

Introduced by: Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier
Date of introduction: April 11, 2023

ORDINANCE NO. 23-043

**ADOPT THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023**

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, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.

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, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.

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, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.

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 FY2024 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.


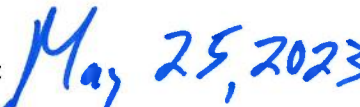
Section 5. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C.* § 1156.

Section 6. The effective date for the provisions in this Ordinance shall be July 1, 2023.

Adopted by Council of
New Castle County on: 5/23/23



President of Council
of New Castle County

Approved on: 


County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance authorizes the Annual Operating Budget of New Castle County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

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 2024.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance is the authorization to expend \$331,422,408 in Fiscal Year 2024 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		\$	2,428,665
Benefits			1,428,590
Training and Civic Affairs			70,888
Communication and Utilities			17,849
Materials and Supplies			61,042
Contractual Services			253,148
Equipment			1,600
Grants and Fixed Charges			441,482
Operating Transfer Charges			161,959
Total		\$	4,865,223
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	35		

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Salaries and Wages		\$	1,777,524
Benefits			1,045,578
Training and Civic Affairs			31,904
Communication and Utilities			15,698
Materials and Supplies			22,236
Contractual Services			148,565
Equipment			1,000
Grants and Fixed Charges			43,000
Contingency			55,000
Operating Transfer Charges			82,016
Total		\$	3,222,521
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	15		

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Salaries and Wages		\$	12,223,612
Benefits			7,092,525
Training and Civic Affairs			130,625
Communication and Utilities			8,273,491
Materials and Supplies			158,147
Contractual Services			6,793,141
Equipment			389,900
Grants and Fixed Charges			3,932,350
Operating Transfer Charges			1,163,161
Operating Transfer Credits			(12,098,321)
Total		\$	28,058,631
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	167		

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Salaries and Wages		\$	24,594,391
Benefits			14,346,471
Training and Civic Affairs			42,945
Communication and Utilities			24,785,917
Materials and Supplies			4,524,681
Contractual Services			10,366,975
Equipment			483,333
Grants and Fixed Charges			1,193,757
Land and Structures			35,000
Operating Transfer Charges			4,843,006
Operating Transfer Credits			(7,438,785)
Total		\$	77,777,691
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	384		

DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE

Salaries and Wages		\$	8,375,178
Benefits			4,899,879
Training and Civic Affairs			68,665
Communication and Utilities			111,017
Materials and Supplies			113,127
Contractual Services			1,541,973
Equipment			55,175
Grants and Fixed Charges			56,500
Operating Transfer Charges			1,136,835
Operating Transfer Credits			(803,217)
Total		\$	15,555,132
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	118		

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Salaries and Wages		\$	11,754,322
Benefits			5,318,947
Training and Civic Affairs			18,560
Communication and Utilities			935,330
Materials and Supplies			1,383,163
Contractual Services			2,348,236
Equipment			18,900
Grants and Fixed Charges			3,110,149
Operating Transfer Charges			1,230,637
Operating Transfer Credits			(190,829)
Total		\$	25,927,415
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	160		

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Salaries and Wages		\$	67,198,478
Benefits			39,138,665
Training and Civic Affairs			178,869
Communication and Utilities			1,010,888
Materials and Supplies			1,039,511
Contractual Services			2,128,206
Equipment			1,471,072
Grants and Fixed Charges			6,492,175
Operating Transfer Charges			7,298,634
Total		\$	125,956,498
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	711		

REGISTER OF WILLS

Salaries and Wages		\$	1,081,015
Benefits			616,908
Training and Civic Affairs			35,275
Communication and Utilities			12,374
Materials and Supplies			10,625
Contractual Services			62,668
Equipment			1,950
Operating Transfer Charges			85,180
Total		\$	1,905,995
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	19		

RECORDER OF DEEDS

Salaries and Wages		\$	1,263,001
Benefits			730,446
Training and Civic Affairs			43,170
Communication and Utilities			33,977
Materials and Supplies			12,398
Contractual Services			79,718
Equipment			6,150
Grants and Fixed Charges			18,350
Operating Transfer Charges			148,002
Total		\$	2,335,212
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	24		

SHERIFF

Salaries and Wages		\$	1,260,692
Benefits			737,678
Training and Civic Affairs			29,452
Communication and Utilities			16,189
Materials and Supplies			21,259
Contractual Services			55,999
Equipment			5,000
Operating Transfer Charges			144,938
Total		\$	2,271,207
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	21		

CLERK OF THE PEACE

Salaries and Wages		\$	474,736
Benefits			279,250
Training and Civic Affairs			14,130
Communication and Utilities			5,168
Materials and Supplies			5,424
Contractual Services			17,568
Equipment Replacement			6,000
Operating Transfer Charges			31,776
Total		\$	834,052
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	7		

DEBT SERVICE

Debt Service		\$	45,540,069
Total		\$	45,540,069
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions			

ETHICS COMMISSION

Salaries and Wages		\$	38,000
Benefits			3,385
Training and Civic Affairs			10,500
Communication and Utilities			1,922
Materials and Supplies			2,450
Contractual Services			290,642
Equipment			500
Operating Transfer Charges			6,699
Total		\$	354,098
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	0		

COUNCIL CONTINGENCY

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

EXECUTIVE CONTINGENCY

Contingency		\$	600,000
Total		\$	600,000
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		\$	(4,293,340)
Personal Services - Employee Benefits		\$	(2,525,429)
Total		\$	(6,818,769)
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions			

ONE-TIME CONTINGENCY

Contingency		\$	2,332,433
Total		\$	2,332,433

NEW CASTLE COUNTY

Salaries and Wages		\$	128,176,274
Benefits			73,112,893
Training and Civic Affairs			674,983
Communication and Utilities			35,219,820
Materials and Supplies			7,354,063
Contractual Services			24,086,839
Equipment			2,440,580
Grants and Fixed Charges			15,287,763
Debt Service			45,540,069
Land and Structures			35,000
Contingency			3,692,433
Operating Transfer Charges			16,332,843
Operating Transfer Credits			(20,531,152)
<i>Sub-Total New Castle County</i>		\$	331,422,408
<i>Total Authorized Full-Time Positions</i>	<i>1,661</i>		

RESERVE ACCOUNTS AS OF MARCH 31, 2023

Tax Stabilization Reserve Account (Unaudited)			76,496,000
Sewer Rate Stabilization Reserve Account (Unaudited)			10,860,078
General Fund Budget Reserve Account			44,845,412
Sewer Fund Budget Reserve Account			18,362,788
<i>Total Reserves:</i>			150,564,278

**OPERATING BUDGET COMPONENTS
FISCAL YEAR 2024**

General Operating Budget	\$	102,265,957
Local Service Function Budget		129,471,180
Sewer Fund		87,396,973
Street Light Fund		8,561,216
Crossing Guard Fund		3,727,082
Recommended Operating Budget	\$	331,422,408