
- Anticipates \$108,000 in Powell Bill funding

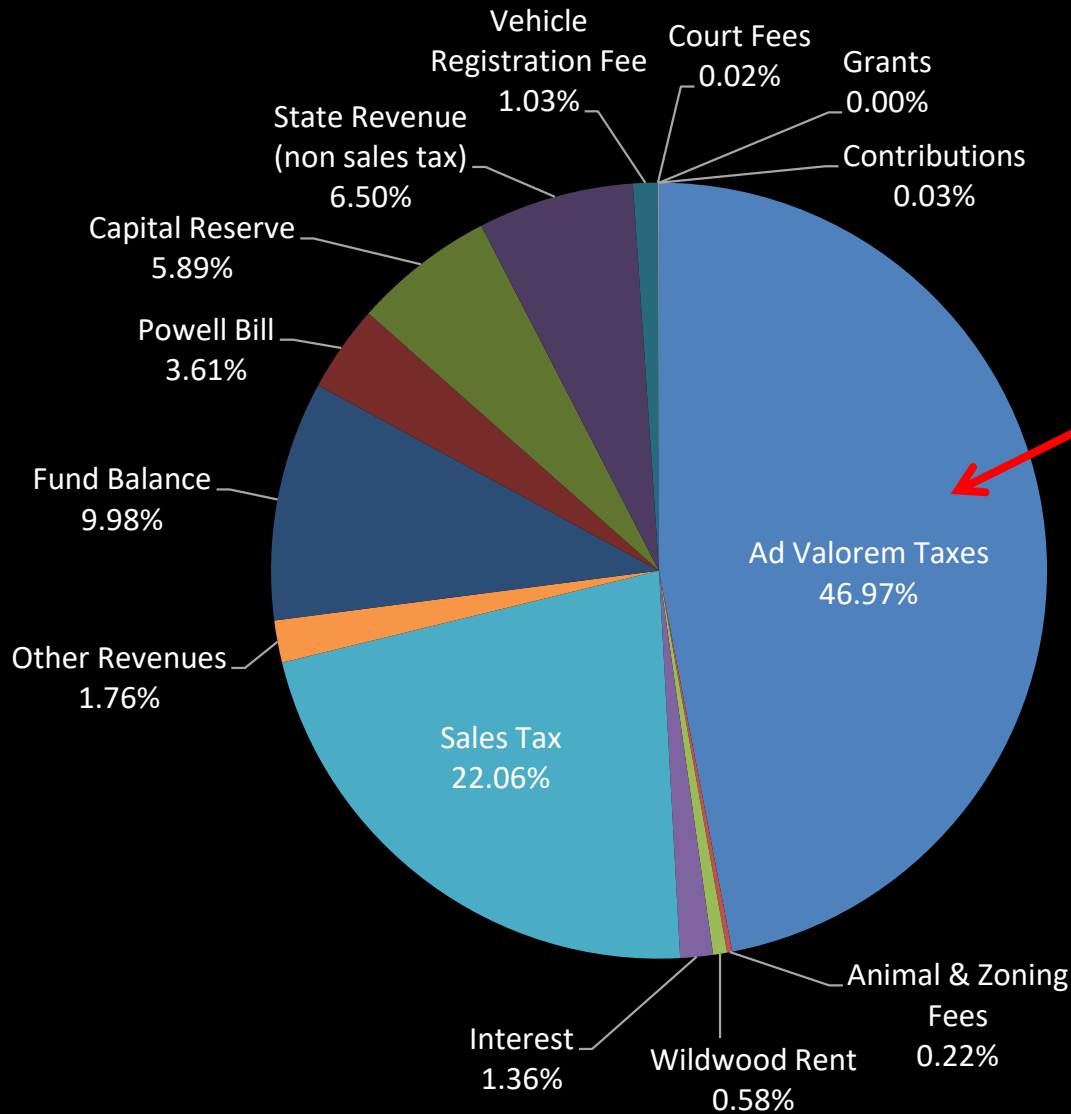
General Fund Expenditure Summary

General Fund Expenditure Summary		Change v. prior year					
		23-24	24-25	25-26	26-27	%	\$
Dept #	Department Name	Actual	Actual	Current Budget	Proposed		
4110	Governing Body*	25,980	61,178	81,200	72,500	-10.71%	-8,700
4120	Administration*	321,476	331,117	348,725	411,800	18.09%	63,075
4130	Finance*	134,093	143,417	161,290	165,900	2.86%	4,610
4140	Tax Listing	13,756	12,830	19,500	25,600	31.28%	6,100
4150	Legal Services*	33,373	22,755	34,000	42,000	23.53%	8,000
4170	Elections	-	491	-	700		700
4310	Police*	677,590	823,254	839,700	885,900	5.50%	46,200
4190	Public Buildings*	100,001	70,493	75,125	74,000	-1.50%	-1,125
4330	Emergency Services*	2,854	5,368	5,370	5,400	0.56%	30
4510	Street Maintenance*	236,435	237,132	317,675	324,700	2.21%	7,025
4560	Public Works*	185,670	215,724	290,325	298,500	2.82%	8,175
4710	Leaf & Limb and Solid Waste*	75,923	96,957	76,725	98,200	27.99%	21,475
4730	Stormwater Management*	39,122	48,892	88,300	94,500	7.02%	6,200
4760	Wetlands & Waterways*	737	899	3,025	3,000	-0.83%	-25
4910	Planning & Zoning*	52,942	56,527	72,315	64,700	-10.53%	-7,615
6120	Recreation & Special Events*	9,945	8,914	14,200	15,200	7.04%	1,000
6130	Parks & CAC*	50,386	45,293	76,000	160,500	111.18%	84,500
	Department Expenditure Total	1,975,356	2,201,149	2,531,295	2,743,100	8.37%	211,805
	Contingency (1% per policy)	20,807	23,043	25,156	27,400	8.92%	2,244
	Transfer to Capital Reserve	55,000	86,757	151,344	224,900	48.60%	73,556
	Transfer to Capital Project Fund	-	-	-	-		0
* amended since adoption as of 04/09/2026							
	TOTAL	2,051,163	2,310,949	2,707,795	2,995,400	10.62%	287,605

General Fund Expenditure Summary

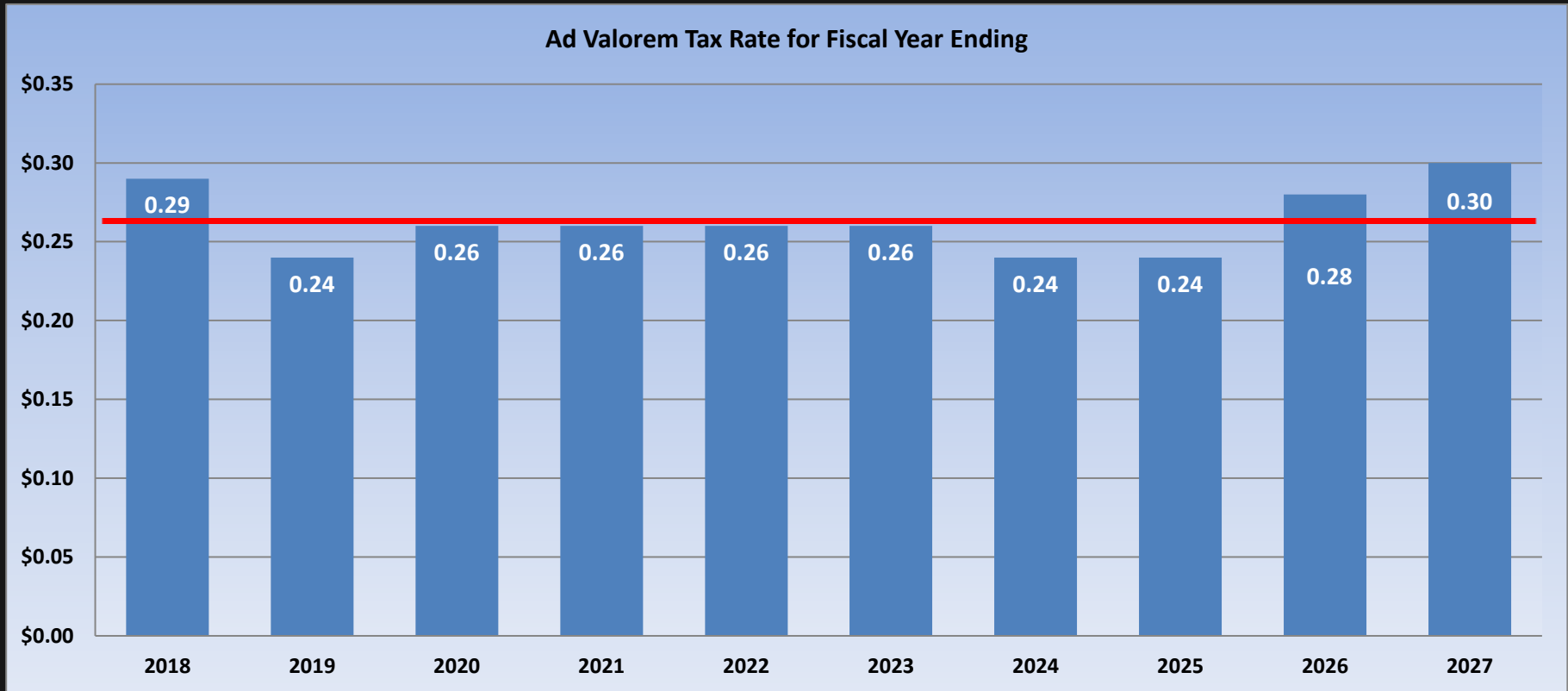


General Fund Revenue Summary



Note that less than 1/2 of our revenue stream comes from ad valorem tax.

General Fund Revenue Summary



This chart shows the 10-year tax rate history in River Bend. The red line represents the average tax rate over that period, which is 26.3¢

EFFECT OF TAX RATE CHANGE

Property Value	Tax Bill at \$0.280	Tax Bill at \$0.300	Increase in bill per year
\$100,000	\$280.00	\$300.00	\$20.00
\$180,000	\$504.00	\$540.00	\$36.00
\$247,519	\$693.05	\$742.56	\$49.51
\$300,000	\$840.00	\$900.00	\$60.00
\$400,000	\$1,120.00	\$1,200.00	\$80.00
\$500,000	\$1,400.00	\$1,500.00	\$100.00
\$600,000	\$1,680.00	\$1,800.00	\$120.00
\$1,000,000	\$2,800.00	\$3,000.00	\$200.00
Current Tax Rate			\$0.280
Enter tax rate you wish to apply in green box (enter as decimal).			\$0.300

This chart shows how much the tax rate increase will increase the tax bill on various valued properties. The highlighted property value is the average residential property value. Its tax bill will increase \$49.51 per year or \$4.12 per month.

General Fund Revenue Summary

Department	Cents per Hundred
Governing Body	0.726
Administration	4.124
Finance	1.662
Tax Listing	0.256
Legal	0.421
Elections	0.007
Police	8.873
Public Buildings	0.741
Emergency Services	0.054
Street Maintenance	3.252
Public Works	2.990
Leaf and Limb/Solid Waste	0.984
Stormwater Management	0.946
Wetlands and Waterways	0.030
Planning and Zoning	0.648
Recreation and Special Events	0.152
Parks and CAC	1.607
Contingency	0.274
Transfer to Cap. Res.	2.252
Tax Rate	0.30

This table breaks down the proposed tax rate to show how much of that rate is needed to fund each of the functions in the General Fund. The total proposed tax rate is 30¢ per one hundred dollars of assessed value.

The figures shown represent the portion of the tax rate attributable to each department based on that department's percentage of the overall general fund budget. For example, the Police Department's budget represents 29.58% of the overall general fund budget in FY27. Therefore, 29.58% of the tax rate is equal to 8.873¢. It is important to note that property tax revenue only represents about 47% of general fund revenues.

Enterprise Funds

These funds operate as a business by having all revenues and expenditures accounted for separately from other functions and by having user fees established to fund the cost of operations. Tax revenue does not support these operations.

➤ Water Fund

➤ Sewer Fund

Water – System “Snapshot”

Three groundwater wells with a combined capacity of 925,000 gallons per day.

Two elevated storage tanks with a combined capacity of 400,000 gallons.

In FY 2025 we treated 118,103,000 gallons of water (average of 323,373 gallons per day).

Water is transmitted to 1,492 current users (meters) through 19 miles of pipe ranging in size from 2 to 8 inches in diameter.

There are 109 hydrants located throughout the system in order to give the fire department ample access to water for their work.



Sewer – System “Snapshot”

Currently serving 977 users.

Transmitted via approximately 11 miles gravity and force main pipes.

Eight lift stations pressurize portions of the system so the waste is efficiently moved to our treatment facility on Gull Pointe Drive.

Treatment plant permitted capacity of 330,000 gallons per day and discharges treated effluent to the Trent River.

In FY 2025, we treated 38,572,000 gallons of wastewater (average of 105,637 gallons per day or 32% of capacity).



Enterprise Fund Summary

- Represents an overall 3.05% increase in spending over last year (+\$45,850)
- No fee or rate increase but replaces hydrant fee with availability fee. This is a terminology only change with no change in fee charged
- Maintains all current programs and services
- Funds all employee compensation costs as discussed in General Fund
- Provides funding for \$242,050 for bond debt service
- Includes \$30,961 for water tank maintenance contract
- Includes \$143,700 of appropriated fund balance in water (+28% vs. budgeted in FY26)
- Includes \$14,000 funding for equipment purchase
- Includes \$121,700 of appropriated fund balance in Sewer Fund (+28% vs. budgeted in FY26)
- Includes \$42,000 in CIP funding for water line extension and manhole lining

Comparison of water and sewer funds current vs. proposed

These figures include transfers to capital reserves

	Current	Proposed	Change %	Change \$	Bond Debt Service
Water	\$712,800	\$744,500	4.45%	\$31,700	\$129,888
Sewer	\$788,550	\$802,700	1.79%	\$14,150	\$112,162
Total	\$1,501,350	\$1,547,200	3.05%	\$45,850	\$242,050

Enterprise Fund Debt



For every dollar proposed to be spent in the Enterprise Fund, about 16¢ goes toward retirement of bond debt for the purchase of the water and sewer systems. In addition to the bond debt, the water fund also has \$5,750 in debt service for the 0% loan associated with the water meter replacement project. This will be year 4 of 20 for that debt.

Debt as a Percentage of Total Expense in FY26-27

Water = 19% (\$129,888)

Sewer = 15% (\$112,162)

TOTAL \$242,050

Both mature in 2027

Enterprise Fund Debt Service

Payment Date	Debt Service on Series 2013 Refunding Bonds				Debt Service Requirement
	Principal	Rate	Interest	Total	
6/1/2013		0.00%	15,043	\$ 15,043	\$ 188,542.92
12/1/2013	\$ 2,960,000	0.00%	1,275	\$ 34,275	38,650.00
6/1/2014	25,000	2.00%	1,275	59,275	238,650.00
12/1/2014	\$ 2,935,000	0.00%	34,025	\$ 34,025	34,025.00
6/1/2015	205,000	2.00%	34,025	239,025	239,025.00
12/1/2015	\$ 2,730,000	0.00%	31,975	31,975	31,975.00
6/1/2016	205,000	2.00%	31,975	236,975	236,975.00
12/1/2016	\$ 2,525,000	0.00%	29,925	29,925	29,925.00
6/1/2017	215,000	2.00%	29,925	244,925	244,925.00
12/1/2017	\$ 2,310,000	0.00%	27,775	27,775	27,775.00
6/1/2018	15,000	2.00%	27,775	242,775	242,775.00
12/1/2018	\$ 2,095,000	0.00%	25,625	25,625	25,625.00
6/1/2019	20,000	2.00%	25,625	245,625	245,625.00
12/1/2019	\$ 1,875,000	0.00%	23,425	23,425	23,425.00
6/1/2020	20,000	2.00%	23,425	248,425	248,425.00
12/1/2020	\$ 1,650,000	0.00%	21,175	21,175	21,175.00
6/1/2021	235,000	2.00%	21,175	256,175	256,175.00
12/1/2021	\$ 1,415,000	0.00%	18,825	18,825	18,825.00
6/1/2022	240,000	2.00%	18,825	258,825	258,825.00
12/1/2022	\$ 1,175,000	0.00%	16,425	16,425	16,425.00
6/1/2023	240,000	2.00%	16,425	256,425	256,425.00
12/1/2023	\$ 935,000	0.00%	14,025	14,025	14,025.00
6/1/2024	235,000	3.00%	14,025	249,025	249,025.00
12/1/2024	\$ 700,000	0.00%	10,500	10,500	10,500.00
6/1/2025	230,000	3.00%	10,500	240,500	240,500.00
12/1/2025	\$ 470,000	0.00%	7,050	7,050	7,050.00
6/1/2026	235,000	3.00%	7,050	242,050	242,050.00
12/1/2026	\$ 235,000	0.00%	3,525	3,525	3,525.00
6/1/2027	235,000	3.00%	3,525	238,525	238,525.00
Totals	\$ -		612,143	\$ 3,572,143	\$ 3,929,392.92



This chart shows our bond debt service amounts for FY 27 (highlighted)



Current Rates		
Water		
Customer		\$4.80
Demand		\$10.44
Use(0-4,000 gallons)		\$4.22
4,001-20,000		\$4.50
20,001+		\$4.55
Sewer		
Customer		\$7.35
Demand		\$16.83
Use		\$9.30
Charges for 3,000 gallons usage		
Water		
Base		\$15.24
Use		\$12.66
Sewer		
Base		\$24.18
Use		\$27.90
Monthly		\$79.98
Per-Bill	(two months)	\$159.96
Charge for various gallons usage per month for water and sewer combined		
	0	\$39.42
	1,000	\$52.94
	2,000	\$66.46
	4,000	\$93.50
	5,000	\$107.30

No changes to water or sewer rates. They have remained unchanged since 2023.

The cost for 3,000 gallons of water and sewer is \$1.26 more than it was in 2018.

Average water use in 2025 was 3,110 gallons per customer per month.

Assessed Value	Annual Bill at 0.30
95,000	\$285
125,000	\$375
* 247,519	\$743
190,000	\$570
200,000	\$600
250,000	\$750
300,000	\$900
350,000	\$1,050
400,000	\$1,200
500,000	\$1,500
600,000	\$1,800

Q.- On average, what does it cost per day for water, sewer and property taxes in River Bend ?

A.- On average, for \$4.66 per day you receive water, sewer, police, animal control, planning, parks, street lights, street maintenance, zoning, leaf & limb removal, and many other services (AKA-the essentials)

Annual Costs	FY27	FY26	Change	%
Water/Sewer Fees (3,000 gal/month)	\$ 960	\$ 960	0	0.00%
* Real Estate Tax (\$247,519 home)	\$ 743	\$ 693	50	7.15%
TOTAL	\$ 1,703	\$ 1,653	50	3.00%
Average Per Day Cost for water/sewer/tax	\$ 4.66	\$ 4.53	\$ 0.13	3.00%

* Average home value in River Bend

For comparison, the tasty, yet non-essential items shown below were purchased this week at area stores. All of them cost more than the \$4.66 per day cost for water, sewer and property taxes for the average homeowner/utility customer in River Bend.



\$5.93



\$5.60



\$4.78

Summary

General Fund	\$2,995,400
Water Fund	\$ 744,500
Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 802,700</u>

Operating Budget \$4,542,600

In addition to these three major operating funds, the town also has four minor funds, which we operate for accounting purposes. For FY27 they total \$292,625 which bring the Grand Total Budget to \$4,835,225.

Closing Remarks

- The budget process in River Bend is an open, public, transparent and team effort.
- Thanks to the entire staff, Mayor and Town Council for their role in this process.
- Thanks also to the members of the public who attended the budget work sessions this year. We had discussion, debate and a few laughs along the way.
- This was my 28th municipal budget in North Carolina and I can honestly say that it is my most challenging.



RIVER BEND POLICE DEPARTMENT



MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

ACTIVITIES	2026	2026	2026	% of Total Calls	% Change Last 2 Mos.
	March	April	May		
1 ALARMS / 911 UNKNOWN / DISTURBANCE / SHOTS FIRED (0)	4	7	4	0.34%	-43.00%
2 ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	4	5	5	0.42%	0.00%
3 ARRESTS	1	5	2	0.17%	-60.00%
4 ASSAULTS / ALL OTHER VIOLENT CRIME	1	3	1	0.08%	-67.00%
5 ASSIST CITIZENS / LOCK OUT / QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES	39	38	25	2.10%	-34.00%
6 ASSIST EMS / FD / FIRST RESPONDERS / MED ASSIST	41	34	40	3.36%	18.00%
7 ASSIST MOTORISTS / FOOT PATROLS / ALL OTHER	17	13	12	1.01%	-8.00%
8 ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES	2	4	6	0.50%	50.00%
9 B & E BUSINESS / RESIDENCE / VEHICLE	0	1	0	0.00%	-100.00%
10 CRIM. SUMM. / SUBPOENAS / WARRANTS / CIVIL COMPLAINT	10	3	5	0.42%	67.00%
11 DOMESTICS	1	1	1	0.08%	0.00%
12 FIRES / ALARM	1	1	1	0.08%	0.00%
13 IDENTITY THEFT / FRAUD	2	3	4	0.34%	33.00%
14 INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS	1	0	1	0.08%	0.00%
15 JUVENILE COMPLAINTS	1	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
16 LARCENIES	1	1	1	0.08%	0.00%
17 LITTERING	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
18 LOUD MUSIC / NOISE COMPLAINTS	1	1	1	0.08%	0.00%
19 DEATH / MISSING PERSON / RUNAWAY / SUICIDE(A)	0	1	3	0.25%	200.00%
20 PROPERTY DAMAGE / VANDALISM	2	0	5	0.42%	0.00%
21 RESIDENTIAL / BUSINESS CHECKS / COMMUNITY WATCH	1069	1099	1,035	86.90%	-6.00%
22 ROADWAY DEBRIS / OBSTRUCTIONS	0	1	0	0.00%	-100.00%
23 ROBBERIES	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
24 SOLICITING VIOLATIONS	0	1	0	0.00%	-100.00%
25 SUSPICIOUS PERSONS / VEHICLES / FIELD INTERVIEW	16	8	2	0.17%	-75.00%
26 TOWN ORDINANCE CITATIONS	1	1	0	0.00%	-100.00%
27 TOWN ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS	2	1	5	0.42%	400.00%
28 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	3	4	2	0.17%	-50.00%
29 TRAFFIC STOPS	19	97	7	0.59%	-93.00%
30 TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS-RADAR	7	4	5	0.42%	25.00%
31 DWI	0	1	0	0.00%	-100.00%
32 CHECKPOINTS	1	1	0	0.00%	-100.00%
33 DRUG VIOLATIONS	1	1	1	0.08%	0.00%
34 WELFARE CHECKS	6	4	5	0.42%	25.00%
35 CASE ASSIST / PW / VEHICLE MAINTENANCE / MEETING	2	8	4	0.34%	-50.00%
36 CASE FOLLOW UPS / SPECIAL OPERATION / TRAINING	9	8	4	0.34%	-50.00%
37 TRESPASSING	1	1	2	0.17%	100.00%
38 OVERDOSE	0	0	2	0.17%	0.00%
39 TOTAL	1266	1361	1191	100.00%	-12.00%

Traffic Violations

- 2 State Citations
- 3 Total State Charges
- State Warnings
- 1 Town Citations
- 1 Town Warnings

Community Watch Checks

- 51 100 Pirates
- 61 100 Plantation
- 54 200 Lakemere
- 60 200 Rockledge
- 48 Piner Estates

Phone Calls Answered (638-1108)

280 Incoming Calls

The data being presented in this report is a representation of the original call as it was dispatched.

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May 2026 Monthly Report Brandon Mills, Director of Public Works

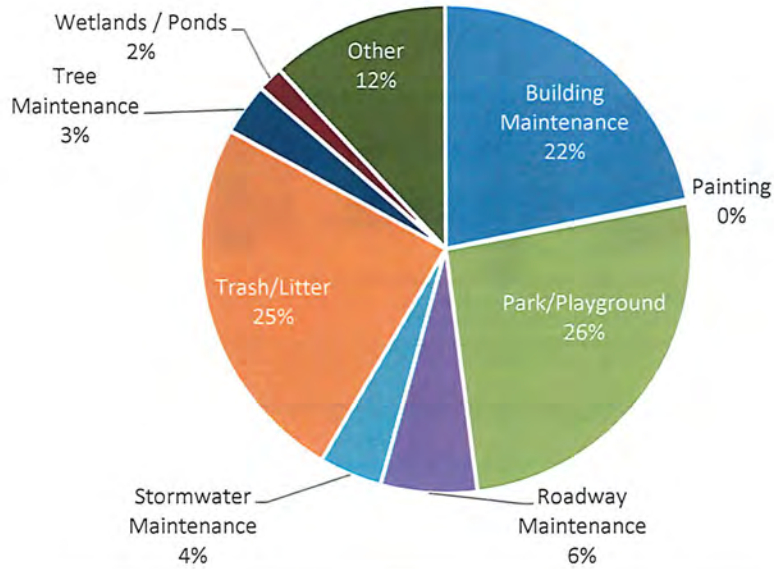
During the month, Public Works staff added mulch to the swing set area and portions of the kiddie playground. This mulch provides a softer surface to help reduce the risk of injury in the event of a fall. Additional mulch is scheduled to be added to the kiddie playground as time allows. Our guys also did some shrub and bush pruning around various town owned areas. Regular pruning helps maintain the appearance of these areas and prevents vegetation from becoming overgrown. In addition, one damaged piece of fascia board was replaced on the Well 1 generator building. Replacing the damaged board helps maintain the condition and the appearance of the building and protects it from further deterioration.

On the Water Resources side, staff responded to and repaired a water main break and one force main failure. Both repairs were completed in a timely and efficient manner, minimizing disruption to residents and maintaining system reliability. Water Resources also pulled and cleaned two lift station pumps that had become clogged with debris. The work was completed quickly and effectively, preventing sanitary sewer overflow and ensuring continued operation of this area of the collection system. I would like to thank my team for their hard work, dedication, and professionalism. Their efforts continue to keep Town services operating efficiently and reliably for our residents.

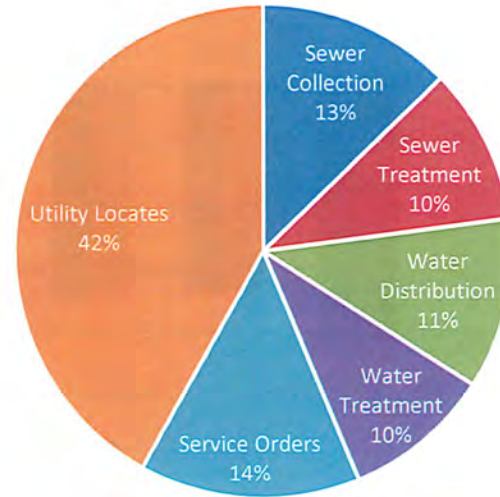
If you have any questions concerning the Water Resources/Public Works Department, please call us at 252-638-3540, Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm. After-hours water and sewer emergencies can be reported by calling the Town Hall number (252-638-3870) press option 9 for water and sewer emergencies to get in touch with our on-call operator. If your call is not answered leave your name, number, address, and a brief message about the nature of the emergency. If you do not receive a call back within 15 minutes, please call the Police Department at 252-638-1108 ext. 1, and they will get in contact with the on-call operator. If the police department does not answer, leave a message.

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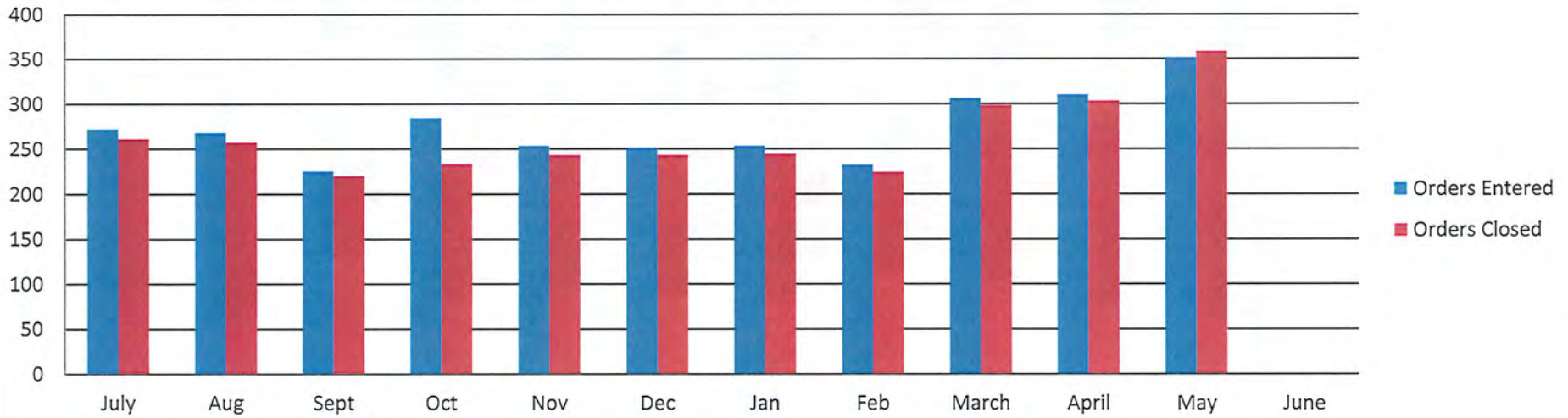
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FY 25-26**



**Water Resources Work Orders
FY 25-26**

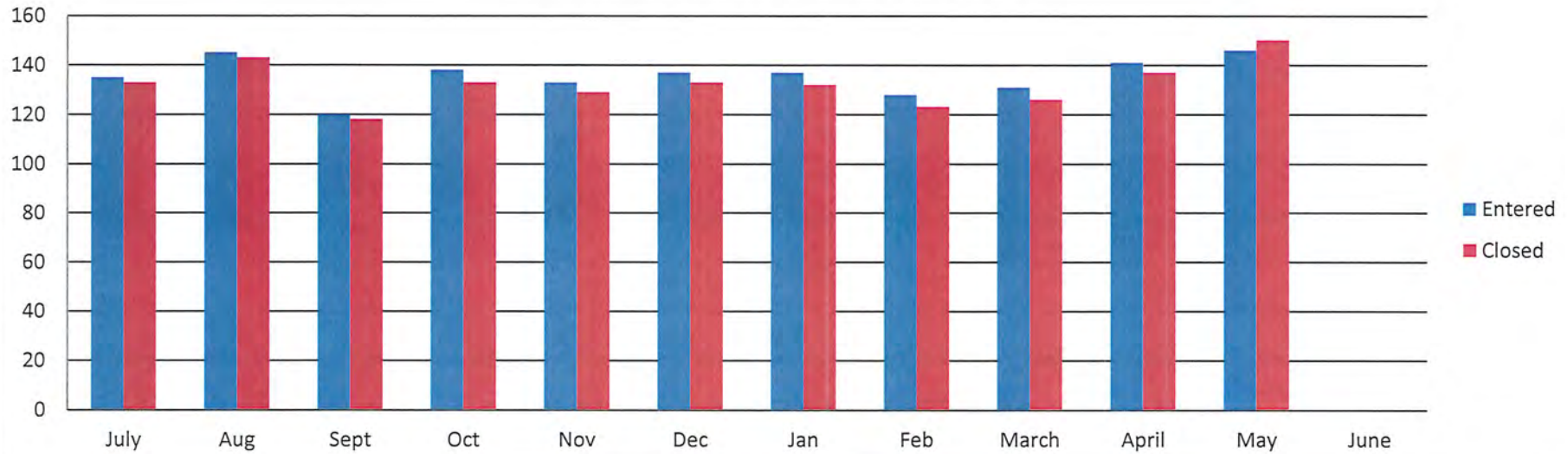


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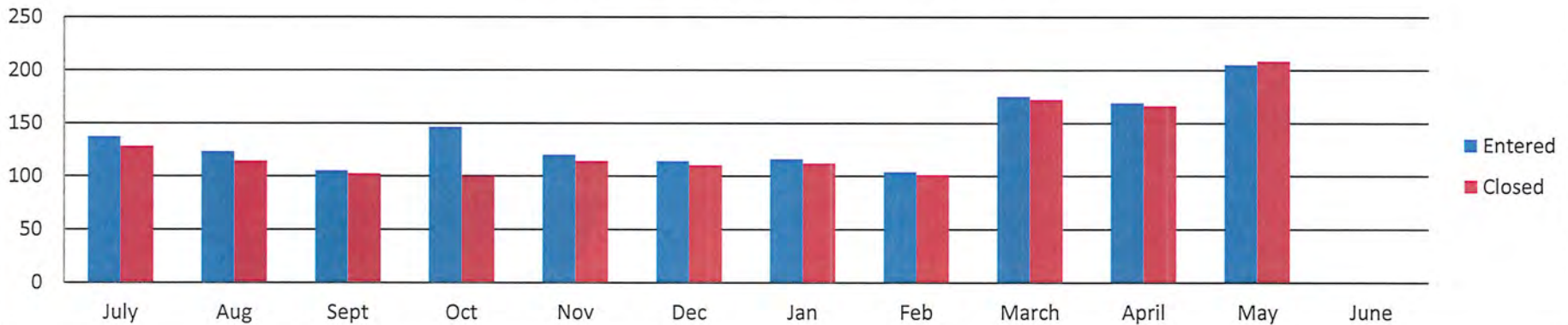


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Public Works - Work Orders



Water Resources - Work Orders



Town of River Bend
 FY 2025-2026
 Work Order Report



ITEM 9

Public Works

Orders Entered	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	YTD	Pending
Building Maintenance	30	31	30	31	30	31	29	27	26	27	33		325	3
Painting	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0		3	0
Park/Playground	34	39	33	42	36	35	37	34	33	33	31		387	0
Roadway Maintenance	7	5	3	6	8	9	11	12	10	14	10		95	0
Stormwater Maintenance	5	7	5	3	4	6	7	5	6	8	6		62	1
Trash/Litter	38	39	32	35	33	32	31	28	30	33	35		366	0
Tree Maintenance	5	2	2	3	2	4	5	4	6	8	10		51	0
Wetlands / Ponds	2	5	2	2	1	2	1	3	2	3	2		25	0
Other	14	17	13	16	18	17	16	15	17	15	19		177	1
TOTAL	135	145	120	138	133	137	137	128	131	141	146	0	1491	5
Orders Closed	133	143	118	133	129	133	132	123	126	137	150		1457	

Water Resources

Orders Entered	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	YTD	Pending
Sewer Collection	15	20	16	20	18	20	19	17	15	18	14		192	1
Sewer Treatment	17	16	10	12	14	16	17	15	16	12	10		155	0
Water Distribution	12	9	15	19	20	17	18	14	15	18	12		169	0
Water Treatment	11	14	11	9	11	13	15	13	14	17	18		146	3
Service Orders	17	19	15	19	22	19	23	21	25	20	18		218	0
Utility Locates	65	45	38	67	35	29	24	24	90	84	133		634	0
TOTAL	137	123	105	146	120	114	116	104	175	169	205	0	1514	4
Orders Closed	128	114	102	100	114	110	112	101	172	166	208		1427	

TOTAL	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	YTD
Orders Entered	272	268	225	284	253	251	253	232	306	310	351	0	3005
Orders Closed	261	257	220	233	243	243	244	224	298	303	358	0	2884



MONTHLY ZONING REPORT

MONTH YEAR

Activity	Monthly	YTD Total
Permit Applications Received	11	72
Permits Issued	11	72
Fees Collected	503.60	7753.78
Violations Noted During Weekly Patrol	14	168
Complaints Received From Citizens	0	7
Notice Of Violations Initiated *see details below	10	92
Remedial Actions Taken By Town	0	1

Detail Summary		
Address	Violation	Date Cited
54A Gentry	Trailer/Storage Container	6-May
301 Gatewood	Tree	8-May
401 Rockledge	Boat	13-May
205 Plantation	Boat/Trailer	13-May
101 Ketch	Trailer	20-May
132 Wildwood	Trailer/Debris	20-May
133 Wildwood	Debris	20-May
301 Barbara	Trailer	28-May
302 Barbara	Car in grass	28-May
110 Portside	Leaf & limb	28-May

Town of River Bend



Monthly Financial Report

This monthly report is provided as an oversight/management tool for the Town Council of the Town of River Bend. For ease of reporting, and in order to be consistent with the categories used in the annual budget process, this report summarizes the revenue and expenses in each of the three operational areas of the Town. Anyone interested in more detail, or further explanation of the contents of this report, is encouraged to contact Finance Officer Mandy Gilbert.

Notes

The cash balances shown on page one are the amount of cash in each specific accounting fund. These funds are deposited in separate investment accounts. Pooled cash accounts used for operating funds but accounted for, in our internal systems, as individual accounts. Interest attributable to each account is allocated based upon the total rate of return of the account(s).

The FY Budget columns represents the original and current budget. As the fiscal year goes on and unforeseen expenses or revenues occur, we need to adjust the budget. The Council does this by formal amendment during a Council meeting. *Asterisked lines represent those budget items that have been amended since adoption.

Because this is an annual budget, it is important to note that many lines shown in this report will vary, some significantly, from month to month, and in different times of the year. In many instances, capital payments for current fiscal year projects are made early in the fiscal year and the majority of our ad valorem tax receipts occur in the middle of the fiscal year. This is another reason to maintain an adequate fund balance.



Visit our web site <http://www.riverbendnc.org/finance.html> to view the Financial Dashboard. These dashboards are designed to give the user a quick overview of the status of revenues and expenditures in each of the Town's three major funds as reported in the Monthly Financial Report.



ITEM 10
Fund Cash Balances

Cash Balances	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
1 General Fund*	1,221,105	1,132,475	1,014,174	999,297	1,003,329	1,470,689	1,489,427	1,594,104	1,568,099	1,498,933	1,461,726	
2 Powell Bill	-	-	53,973	53,973	53,973	-	-	-	-	-	-	
3 General Capital Reserve	132,025	132,499	172,993	173,588	174,146	174,700	175,236	175,718	176,249	176,764	177,293	
4 Stormwater AIA Project	-	-	-	-	-	(102,000)	-	-	-	-	-	
5 Law Enforcement Separation Allowance	54,227	54,421	54,608	54,796	54,972	55,147	55,316	55,468	55,636	55,798	55,965	
6 Water Fund*	475,047	481,484	468,755	494,395	478,738	495,978	483,608	518,273	510,796	537,395	399,639	
7 Water Capital Reserve Fund	17,835	17,899	17,961	18,022	18,080	18,138	18,194	18,244	18,299	18,352	18,407	
8 Water AIA Grant Project	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
9 Water Treatment Plant Capital Project	(1,966)	(1,966)	(1,966)	(1,966)	(1,966)	(1,966)	(56,506)	(56,506)	(56,506)	(56,852)	(56,852)	
10 Water Treatment Improvement Project	(5,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
11 Sewer Fund*	750,598	742,479	731,266	771,984	760,493	778,490	763,106	803,168	800,568	813,492	690,701	
12 Sewer Capital Reserve Fund	26,757	26,853	26,945	27,038	27,125	27,211	27,295	27,370	27,453	27,533	27,615	
13 Sewer AIA Grant Project	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	
14 WWTP Capital Projects Fund	8,574	(2,346)	(2,346)	(2,346)	(2,346)	(2,346)	(4,383)	(2,473)	(2,473)	(2,473)	(2,473)	
Total Cash and Investments	2,679,452	2,584,049	2,536,611	2,589,032	2,566,794	2,914,291	2,951,542	3,133,615	3,098,371	3,069,192	2,772,271	0
Truist Cash Accounts	276,447	282,691	303,143	347,872	318,436	279,787	308,951	244,190	200,146	286,541	245,420	0

*These operating funds have equity in the Truist pooled accounts.

In order to obtain more favorable interest rates, the Town deposits funds in the North Carolina Capital Management Trust. We move funds between our cash accounts and these investment accounts to accommodate cash flow for our payables and as revenues are received in order to maintain an adequate amount of cash for operational needs while attempting to minimize bank fees and maximize interest revenue. Based upon historical cash flow and current encumbrances, our staff anticipates the level of cash needed to meet our obligations without having to make an inordinate number of transfers between accounts.

On the table above, the term cash includes those funds we hold in accounts in our designated banking institution (currently Truist). We have two accounts with Truist, a Money Market account that pays a competitive rate of interest, and an operating (checking) account from and to which we make all regular payments and deposits.

The table below shows the balances of each fund account we have in NCCMT at the end of the month. The chart to the right shows how our funds are apportioned between operating cash and investments.



Investments in NCCMT	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
1 General Fund	1,126,013	1,009,781	927,089	875,636	899,963	1,258,543	1,349,510	1,515,760	1,520,344	1,374,339	1,378,478	
2 Powell Bill	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
3 Capital Reserve (General Fund)	132,025	132,499	172,993	173,588	174,146	174,700	175,236	175,718	176,249	176,764	177,293	
4 Law Enforcement Separation Allowance	54,227	54,422	54,608	54,796	54,972	55,147	55,316	55,469	55,636	55,799	55,966	
5 Water Fund	381,941	399,318	385,066	407,950	395,751	410,204	341,383	377,835	379,039	399,486	260,600	
6 Water Capital Reserve Fund	17,835	17,899	17,961	18,022	18,080	18,138	18,194	18,244	18,299	18,352	18,407	
7 Sewer Fund	664,206	660,586	648,806	684,129	678,321	690,561	675,656	719,030	721,204	730,379	608,492	
8 Sewer Capital Reserve Fund	26,757	26,853	26,945	27,038	27,125	27,211	27,295	27,370	27,453	27,533	27,615	
Total Investments	2,403,005	2,301,358	2,233,468	2,241,160	2,248,358	2,634,504	2,642,591	2,889,425	2,898,225	2,782,651	2,526,851	0



ITEM 10
General Fund

Revenue	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	Total	% Budget	PY	% Budget
	Original	Current																	
1 Ad Valorem Taxes	1,153,846	1,153,846	-	2,147	97,193	40,866	59,412	579,696	128,593	194,056	20,984	11,163	23,535		1,157,645	100.3%	100.3%		
2 Ad Valorem Taxes - Vehicle	140,000	140,000	-	12,435	10,848	9,867	12,533	8,183	9,988	10,406	10,350	14,825	9,905		109,341	78.1%	98.0%		
3 Vehicle Registration Fee	30,800	30,800	-	310	1,030	1,280	2,490	2,040	2,630	2,480	2,180	2,910	2,320		19,670	63.9%	0.0%		
4 Animal Licenses	1,500	1,500	90	20	80	70	80	20	560	460	560	220	60		2,220	148.0%	151.3%		
5 Local Gov't Sales Tax	486,499	486,499	45,824	45,166	46,943	44,434	39,905	46,529	42,647	43,057	50,102	40,043	39,547		484,197	99.5%	103.8%		
6 Hold Harmless Distribution	125,643	125,643	11,712	11,632	12,470	12,033	12,921	11,102	12,225	12,608	12,583	9,861	10,306		129,454	103.0%	109.4%		
7 Solid Waste Disposal Tax	2,200	2,200	-	527	-	-	578	-	-	619	-	-	538		2,262	102.8%	101.3%		
8 Powell Bill Fund Appropriation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	0.0%	0.0%		
9 Powell Bill Allocation	109,000	109,000	-	-	53,973	-	-	53,973	-	-	-	-	-		107,945	99.0%	108.0%		
10 Beer & Wine Tax	13,490	13,490	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,499		11,499	85.2%	86.7%		
11 Video Programming Tax	45,303	45,303	-	-	10,371	-	-	10,551	-	-	10,399	-	-		31,321	69.1%	73.6%		
12 Utilities Franchise Tax	135,931	135,931	-	-	27,993	-	-	35,131	-	-	30,471	-	-		93,594	68.9%	81.3%		
13 Telecommunications Tax	6,530	6,530	-	-	1,696	-	-	1,917	-	-	1,852	-	-		5,465	83.7%	78.7%		
14 Court Cost Fees	500	500	23	32	41	18	41	50	66	42	27	45	45		427	85.4%	75.0%		
15 Zoning Permits	5,000	5,000	96	1,033	772	228	232	144	301	451	207	3,790	550		7,804	156.1%	74.5%		
16 Federal Grants	-	-	12,317	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		12,317	#DIV/0!	26.5%		
17 Federal Grants - BVP Program	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	0.0%	#DIV/0!		
18 State Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	0.0%	0.0%		
19 Federal Disaster Assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	0.0%	0.0%		
20 State Disaster Assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	0.0%	0.0%		
21 Miscellaneous	9,000	9,000	1,086	20	166	2,003	755	180	890	60	885	1,155	10		7,210	80.1%	49.1%		
22 Insurance Settlements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	0.0%	#DIV/0!		
23 Interest - Powell Bill	5	5	-	-	0	-	0	0	-	-	-	-	-		1	23.0%	7.7%		
24 Interest - Investments	45,859	45,859	4,233	3,768	3,308	3,048	2,827	3,081	3,967	3,750	4,584	3,995	4,139		40,702	88.8%	108.9%		
25 Contributions	900	900	476	-	100	-	-	(100)	-	-	-	-	-		476	52.9%	74.3%		
26 Wildwood Storage Rents	18,144	18,144	1,631	1,637	1,543	1,575	1,583	1,586	1,679	1,603	1,457	1,445	1,470		17,209	94.8%	98.8%		
27 Rents & Concessions	18,000	18,000	1,880	1,640	1,760	1,900	1,900	1,920	2,120	1,970	1,890	1,870	2,115		20,965	116.5%	111.8%		
28 Sale of Capital Assets	12,000	12,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,550	3,025	9,609	-		16,184	134.9%	0.0%		
29 Sales Tax Refund Revenue*	-	11,365	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	0.0%	0.0%		
30 Trans. from Capital Reserve*	130,500	130,500	170,500	-	(40,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		130,500	100.0%	100.0%		
31 Trans. from L.E.S.A. Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	0.0%	0.0%		
32 Appropriated Fund Balance*	201,350	205,880	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	0.0%	0.0%		
Total	2,692,000	2,707,895	249,867	80,368	230,287	117,322	135,257	756,001	205,666	275,112	151,558	100,931	106,040	0	2,408,409	88.9%	86.1%		

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#DIV/0! indicates revenue was received, but not budgeted for this line item.



General Fund **ITEM 10**

Expenditures	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	PY	
	Original	Current															Total
1 Governing Body*	79,200	81,200	7,544	(851)	4,406	(876)	(333)	5,062	(835)	4,292	8,503	(837)	(821)		25,254	31.1%	70.7%
2 Administration*	348,000	348,725	52,209	20,375	37,388	23,092	20,348	46,124	20,761	20,354	37,683	21,646	21,673		321,652	92.2%	91.6%
3 Finance*	156,500	161,290	15,791	15,786	16,695	15,325	9,988	11,069	12,217	9,985	14,157	9,827	9,793		140,632	87.2%	87.0%
4 Tax Listing	19,500	19,500	-	309	1,236	663	916	4,716	2,932	2,241	528	514	533		14,587	74.8%	83.7%
5 Legal Services*	44,000	34,000	890	3,869	2,446	523	407	1,125	3,108	1,491	1,353	3,580	1,221		20,012	58.9%	57.8%
6 Elections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	0.0%	81.8%
7 Public Buildings*	74,500	75,125	3,611	6,074	4,587	4,894	3,361	5,108	4,942	4,773	3,735	3,938	2,791		47,814	63.6%	77.5%
8 Police*	836,200	839,700	76,787	59,867	126,529	57,891	57,625	61,473	72,894	54,930	76,103	65,993	47,607		757,700	90.2%	88.7%
9 Emergency Management*	5,100	5,370	975	16	16	16	16	16	616	16	16	16	16		1,735	32.3%	92.3%
10 Animal Control*	27,800	27,820	2,662	1,364	2,487	1,957	2,038	2,259	2,109	1,982	3,036	1,957	1,955		23,805	85.6%	77.0%
11 Street Maintenance*	317,000	317,675	6,739	3,410	5,969	5,141	5,443	132,646	35,854	36,930	7,903	5,253	4,865		250,152	78.7%	84.7%
12 Public Works*	289,000	290,325	20,750	17,454	70,851	20,976	20,126	19,659	19,753	20,566	22,362	20,290	18,338		271,125	93.4%	88.1%
13 Leaf & Limb, Solid Waste*	76,700	76,725	7,780	508	9,238	254	11,626	10,207	214	214	10,359	12,082	1,375		63,859	83.2%	91.7%
14 Stormwater Management*	88,000	88,300	7,343	2,046	3,582	2,936	3,057	3,389	3,187	3,573	4,878	7,797	2,982		44,770	50.7%	85.7%
15 Waterways & Wetlands*	2,900	3,025	124	564	481	14	-	-	-	-	349	192	-		1,725	57.0%	31.0%
16 Planning & Zoning*	62,000	72,415	6,079	5,251	7,180	4,031	3,967	10,232	6,657	6,394	8,453	4,796	3,967		67,006	92.5%	84.8%
17 Recreation & Special Events*	13,500	14,200	704	81	197	1,069	-	1,133	-	31	1,529	1,471	1,462		7,676	54.1%	32.8%
18 Parks*	75,600	76,000	5,599	3,957	5,730	4,073	4,853	6,426	4,291	3,741	7,660	4,478	4,706		55,514	73.0%	59.7%
19 Transfers	151,344	151,344	151,344	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		151,344	100.0%	100.0%
20 Contingency	25,156	25,156	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	0.0%	0.0%
Total	2,692,000	2,707,895	366,931	140,081	299,016	141,977	143,438	320,644	188,703	171,511	208,605	162,993	122,463	0	2,266,363	83.7%	85.4%

Capital / Debt (included above)	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	PY
	Original	Current														
1 Capital Outlay*	355,350	355,350	-	-	98,400	-	-	119,698	22,995	836	-	-	-		241,929	68.1%
2 Debt Service - Principle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	0.0%
3 Debt Service - Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	0.0%

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ITEM 10
Water Fund

Town of River Bend
Financial Report
Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026



Revenue	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	PY	
	Original	Current															Total
Base Charge	283,169	283,169	46,760	180	39,481	295	46,738	210	47,064	231	47,159	216	47,091		275,425	97.3%	100.7%
Consumption	236,146	236,146	39,667	120	41,375	340	39,095	76	38,823	30	37,524	111	40,246		237,407	100.5%	104.4%
Other, incl. transfers*	59,600	63,900	26,442	5,626	1,459	4,679	2,552	3,918	1,274	3,610	1,236	5,558	1,114		57,469	89.9%	118.1%
Hydrant Fee	17,934	17,934	18,117	(166)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		17,951	100.1%	97.0%
Appropriated Fund Bal.	111,651	111,651	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	0.0%	0.0%
Total	708,500	712,800	130,986	5,760	82,316	5,314	88,385	4,204	87,161	3,871	85,919	5,886	88,452	0	588,252	82.5%	81.4%

Expenses	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	PY	
	Original	Current															Total
Admin & Finance*	530,000	530,625	50,800	33,856	28,016	26,516	29,828	39,973	28,968	28,277	34,141	32,851	157,436		490,661	92.5%	93.1%
Supply & Treatment*	74,000	101,500	15,994	9,839	4,496	16,145	3,015	9,571	6,538	3,288	10,481	8,698	2,264		90,329	89.0%	76.4%
Distribution*	84,000	60,175	31,041	5,130	5,734	248	6,251	235	142	973	611	674	1,055		52,093	86.6%	73.5%
Transfers / Contingency	20,500	20,500	20,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		20,500	100.0%	100.0%
Total	708,500	712,800	118,335	48,825	38,246	42,909	39,093	49,779	35,648	32,538	45,233	42,223	160,755	0	653,583	91.7%	88.5%

Capital (included above)	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	PY
	Original	Current														
Capital Outlay*	30,100	5,100	-	5,050	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		5,050	99.0%

Cash Balances		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
		Water Fund	475,047	481,484	468,755	494,395	478,738	495,978	483,608	518,273	510,796	537,395	399,639
Water Capital Reserve Fund	17,835	17,899	17,961	18,022	18,080	18,138	18,194	18,244	18,299	18,352	18,407	0	

Water Produced	Limit	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date
		Total Gallons	6,176,000	7,173,000	6,597,000	6,696,000	5,802,000	6,119,000	6,223,000	5,751,000	5,842,000	5,952,000	5,552,000	0
Average daily gallons	925,000*	199,226	231,387	219,900	216,000	193,400	197,387	200,742	205,393	188,452	198,400	179,097	0	202,671

* This is the permitted daily limit.



Sewer Fund **ITEM 10**

Revenue	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	Total	% Col	PY % Col
	Original	Current																
Base Charge	298,921	298,921	49,197	377	49,430	445	49,030	176	49,641	292	49,669	227	49,600		298,084	99.7%	100.3%	
Consumption	333,495	333,495	52,907	(10)	55,085	614	53,499	19	53,871	65	52,392	162	53,043		321,647	96.4%	100.5%	
Other, incl. transfers*	57,478	61,528	27,427	5,116	2,221	4,029	2,192	3,563	2,095	5,427	2,175	3,671	2,114		60,029	97.6%	116.9%	
Appropriated Fund Bal.	94,606	94,606	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	0.0%	0.0%	
Total	784,500	788,550	129,531	5,483	106,736	5,087	104,721	3,757	105,607	5,784	104,235	4,060	104,758	0	679,760	86.2%	93.0%	

Expenses	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	Total	% Exp	PY % Exp
	Original	Current																
Admin & Finance*	533,000	533,650	55,818	37,648	27,793	27,532	29,635	47,547	30,072	29,431	35,852	28,717	140,429		490,474	91.9%	93.9%	
Collection*	87,000	88,100	2,296	13,442	10,062	2,702	1,250	4,260	2,492	1,471	1,224	2,716	6,789		48,703	55.3%	49.7%	
Treatment*	139,000	141,300	21,740	7,948	8,538	8,553	8,226	13,772	11,352	7,384	6,816	20,066	5,124		119,517	84.6%	84.1%	
Transfers / Contingency	25,500	25,500	25,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		25,500	100.0%	100.0%	
Total	784,500	788,550	105,354	59,038	46,393	38,786	39,111	65,578	43,916	38,286	43,892	51,498	152,342	0	684,194	86.8%	88.9%	

Capital (included above)	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	Total	% Exp
	Original	Current															
Capital Outlay	30,100	30,100	-	5,050	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		5,050	16.8%	

Cash Balances

	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
Sewer Fund	750,598	742,479	731,266	771,984	760,493	778,490	763,106	803,168	800,568	813,492	690,701	0
Sewer Capital Reserve Fund	26,757	26,853	26,945	27,038	27,125	27,211	27,295	27,370	27,453	27,533	27,615	0

Wastewater Treated		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date
	Limit													
Total Gallons		3,038,000	4,127,000	4,006,000	3,122,000	2,682,000	3,285,000	3,194,000	3,053,000	3,213,000	2,732,000	2,754,000		35,206,000
Average daily gallons	330,000*	98,000	133,129	133,533	100,710	89,400	105,968	103,032	109,036	103,645	91,067	88,839	0	105,123

* This is the permitted daily limit.



**TOWN OF RIVER BEND
ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCE
FISCAL YEAR 2026 - 2027**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of River Bend, North Carolina that the following anticipated fund revenues and departmental expenditures, together with certain fees and schedules, and with certain restrictions and authorizations, are hereby appropriated and approved for the operation of the Town government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

Summary

General Fund	2,995,400
General Capital Reserve Fund	229,425
Law Enforcement Separation Allowance Fund	1,100
Water Fund	744,500
Water Capital Reserve Fund	25,850
Sewer Fund	802,700
Sewer Capital Reserve Fund	36,250
Total	4,835,225

Section 1. General Fund

Anticipated Revenues

AD VALOREM Taxes 2026-2027	1,254,048
AD VALOREM Tax-Motor Vehicle	153,000
Vehicle Registration Fee	30,800
Animal Licenses	1,500
Sales Tax 1% Article 39	242,305
Sales Tax 1/2% Article 40	143,922
Sales Tax 1/2% Article 42	120,990
Sales Tax Article 44	17,861
Sales Tax Hold Harmless Distribution	135,612
Solid Waste Disposal Tax	2,200
Powell Bill Allocation	108,000
Beer and Wine Tax	13,625
Video Programming Sales Tax	39,333
Utilities Franchise Tax	134,899
Telecommunications Sales Tax	6,803
Court Refunds	500
Zoning Permits	5,000
Miscellaneous	9,000
Interest- Powell Bill Investments	5
Interest-General Fund Investments	40,784
Contributions	900
Wildwood Storage Rents	17,395
Rents & Concessions	18,000
Sales Tax	11,365
Sale of Capital Assets	12,057
Transfer From Capital Reserve Fund	176,500
Appropriated Fund Balance	298,996
Total	2,995,400

ITEM 10**Section 1. General Fund (continued)**

Authorized Expenditures

Governing Body	72,500
Administration	411,800
Finance	165,900
Tax Listing	25,600
Legal Services	42,000
Elections	700
Police	885,900
Public Buildings	74,000
Emergency Services	5,400
Street Maintenance	324,700
Public Works	298,500
Leaf & Limb and Solid Waste	98,200
Stormwater Management	94,500
Wetlands and Waterways	3,000
Planning & Zoning	64,700
Recreation & Special Events	15,200
Parks & Community Appearance	160,500
Contingency	27,400
Transfer To General Capital Reserve Fund	224,900
Transfer To L.E.S.A. Fund	0
Total	<u>2,995,400</u>

Section 2. General Capital Reserve Fund

Anticipated Revenues

Contributions from General Fund	224,900
Interest Revenue	4,525
Total	<u>229,425</u>

Authorized Expenditures

Transfer to General Fund	176,500
Future Procurement	52,925
Total	<u>229,425</u>

Section 3. Law Enforcement Separation Allowance Fund

Anticipated Revenues:

Contributions from General Fund	0
Interest Revenue	1,100
Total	<u>1,100</u>

Authorized Expenditures:

Separation Allowance	0
Future LEOSSA Payments	1,100
Total	<u>1,100</u>

ITEM 10**Section 4. Water Fund**

Anticipated Revenues

Utility Usage Charges, Classes 1 & 2	197,293
Utility Usage Charges, Classes 3 & 4	20,555
Utility Usage Charges, Class 5	11,702
Utility Usage Charges, Class 8	4,963
Utility Customer Base Charges	283,901
Availability Fee	17,751
Taps & Connections Fees	2,500
Nonpayment Fees	10,500
Late payment Fees	7,775
Interest Revenue	14,360
Sales Tax	4,500
Sale of Capital Asset	0
Transfer from Capital Reserve Fund	25,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	143,700
Total	<hr/> 744,500

Authorized Expenditures

Administration & Finance [1]	550,700
Operations and Maintenance	168,300
Transfer To Fund Balance for Capital Outlay	0
Transfer To Water Capital Reserve Fund	25,500
Total	<hr/> 744,500

[1] Portion of department for bond debt service: 129,888

Section 5. Water Capital Reserve Fund

Anticipated Revenues

Contributions From Water Operations Fund	25,500
Interest Revenue	350
Appropriated Fund Balance	0
Total	<hr/> 25,850

Authorized Expenditures

Transfer to Water Operations Fund	25,000
Future Expansion & Debt Service	850
Total	<hr/> 25,850

ITEM 10**Section 6. Sewer Fund**

Anticipated Revenues:

Utility Usage Charges, Classes 1 & 2	252,284
Utility Usage Charges, Classes 3 & 4	36,577
Utility Usage Charges, Class 5	28,839
Utility Usage Charges, Class 8	9,812
Utility Customer Base Charges	299,115
Taps & Connection Fees	1,250
Late payment Fees	8,146
Interest Revenue	23,985
Sales Tax	3,992
Sale of Capital Asset	0
Transfer from Sewer Capital Reserve	17,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	121,700
Total	<hr/> 802,700

Authorized Expenditures:

Administration & Finance [2]	559,000
Operations and Maintenance	208,200
Transfer to Fund Balance for Capital Outlay	0
Transfer to Sewer Capital Reserve Fund	35,500
Total	<hr/> 802,700

[2] Portion of department for bond debt service: 112,162

Section 7. Sewer Capital Reserve

Anticipated Revenues:

Contributions From Sewer Operations Fund	35,500
Interest Revenue	750
Total	<hr/> 36,250

Authorized Expenditures:

Transfer to Sewer Operations Fund	17,000
Future Expansion & Debt Service	19,250
Total	<hr/> 36,250

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Section 8. Levy of Taxes

There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of thirty cents (\$0.30) per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of property as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2026, for the purpose of raising the revenue listed as "Ad Valorem Taxes 2026-2027" in the General Fund Section 1 of this ordinance. This rate is based on a valuation of \$419,400,000 for purposes of taxation of real and personal property with an estimated rate of collection of 99.67%. The estimated collection rate is based on the fiscal year 2024-2025 collection rate of 99.67% 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 \$51,000,000 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 2026-2027, 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 2.2% 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 2026-2027 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 18th day of June, 2026.

Mark Bledsoe, Mayor

Attest:

Kristie J. Nobles, Town Clerk, MMC, NCCMC

**Town of River Bend
 Schedule of Rates and Fees
 (Attachment A to Budget Ordinance)
 Effective July 1, 2027**

Amounts due are based upon the Fees and Charges Schedule in effect at the time of payment. It is the Town Council's intention that the Fees and Charges Schedule be revised as needed by July 1st of each year. Some fees and charges may be adjusted during the year as circumstances change.

GENERAL FUND

Administrative

Ad Valorem Tax	\$.30 per \$100 assessed valuation
Copies of Public Information	As specified by State Statute
Town Code, entire copy	\$75.00
Meeting Rooms	As specified in Building Use Policy
Returned Check Processing Charge	\$25, as allowed by G.S. §25-3-506
Administrative Fee for returned bank drafts	\$25.00

Public Safety

Pet License Fee	\$10.00
Golf Cart Registration Fee	\$10.00
Vehicle Registration Fee	\$10.00

Nuisance Abatement Administrative Fee

<u>Cost of Abatement</u>	<u>Fee</u>
\$1 – 1,000	\$50.00
\$1,001 – and up	5% of total abatement cost (maximum fee \$2,000)

Planning and Zoning

Special Exception Use Permit	\$200 plus cost of required legal advertisement and postage to notify abutting landowners
Variance	\$200 plus cost of required legal advertisement and postage to notify abutting landowners
Appeal to Board of Adjustment	\$200 plus cost of required legal advertisement and postage to notify abutting landowners
Residential Application	Based on amount of project as follows:
Base Fee	\$30
	\$2 for every \$1,000 of project value after first \$1,000 and up to \$100,000; plus, \$1 for every \$1,000 above \$100,000 (All values rounded up to nearest \$1,000)

Zoning Administrator can use any appropriate means to verify project valuation.

Residential Flood Plain Application with Zoning Permit

40% of the fee for the Town's residential zoning permit and shall be additional to the zoning permit fee for enclosed structures (fences, decks, and other similar exempt from additional fee).

Commercial Application	Based on amount of project as follows:
Base Fee	\$50
	\$4 for every \$1,000 of project value after first \$1,000 and up to \$100,000; plus, \$2 for every \$1,000 above \$100,000 (All values rounded up to nearest \$1,000)

Zoning Administrator can use any appropriate means to verify project valuation.

Commercial Flood Plain Application with Zoning Permit

40% of the fee for the Town's commercial zoning permit and shall be additional to the zoning permit fee for enclosed structures (fences, decks, and other similar exempt from additional fee).

Residential Flood Plain Application without Zoning Permit

Based on amount of project as follows:

Base Fee \$30

\$2 for every \$1,000 of project value after first \$1,000 and up to \$100,000; plus, \$1 for every \$1,000 above \$100,000 (All values rounded up to nearest \$1,000)

Zoning Administrator can use any appropriate means to verify project valuation.

Commercial Flood Plain Application without Zoning Permit

Based on amount of project as follows:

Base Fee \$50

\$4 for every \$1,000 of project value after first \$1,000 and up to \$100,000; plus, \$2 for every \$1,000 above \$100,000 (All values rounded up to nearest \$1,000)

Zoning Administrator can use any appropriate means to verify project valuation.

Engineering Review

Charged to applicant at the actual cost of the service as billed by the contracted engineer.

Zoning Amendment Request (Map or Text)

\$200 plus cost of required legal advertisement and postage to notify abutting landowners

Sign Permit

\$30

Tree Harvest Permit

\$50

Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances

\$25 per set

ITEM 10**Wildwood Storage Rental Rates**

Unit Number	Unit Size	Monthly Rent
BB 01	5x20	\$35
BB 02	5x20	\$35
BB 03	5x20	\$35
BB 04	5x20	\$35
BB 05	10x20	\$75
BB 06	10x20	\$75
BB 07	10x20	\$75
BB 08	10x20	Town Occupied (TO)
BB 09	10x20	TO
BB 10	10x20	TO
BB 11	10x20	TO
BB 12	10x20	TO
GB 15	10x16	\$65
GB 16	10x16	\$65
GB 17	10x16	\$65
GB 18	10x16	\$65
GB 19	10x16	\$65
GB 20	10x16	TO
GB 21	10x16	TO
GB 22	10x16	TO
OP	Open Spaces (40)	\$25
Late Payment Charge		\$10, assessed after the 10 th of the month
Interest Charge		1.5% monthly on outstanding balances

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Water and Sewer - Rates and Fees

	Water	Sewer
Class 1 and 2 – Residential ⁽¹⁾		
Customer Base Charge per month ⁽²⁾	15.24	24.18
Usage per 1,000 gallons	-	9.30
Usage 0-4,000 gallons	4.22	-
Usage 4,001-20,000 gallons	4.50	-
Usage 20,001+ gallons	4.55	-
Initial Connection (Tap) charge ⁽³⁾	1,250.00	1,250.00
Nonpayment Fee	70.00	-
Class 3 and 4 - Commercial		
Customer Base Charge per month ⁽²⁾	88.32	141.99
Usage per 1,000 gallons	4.22	9.30
Initial Connection (Tap) charge ⁽³⁾	3,500.00	1,250.00
Nonpayment Fee	100.00	-
Class 5 - Industrial		
Customer Base Charge per month ⁽²⁾	276.24	444.93
Usage per 1,000 gallons	4.22	9.30
Initial Connection (Tap) charge ⁽³⁾	5,000.00	1,250.00
Nonpayment Fee	200.00	-
Class 6 - Early Bird (No longer available)		
Class 7 - Availability Charge per month ⁽²⁾	15.24	-
Class 8 - 1" Water Service		
Customer Base Charge per month ⁽²⁾	30.90	49.43
Usage per 1,000 gallons	4.22	9.30
Initial Connection (Tap) charge ⁽³⁾	1,500.00	1,250.00
Nonpayment Fee	100.00	-
Class 9 - Vacant /Out of Use Non-residential Property		
Customer Base Charge per month ⁽²⁾	15.24	24.18
Usage per 1,000 gallons	4.22	9.30
Nonpayment Fee	70.00	-
Class 10 - Vacant Residences		
Customer Base Charge per month ⁽²⁾	15.24	-
Nonpayment Fee	70.00	-

Special Charges

Service Call - 2 hour minimum	\$35 per hour - signed by customer to initiate work outside of scheduled work hours of 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on weekdays and 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on weekends
Meter Testing Charge	\$25 - no charge if meter defective
Returned Check Processing Charge	\$25, as allowed by G.S. §25-3-506
Late Payment Charge	10% of amount overdue per month or part of month beginning 30 days after billing date
Irrigation Connection Inspection	\$20

(1) Residential customer deposit may apply. Please refer to Water Resources Department Policy Manual.

(2) Base charges do not include any usage.

(3) The published Initial Connection (Tap) charges are based on the historic River Bend average cost that has been experienced in making connections. There will be cases when, because of the local depth of the service main pipe to which the connection is to be made, or other site-specific differences from the norm, the published connection fee will not cover the actual cost of the tap. When the Water Resources Superintendent encounters such conditions, he shall notify the applicant requesting the tap that the cost may exceed the published fee. In those cases, a record of cost associated with the specific tap will be accounted for and if the total cost exceeds the published fee, then the applicant shall pay a fee equal to the actual cost. Initial connection charges are based upon the size of the meter and charged as shown in the appropriate Class above.

(4) The necessary equipment will be provided to the resident at cost. The resident is responsible for installing the irrigation meter on the resident's side of the regular water meter. After installation, the work will be inspected by a Water Resources Department employee.

ITEM 10



**TOWN OF RIVER BEND
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND ORDINANCE
AMENDMENT #5**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of River Bend, North Carolina, that the Wastewater Treatment Plant Capital Project Fund Ordinance as last amended on May 15, 2025, be amended as follows:

Section 1. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of a Town Capital Project Fund for the enhancement of the Wastewater Treatment Plant:

<u>CAPITAL PROJECT FUND</u>		
<u>Revenues:</u>		<i>Changes</i>
State Fiscal Recovery Fund Grant	9,108,500	
State Direct Appropriation	5,112,650	
<i>Clean Water State Revolving Loan</i>	<i>10,244,000</i>	<i>10,244,000</i>
<i>Clean Water State Revolving Loan Principal Forgiveness</i>	<i>3,000,000</i>	<i>3,000,000</i>
	27,465,150	13,244,000
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Wetlands Mitigation	54,000	
<i>Engineering/Administration</i>	<i>1,592,000</i>	<i>740,500</i>
<i>Construction</i>	<i>24,802,800</i>	<i>12,069,800</i>
<i>Contingencies</i>	<i>1,016,350</i>	<i>433,700</i>
	27,465,150	13,244,000

Section 2. It is estimated that revenues in the amounts indicated in the foregoing schedule will be available to support the foregoing appropriations.

Section 3. The Finance Officer is hereby authorized to maintain an appropriate Fund Chart of Accounts.

Section 4. Copies of this 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.

Section 5. The capital projects funds are appropriated pursuant to section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina; therefore, appropriations do not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and are available for the duration of the project, estimated to be eighteen months, unless subsequently amended by Council action.

Adopted this 18th day of June, 2026.

Mark Bledsoe, Mayor

Attest:

Kristie J. Nobles, Town Clerk, MMC, NCCMC

CAC May 2026

The Community Appearance Commission met on May 20th and was called to order at 4:03 PM with a quorum present. Members in attendance were Chairperson Brenda Hall, Pat Lineback, Jackie Herbster, Jon Hall, and Steve Sarg, with guest Barbara Maurer.

On the garden front, Jackie has put in a lot of hours weeding and cleaning up the sidewalk gardens, raised beds, and the Veteran's Memorial Garden, and everything is looking great. Brenda and Jackie are now working on a regular caretaker schedule.

The Commission also finished reviewing and updating the Festive Award Program documentation. They made one wording change — replacing “Home” with “Residence” — and approved the revised form. Pat will be designing a new logo to use across all CAC materials going forward. On the programs side, both the Fall and Christmas Festive Awards are moving along fine and don't require any action from Council at this time.

Work also continues on moving CAC program supplies into the new storage room and getting it organized; Jon plans to follow up on that project this fall.

On the events side, Arbor Day with the CAC and EWAB went well this year. The bird houses and bat houses used for the event are left over and can be reused next year, and the Commission intends to keep partnering with the Scouts on that project.

Looking ahead to the Fall Festive Award, the Commission is exploring a hayride-style town tour so residents can view the Fall and Halloween nominees and winners. Jon Hall is following up with Simply Natural about a possible vehicle for that.

The Commission also discussed two upcoming workshops — a Christmas globe workshop and a crab-pot luminary workshop — both proceeding as planned with no action needed from Council.

On the budget side, the Commission is still waiting on the final FY 26-27 numbers, and plans to put any remaining funds toward workshop supplies. They're also continuing to recruit volunteers, mainly through the workshops they host.

One scheduling note for Council: the Commission voted to cancel their July meeting and instead hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, August 19th.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Town of River Bend – Leaf & Limb Schedule 2026-2027

Zone 1 Placement

Zone 1 Pickup Begins

Zone 2 Placement

Zone 2 Pickup Begins

You **MUST** have your debris by the road **BEFORE** "pickup begins" date for your zone, but not more than 5 days before.

July 2026						
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August 2026						
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September 2026						
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October 2026						
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November 2026						
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December 2026						
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January 2027						
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February 2027						
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March 2027						
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April 2027						
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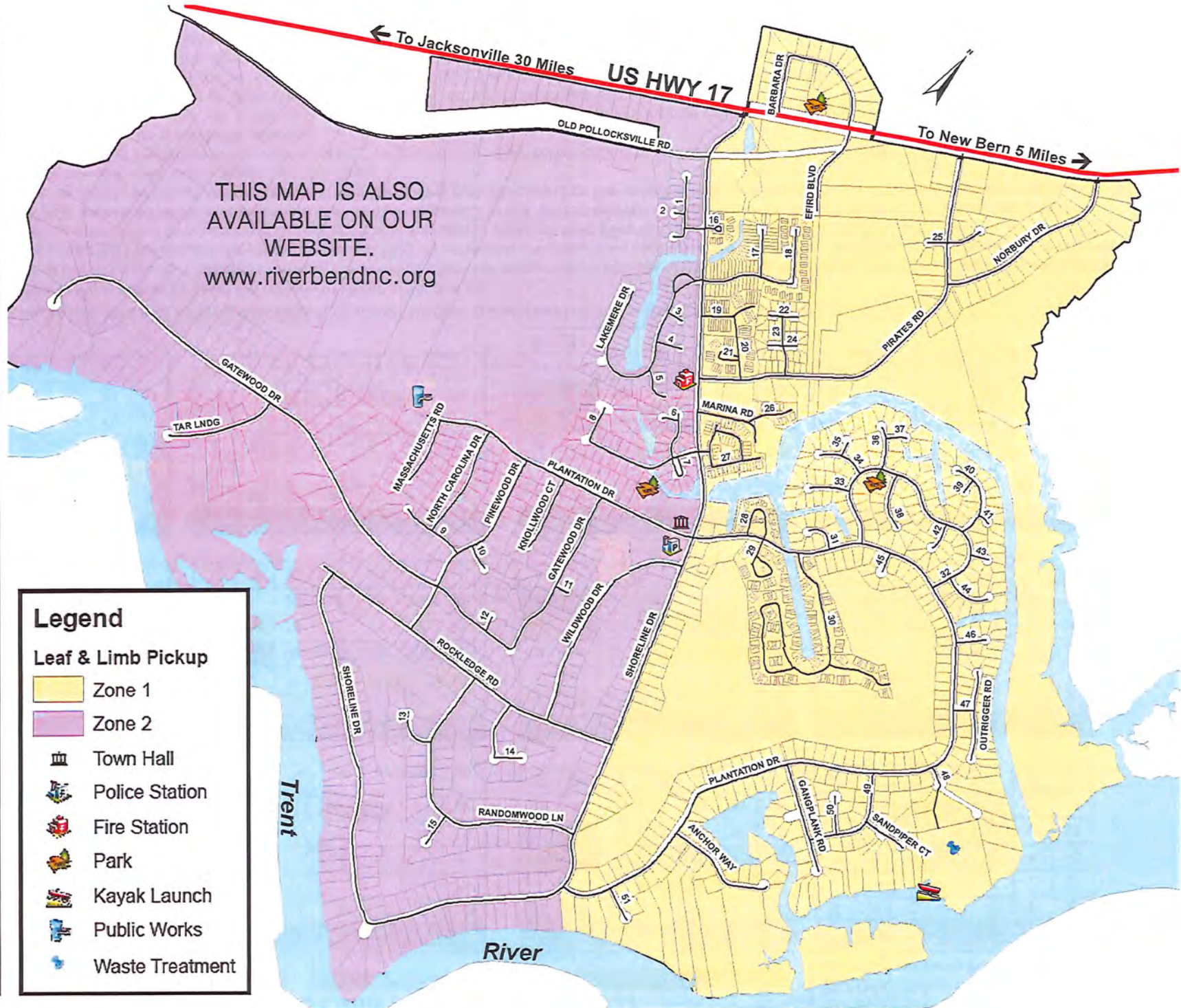
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June 2027						
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All leaf & limb debris must be the result of natural defoliation or minor trimming and must observe the following criteria:

1. Maximum diameter of limbs is three inches (3") and the maximum length is six feet (6').
2. Place all material in a pile at the roadside with butt ends towards the street in a flat area away from mailboxes, driveway tiles, water meters and any other utility equipment.
3. Leaves and grass clippings must **NOT** be bagged. Bagged material will **NOT** be collected. Limbs must be kept separate from leaves and grass clippings. Leaves and grass clippings may be collected by a vacuum. The vacuum cannot accept limbs. Any leaf or grass clipping piles that also contain limbs will **NOT** be collected.
4. Leaf & limb material shall **NOT** be placed at the roadside more than five (5) days prior to the "pickup begins" date as shown on the schedule above (dates are circled).
5. Pickup shall be done once per street per scheduled pickup week. Any leaf & limb material placed on the roadside after that section of the street has been cleaned shall be the responsibility of the property owner to clear immediately (within 5 days).
6. Pickups will be provided to residential properties within the corporate Town limits only. Leaf & limb pickup shall not be provided for debris left by a contractor, including general yard maintenance contractors working on a resident's property.
7. Leaf & limbs are defined as leaves, grass clippings, pinecones, and small tree and shrub limbs. It does not include construction material of any kind, trimmings from lot clearing, or tree trunks. The Town does not collect brown or white goods, metal, furniture, or construction debris.
8. All debris placed upon the public right of way must be placed off the paved portion of the street and must be placed in the right of way immediately adjacent to the property from which it originates. Debris may be placed in the right of way immediately adjacent to the property of others only with the express permission of the owner of the property.
9. Violation of these rules may subject violators to remedies described in the Town of River Bend Code of Ordinances, Section 1.01.999 General Penalty. See section 9.02.030 for complete rules.

STREET	NUM
Ashley Place	19
Bayswater Court	7
Baywood Court	12
Bluff Court	6
Boatswain	34
Bowline	40
Brentwood Court	15
Canebrake Drive	1
Captains Cove	35
Carriage House Court	22
Channel Run	32
Clipper Court	45
Commander Circle	39
Compass Court	51
Courtney Lane	5
Esquire Court	24
Gentry Cove	16
Gull Pointe	48
Harbour Walk	28
Ketch Court	50
Knotline Road	46
Lantern Lane	41
Lauren Court	4
Lochbridge	8
Margo Court	3
Mariners Court	44
Masters Court Drive	17
Mulberry Lane	18
Nautical Drive	47
New Hampshire Lane	9
O'Hara Drive	20
Oakleaf Court	14
Parkwood Court	11
Pier Point	27
Pier Point IV	26
Pillory Circle	21
Pilot Place	43
Portside Lane	33
Quarterdeck 1-30	29
Quarterdeck 31-178	30
Raft Road	36
Sailors Court	31
Seafarers Court	42
Sextant Court	37
Starboard Drive	38
Stillwater Court	2
Teakwood Drive	49
Virginia Court	10
Wakefield Drive	25
Westchester Drive	23
Willowbrook Court	13



River Bend Community Organic Garden (RBCOG)

Monthly Report for Council – 6/1/26

May Activity

All the crops have been planted. Gardeners worked 129 hours in May.

This is a good time for visitors. All the garden areas are thriving and it isn't too hot to walk around.

The Swap-a-Plant space is open. Anyone may take a plant or drop off a plant in the designated area.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 6th at 1:30 pm. Guests are always welcome at the meetings and in the garden.

North Carolina law allows public bodies, such as the River Bend Town Council, to meet in closed session to discuss certain topics. However, prior to going into closed session, the Council must announce the closed session and the topic for which the closed session is being called and that must be done while the Council is in open session. This requirement allows the public to know in general what the closed session is concerning. The closed session must also be adjourned in open session. For the purpose of this guide, open session simply means in view of the public and closed session simply means it private. The topics that may be discussed in closed session are listed below and are numbered 1 through 10. Most of the time, the Council knows in advance that a closed session is needed and the General Statute citation which identifies the purpose of the closed session is included on the agenda. However, that is not always the case. The need for a closed session may arise without enough warning to publish the citation on the agenda. The law does not require advanced notice of a closed session. In any case, planned or not, the Council will state the appropriate citation. The citation will always begin with 143-318.11(a). The numbers that follow in parenthesis will identify the particular closed session topic. For example: The citation 143-318.11(a)(3)(5) will allow the Council to consult with an attorney (#3) and to discuss the acquisition of real property (#5).

§ 143-318.11. Closed sessions.

(a) Permitted Purposes. – It is the policy of this State that closed sessions shall be held only when required to permit a public body to act in the public interest as permitted in this section. A public body may hold a closed session and exclude the public only when a closed session is required:

- (1) To prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.
- (2) To prevent the premature disclosure of an honorary degree, scholarship, prize, or similar award.
- (3) To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged. General policy matters may not be discussed in a closed session and nothing herein shall be construed to permit a public body to close a meeting that otherwise would be open merely because an attorney employed or retained by the public body is a participant. The public body may consider and give instructions to an attorney concerning the handling or settlement of a claim, judicial action, mediation, arbitration, or administrative procedure. If the public body has approved or considered a settlement, other than a malpractice settlement by or on behalf of a hospital, in closed session, the terms of that settlement shall be reported to the public body and entered into its minutes as soon as possible within a reasonable time after the settlement is concluded.
- (4) To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations, or to discuss matters relating to military installation closure or realignment. Any action approving the signing of an economic development contract or commitment, or the action authorizing the payment of economic development expenditures, shall be taken in an open session.
- (5) To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents

concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract.

- (6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. General personnel policy issues may not be considered in a closed session. A public body may not consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, appointment, or removal of a member of the public body or another body and may not consider or fill a vacancy among its own membership except in an open meeting. Final action making an appointment or discharge or removal by a public body having final authority for the appointment or discharge or removal shall be taken in an open meeting.
- (7) To plan, conduct, or hear reports concerning investigations of alleged criminal misconduct.
- (8) To formulate plans by a local board of education relating to emergency response to incidents of school violence or to formulate and adopt the school safety components of school improvement plans by a local board of education or a school improvement team.
- (9) To discuss and take action regarding plans to protect public safety as it relates to existing or potential terrorist activity and to receive briefings by staff members, legal counsel, or law enforcement or emergency service officials concerning actions taken or to be taken to respond to such activity.
- (10) To view a recording released pursuant to G.S. 132-1.4A.

(b) Repealed by Session Laws 1991, c. 694, s. 4.

(c) Calling a Closed Session. – A public body may hold a closed session only upon a motion duly made and adopted at an open meeting. Every motion to close a meeting shall cite one or more of the permissible purposes listed in subsection (a) of this section. A motion based on subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall also state the name or citation of the law that renders the information to be discussed privileged or confidential. A motion based on subdivision (a)(3) of this section shall identify the parties in each existing lawsuit concerning which the public body expects to receive advice during the closed session.

(d) Repealed by Session Laws 1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 570, s. 2. (1979, c. 655, s. 1; 1981, c. 831; 1985 (Reg. Sess., 1986), c. 932, s. 5; 1991, c. 694, ss. 3, 4; 1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 570, s. 2; 1995, c. 509, s. 84; 1997-222, s. 2; 1997-290, s. 2; 2001-500, s. 2; 2003-180, s. 2; 2013-360, s. 8.41(b); 2014-79, s. 9(a); 2016-88, s. 3.)