

Ordinance Number: FY 2025-26  
Date Adopted: June 16, 2025  
Effective Date: July 1, 2025



**BUDGET ORDINANCE FY 2025-2026  
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, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026; the same being adopted by fund. Activity within each fund is listed as follows:

**GENERAL FUND**

**EXPENDITURES:**

Governing Body	\$ 85,700
Committees	20,625
Finance	299,233
Administration	528,783
Community Center	37,000
Elections	7,340
Emergency Management	2,500
Tax Collections	35,100
Legal Department	99,300
Police Department	2,418,209
Fire Department	1,553,902
Ocean Rescue	609,436
Parks & Recreation	518,092
Development & Compliance	245,341
Streets & Sanitation	1,701,469
Paid Parking Program	240,000
Debt Service	<u>670,600</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>\$9,072,630</u></b>

**GENERAL FUND (continued)**

**REVENUES:**

Property Tax (current & prior years)	\$3,825,250
Sales Tax	1,750,000
Paid Parking Program	820,000
TDA Funds	795,000
Garbage & Recycle Fees	657,700
Franchise & Utility Tax	309,600
Investment Earnings	177,000
Building Permits/CAMA Fees/ Fire Inspections	132,840
Communication Tower Rent	93,621
Sales Tax Refund	92,500
Parks & Rec/Community Center/ Street Festival	27,000
ABC Revenue	23,800
Town Facility Rentals	18,000
Motor Vehicle License Tax	10,875
Beer & Wine Tax	10,750
Other Revenue	8,100
Fund Balance Appropriated	125,594
Other Financing Sources	<u>195,000</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b><u>\$9,072,630</u></b>

**POWELL BILL FUND**

**EXPENDITURES:**

Street Maintenance, Repair & Paving	<u>\$ 84,125</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>\$ 84,125</u></b>

**REVENUES:**

Powell Bill Allocation	\$ 84,000
Investment Earnings	<u>125</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b><u>\$ 84,125</u></b>

**STORM WATER FUND****EXPENDITURES:**

Storm Water Operations	<u>\$1,374,154</u>
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<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>\$1,374,154</u></b>
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**REVENUES:**

Storm Water Monthly Fees	\$ 531,275
Storm Water Building Fees	68,000
Investment Earnings	7,475
Fund Balance Appropriated	<u>767,404</u>

<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b><u>\$1,374,154</u></b>
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**BEACH PROTECTION FUND****EXPENDITURES:**

Beach Protection Expenses	<u>\$ 14,500</u>
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<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>\$ 14,500</u></b>
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**REVENUES:**

Investment Earnings	<u>\$ 14,500</u>
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<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b><u>\$ 14,500</u></b>
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**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	\$    20,549
W/S Legal Department	20,440
W/S Finance	302,242
W/S Administration	352,888
W/S Operations	<u>2,215,961</u>

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES      \$2,912,080**

**REVENUES:**

Water Charges	\$1,097,150
Sewer Charges	1,501,975
Tap & Reconnection Fees	65,700
Investment Earnings	106,020
NCDEQ AIA Grants	115,000
Other Revenue	<u>26,235</u>

**TOTAL REVENUES      \$2,912,080**

**SEWER EXPANSION RESERVE FUND (SERF)**

**EXPENDITURES:**

Sewer Reserve	<u>\$ 20,610</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>\$ 20,610</u></b>

**REVENUES:**

System Development Fees	\$ 10,795
Investment Earnings	<u>9,815</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b><u>\$ 20,610</u></b>

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>ALL FUNDS</b>	<b><u>\$13,503,099</u></b>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>ALL FUNDS</b>	<b><u>\$13,503,099</u></b>

**Section II. Revenue-Neutral Tax Rate:** As required by N.C.G.S., Section 159-11(e), in each year that a general reappraisal of real property is conducted, a statement of the revenue-neutral tax rate must be presented for comparison purposes. In regard to the January 1, 2025 reappraisal, the revenue-neutral tax rate, adjusted for annual growth of 1.37 percent since the prior reappraisal, has been calculated at 17.2 cents (\$0.172) per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation.

**Section III. Levy of Taxes:** There is hereby levied, for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, an Ad Valorem tax rate of 17.2 cents (\$0.172) per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of taxable property as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2025. 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 thirty-eight million eight hundred and thirty thousand dollars (\$2,238,830,000) and an estimated collection rate of ninety-nine percent (99%).

**Section IV. 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 2.5 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 2.0 percent this year for employees.

**Section V.** 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 VI.** 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 VII.** Encumbrances: All outstanding encumbrances from prior fiscal years are to be carried forward to Fiscal Year 2025-2026. All Project Ordinance appropriations are continued.

**Section VIII.** 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 IX.** 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 X. Fees and Charges:** There is hereby established, for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 various fees and charges as contained in the attached Fee Schedule. Changes from the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Fee Schedule are as follows:

Ad Valorem Tax Rate (per \$100 of valuation)	Decrease from \$0.29 to \$0.172
Residential Storm Water Fee	Increase from \$15.00 to \$18.75
Commercial Storm Water Fees	Increase by 25%
Board of Adjustment Appeal/Variance Fee	Increase from \$375.00 to \$500.00
Cleaning Fee for Community Center Rental	Increase from \$100.00 to \$200.00
Residential Water – 0 gallons to 2,000 gallons (Minimum Charge)	Increase from \$13.50 to \$14.18
Residential Water – per 100 gallons for monthly usage from 2,001 gallons to 7,000 gallons	Increase from \$0.7187 to \$0.7546
Residential Water – per 100 gallons for monthly usage from 7,001 gallons to 12,000 gallons	Increase from \$1.0782 to \$1.1321
Residential Water – per 100 gallons for monthly usage in excess of 12,000 gallons	Increase from \$1.6171 to \$1.6980
Residential Sewer – 0 gallons to 2,000 gallons (Minimum Charge)	Increase from \$23.50 to \$24.68
Residential Sewer – per 100 gallons for monthly usage from 2,001 gallons to 7,000 gallons	Increase from \$0.9264 to \$0.9727
Residential Sewer – per 100 gallons for monthly usage from 7,001 gallons to 12,000 gallons	Increase from \$1.3895 to \$1.4590
Residential Sewer – per 100 gallons for monthly usage in excess of 12,000 gallons	Increase from \$2.0844 to \$2.1886
Commercial Water – 0 gallons to 2,000 gallons (Minimum Charge)	Increase from \$18.50 to \$19.43
Commercial Water – per 100 gallons for monthly usage from 2,001 gallons to 70,000 gallons	Increase from \$1.1084 to \$1.1638
Commercial Water – per 100 gallons for monthly usage in excess of 70,000 gallons	Increase from \$1.3856 to \$1.4549
Commercial Sewer – 0 gallons to 2,000 gallons (Minimum Charge)	Increase from \$25.50 to \$26.78
Commercial Sewer – per 100 gallons for monthly usage from 2,001 gallons to 70,000 gallons	Increase from \$1.1380 to \$1.1949
Commercial Sewer – per 100 gallons for monthly usage in excess of 70,000 gallons	Increase from \$1.4225 to \$1.4936
Out of Town (EJT) Water – 0 gallons to 2,000 gallons (Minimum Charge)	Increase from \$23.00 to \$24.15
Out of Town (EJT) Water – per 100 gallons for monthly usage from 2,001 gallons to 70,000 gallons	Increase from \$1.2579 to \$1.3208
Out of Town (EJT) Water – per 100 gallons for monthly usage in excess of 70,000 gallons	Increase from \$1.5722 to \$1.6508
Out of Town (EJT) Sewer – 0 gallons to 2,000 gallons (Minimum Charge)	Increase from \$40.50 to \$42.53

Out of Town (EJT) Sewer – per 100 gallons for monthly usage from 2,001 gallons to 70,000 gallons	Increase from \$1.6171 to \$1.6980
Out of Town (EJT) Sewer – per 100 gallons for monthly usage in excess of 70,000 gallons	Increase from \$2.0215 to \$2.1226

This ordinance being duly passed and adopted this 16th day of June, 2025.



Allen Oliver, Mayor



Beth Chase, Town Clerk