

Town of Swansboro
Preliminary Draft Budget-FY 26/27
Budget Scenarios



BOC Meeting
May 12, 2026

Budget
Highlights
FY 26/27

Significant Influence on the overall budget.

- 1.35% COLA & 1.35% Merit (FICA & Retirement included)
- NC Orbit Retirement: Increase .75 basis points
- NCLM Property & Casualty-10% rate increases predicted
- BCBS Group Health Insurance-7.6% rate increase predicted
- Land Use Update-\$100,000
- Parks & Recreation-Part Time-Pay Increase
- New Personnel-\$431,315
- Capital Improvement Plan-\$254,500
- Capital Outlay \$723,500- **Funding using Loan Proceeds/Grants/Capital Reserve/General Fund**

Ad Valorem Revenue Increase Per Tax Rate Change

TAX RATE	AD VALOREM TAX REVENUE	IMPACT TO BUDGET
.2628 CENTS	\$2,602,336	REVENUE NEUTRAL (\$99,023)
.31 CENTS	\$3,069,726	+ \$467,390
.32 CENTS	\$3,168,750	+\$566,413
.33 CENTS	\$3,267,773	+\$665,436
.34 CENTS	\$3,366,797	+764,459
.35 CENTS	\$3,465,820	+\$863,482

Ad Valorem Revenue Increase Per Tax Rate change



REVENUE NEUTRAL TAX PER CENT

.01 = \$100,460 (100% Collection)

.01 = \$99,023 (98.57% Collection)

- Revenue Neutral-Tax Rate = 26.28 cents/\$100

NCGS 159-13(b)(6)-The estimated percentage of collection of property taxes shall not be greater than the percentage of the levy actually realized in cash as of June 30 during the preceding fiscal year. For purposes of the calculation under this subdivision only, the levy for the registered motor vehicle tax under Article 22A of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes shall be based on the nine-month period ending March 31 of the preceding fiscal year, and the collections realized in cash with respect to this levy shall be based on the 12-month period ending June 30 of the preceding fiscal year.

Currently included in Draft Budget

Ad Valorem Tax Revenue:\$2,602,336 (98.57% Collection Rate)

TAX PER CENT

.01 = \$100,460(100% Collection)

.01 = \$99,023 (98.57% Collection)

- **Current Tax Rate = 35 cents/\$100**
(Revaluation Dependent)

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Ad Valorem Tax Revenue:\$3,465,820 (98.57% Collection)

FY 2026–2027 Property Tax Rate Scenarios

General Fund
Scenario 1
26.28 CENTS
REVENUE NEUTRAL

TAX RATE	ADD'L AD VALOREM REVENUE-PER CENT	SHORTFALL	NEW PERSONNEL	CAPITAL OUTLAY	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN	Land Use Plan Update
26.28¢	REVENUE NEUTRAL	(\$1,406,301)	3 Firefighters (\$214,696)/2 Police Officers (\$148,949)/1 Recreation Coordinator (67,665) \$431,310	\$723,500	\$238,250	\$100,000
31.00¢	\$467,390	(\$938,911)				
32.00¢	\$566,413	(\$839,888)				
33.00¢	\$665,436	(\$740,865)				
34.00¢	\$764,459	(\$641,842)				
35.00¢	\$863,482	(\$542,819)				

Funded Items Include: New Personnel, Capital Outlay, Capital Improvements, and Land Use Plan

Capital Outlay Funding: \$596,700 funded through loan proceeds, \$112,000 funded through grant funding, and \$14,800 funded through the General Fund

If Capital Outlay Is Not Funded: Remove \$596,700 in loan proceeds from revenues and Remove \$112,000 in grant funding from revenues

General Fund
Scenario 2
26.28 CENTS
REVENUE NEUTRAL

TAX RATE	ADD'L AD VALOREM REVENUE-PER CENT	SHORTFALL	NEW PERSONNEL	CAPITAL OUTLAY	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN	Land Use Plan Update
26.28¢	REVENUE NEUTRAL	(\$1,339,462)	3 Firefighters (\$214,696)/2 Police Officers (\$148,949) \$363,645	\$723,500	\$238,250	\$100,000
31.00¢	\$467,390	(\$872,072)				
32.00¢	\$566,413	(\$773,049)				
33.00¢	\$665,436	(\$674,026)				
34.00¢	\$764,459	(\$575,003)				
35.00¢	\$863,482	(\$475,980)				

Funded Items Include: New Personnel, Capital Outlay, Capital Improvements, and Land Use Plan

Capital Outlay Funding: \$596,700 funded through loan proceeds, \$112,000 funded through grant funding, and \$14,800 funded through the General Fund

If Capital Outlay Is Not Funded: Remove \$596,700 in loan proceeds from revenues and Remove \$112,000 in grant funding from revenues

General Fund
Scenario 3
26.28 CENTS
REVENUE NEUTRAL

TAX RATE	ADD'L AD VALOREM REVENUE-PER CENT	SHORTFALL	NEW PERSONNEL	CAPITAL OUTLAY	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN	Land Use Plan Update
26.28¢	REVENUE NEUTRAL	(\$1,254,248)	2 Firefighters \$(143,130)/2 Police Officers (\$148,949) \$292,079	\$723,500	\$238,250	\$100,000
31.00¢	\$467,390	(\$786,858)				
32.00¢	\$566,413	(\$687,835)				
33.00¢	\$665,436	(\$588,812)				
34.00¢	\$764,459	(\$489,789)				
35.00¢	\$863,482	(\$390,766)				

Funded Items Include: New Personnel, Capital Outlay, Capital Improvements, and Land Use Plan

Capital Outlay Funding: \$596,700 funded through loan proceeds, \$112,000 funded through grant funding, and \$14,800 funded through the General Fund

If Capital Outlay Is Not Funded: Remove \$596,700 in loan proceeds from revenues and Remove \$112,000 in grant funding from revenues

General Fund
Scenario 4
26.28 CENTS
REVENUE NEUTRAL

TAX RATE	ADD'L AD VALOREM REVENUE-PER CENT	SHORTFALL	NEW PERSONNEL	CAPITAL OUTLAY	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN	Land Use Plan Update
26.28¢	REVENUE NEUTRAL	(\$1,119,516)	1 Firefighter \$(71,565)/1 Police Officer (\$74,474) \$146,039	\$723,500	\$238,250	\$100,000
31.00¢	\$467,390	(\$652,126)				
32.00¢	\$566,413	(\$553,103)				
33.00¢	\$665,436	(\$454,080)				
34.00¢	\$764,459	(\$355,057)				
35.00¢	\$863,482	(\$256,034)				

Funded Items Include: New Personnel, Capital Outlay, Capital Improvements, and Land Use Plan

Capital Outlay Funding: \$596,700 funded through loan proceeds, \$112,000 funded through grant funding, and \$14,800 funded through the General Fund

If Capital Outlay Is Not Funded: Remove \$596,700 in loan proceeds from revenues and Remove \$112,000 in grant funding from revenues

General Fund
Scenario 5
26.28 CENTS
REVENUE NEUTRAL

TAX RATE	ADD'L AD VALOREM REVENUE-PER CENT	SHORTFALL	NEW PERSONNEL	CAPITAL OUTLAY	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN	Land Use Plan Update
26.28¢	REVENUE NEUTRAL	(\$1,123,494)	1 Police Officer (\$74,474)	\$723,500	\$238,250	\$100,000
31.00¢	\$467,390	(\$656,104)				
32.00¢	\$566,413	(\$557,081)				
33.00¢	\$665,436	(\$458,058)				
34.00¢	\$764,459	(\$359,035)				
35.00¢	\$863,482	(\$260,012)				

Funded Items Include: New Personnel, Capital Outlay, Capital Improvements, and Land Use Plan

Capital Outlay Funding: \$596,700 funded through loan proceeds, \$112,000 funded through grant funding, and \$14,800 funded through the General Fund

If Capital Outlay Is Not Funded: Remove \$596,700 in loan proceeds from revenues and Remove \$112,000 in grant funding from revenues

General Fund
Scenario 6
26.28 CENTS
REVENUE NEUTRAL

TAX RATE	ADD'L AD VALOREM REVENUE-PER CENT	SHORTFALL	NEW PERSONNEL	CAPITAL OUTLAY	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN	Land Use Plan Update
26.28¢	REVENUE NEUTRAL	(\$863,482)	Not funded	\$304,000	\$159,520	Not funded
31.00¢	\$467,390	(\$396,092)				
32.00¢	\$566,413	(\$297,069)				
33.00¢	\$665,436	(\$198,046)				
34.00¢	\$764,459	(\$99,023)				
35.00¢	\$863,482	Balanced \$0 Fund Balance				

Funded Items Include: Capital Outlay and Capital Improvements

Capital Outlay Funding: \$235,200 funded through loan proceeds, \$60,000 funded through grant funding, and \$8,800 funded through the General Fund

If Capital Outlay Is Not Funded: Remove \$235,200 in loan proceeds from revenues and Remove \$60,000 in grant funding from revenues

General Fund
Scenario 7
Current Ad Valorem
Per Senate Bill 889

TAX RATE	SHORTFALL	NEW PERSONNEL	CAPITAL OUTLAY	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN	Land Use Plan Update
35.00¢	(753,769)	Not funded	\$304,000	Not funded	Not funded

Funded Items Include: Capital Outlay

Capital Outlay Funding: \$235,200 funded through loan proceeds, \$60,000 funded through grant funding, and \$8,800 funded through the General Fund

If Capital Outlay Is Not Funded: Remove \$235,200 in loan proceeds from revenues and Remove \$60,000 in grant funding from revenues

TAX PER CENT FY 2025/2026

.01 = \$73,480(100% Collection)

.01 = \$72,429 (98.57% Collection)

- **Current Tax Rate = 35 cents/\$100**

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Ad Valorem Tax Revenue:\$2,539,006 (98.57% Collection)

New Personnel Requests-Salaries/Benefits-\$431,315

- Recreation Coordinator: \$67,665
- Firefighter II (3): \$214,696
- Police Officer (2): \$148,949

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Capital Outlay Requests - \$723,500

Budget Highlights FY 26/27

- **Police-\$152,000**
(2)Vehicles, Finger Live Scan, Drone Replacement, Radio Replacement
- **Fire- \$333,000**
Brush Truck, Boat, equipment for New Engine & Training Prop, FD Boat Launch- 50%
- **Public Services-\$50,000**
Public Services Director Truck
- **Downtown Facilities-\$44,000**
New Christmas Tree, Floating Kayak Launch replacement, Fire Dept Boat Launch- 50%
- **Parks & Rec-\$102,000**
Municipal Tot Lot, Vehicle
- **Emergency Management-\$42,500**
Snow Removal Equipment/Message Boards

Capital Improvement Plan-Set Aside Requests:\$238,250

➤ **Fire: \$125,000**

Apparatus: \$100,000

Equipment: \$25,000

➤ **Police:\$23,000**

(2) Police Vehicles

➤ **Public Works: \$16,250**

2025 Ford F-350, 2025- F-450 Super Duty, Ditch Witch, Kaufman Tilt Trailer,
Cat 312/Dump Truck/Equipment Trailer

➤ **Parks & Recreation: \$74,000**

Property Acquisition, Waterfront Implementation, Tennis Court Resurfacing,
Park Equipment, Fitness Equipment

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Stormwater Enterprise Fund FY 25/26

Revenues \$157,574

Expenditures \$157,574

No rate change proposed in FY 26/27

Note:

The credit for one month if payments were made in advance of quarterly installments (i.e. lump sum for total annual fee paid by September 30th) for both commercial and residential parcels has been discontinued.

Solid Waste Enterprise Fund FY 26/27

Revenues \$527,650

Expenditures \$527,650

Proposed rate increases of 9.8% are necessary An increase in solid waste fees is necessary to address rising costs associated with cumulative Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustments in prior years.

Current Rate:	Residential \$21.93	Commercial \$36.62
Proposed Rate:	Residential \$24.08	Commercial \$40.21

Last Increase was in FY 18/19