

**THE TOWN OF GALENA  
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GALENA ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 (JULY 1, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2027) FOR THE GENERAL FUND, SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND, AND WATER ENTERPRISE FUND.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 805(1) of the Town Charter requires the Town Administrator, at the request of the Mayor, to prepare the annual budget for submission by the Mayor to the Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 702 of the Town Charter requires the Mayor to submit a proposed budget to the Council at least thirty-two (32) days before the beginning of each fiscal year, which shall constitute a complete financial plan for the budget year and include estimates of anticipated revenues and proposed expenditures; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 702 further requires that the proposed budget be maintained as a public record in the office of the Clerk-Treasurer and be open to public inspection during normal business hours; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 703 of the Town Charter requires that the annual budget be adopted by ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 703 further requires the Council to hold a public hearing prior to adoption of the annual budget; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 308 of the Town Charter provides that no ordinance shall be passed at the meeting at which it is introduced, and at any regular or special 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, it shall be passed, or passed as amended, or rejected, or its consideration deferred to some specified future date, but in cases of emergency, the above requirement may be suspended by the affirmative votes of four (4) members of the Council, and every ordinance, unless it be passed as an emergency ordinance, shall become effective at the expiration of twenty (20) calendar days following approval by the Mayor or passage by the Council over the Mayor's veto; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 308 further provides that a fair summary of each ordinance shall be published at least twice (2) in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality and that an emergency ordinance shall become effective on the date specified in the ordinance, but no ordinance shall become effective until approved by the Mayor or passed over the Mayor's veto by the Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council held a duly noticed public hearing on this Ordinance on June 1, 2026.

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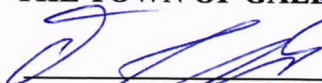
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of Galena, Maryland that the attached budget (Exhibit A) be and is hereby adopted for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, and that the property tax rate is set at 0.2087 per \$100.00 of assessed value, which is the same rate as last year.

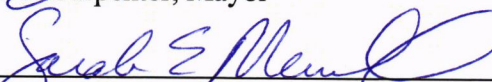
**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED**, that the Homestead Local Credit Cap shall remain at 10% and the Town does not levy a personal property tax or a utility tax.


**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED**, that a fair summary of this Ordinance shall be published at least twice (2) after the date of passage in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town.

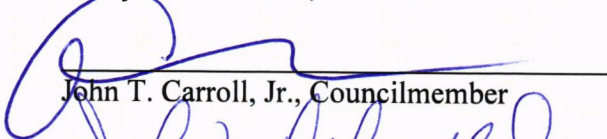
**HAVING BEEN DULY ADOPTED** on the 1 day of June, 2026 to be effective at the expiration of twenty (20) calendar days following approval on the 21 day of June 2026, we hereby affix our signatures.

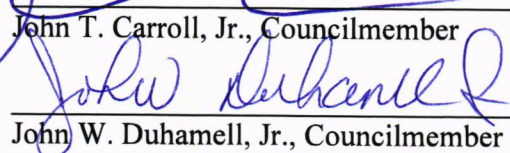
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Tyler J. Carpenter, Mayor

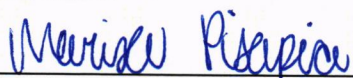
  
Sarah E. Merrell, Councilmember

  
Cheryl A. Richwine, Councilmember

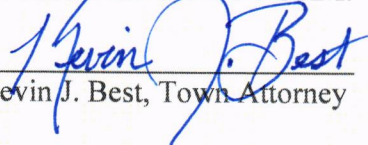
  
John T. Carroll, Jr., Councilmember

  
John W. Duhamell, Jr., Councilmember

ATTEST:

  
Marisa R. Pisapia, Town Administrator

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Kevin J. Best, Town Attorney

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EXHIBIT A

	GENERAL	SEWER	WATER	TOTAL
<b>Income</b>				
AP Wireless	-	-	21,570	21,570
Code Enforcement Fees	100	-	-	100
Events Income	5,700	-	-	5,700
Growth Income	44,000	36,300	29,700	110,000
Interest Income	2,500	10,000	4,500	17,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	2,500	-	-	2,500
Penalty on Delinquent Accounts	3,400	-	-	3,400
Permits & Applications	3,000	-	-	3,000
Ramp Cashback	1,800	-	-	1,800
Town Services	7,000	256,000	144,000	407,000
Trash / Recycle	25,687	-	-	25,687
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>95,687</b>	<b>302,300</b>	<b>199,770</b>	<b>597,757</b>
BRF Income	-	21,000	-	21,000
Highway User Revenue Taxes	45,000	-	-	45,000
Local Income Taxes	70,000	-	-	70,000
PEG Income (Comcast)	7,350	-	-	7,350
Public Utility Taxes (Vrzn & DP)	2,600	-	-	2,600
Real Property Taxes, Int & Pen	140,000	-	-	140,000
<b>Total Tax Revenue</b>	<b>264,950</b>	<b>21,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>285,950</b>
WWTP-KC 10% Admin Prem MOU	-	9,500	-	9,500
WWTP-KC 30% Capital Res Funding	-	8,310	-	8,310
WWTP-KC 30% Pre-Pd OPs/Main Rev	-	96,000	-	96,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>360,637</b>	<b>437,110</b>	<b>199,770</b>	<b>997,517</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
LGIT	9,200	7,590	6,210	23,000
Other Insurance Expense	350	289	236	875
Workers' Compensation	2,160	1,782	1,458	5,400
<b>Total Insurance Expenses</b>	<b>11,710</b>	<b>9,661</b>	<b>7,904</b>	<b>29,275</b>
Audit Fees	7,400	6,105	4,995	18,500
Janitorial Services	2,304	1,901	1,555	5,760
Legal Services	14,400	11,880	9,720	36,000
Police Services	3,500	-	-	3,500
<b>Total Professional Fees</b>	<b>27,604</b>	<b>19,886</b>	<b>16,270</b>	<b>63,760</b>
Equipment & Materials	4,800	3,960	3,240	12,000
HUR Repairs	45,000	-	-	45,000
Maintenance & Operations	20,000	16,500	13,500	50,000
<b>Total Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>69,800</b>	<b>20,460</b>	<b>16,740</b>	<b>107,000</b>
BRF Expense	-	20,000	-	20,000
Payroll Tax Expenses	23,833	14,747	11,420	50,000
<b>Total Tax Expenses</b>	<b>23,833</b>	<b>34,747</b>	<b>11,420</b>	<b>70,000</b>
Advertising	1,400	1,155	945	3,500

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Conferences & Travel	6,000	4,950	4,050	15,000
Contractors	1,044	449	367	1,860
Donations & Municipal Grants	10,000	-	-	10,000
Events Expense	6,000	-	-	6,000
General Supplies	1,200	990	810	3,000
Growth Expenses	-	2,200	-	2,200
Mayor's Discretionary Fund	2,000	-	-	2,000
Membership Dues	724	597	1,064	2,385
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,000	825	675	2,500
Office Supplies & Expenses	2,400	1,980	1,620	6,000
Park & Tree Fund	7,000	-	-	7,000
Pest Control Expense	2,500	-	-	2,500
Postage/Mailing	1,000	825	675	2,500
Salaries	82,725	51,188	39,638	173,550
Subscriptions	3,600	2,970	2,430	9,000
Technology Expense	1,800	1,485	1,215	4,500
Vehicle Expense	280	231	189	700
<b>Total Town Expenses</b>	<b>130,673</b>	<b>69,845</b>	<b>53,677</b>	<b>254,195</b>
Electric	14,400	11,880	9,720	36,000
Fuel	1,400	1,155	945	3,500
Telephone & Internet	880	726	594	2,200
Trash & Recycle	80,000	-	-	80,000
Water Meter System Fees	-	-	40,000	40,000
<b>Total Utilities Expenses</b>	<b>96,680</b>	<b>13,761</b>	<b>51,259</b>	<b>161,700</b>
Electric	-	70,000	-	70,000
Repairs & Operations	-	85,000	25,000	110,000
Sludge	-	15,000	-	15,000
Supplies & Chemicals	-	40,000	17,500	57,500
USDA Interest Exp 03&05	-	58,704	-	58,704
<b>Total WWTP Expenses</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>268,704</b>	<b>42,500</b>	<b>311,204</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>360,300</b>	<b>437,063</b>	<b>199,770</b>	<b>997,134</b>
	40%	33%	27%	100%
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>383</b>