

AN ORDINANCE

NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, FOR CERTAIN FUNDS OF THE CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, APPROPRIATING AMOUNTS SHOWN IN EACH FUND FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

1. The General Fund expenditure budget in the amount of \$202,849,985 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby increased by \$20,456,550 to \$223,603,535 and the revenue budget in amount of \$191,575,880 is hereby increased by \$406,623 to \$191,982,503 for the departments listed on the attached chart.
2. The Other Local Option Sales Tax Fund revenue budget in the amount of \$43,400,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby increased by \$14,726,006 to \$62,026,006 for the departments listed on the attached chart.
3. The Stormwater (Sewer) Fund expenditure budget in the amount of \$6,602,311 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby increased by \$133,805 to \$6,736,116 for the departments listed on the attached chart.
4. The Paving Fund expenditure budget in the amount of \$18,415,329 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby increased by \$303,727 to \$18,719,056 for the departments listed on the attached chart.
5. The Integrated Waste Fund expenditure budget in the amount of \$15,307,047 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby increased by \$222,622 to \$15,529,669 and the revenue budget of \$15,307,047 is hereby increased by 44,516 to \$15,351,563 for the departments listed on the attached chart.
6. The Emergency Telephone Fund expenditure budget in the amount of \$4,714,478 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby increased by \$12,941 to \$4,727,419 for the departments listed on the attached chart.
7. The Community Development Block Grant Fund expenditure and revenue budget in the amount of \$1,666,654 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby increased by \$2,172,121 to \$3,838,775 for the departments listed on the attached chart.
8. The HOME Program Fund expenditure and revenue budget in the amount of \$1,230,820 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby increased by \$6,762,497 to \$7,993,317 for the departments listed on the attached chart.
9. The Multi-Governmental Fund expenditure and revenue budget in the amount of \$8,332,487 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby increased by \$53,079 to \$8,385,566 for the departments listed on the attached chart.

10. The American Rescue Plan Fund expenditure budget in the amount of \$29,407,196 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby increased by \$13,812,226 to \$43,219,422 for the departments listed on the attached chart.
11. The Vice/Special Operation Forfeiture Fund expenditure budget in the amount of \$300,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby increased by \$2,165 to \$302,165 for the departments listed on the attached chart.
12. The Bond and Lease Purchase Pool Fund expenditure budgets in the amount of \$0 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby increased by \$11,732 to \$11,732 for the departments listed on the attached chart.
13. The Metra Transportation Fund expenditure budget in the amount of \$25,297,579 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby increased by \$1,376,436 to \$26,674,015 and the revenue budget in the amount of \$25,297,579 is hereby increased by \$96,000 to \$25,393,579 for the departments listed on the attached chart.
14. The Trade Center Fund expenditure budget in the amount of \$4,065,743 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby increased by \$959,983 to \$5,025,726 for the departments listed on the attached chart.
15. The Bull Creek Golf Course Fund expenditure budget in the amount of \$2,207,179 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby increased by \$186,103 to \$2,393,282 for the departments listed on the attached chart.
16. The Civic Center Fund expenditure and revenue budget in the amount of \$6,412,136 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby increased by \$2,939,453 to \$9,351,589 for the departments listed on the attached chart.
17. The Risk Management Fund expenditure budget in the amount of \$7,204,360 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby increased by \$663,130 to \$7,867,490 for the departments listed on the attached chart.
18. The following position changes are hereby adopted as part of the FY25 Mid-Year Budget Amendment and are as follows:

NEW POSITIONS:

- City Attorney – One (1) Paralegal - G119 (Effective 01/01/2025)
- Finance – Three (3) License & Tax Clerk - G115, One (1) Revenue Auditor - G121, One (1) Revenue Analyst - G123, One (1) Administrative Assistant - G115, One (1) Assistant Finance Director - G132, and One (1) Purchasing Analyst - G123 (Effective 01/01/2025)
- Inspections & Code – Two (2) Sign & License Inspector – G116 (Effective 01/01/2025)
- Sheriff – Two (2) Sergeant – PS3 and Ten (10) Deputy Sheriff – PS0 (Effective 01/01/2025)

19. Section 25 of Columbus Ordinance No. 24-027 is hereby modified to insert the following:

- Effective January 1, 2025, an expense allowance shall be provided to Municipal/Chief Magistrate Court Judge Steven Smith in the amount of \$3,600 to be distributed in equal payment over 12 monthly pay periods. This expense allowance only applies to Steven Smith so long as he remains in office serving as Municipal/Chief Magistrate Court Judge. The amount is fixed and is not subject to any Cost of Living Adjustments or additional longevity increases in accordance with O.C.G.A. 15-10-23.1.
- Beginning with the onset of the first complete FLSA pay cycle after January 1, 2025, for each public safety department/agency, the Court Attendance Pay authorized pursuant to O.C.G.A. 24-13-28(b) is hereby increased from \$25 to \$50 per appearance for public safety officers entitled to said pay in accordance to O.C.G.A. 24-24-28 (a)(3) and Columbus Ordinance No. 15-035.

20. Ten (10) Police Officer positions were expressly reinstated per Council Resolution 408-24. Therefore, Section 33 of Columbus Ordinance No. 24-027 is hereby modified by amending the following reference to read as follows:

Thirty-Four (34) Police Officer positions shall remain unfunded, until expressly approved by Council, in order to fund the implementation and continued costs associated with the \$5,000.00 pay adjustments for the full-time Sworn Officers and Emergency 911 Technicians employed in the Columbus Police Department. Said pay adjustments as referenced above shall be continued in FY2025 for all authorized personnel.

21. Each budget increase provided herein is to be funded with fund balances and various revenue sources of the accounting fund for those funds that are being affected by the stated actions.

22. Within the overall budget limitations, authority is hereby delegated to the City Manager, or the Finance Director when acting on the authority delegated by the City Manager, to effect such intra-fund transfers of appropriation and revenue anticipation as may be deemed necessary to the effective performance and delivery of services approved herein.

23. The minimum budget requirements set forth in O.C.G.A. Title 36, Chapter 81, are hereby adopted.

SECTION 2.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 7th day of January 2025; introduced a second time at a regular meeting held on the ___ day of January 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____.
Councilor Chambers	voting _____.
Councilor Cogle	voting _____.
Councilor Crabb	voting _____.
Councilor Davis	voting _____.
Councilor Garrett	voting _____.
Councilor Hickey	voting _____.
Councilor Huff	voting _____.
Councilor Thomas	voting _____.
Councilor Tucker	voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor