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BUDGET ORDINANCE FY 2026-2027
KURE BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA

Be it ordained by the Town Council of Kure Beach, North Carolina:

Section I. Budget Adoption: There is hereby adopted the following operating budget for the Town of Kure Beach for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027; the same being adopted by fund. Activity within each fund is listed as follows:

GENERAL FUND

EXPENDITURES:

Governing Body	$ 87,840
Committees	21,192
Finance	345,703
Administration	552,670
Community Center	37,000
Emergency Management	2,500
Tax Collections	39,100
Legal Department	98,300
Police Department	2,576,628
Fire Department	1,588,851
Ocean Rescue	645,745
Parks & Recreation	528,310
Development & Compliance	280,783
Streets & Sanitation	2,216,611
Paid Parking Program	245,000
Debt Service	709,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**$9,975,233**

GENERAL FUND (continued)

REVENUES:

Property Tax (current & prior years)	$4,402,900
Sales Tax	1,907,000
Paid Parking Program	900,000
Garbage & Recycle Fees	820,000
TDA Funds	645,745
Franchise & Utility Tax	306,700
Investment Earnings	177,000
Building Permits/CAMA Fees/ Fire Inspections	132,000
Communication Tower Rent	92,450
Sales Tax Refund	86,500
Parks & Rec/Community Center/ Street Festival	27,000
ABC Revenue	25,775
Town Facility Rentals	20,000
Motor Vehicle License Tax	10,675
Beer & Wine Tax	10,000
Other Revenue	10,100
Fund Balance Appropriated	191,388
Other Financing Sources	210,000
TOTAL REVENUES	**$9,975,233**

POWELL BILL FUND

EXPENDITURES:

Street Maintenance, Repair & Paving	$ 180,750
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**$ 180,750**

REVENUES:

Powell Bill Allocation	$ 83,750
Investment Earnings	2,000
Fund Balance Appropriated	95,000
TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 180,750**

STORM WATER FUND

EXPENDITURES:

Storm Water Operations	$ 611,150
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**$ 611,150**

REVENUES:

Storm Water Monthly Fees	$ 535,000
Storm Water Building Fees	68,000
Investment Earnings	8,150
TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 611,150**

BEACH PROTECTION FUND

EXPENDITURES:

Beach Protection Expenses	$ 14,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**$ 14,500**

REVENUES:

Investment Earnings	$ 14,500
TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 14,500**

FEDERAL ASSET FORFEITURE FUND

EXPENDITURES:

Federal Asset Forfeiture Expenses	$ 25,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**$ 25,000**

REVENUES:

Fund Balance Appropriated	$ 25,000
TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 25,000**

WATER AND SEWER FUND

EXPENDITURES:

W/S Governing Body	$ 21,642
W/S Legal Department	20,440
W/S Finance	357,160
W/S Administration	377,193
W/S Operations	2,443,570
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**$3,220,005**

REVENUES:

Water Charges	$1,256,915
Sewer Charges	1,722,000
Tap & Reconnection Fees	66,300
Investment Earnings	108,500
NCDEQ AIA Grant	42,200
Other Revenue	24,090
TOTAL REVENUES	**$3,220,005**

SEWER EXPANSION RESERVE FUND (SERF)

EXPENDITURES:

Sewer Reserve	$ 20,945
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**$ 20,945**

REVENUES:

System Development Fees	$ 10,795
Investment Earnings	10,150
TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 20,945**

EXPENDITURES	**ALL FUNDS**	**$14,047,583**
REVENUES	**ALL FUNDS**	**$14,047,583**

Section II. Levy of Taxes: There is hereby levied, for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, an Ad Valorem tax rate of 19.5 cents ($0.195) per one hundred dollars ($100) valuation of taxable property as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2026. This rate shall be levied entirely in the General Fund.

The tax rate is based on an estimated total valuation of property for the purposes of taxation of two billion two hundred sixty-two million eight hundred and eighty thousand dollars ($2,262,880,000) and an estimated collection rate of ninety-nine and one-half percent (99.5%).

Section III. Salaries and Staffing: The following shall govern salary and wage compensation for Fiscal Year 2025-2026:

A. Pay Plan. There is hereby adopted a pay plan that includes an across the board cost of living adjustment in the amount of 2.8 percent applicable to all full-time Town employees.

B. Salary Adjustments. Each employee's salary shall be examined to ensure that the pay grade reflects the years of service, proficiency and quality of work. Merit raises are allotted at 1.5 percent this year for employees.

Section IV. The Budget Officer is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations within a fund as contained herein under the following conditions as specified in North Carolina General Statute Chapter 159.

A. The Budget Officer may transfer amounts between line item expenditures without limitation and without a report being required up to $10,000 at any one time.

B. The Budget Officer may transfer amounts within departments and of the same fund and reported as part of the financial statements. He shall make an official report immediately to Council on such transfers.

C. The Budget Officer may not transfer amounts between funds without prior Council action.

Section V. Restricted Revenues: The Finance Officer is hereby directed to fund appropriations that have specified revenues prior to funding with General Fund monies. This is to include but not limited to Local, State and Federal grants.

Section VI. Encumbrances: All outstanding encumbrances from prior fiscal years are to be carried forward to Fiscal Year 2026-2027. All Project Ordinance appropriations are continued.

Section VII. Budget Control: The Town Council in approving the budget has utilized to the fullest extent possible its revenue sources. Over collections of revenues or unanticipated revenue sources cannot be expected during the year. It is therefore of utmost importance that Department Heads initiate steps to ensure compliance with the budget as fixed herein and they are hereby directed to do so.

Section VIII. The Town Council hereby authorizes the New Hanover County Tax Administrator to bill and collect taxes for the Town, including the annual five dollars ($5) motor vehicle license tax.

Section IX. Fees and Charges: There is hereby established, for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 various fees and charges as contained in the attached Fee Schedule. Changes from the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Fee Schedule are as follows:

Ad Valorem Tax Rate (per $100 of valuation)	Increase from $0.172 to $0.195
Residential Garbage Collection – First Cart	Increase from $8.75 to $11.84
Residential Garbage Collection – After First Cart	Increase from $17.50 to $23.68
Commercial Garbage Collection – Per Cart	Increase from $38.29 to $51.81

Recycle Collection – Per Cart	Increase from $10.08 to $11.56
Residential Water – 0 gallons to 2,000 gallons (Minimum Charge)	Increase from $14.18 to $15.60
Residential Water – per 100 gallons for monthly usage from 2,001 gallons to 7,000 gallons	Increase from $0.7546 to $0.9055
Residential Water – per 100 gallons for monthly usage from 7,001 gallons to 12,000 gallons	Increase from $1.1321 to $1.3585
Residential Water – per 100 gallons for monthly usage in excess of 12,000 gallons	Increase from $1.6980 to $2.0376
Residential Sewer – 0 gallons to 2,000 gallons (Minimum Charge)	Increase from $24.68 to $27.15
Residential Sewer – per 100 gallons for monthly usage from 2,001 gallons to 7,000 gallons	Increase from $0.9727 to $1.1672
Residential Sewer – per 100 gallons for monthly usage from 7,001 gallons to 12,000 gallons	Increase from $1.4590 to $1.7508
Residential Sewer – per 100 gallons for monthly usage in excess of 12,000 gallons	Increase from $2.1886 to $2.6263
Commercial Water – 0 gallons to 2,000 gallons (Minimum Charge)	Increase from $19.43 to $21.37
Commercial Water – per 100 gallons for monthly usage from 2,001 gallons to 70,000 gallons	Increase from $1.1638 to $1.3966
Commercial Water – per 100 gallons for monthly usage in excess of 70,000 gallons	Increase from $1.4549 to $1.7459
Commercial Sewer – 0 gallons to 2,000 gallons (Minimum Charge)	Increase from $26.78 to $29.46
Commercial Sewer – per 100 gallons for monthly usage from 2,001 gallons to 70,000 gallons	Increase from $1.1949 to $1.4339
Commercial Sewer – per 100 gallons for monthly usage in excess of 70,000 gallons	Increase from $1.4936 to $1.7923
Out of Town (EJT) Water – 0 gallons to 2,000 gallons (Minimum Charge)	Increase from $24.15 to $26.57
Out of Town (EJT) Water – per 100 gallons for monthly usage from 2,001 gallons to 70,000 gallons	Increase from $1.3208 to $1.5850
Out of Town (EJT) Water – per 100 gallons for monthly usage in excess of 70,000 gallons	Increase from $1.6508 to $1.9810
Out of Town (EJT) Sewer – 0 gallons to 2,000 gallons (Minimum Charge)	Increase from $42.53 to $46.78
Out of Town (EJT) Sewer – per 100 gallons for monthly usage from 2,001 gallons to 70,000 gallons	Increase from $1.6980 to $2.0376
Out of Town (EJT) Sewer – per 100 gallons for monthly usage in excess of 70,000 gallons	Increase from $2.1226 to $2.5471

This ordinance being duly passed and adopted this 15th day of June, 2026.

Allen Oliver

Allen Oliver, Mayor

Beth Chase

Beth Chase, Town Clerk