

CITY OF COVINGTON PUBLIC NOTICE - PUBLIC HEARING FY 2025-2026 BUDGET & FEE SCHEDULE

This notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 15.2-2506 of the Code of Virginia as amended, that the Covington City Council, at its meeting on June 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. will hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of the City of Covington **Budget and Fee Schedule** for Fiscal Year July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. All people who wish to be heard concerning the adoption of said Budget may appear before the City Council at its meeting to be held at City Hall on the above-mentioned date at 6:00 p.m. There are no proposed tax rate increases. Real Estate remains \$0.85/\$100, Personal Property remains \$3.08/\$100, and Machinery & Tools remains \$2.76/\$100. There are proposed fee increases for Water Residential (non-metered) of \$2.00 from \$27.50 to \$29.50, Wastewater Residential (non-metered) of \$4.00 from \$34.50 to \$38.50, and Residential Refuse Collection of \$4.00 from \$28.00 to \$32.00. Also, proposed are Water Commercial fee increases of 7.25% to the base minimum rate and separate usage volumes. Proposed are Wastewater Commercial fee increases of 11.59% to the base minimum rate and separate usage volumes. Proposed are Refuse Collection Commercial fee increases of 14.28 to the base minimum rate and additional volumes.

The City of Covington follows the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you require accommodation or a sign language interpreter to participate in the meeting, reasonable accommodation can be made upon request. Please make requests to the Clerk of the City Council at least five (5) days in advance of the meeting at (540) 965-6300 Extension #7.

SYNOPSIS OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF COVINGTON  
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026

GENERAL FUND

REVENUE:	FY2025-26	EXPENDITURES	FY 2025-26
Local Sources	\$ 17,127,982	General Government	\$ 2,575,152
State Sources	3,834,409	Judicial Administration	381,111
Federal Sources	68,750	Public Safety	5,451,586
Other Funds	-	Public Works	5,214,134
Non-Revenue Receipts	576,665	Health & Welfare	2,164,054
Fund Balance – GF	2,891,734	Education	4,520,431
		Parks, Recreation & Cultural	2,378,602
		Community Development	281,652
		Debt Service	995,136
		Transfers & Reserves	537,682
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 24,499,540</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 24,499,540</b>

Summary of Business Enterprise Funds  
For Fiscal Year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026

	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Capital Reserve Solid Waste	Landfill Closure
Operating Revenues:	\$ 2,391,942	\$ 2,073,334	\$ 1,216,856	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer from General Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Recovered Costs	-	100	-	-	-
Transfers	133,324	400,402	649,090	20,523	1,192,637
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,525,266</b>	<b>\$ 2,473,836</b>	<b>\$ 1,865,946</b>	<b>\$ 20,523</b>	<b>\$ 1,192,637</b>
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,771,186	\$ 1,384,023	\$ 1,372,396	\$ -	\$ -
Capital Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	346,062	852,145	437,571	-	-
Transfers & Reserves	408,018	237,668	55,979	20,523	1,192,637
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,525,266</b>	<b>\$ 2,473,836</b>	<b>\$ 1,865,946</b>	<b>\$ 20,523</b>	<b>\$ 1,192,637</b>

AHPS SCHOOL  
Funds

Revenues State Government	\$ 33,879,216
Revenues Federal Government	2,280,550
Revenues Local Government	12,325,670
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 48,485,436</b>

Education Expenditures:

Instruction	\$ 32,632,685
Admin, Attendance & Health	4,632,981
Pupil Transportation	3,630,071
Operation & Maintenance	5,623,592
Facilities	130,000
Technology	1,358,107
Contingency	478,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 48,485,436</b>

IN ADDITION TO THE PROPOSED FEE CHANGES ABOVE IN NOTICE HEADING, THE FOLLOWING ARE PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Water Deposit from \$55.00 to \$59.00, Sewer Deposit from \$69.00 to \$77.00, Solid Waste Deposit from \$56.00 to \$64.00, Late/Cutoff Fee from \$41.00 to \$45.00  
Landfill Tipping Fee from \$88.13/Ton to \$100.71/Ton  
Photocopies from \$0.20 to \$0.25, Police Accident Reports from \$10.00 to \$15.00  
Nuisance Property (Mowing/Cleanup) Administration Fee from \$25.00 to \$35.00  
Property Lien Placement Fee from \$50.00 to \$60.00  
Returned Check Charges from \$25.00 to \$35.00

This budget synopsis is prepared and published for information and fiscal planning purposes only. The Budget has been prepared based on the estimates and requests submitted to the City Council by the City Manager. There is no allocation or designation of any funds of the City for any purpose until there has been an appropriation for that purpose by the City Council. A copy of the proposed budget will be available for viewing in the City Manager's office at City Hall.

CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF COVINGTON, VIRGINIA  
BY: ALLEN DRESSLER, CITY MANAGER