

COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY



ORDINANCE NO. 2025-398

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS AND ESTIMATE INCOME IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BUDGET ADOPTED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026**

Be it ordained and enacted by the Commissioners of Ridgely, Maryland that the following tax rates and fees revenue and expenditure estimates are enacted for Fiscal Year 2025-2026:

- Sec. 1 General Fund
- Sec.2 Rate of Taxation on Real Property
- Sec. 3 Rate of Taxation on Business Personal Property
- Sec. 4 Service and Administration Fee Collected by Caroline County Tax Office

**Sec. 1 General Fund**

- A. That the following amounts shall be and hereby are appropriated for the expenditures designated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, for the General Fund:

| Activity Title                        | Approved Budget & Appropriation |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>             |                                 |
| General Administration                | \$ 363,394                      |
| <b>General Administration – Total</b> | <b>\$ 363,394</b>               |
| <b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>                  |                                 |
| Caroline County Sheriff's Dept        | \$ 493,415                      |
| Volunteer Fire Co. Grant              | \$ 30,000                       |
| Retired K-9 Budget                    | \$ 2,000                        |
| Security Cameras                      | \$ 7,000                        |
| Call Box                              | \$ 1,100                        |
| Town Hall Expenses                    | \$ 8,600                        |
| Town Hall Loan                        | \$ 10,726                       |
| <b>Public Safety Total</b>            | <b>\$ 552,841</b>               |
| <b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>                   |                                 |
| Streets and Grounds                   | \$ 241,994                      |
| Trash Collection                      | \$ 188,313                      |
| Parks                                 | \$ 148,531                      |
| <b>Public Works Total</b>             | <b>\$ 578,838</b>               |

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| <b>GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES</b>    | <b>\$1,495,073</b>   |
| <b>SEWER SYSTEM</b>                 | <b>\$ 477,989</b>    |
| <b>WATER SYSTEM</b>                 | <b>\$ 414,304</b>    |
| <b>WATER/SEWER RESERVES/DEFICIT</b> | <b>\$ (-178,112)</b> |
| <b>CONTINGENCY</b>                  | <b>\$ 19,256</b>     |
| <b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>          | <b>\$2,228,510</b>   |

B. That the following revenues are, in the considered judgement of the Town Commission, a fair appraisal and estimate of the revenues available to finance this budget and these appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

| Source                          | Estimated Revenues |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Taxes                           | \$ 1,005,412       |
| Revenue from Other Agencies     | \$ 279,531         |
| Fines/Fees/Miscellaneous Income | \$ 229,386         |
| Fees for Water Service          | \$ 296,981         |
| Fees for Sewer Service          | \$ 417,200         |
| <b>Total FY26 Revenues</b>      | <b>\$2,228,510</b> |

## **Sec. 2 Rate of Taxation of Real Property**

That the rate of taxation on real property to be taxed within the boundaries of the Town of Ridgely, Maryland shall be and hereby is established as:

Forty-Six and .56 cents (\$0.4656)

On each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of value for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and including June 30, 2026.

**Sec. 3 Rate of Taxation on Business Personal Property**

That the rate of taxation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and including June 30, 2026, on any personal property to be taxed by the Town of Ridgely, Maryland, shall be and hereby is established as:

One Dollar and .275 Cents (\$1.275)

On each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation, unless otherwise provided for by Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

**Sec. 4 Service and Administration Fee Collected by Caroline County Tax Office**

That the rate of service and administrative fees on semi-annual billings assessed by the Caroline County Tax Office shall be established as: .110% Service and Administrative Fee.

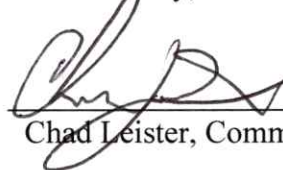
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Clarence B. Sears, President

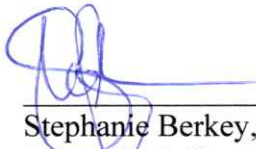


John Hutley, Commissioner



Chad Leister, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Stephanie Berkey, CMC  
Town Clerk-Treasurer

Date Introduced: May 5, 2025

Date Passed: June 2, 2025

Effective Date: June 22, 2025