



# TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN

## TOWN COUNCIL

June 15, 2026

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Time: 6:00 PM

Town Hall Council Chambers | 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, NC 28711

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

### 2. PUBLIC HEARING

The chair will recognize individuals requesting to address the Council regarding the specific topic of the public hearing. **Public hearing comments by any one speaker shall be limited to ten (10) minutes.** The Mayor reserves the right to alter time limits and other rules of procedure at the beginning of each public hearing.

#### 2.A. Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget Public Hearing

### 3. CLOSED SESSION

3.A. Closed Session — pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(3): To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged, which privilege is hereby acknowledged; and NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective

**public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. -**

Motion: If a Closed Session meeting is needed, Council will make a motion to enter into Closed Session pursuant to the applicable to one, or both, of the NC General Statutes listed.

#### **4. ADJOURNMENT**



## TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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**SUBMITTER:** Richard Hicks, Interim Town Manager  
**MEETING DATE:** June 15, 2026

**AGENDA SECTION:** Public Hearing  
**DEPARTMENT:** Administration

**TITLE OF ITEM:** Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget Public Hearing

**SUGGESTED MOTION(S):**

N/A - Public Hearing only. The consideration to adopt the FY26-27 Budget Ordinance will take place on June 30, 2026 at a special called meeting at 8:30 a.m. at Town Hall, as recommended by the Interim Manager.

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**SUMMARY:**

Interim Town Manager Richard Hicks will present updates to the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 Town Operating Budget highlighting recent edits made from Council budget work sessions held on May 20, 21, 28, June 1, 4 and 11, 2026. After the presentation by the Town Manager, the Public Hearing will be held to give citizens an opportunity to speak on the proposed budget.

Public Hearing Procedure: The chair (Mayor) will recognize individuals requesting to address Council regarding the proposed budget for FY26-27. Public hearing comments by any one speaker shall be limited to ten (10) minutes, but the Mayor reserves the right to alter time limits and other rules of procedure at the beginning of each public hearing.

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

**Is this expenditure approved in the current fiscal year budget?** n/a

**If no, describe how it will be funded.** n/a

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. June 15, 2026 Budget Presentation

# Town of Black Mountain 2027 Budget

## Budget Overview

# Town Manager's FY 27 Draft Budget

- Key Word: BUDGET SHORTFALL

## General Fund

Projected Revenues:	\$12,026,833
Requested Expenditures:	\$13,885,093
Shortfall	\$1,858,260

## Water Fund

Projected Revenues:	\$2,399,800
Requested Expenditures:	\$3,318,279

# Contributing Factors To Shortfall

- Significant Fuel Cost Increases
- High Inflation On All Goods And Services Purchased By Town
- Increased Buncombe County Tipping Fees
- Increased City of Asheville Wholesale Water Rates
- Pressure to Maintain Competitive Salaries and Wages
- Increases in Employee Health Coverages
- Increases in Employee Retirement Costs
- Increases in Property/Casualty and Worker's Comp Insurance
- Increased Costs Due to Deferred Maintenance on Facilities
- Increased Costs Due to Aging Equipment

# Budget Adjustments on Expenditures General Fund

- Eliminate 5 Full-time Positions
- 1 Year Freeze on Vacant Police Officer Position
- 1 Year Freeze on Vacant Public Works Position (1/2 General Fund)
- Transfer Funds Back to General Fund From Helene Fund
- Change Town Policies on Absorbing Credit Card Fees
- Identify \$124,000 Additional Savings Prior to July 31, 2026
- Buncombe County RMS/CAD Update Moves to FY 27/28

# Budget Adjustments on Revenues General Fund

- Increase Green Fees By Average \$7/Round \$154,000
- Increase Solid Waste Fees \$3.50/Month \$156,618
- Increase Property Tax From \$0.312 to \$0.341 \$526,691

# Budget Adjustments on Expenditures

## Water Fund

- Eliminate 1 Full-time Position
- 1 Year Freeze on Vacant Public Works Position (1/2 Water)
- Change Policies on Town Absorbing Credit Card Fees
- Delay Promissory Note on Lead/Copper Loan to FY 27/28
- Identify Additional \$20,000 Savings by July 31, 2026

# Budget Adjustments on Revenues

## Water Fund

- Increase Base Rate From \$6.14/Month to \$13.14/Month
- Increase Usage Rate By \$0.18 Per 100 Gallons

# Black Mountain Fire Department Budget

- Total Proposed Budget: \$3,871,304
- Buncombe County Appropriation (41%): \$1,587,234
- Other Revenues \$ 119,600
- Town of Black Mountain \$2,164,470
- Dealing With Salary Competitiveness \$264,720
  - Increase Firefighters/Engineers \$10,000 Each
  - Increase Lieutenants \$ 5,000 Each
  - All Others 3% COLA