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DORCHESTER COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE 2026-2027 COUNTY BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that, on **Tuesday, May 19, 2026**, the Dorchester County Council will hold a public hearing for consideration of **Bill Number 2026-5, AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE 2026-2027 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**. The hearing will be held at **6:05 p.m.** in the County Council's Meeting Room, County Office Building, 501 Court Lane, Room 110, Cambridge, Maryland 21613. Comments, oral or written, will be accepted at the hearing on all aspects of the proposed budget.

The Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance contains the Current Expense Budgets and the Capital Budgets of the County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, under the provisions of Article Five of the Dorchester County Charter.

The following County Current Expense Budget is proposed for fiscal year 2026-2027:

DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2026 - 2027

Description	Fiscal Year
	2026-2027

EXPENDITURES

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS:

General Government:	20,046,808
Public Safety:	32,582,565
Social Services:	1,684,834
Public Works:	14,820,345
Miscellaneous:	756,050
Natural Resources:	2,110,355
Economic Development:	1,046,366

Debt Service:	5,316,192
Education:	30,282,577
Health:	1,556,967
TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	110,203,060

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS:	2,279,440
ENTERPRISE FUNDS:	16,834,935
FIDUCIARY FUND:	2,000,000

TOTAL EXPENDITURES **131,317,434**

REVENUES

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS:

Property Taxes:	45,631,250
Income Taxes:	25,255,820
Other Taxes:	8,060,460
Licenses and Permits:	737,180
Federal, State, and Local:	26,567,498
All Other:	5,098,910

TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS 111,351,118

TRANSFER FUNDS	2,964,595
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS:	2,279,440
ENTERPRISE FUNDS:	12,722,281
FIDUCIARY FUND:	2,000,000

TOTAL REVENUES **131,317,434**

Copies of Bill Number 2026-5 are available for review in the County Council's Office, Room 108, 501 Court Lane, Cambridge, Maryland 21613 or on the County's website at www.dorchestercountymd.com.

All interested parties are hereby notified and invited to attend the hearing. If you require Communications assistance, please contact the County Council's Office at (410) 228-1700.

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By: George L. Pfeffer, Jr., President