

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BLUFFTON  
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-  
FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET**

**TO AMEND THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
ENDING JUNE 30, 2026;  
TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURES OF CERTAIN FUNDS;  
AND TO ALLOCATE THE SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE SAID FUNDS.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 5-7-260 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina requires that a municipal council act by ordinance to adopt a budget and levy taxes, pursuant to public notice; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council did adopt the Budget Ordinance 2025-04 on June 10, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council did adopt Ordinance 2025-18 on October 14, 2025 amending the fiscal year 2026 budget; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Sections 4 and 5 of said budget, the Town Council is desirous of amending the budget so as to provide for budget appropriations for legal encumbrances and certain other commitments from the Fund Balance and other revenues of Fiscal Year 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Sections 4 and 5 of said budget, the Town Council is desirous of amending the budget so as to provide for additional program appropriations from available FY2025 fund balance and increase the appropriated budget expenditures;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND IT IS ORDAINED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE SAID TOWN COUNCIL:**

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT**

The adopted fiscal year 2026 budget is amended to make the following changes and additions to the funds from prior year and to the projected revenue and expenditure accounts as follows:

**General Fund**

Revenues and Other Sources

Grants and Entitlements	\$ 50,000
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Transfers In	
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Prior Year Fund Balance	<u>126,300</u>
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Total Revenues and Other Sources	<u><u>\$ 176,300</u></u>
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**General Fund (Cont.)**

## Expenditures and Other Uses

## Expenditures

Executive	\$ 60,800
Planning & Community Development	50,000
Town Wide	5,500

## Other Uses

Transfer Out to CIP	<u>60,000</u>
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Total Expenditures and Other Uses	<u><u>\$ 176,300</u></u>
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**Capital Improvement Fund**

## Revenues and Other Sources

## Transfers In

TIF	\$ 150,000
General Fund	<u>60,000</u>

Total Revenues and Other Sources	<u><u>\$ 210,000</u></u>
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## Expenditures and Other Uses

## Expenditures

E0001-Buckwalter Place Multi-County Commerce Park Phase 2	\$ 150,000
R0012-Hilly Hill Lane	<u>60,000</u>

Total Expenditures and Other Uses	<u><u>\$ 210,000</u></u>
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**Debt Service Fund**

## Revenues and Other Sources

## Transfers In

Prior Year Fund Balance	<u>\$ 150,000</u>
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Total Revenues and Other Sources	<u><u>\$ 150,000</u></u>
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## Expenditures and Other Uses

## Other Uses

Transfer Out to CIP	<u>\$ 150,000</u>
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Total Expenditures and Other Uses	<u><u>\$ 150,000</u></u>
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The effect of this amendment will be to increase the General Fund to \$38,322,427 (Attachment A), to maintain the Local Hospitality Tax at \$8,938,984 (Attachment B), to maintain the Local Accommodations Tax Fund at \$2,820,487 (Attachment C), to maintain the Stormwater Fund budget at \$5,822,543 (Attachment D), to increase the Capital Improvements Program Fund budget to \$42,120,585 (Attachment E), and to increase the Debt Service Fund budget to \$11,049,670 (Attachment F), for a total Consolidated Budget of \$109,074,696.

**SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY**

If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

**SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall be effective upon its enactment by the Town Council for the Town of Bluffton.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF BLUFFTON ON THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.**

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Larry C. Toomer, Mayor  
Town of Bluffton, South Carolina

ATTEST:

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Marcia Hunter, Town Clerk  
Town of Bluffton, South Carolina

Attachments:

- A. General Fund Budget
- B. Local Hospitality Tax Fund Budget
- C. Local Accommodations Tax Fund Budget
- D. Stormwater Utility Fund Budget
- E. Capital Improvements Program Fund Budget
- F. Debt Service Fund Budget

First Reading: February 10, 2026

Second and Final Reading: