

BUDGET

FY 2027

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2026-02

The Mayor & Town Council

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**TOWN OF MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02
FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK, MARYLAND, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of Mountain Lake Park is authorized by the Maryland Local Government Annotated Code Title 5, Subtitle 2, or its successor, and by the Mountain Lake Park Town Charter to authorize the expenditure of municipal funds for any public purpose and to affect the safety, health and general welfare of the municipality and its occupants; and

WHEREAS, Section 26-34 of the Charter of the Town of Mountain Lake Park requires that the Mayor, at least thirty-two days before the beginning of any fiscal year, shall submit a budget to the Council and in accordance, the proposed budget was presented to the Council at a council meeting held on the 4th day of June 2026; the budget shall provide a complete financial plan for the budget year, beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, and shall contain estimates of anticipated revenues and proposed expenditures for the coming year (copy attached); the total of the anticipated revenues shall equal or exceed the total of the proposed expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Town Charter, Section 26-35, requires that the Council hold a public hearing thereon by giving two weeks' notice in a newspaper of general circulation in town; and in accordance, the public hearing was held on Thursday, June 4, 2026; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 26-12, of the Town Charter, ordinances may be passed at a meeting of the Council held not less than six (6) nor more than sixty (60) days after the meeting at which an ordinance was introduced; in cases of emergency the above requirement may be suspended by the affirmative votes of four members of the Council; an ordinance shall become effective on the date specified in the ordinance; a summary of each ordinance shall be published at least twice in a newspaper having general circulation with the Town of Mountain Lake Park; and

WHEREAS, the Town Charter authorizes the Town Council to set a tax rate and to charge fees to meet anticipated expenditures for municipal purposes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND RESOLVED, that the Council of the Town of Mountain Lake Park hereby adopt the proposed budget and tax rate at a rate of \$0.3532 per \$100 of assessed valuation for real property, at a rate of zero (0) per \$100 of assessed valuation on Personal Property, and at a rate of \$1.20 per \$100 of assessed valuation on all Certifications of Public Utility and Railroads Taxes for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027; and sewer charges at the following rates:

Effective July 1, 2026, the flat rate for sewer fees will increase approximately 5.50% (\$47.50) for FY 27, and 5.30% (\$50.00) in FY 28 per quarter for up to 4,000 gallons of metered water, at a rate of \$6.52 per 1,000 gallons of metered water for all usage greater than 4,000 gallons in a

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single quarter and a flat rate increase of approximately 5.50% (\$87.50) for FY 27, and 5.30% (\$90.00) in FY 28 per quarter for all out-of-town and un-metered customers.

The proposed refuse/garbage collection fee rate for FY 2027 is \$30.00 per quarter, and FY 2028 is \$35.00 per quarter. The rate will be charged to all town residents and those households that currently have curbside garbage collection provided by the Town of Mountain Lake Park.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND RESOLVED, as set forth in Section 26-37 of the Town Charter, that any transfer of funds between appropriations for different purposes by the Mayor must be approved by the Council before becoming effective.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND RESOLVED, this ordinance shall be duly advertised in accordance with the Policy for the Adoption of Ordinances by the Mayor and Town Council of Mountain Lake Park, and a public hearing on this Ordinance shall be held on the 4th day of June 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at the Town Hall located at 1007 Allegheny Drive, Mountain Lake Park, Maryland 21550.

INTRODUCED the 7th day of May 2026.

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION the 4th day of June 2026.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Ordinance shall be effective as of July 1, 2026.


THIS ORDINANCE IS SUBJECT TO REFERENDUM AS OUTLINED IN THE MARYLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ANNOTATED CODE TITLE 4, SUBTITLE 3, OR ITS SUCCESSOR.

ATTEST:




Clerk Treasurer

APPROVED:




Mayor



Councilmember



Councilmember



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The Town of Mountain Lake Park

June 1, 2026

Donald Sincell, Mayor

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Jeff Hovis, Councilperson

Pam Nelson, Councilperson

Lois Wilson, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Jeff Meyers, Maintenance Foreman

William Stemple, Ass't Maintenance Foreman

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Budget Highlights FY 2027

Taxes and Service Charges

1. The real estate tax rate will be reduced to the constant yield rate of .3532 cents, compared to last year's rate of .3621.
2. Certifications of Public Utilities and Railroads tax will remain \$1.20.

Capital Improvements

1. \$250,000 is budgeted for street paving.
2. \$15,000 is budgeted for sewer paving replacement.
3. \$50,000 is budgeted for continued improvement of parks.

Personnel

1. We will employ one full time employee in the office and three full time employees in the maintenance department. We have also budgeted for one seasonal employee. The Code Enforcement Officer is technically a second office employee; however, his budget is covered by the GC Municipal Association.
2. Mr. Michael Llewellyn will serve as the Town Attorney.

Debt

Debt for Phase I and II of the Sewer Rehabilitation Project was retired.

Long-term Capital Requirements Estimate

1. Procure street sweeper, \$50,000.
2. Seek funding for replacement of one sewer pump station.

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General Fund

	FY 2026	FY 2027	
	Proposed	Proposed	Account
	Budget	Budget	Number
<u>General Fund Revenue</u>			
Real Property Tax	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	16000-1
Penalties	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	16020-1
Income Tax	\$190,000.00	\$200,000.00	16040-1
Financial Corporation Tax	\$100.00	\$50.00	16050-1
Accommodation Tax	\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00	16070-1
Gas Franchise	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	16090-1
Traders License	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00	16100-1
Zoning Permits	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	16110-1
Beer & Alcohol License	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	16120-1
Special Exceptions	\$100.00	\$100.00	16130-1
Interest Income	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	16140-1
Earnings on Investments	\$35,000.00	\$60,000.00	16145-1
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00	16150-1
POS Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00	16180-1
Municipal Infractions	\$500.00	\$500.00	16500-1
Tennis Court Revenue	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	16785-1
GC Community Park Grant	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	16921-1
Public Utility Tax	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00	16970-1
Nat Gas Distr Tax	\$15.00	\$20.00	16980-1
Rental Income / Parks	\$200.00	\$250.00	16996-1
Total General Fund Revenue	\$790,415.00	\$823,420.00	
<u>Mayor & Town Council Expenses</u>			
Mayor Salary	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	17000-1
Mayor Expenses	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	17010-1
Town Council Salaries	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	17050-1
Town Council Expenses	\$400.00	\$1,200.00	17060-1
FICA/Medicare	\$360.00	\$360.00	17070-1
Public Official Liability	\$700.00	\$700.00	17080-1
Total Mayor & Town Council	\$9,660.00	\$10,460.00	
<u>Town Office</u>			
Salaries	\$47,040.00	\$49,392.00	17110-1
Salaries/Seasonal	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	17115-1
FICA/Medicare	\$3,598.56	\$3,778.49	17120-1
Town Clerk Bond	\$1,400.00	\$1,200.00	17135-1
Retirement	\$3,467.00	\$3,640.00	17190-1
Unemployment Insurance	\$500.00	\$100.00	17420-1
Health/ Life/Insurance	\$20,900.00	\$24,260.00	17700-1
Workman's Compensation	\$350.00	\$350.00	17710-1
Total Town Office	\$85,255.56	\$90,720.49	

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<u>Professional Services</u>			
Board of Elections	\$300.00	\$300.00	17300-1
Legal	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	17310-1
Code Enforcement	\$18,500.00	\$20,000.00	17320-1
Accounting	\$23,000.00	\$24,000.00	17329-1
Audit	\$15,000.00	\$14,000.00	17330-1
Zoning Appeals Board	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	17350-1
Planning Commission	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	17360-1
Circuit Rider	\$3,450.00	\$3,450.00	17370-1
Town Engineer	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	17470-1
Boards FICA/Medicare	\$575.00	\$575.00	17930-1
Total Professional Services	\$68,825.00	\$69,525.00	
<u>General Government Expenses</u>			
Investment Advisor Fees/Losses	\$11,000.00	\$10,000.00	17130-1
Postage	\$500.00	\$750.00	17140-1
Office Supplies	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	17150-1
Miscellaneous	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	17170-1
Office Equipment Maintenance	\$500.00	\$500.00	17180-1
Advertising	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	17400-1
Fire & Rescue	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	17410-1
General Liability Insurance	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	17440-1
Security	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	17735-1
Payroll Processing	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	17860-1
Memberships	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	17862-1
Total General Government	\$56,500.00	\$56,250.00	
<u>Property Expenses</u>			
Repair & Maintenance	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	17500-1
Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	17510-1
Water	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	17520-1
Electric	\$8,000.00	\$10,000.00	17530-1
Gas	\$6,000.00	\$7,000.00	17540-1
Telephone	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	17550-1
Property Insurance	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	17560-1
Total Property	\$35,300.00	\$38,800.00	
<u>Parks</u>			
Town Parks Expense	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	17600-1
Mowing	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00	17650-1
Total Parks	\$69,000.00	\$69,000.00	
<u>Other Expenses</u>			
Software & Consulting	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	17175-1
Contingency	\$0.00	\$117,242.84	17740-1
MLP Historical Assn.	\$24,000.00	\$26,000.00	17755-1

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Tennis Courts	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	17785-1
MLP Community Planning Group	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	17596-1
Special Events/Projects	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	17770-1
Transfer to Highway Fund for Hwy Expen	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	17900-1
Contract Services	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	18098-1
Total Other Expenses	\$243,500.00	\$363,242.84	
<u>Allocated Maintenance Costs</u>			
Salaries	\$59,000.00	\$62,950.00	18010-1
FICA/Medicare Tax	\$3,618.00	\$4,815.68	18020-1
Health/ Life/Insurance	\$18,150.00	\$20,856.00	18030-1
Retirement	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	18040-1
Unemployment Insurance	\$100.00	\$100.00	18050-1
Workman's Compensation Insurance	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	18060-1
Repair & Maintenance-Equip	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	18080-1
Truck Insurance	\$3,000.00	\$3,600.00	18081-1
DOT Testing	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	18082-1
Gas & Oil	\$7,500.00	\$9,000.00	18084-1
Total Allocated Maintenance Costs	\$107,468.00	\$117,421.68	
<u>Capital Costs</u>			
POS Capital Outlay	\$0.00	\$0.00	18901-1
Capital Outlay-Equipment	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	18905-1
Capital Outlay-AME Bethel Church	\$8,000.00	\$2,000.00	18907-1
Capital Outlay-GC Commissioners Park G	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	18922-1
Total Capital Costs	\$14,000.00	\$8,000.00	
Total General Fund Expenses	\$689,508.56	\$823,420.00	
Surplus(Deficit)	\$0.00	\$0.00	

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Highway Fund

	FY2026	FY2027	
	Proposed	Proposed	Account
	Budget	Budget	Number
Highway Fund Revenue			
Highway User Revenue	\$200,000.00	\$260,000.00	21000-2
Transfer From General Fund	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	21100-2
Prior Year Reserve - Highway	\$0.00	\$8,072.00	21999-2
Total Highway Revenue	\$400,000.00	\$468,072.00	
Highway Direct Costs			
Materials	\$20,000.00	\$18,000.00	27110-2
Contract Services	\$20,000.00	\$15,000.00	27120-2
Street Lighting	\$32,000.00	\$30,000.00	27130-2
Tools	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	27160-2
Repairs to Culverts	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	27225-2
Total Direct Costs	\$74,000.00	\$65,000.00	
Highway Allocated Personnel Costs			
Salaries	\$45,500.00	\$47,775.00	27000-2
FICA/Medicare Tax	\$2,445.00	\$3,655.00	27010-2
DOT Testing	\$1200.00	\$1200.00	27210-2
Retirement	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	27420-2
Health/ Life/Disability Insurance	\$13,860.00	\$15,642.00	27440-2
Workman's Compensation Insurance	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	27450-2
Unemployment Compensation	\$100.00	\$100.00	27460-2
Total Allocated Personnel Costs	\$66,805.00	\$72,072.00	
Highway Allocated Other Costs			
Repairs & Maintenance-Equip	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	27100-2
Gas & Oil	\$7,000.00	\$9,000.00	27140-2
Truck Insurance	\$2,600.00	\$4,000.00	27170-2
Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	27200-2
Total Allocated Other Costs	\$26,600.00	\$31,000.00	
Capital Costs			
Capital Outlay-Paving & Inspection	\$200,000.00	\$250,000.00	27901-2
Capital Outlay-Equipment/Improvements	\$25,000.00	\$50,000.00	27905-2
Total Capital Costs	\$225,000.00	\$300,000.00	
Highway Debt Service			
DS Fund for Bancorp Truck Loan	\$66,648.00	\$88,864.00	27805-2
Total Highway Expenses	\$392,405.00	\$468,072.00	
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$7,595.00	\$0.00	

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Sewer Refuse Fund

	FY2026	FY2027	
	Proposed	Proposed	Account
	Budget	Budget	Number
<u>Sewer Revenue</u>			
Sewer Fees	\$355,000.00	\$280,000.00	31015-3
Sewer Connection Fees	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	31020-3
Sewer Late Charges	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	31030-3
Garbage Collection Fees	\$87,800.00	\$87,800.00	31039-3
Prior Year Reserve - Sewer	\$0.00	\$45,271.79	31999-3
Total Sewer Revenue	\$447,800.00	\$418,071.79	
<u>Sewer Direct Costs</u>			
Sewer Maintenance	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	37100-3
Sewer Processing Charges	\$132,000.00	\$140,000.00	37140-3
Sewer Electric - Utilities	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	37170-3
CSX Pipeline	\$400.00	\$400.00	37190-3
Sewer-Contract Services	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	37235-3
Sewer Billing	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	37250-3
Sewer-Contingency	\$0.00	\$0.00	37601-3
Sewer-Engineering	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00	37603-3
Sewer Telephone	\$400.00	\$100.00	39100-3
Total Direct Costs	\$166,800.00	\$171,500.00	
<u>Sewer Allocated Personnel Costs</u>			
Salaries	\$45,500.00	\$47,775.00	37000-3
FICA/Medicare Tax	\$3,480.75	\$3,654.79	37010-3
DOT Testing	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	37210-3
Health/ Life/Disability Insurance	\$13,860.00	\$15,642.00	37260-3
Workman's Compensation Insur.	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	37270-3
Unemployment Compensation	\$100.00	\$100.00	37290-3
Retirement	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	37420-3
Total Allocated Personnel Costs	\$67,840.75	\$72,071.79	
<u>Sewer Allocated Other Costs</u>			
Truck Insurance	\$2,600.00	\$4,000.00	37110-3
Gas & Oil	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	37220-3
Repairs & Maintenance-Equip	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	37230-3
Supplies	\$1,100.00	\$1,500.00	37240-3
Total Allocated Other Costs	\$15,700.00	\$17,500.00	
<u>Refuse Collection</u>			
Garbage Collection	\$134,850.00	\$139,500.00	39300-3
Refuse Tipping Fees	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	39350-3

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Sewer Refuse Fund

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	Proposed	Proposed	Account
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Number</u>
Contract Services	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	39375-3
Total Allocated Other Costs	\$137,850.00	\$142,000.00	
<u>Sewer Capital Costs</u>			
Capital Outlay-Paving Repair	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	30993-3
Total Capital Costs	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	
<u>Sewer Debt Service</u>			
DS Fund for Sewer Loan 2	\$23,776.09	\$0.00	37201-3
Sewer Interest & Admin. Expense	\$1,582.82	\$0.00	39600-3
Total Sewer Expenses	\$428,549.66	\$418,071.79	
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$19,250.34	\$0.00	