



Budget at a Glance

Fairfax County, Virginia FY 2026 Advertised Budget

General Fund Budget Highlights

- ◆ Revenue projections based on Real Estate Tax rate of \$1.14 per \$100 assessed value, an increase of \$0.015
 - Results in an increase in the average tax bill of approximately \$638.39
 - Each penny change in the tax rate equals \$79.42 on a taxpayer's bill
 - Projected value of \$0.01 on the Real Estate Tax Rate is \$33.95 million
- ◆ Includes a 2 percent increase (\$13.03 million) to the Transient Occupancy Tax, half of which will support tourism activities
- ◆ Funds an increase of \$125.3 million, or 4.5%, in transfers to Schools
- ◆ Funds compensation for General County employees, including performance/merit/longevity increases, a 2.00% cost of living adjustment, and benchmark adjustments
- ◆ Fully funds the second year of the Public Safety collective bargaining agreements
- ◆ Provides for other limited, targeted investments including 9 new positions to address various needs across the County, including the impacts of inflation, costs associated with new facilities, and support for information technology infrastructure
- ◆ Includes reductions of \$59.80 million and 208 positions
- ◆ Leaves balance of \$5.62 million for Board's consideration

General Fund Budget Summary

(Amounts shown are in millions, net change over FY 2025 Adopted Budget Plan)

Projected Revenue Increase			
Revenue Increase at Current Real Estate Tax Rate			\$196.57
1.5-cent Real Estate Tax Increase			\$50.93
2 Percent Transient Occupancy Tax Increase			\$13.03
Additional ¼ Penny for Affordable Housing			(\$8.49)
Revenues Associated with Expenditure Adjustments			\$5.68
Net Impact of Transfers In			(\$2.25)
Total Available			\$255.47
FY 2026 Requirements			
	County	Schools	Total
School Operating Support	—	\$118.64	\$118.64
County Compensation	\$123.60	—	\$123.60
Debt Service	\$8.60	\$6.70	\$15.30
New Facilities	\$4.80	—	\$4.80
Contracts/Inflationary	\$16.22	—	\$16.22
Information Technology	\$10.57	—	\$10.57
Cost of County Operations	\$10.17	—	\$10.17
Mandates/Expiration of Grants	\$3.84	—	\$3.84
Reductions	(\$59.80)	—	(\$59.80)
Subtotal	\$118.00	\$125.34	\$243.34
Reserve for Tourism			\$6.52
Total Uses			\$249.86
Available Balance for Board Consideration			\$5.62

Percentage Change in Real Estate Assessed Values

	2024	2025	2026
Residential Equalization	6.97%	2.86%	6.17%
Residential Growth	0.85	0.54	0.48
Total Residential	7.82	3.40	6.65
Nonresidential Equalization	1.65	(1.24)	(0.38)
Nonresidential Growth	1.10	1.78	1.29
Total Nonresidential	2.75	0.54	0.91
Total Equalization	5.68	1.91	4.68
Total Growth	0.91	0.82	0.66
TOTAL	6.59%	2.73%	5.34%



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FY 2026 Proposed Taxes and Fees

Type	Unit	FY 2025 Actual Rate	FY 2026 Proposed Rate
General Fund Tax Rates			
<i>Real Estate</i>	<i>\$100/Assessed Value</i>	<i>\$1.125</i>	<i>\$1.140</i>
Personal Property	\$100/Assessed Value	\$4.57	\$4.57
Non-General Fund Tax Rates			
REFUSE RATES			
<i>Refuse Collection (per unit)</i>	<i>Household</i>	<i>\$555</i>	<i>\$610</i>
<i>Refuse Disposal (per ton)</i>	<i>Ton</i>	<i>\$79</i>	<i>\$90</i>
Leaf Collection	\$100/Assessed Value	\$0.019	\$0.019
SEWER CHARGES			
<i>Sewer Base Charge</i>	<i>Quarterly</i>	<i>\$49.73</i>	<i>\$52.62</i>
<i>Sewer Availability Charge</i>	<i>Residential</i>	<i>\$9,038</i>	<i>\$9,218</i>
<i>Sewer Service Charge</i>	<i>Per 1,000 Gallons</i>	<i>\$8.81</i>	<i>\$9.33</i>
COMMUNITY CENTERS			
McLean Community Center	\$100/Assessed Value	\$0.023	\$0.023
Reston Community Center	\$100/Assessed Value	\$0.047	\$0.047
OTHER SPECIAL TAX DISTRICTS			
Stormwater Services District	\$100/Assessed Value	\$0.0325	\$0.0325
Route 28 Corridor	\$100/Assessed Value	\$0.14	\$0.14
Dulles Rail Phase I	\$100/Assessed Value	\$0.09	\$0.09
Dulles Rail Phase II	\$100/Assessed Value	\$0.16	\$0.16
Integrated Pest Management Program	\$100/Assessed Value	\$0.001	\$0.001
Commercial Real Estate Tax for Transportation	\$100/Assessed Value	\$0.125	\$0.125
Tyson's Service District	\$100/Assessed Value	\$0.05	\$0.05
Reston Service District	\$100/Assessed Value	\$0.021	\$0.021

Rates *italicized and in bold* are proposed to be adjusted in FY 2026.

FY 2026 Budget Schedule

- February 18, 2025** County Executive presents FY 2026 Advertised Budget
- February 25, 2025** Joint Board of Supervisors/School Board Budget Committee Meeting
- March 11, 2025** Budget Policy Committee Meeting
- March 18, 2025** Board of Supervisors advertises FY 2026 tax rates and *FY 2025 Third Quarter Review*
- March 25, 2025** Budget Policy Committee Meeting
- April 22-24, 2025** Board of Supervisors holds Public Hearings on FY 2026 Budget, FY 2026 - FY 2030 Capital Improvement Program, and *FY 2025 Third Quarter Review*
- May 6, 2025** Board of Supervisors marks-up FY 2026 Budget, adopts FY 2026 - FY 2030 Capital Improvement Program, and *FY 2025 Third Quarter Review*
- May 13, 2025** Board of Supervisors adopts FY 2026 Adopted Budget
- May 13, 2025** School Board holds public hearings on FY 2026 budget
- May 22, 2025** School Board adopts FY 2026 Approved Budget
- July 1, 2025** FY 2026 Budget Year Begins

How to Provide Input

Online and by **Text** options will be available beginning February 24, see details at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget/fy-2026-feedback

Email FY26Budget@publicinput.com

By phone call 703-890-5898, code 7574

Testify at a budget public hearing in person, or by video or phone. Sign up at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speakers-form, call the Clerk to the Board's Office at 703-324-3151 (TTY 711), or email clerktothebos@fairfaxcounty.gov for more information.

Attend a Budget Town Hall in your district. Times and details available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget/fy-2026-budget-town-hall-meetings



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