

**BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE  
TOWN OF COATS, NORTH CAROLINA  
FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF COATS, NORTH CAROLINA**, that the following ordinance establishing revenues, setting expense appropriations and Project Funds is hereby adopted and effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

**SECTION I. (10) GENERAL FUND**

The following General Fund revenues totaling **\$1,904,489** are hereby raised through fees, charges, and other means and are hereby approved from the following sources:

Ad Valorem Taxes (Current and Prior)	\$817,289
NC Article 39, 40, 42, 44	\$483,000
Other State Shared Revenues	\$123,500
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$403,700
Unappropriated Surplus	\$77,000

<b>Total General Fund Revenue:</b>	<b>\$1,904,489</b>
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A total of **\$1,904,489** is hereby authorized to be expended from departmental accounts of the General Fund as follows:

Governing Board	\$70,582
General Management	\$302,873
Police/Public Safety	\$675,295
School Resource Officer	\$76,220
Streets	\$231,544
Appearance/General	\$6,950
Solid Waste	\$265,784
Planning/Zoning	\$89,450
Parks and Recreation	\$185,791

<b>Total General Fund Expenses:</b>	<b>\$1,904,489</b>
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**SECTION II. (20) POWELL BILL FUND**

The following Powell Bill revenues totaling **\$80,000** are hereby raised through fees, charges, and other means and are hereby approved from the following sources:

State Street Aid	\$80,000
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<b>Total Powell Bill Fund Revenues:</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>
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A total of **\$80,000** is hereby authorized to be expended from account of the Powell Bill Fund as follows:

Contracted Services	\$80,000
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<b>Total Powell Bill Fund Expenses:</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>
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### **SECTION III. (60) WATER FUND**

The following Water Fund revenues totaling **\$509,400** are hereby raised through fees, charges, and other means and are hereby approved from the following sources:

Interest Earned	\$8,000
Basic Service Charges	\$418,000
Tap fees	\$18,000
Late & Reconnect fees	\$65,000
Miscellaneous	\$400

<b>Total Water Fund Revenue:</b>	<b>\$509,400</b>
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A total of **\$509,400** is hereby authorized to be expended from account of the Water Fund as follows:

Salaries/Benefits/FICA	\$205,409
Operation & Maintenance	\$303,991
Capital Improvement	\$0
<b>Total Water Fund Expenses:</b>	<b>\$509,400</b>

### **SECTION IV. SPECIAL AUTHORIZATIONS**

The Town Manager, as Budget Officer, under the North Carolina Budget and Fiscal Control Act, is authorized to:

- A. The Budget Officer shall be authorized to reallocate appropriations within departments and among various line accounts, as deemed necessary.
- B. The Budget Officer shall be authorized to execute interdepartmental transfers, within the same fund, not to exceed thirty percent (30%) of the appropriated moneys for the department whose allocation is reduced. Notification of all such transfers shall be made to the Town Board of Commissioners at its next meeting following the date of transfer.
- C. The Budget Officer shall be authorized to make interfund loans for a period of not more than ninety (90) days; notification of such loan shall be given to the Town Board of Commissioners at its next meeting following the date of the loan.

## **SECTION V. SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS**

Interfund and interdepartmental transfers of money except noted in paragraphs A, B and C above shall be authorized by the Town Board of Commissioners only.

## **SECTION VI. POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN**

The Authorized Employee Position list, as amended, is hereby adopted by the Board and becomes effective July 1, 2025 until rescinded or modified (see Appendix A).

## **SECTION VII. RATE AND FEE SCHEDULE**

The Town of Coats Rate and Fee Schedule, as amended, is hereby adopted by the Board and becomes effective July 1, 2025 until rescinded or modified (see Appendix B).

## **SECTION VIII. AD VALOREM TAXES**

An Ad Valorem tax rate for the Town of Coats is hereby set at \$0.49 per \$100 valuation of taxable property, as listed for taxes as of July 1, 2025 is hereby levied and established as the official tax rate for the Town of Coats for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026. The rate is based on a total projected valuation of \$167,654,084 and an estimated collection rate of 99%. The purpose of the Ad Valorem tax levy is to raise sufficient revenue to finance the necessary municipal government operations in the Town of Coats.

## **SECTION IX. DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS**

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

Adopted by the Coats Board of Commissioners this 12th day of June, 2025.

TOWN OF COATS



Chris Coats  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Connie Lassiter  
Finance Director/Town Clerk

**TOWN OF COATS**  
**AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEE POSITIONS**  
**JULY 1, 2025**

DEPARTMENT & POSITION	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
<u>General Administration</u>	
Town Manager	1 FT
Finance Director/Town Clerk	1 FT
Customer Service Representative	1 FT
Accounting Technician/Admin Assistant	1 PT
<u>Public Works Department</u>	
Public Works Director	1 FT
Public Works Technician	3 FT
<u>Police Department</u>	
Police Chief	1 FT
Police Mid-Shift	2 FT
Police Officer	4 FT
School Resource Officer	1 FT
Part-time Police Officers	
<u>Parks and Recreation Department</u>	
Parks and Recreation Director	1 FT
Part-time Seasonal Workers	



## TOWN OF COATS

Effective July 1, 2025

*(NOTE: All fees are subject to change without notice. Please contact the appropriate department to confirm current fees.)*

### TAXES

**Property Tax Rate:**.....\$0.49 per \$100 of assessed valuation  
**Municipal Vehicle Tax:**.....\$5.00 per vehicle

### WATER RATES

#### RESIDENTIAL RATES:

**In Town:** First 2,000 gallons of water (FLAT RATE).....\$15.75  
Each 1,000 gallons THEREAFTER.....\$ 6.00

**Out of Town:** First 2,000 gallons of water (FLAT RATE).....\$30.50  
Each 1,000 gallons THEREAFTER.....\$12.00

#### COMMERCIAL RATES:

**In Town:** First 2,000 gallons of water (FLAT RATE).....\$15.75  
Each 1,000 gallons THEREAFTER.....\$6.00

**Out of Town:** First 2,000 gallons of water (FLAT RATE)..... \$30.50  
Each 1,000 gallons THEREAFTER.....\$12.00

**EQUIPMENT FEE:**.....\$1.00/month

#### WATER TAP & METER RETROFIT FEES:

3/4" .....\$2,500.00  
1" .....\$3,000.00  
2" .....\$6,000.00  
3/4" AMI Meter & MXU only.....\$425.00  
1" AMI Meter & MXU only.....\$450.00  
2" AMI Meter & MXU only .....\$2550.00  
MXU Transmitter Disc & wire only..... \$70.00

## UTILITY FEES

Water Deposit (Owner): .....	\$0.00-\$50.00
Water Deposit (Renter):.....	\$50.00-\$100.00
Connection Fee:.....	\$30.00
Transfer Fee:.....	\$30.00
Cleaning Rental Units:.....	\$25.00
Late fee: .....	\$20.00
(Applied to payments received after 4:30pm on 17th of any month)	
Non-payment fee:.....	\$50.00
Scheduled Service Call .....	\$30.00
Charges for illegal cut-on of water:.....	\$50.00
(Assessed to customers who illegally cut on their water)	

Sewer Rates: Deposit and Rates set by Harnett Regional Water

### NEW SERVICE DEPOSITS:

All Water/Sewer Deposits are based upon your credit. Valid ID & SS # are required.  
 Water, Sewer and Connection Fee must be paid in full before water is turned on.  
 New accounts or delinquent accounts must be paid in full by 3:00 pm in order for water service to be cut back on.

## PARKS & RECREATION FEES

### PARK RENTAL:

Picnic Shelter (rented in 3-hour increments).....	\$50.00
Ball Fields (hourly rate without lights) .....	\$20.00
Ball Fields (hourly rate with lights).....	\$40.00
Ball Fields and Concession (per day).....	\$200.00

### RECREATION PROGRAMS:

Youth Participants:

Resident Fee.....	\$25.00
Non-Resident Fee .....	\$45.00

Adult League Softball (per team).....	\$550.00
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### MCKINLEY POINT RENTAL:

Farm Vendor (per year) .....	\$100.00
Private Event (per day).....	\$100.00
Non-Profit Event (per day).....	\$50.00
Non-Profit Signage only (per week).....	\$25.00

## ALCOHOL PRIVILEGE LICENSE

Beer "On-premise" .....	\$15.00
Beer "Off-premise" .....	\$5.00
Wine "On-premise" .....	\$15.00
Wine "Off-premise" .....	\$10.00

## MISCELLANEOUS RATES & FEES

Copying .....	\$0.30/page
Driveway Piping .....	Cost of Materials
Lot Mowing (hourly, with one hour minimum) .....	\$100.00
Cemetery Plots .....	\$500.00
Burial Permit .....	\$100.00
Returned Check Fee .....	\$25.00
(After 2nd return check, no personal checks will be accepted)	
Police Reports .....	\$5.00 each
Police Fingerprint Cards (In Town, No Charge) .....	Out of Town \$5.00
Golf Cart Registration .....	\$40.00
Golf Cart Annual Inspection .....	\$40.00
Online Convenience Fee .....	3% of total bill

## SOLID WASTE FEES

### RESIDENTIAL & BUSINESS

<b>In Town:</b>	Garbage (Weekly Pickup) .....	\$11.00/Month
	Recycling (Bi-Weekly Pickup) .....	\$5.00/Month
	Bulk & Brush (Bi-Weekly Pickup) .....	\$6.00/Month

**Total In Town per Month = \$22.00**

<b>Out of Town:</b>	Garbage (Weekly Pickup) .....	\$24.00/Month
	Recycle (Bi-Weekly Pickup) .....	\$8.00/Month

## PLANNING / ZONING

### ZONING APPLICATION PERMITS

#### Residential:

Detached Dwelling.....	\$50.00
Attached Dwelling.....	\$100.00
Fence Permit.....	\$0.00
Watershed High Density Application.....	\$250.00

#### Non-Residential/Commercial:

Structure.....	\$200.00 + zoning site plan review fee
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Building Permit Fees.....Set by Harnett County

Site Inspection Fees (by Town's Contractor)..... Reimbursement of Direct Costs

#### Planning Fees (Board Approval Required):

Special Use Permit Application.....	\$500.00
Variance Request.....	\$400.00
Re-Zoning Application.....	\$400.00
Ordinance Text Amendment.....	\$400.00
Road Renaming Petition (Buying New Signs & E911 Addressing).....	\$400.00

#### Planning Service Fees:

Zoning Certification Letter.....	\$30.00
Exempt or Recombination Subdivision Review.....	\$25.00
Minor Subdivision Filing Fee:.....	\$250.00 + \$20.00/lot
Major Subdivision Preliminary Plat.....	\$500.00 + \$20.00/lot
Construction Drawings Review Fee.....	\$500.00
Storm Drainage/Erosion Control Fee.....	\$500.00
Major Subdivision Final Plat Review .....	\$350.00 + \$20.00/lot
Recreation Fee – New Residential Construction (due at zoning permit)...	\$500.00

#### Sign Permits:

Business Sign Permit.....	\$50.00
Temporary (Limited to 30 days/year).....	\$35.00

## MANAGEMENT REIMBURSEMENT

Mileage Reimbursements.....IRS Rate