

Introduced by: Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier
Date of introduction: April 12, 2022

ORDINANCE NO. 22-036

**ADOPT THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022**

WHEREAS, County Council has adopted revenue measures which together with any reserves and available cash balances shall, in the opinion of the County Executive, be estimated to yield sums at least sufficient to balance the proposed expenditures as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. County Council hereby ordains that the taxes and other revenue measures which the County Executive has certified as yielding sufficient revenue, together with any reserves and available cash balances, serve to balance the Annual Operating Budget of New Castle County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.

Section 2. Exhibit "A," entitled "Departmental Operating Budget," consisting of six (6) pages, attached hereto and made a part hereof, is adopted as the Annual Operating Budget of Appropriations to the respective departments, offices, reserves and services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.

Section 3. Exhibit "B," entitled "Operating Budget Components," consisting of one (1) page, attached hereto and made a part hereof, representing the component budgets encompassed by the "Departmental Operating Budget" for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.

Section 4. As the County Council has done in all past years, by and through the budget hearing, review, and adoption process undertaken for the FY2023 budget, the County Council hereby confirms its review and approves the schedule of fees established by the Department of Land Use set forth in, *inter alia*, Appendix 2 of Chapter 40 of the *New Castle County Code* ("the UDC"). The County Council also confirms and clarifies that through the budget hearing, review, and adoption process, it has reviewed and approved the schedule of fees established by the Department of Land Use in all prior budget years, and the County hereby confirms, clarifies, and ratifies its previous approvals of the fee schedules heretofore established by the Department of Land Use.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C.* § 1156.

Section 6. The effective date for the provisions in this Ordinance shall be July 1, 2022.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on: 5/24/2022


President of County Council
of New Castle County

Approved on: June 1, 2022



County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance authorizes the Annual Operating Budget of New Castle County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

Exhibit "A" provides a summary of appropriations to departments, row offices, reserves and non-departmental operating budgets.

Exhibit "B" provides the component budgets (i.e. General Operating, Local Service Function, Sewer, Crossing Guard and Street Lighting) encompassed by Exhibit "A."

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance embodies, by detailed appropriation, by object of expenditure for each department and office (Exhibit "A") as required by State Law, and, by component budgets supported by various revenue measures (Exhibit "B"), the County's Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2023.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance is the authorization to expend \$318,715,112 in Fiscal Year 2023 and to legislate the amounts within New Castle County's reserve accounts.

This Ordinance has no explicit impact on subsequent fiscal years, as the Operating Budget is legislated annually by County Council.

EXHIBIT "A"

DEPARTMENTAL OPERATING BUDGET

COUNTY COUNCIL

Salaries and Wages	\$	2,402,572
Benefits		1,419,731
Training and Civic Affairs		79,888
Communication and Utilities		19,506
Materials and Supplies		62,542
Contractual Services		240,087
Equipment		1,600
Grants and Fixed Charges		310,094
Operating Transfer Charges		144,715
Total	\$	4,680,735
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	35	

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Salaries and Wages	\$	1,620,891
Benefits		957,820
Training and Civic Affairs		31,904
Communication and Utilities		15,280
Materials and Supplies		22,236
Contractual Services		88,991
Equipment		1,000
Grants and Fixed Charges		43,000
Contingency		55,000
Operating Transfer Charges		75,861
Total	\$	2,911,983
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	14	

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Salaries and Wages	\$	12,042,398
Benefits		7,020,831
Training and Civic Affairs		130,625
Communication and Utilities		6,919,323
Materials and Supplies		155,647
Contractual Services		6,488,271
Equipment		389,900
Grants and Fixed Charges		3,834,000
Operating Transfer Charges		1,020,448
Operating Transfer Credits		(11,775,518)
Total	\$	26,225,925
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	166	

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Salaries and Wages		\$	24,542,855
Benefits			14,385,376
Training and Civic Affairs			42,945
Communication and Utilities			24,780,927
Materials and Supplies			4,398,385
Contractual Services			9,219,575
Equipment			762,764
Grants and Fixed Charges			1,193,757
Land and Structures			35,000
Operating Transfer Charges			4,402,788
Operating Transfer Credits			(7,359,063)
Total		\$	76,405,309
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	379		

DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE

Salaries and Wages		\$	8,547,554
Benefits			5,025,008
Training and Civic Affairs			68,665
Communication and Utilities			112,225
Materials and Supplies			118,127
Contractual Services			1,532,591
Equipment			55,175
Grants and Fixed Charges			31,500
Operating Transfer Charges			1,111,742
Operating Transfer Credits			(800,651)
Total		\$	15,801,936
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	118		

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Salaries and Wages		\$	11,407,432
Benefits			5,184,613
Training and Civic Affairs			18,560
Communication and Utilities			944,438
Materials and Supplies			1,381,163
Contractual Services			2,300,307
Equipment			17,900
Grants and Fixed Charges			3,110,149
Operating Transfer Charges			1,219,665
Operating Transfer Credits			(188,230)
Total		\$	25,395,997
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	161		

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Salaries and Wages		\$	62,634,574
Benefits			36,578,078
Training and Civic Affairs			158,194
Communication and Utilities			1,021,943
Materials and Supplies			1,251,037
Contractual Services			2,122,116
Equipment			1,050,623
Grants and Fixed Charges			6,458,350
Operating Transfer Charges			7,576,912
Total		\$	118,851,827
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	711		

REGISTER OF WILLS

Salaries and Wages		\$	1,118,686
Benefits			642,551
Training and Civic Affairs			35,150
Communication and Utilities			12,266
Materials and Supplies			9,062
Contractual Services			14,770
Equipment			1,950
Operating Transfer Charges			80,523
Total		\$	1,914,958
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	19		

RECORDER OF DEEDS

Salaries and Wages		\$	1,268,310
Benefits			737,299
Training and Civic Affairs			43,170
Communication and Utilities			33,977
Materials and Supplies			12,898
Contractual Services			81,446
Equipment			8,000
Grants and Fixed Charges			15,000
Operating Transfer Charges			150,152
Total		\$	2,350,252
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	24		

SHERIFF

Salaries and Wages		\$	1,246,585
Benefits			732,842
Training and Civic Affairs			29,452
Communication and Utilities			16,181
Materials and Supplies			20,684
Contractual Services			56,398
Equipment			5,000
Operating Transfer Charges			158,555
Total		\$	2,265,697
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	21		

CLERK OF THE PEACE

Salaries and Wages		\$	461,658
Benefits			272,804
Training and Civic Affairs			14,130
Communication and Utilities			5,256
Materials and Supplies			5,424
Contractual Services			23,593
Operating Transfer Charges			30,639
Total		\$	813,504
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	7		

DEBT SERVICE

Debt Service		\$	46,374,026
Total		\$	46,374,026
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions			

ETHICS COMMISSION

Salaries and Wages		\$	38,000
Benefits			3,950
Training and Civic Affairs			10,500
Communication and Utilities			2,223
Materials and Supplies			2,450
Contractual Services			291,116
Equipment			500
Operating Transfer Charges			6,066
Total		\$	354,805
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	0		

COUNCIL CONTINGENCY

Contingency		\$	250,000
Total		\$	250,000
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions			

EXECUTIVE CONTINGENCY

Contingency		\$	400,000
Total		\$	400,000
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions			

PERSONNEL CONTINGENCY

Contingency		\$	455,000
Total		\$	455,000
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions			

ATTRITION CONTINGENCY

Personal Services - Salaries and Wages		\$	(4,924,511)
Personal Services - Employee Benefits		\$	(2,910,011)
Total		\$	(7,834,522)
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions			

ONE-TIME CONTINGENCY

Contingency		\$	1,097,680
Total		\$	1,097,680

NEW CASTLE COUNTY

Salaries and Wages	\$	122,407,004
Benefits		70,050,892
Training and Civic Affairs		663,183
Communication and Utilities		33,883,545
Materials and Supplies		7,439,655
Contractual Services		22,459,261
Equipment		2,294,412
Grants and Fixed Charges		14,995,850
Debt Service		46,374,026
Land and Structures		35,000
Contingency		2,257,680
Operating Transfer Charges		15,978,066
Operating Transfer Credits		(20,123,462)
Sub-Total New Castle County	\$	318,715,112
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		1,655

RESERVE ACCOUNTS AS OF MARCH 31, 2022

Tax Stabilization Reserve Account (Unaudited)	61,080,176
Sewer Rate Stabilization Reserve Account (Unaudited)	17,018,686
General Fund Budget Reserve Account	42,951,901
Sewer Fund Budget Reserve Account	18,319,788
Total Reserves:	139,370,551

**OPERATING BUDGET COMPONENTS
FISCAL YEAR 2023**

General Operating Budget	\$	94,743,285
Local Service Function Budget		124,333,442
Sewer Fund		88,845,849
Street Light Fund		7,110,418
Crossing Guard Fund		3,682,118
Recommended Operating Budget	\$	318,715,112