

ORDINANCE 1-2026

Introduced by: Comm. Chase

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF TRAPPE ADOPTING A GENERAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027, AND ESTABLISHING A TAX RATE OF \$.33 PER \$100 OF ASSESSED REAL PROPERTY VALUE AND A TAX RATE OF \$.75 PER \$100 ON ALL COMMERCIAL OR BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY AND PUBLIC UTILITIES; AND ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL FEE OF \$189.80 PER RESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLD FOR TRASH COLLECTION SERVICES, AND ALSO ADOPTING AN ENTERPRISE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN'S WATER AND SEWER OPERATIONS

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 603 of the Trappe Town Charter requires the Town to operate on an annual budget; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 604 of the Trappe Town Charter requires submission of a budget at least thirty-two days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year containing estimates of anticipated revenues and proposed expenditures for the coming year;

WHEREAS, the budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, was submitted at the Town Council meeting on May 6, 2026, and is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" ("General Budget");

WHEREAS, the Town has determined that it is desirable and in the public interest, and consistent with state law, to establish an annual fee of \$189.80 per residential household for trash collection services; and

WHEREAS, the Town is authorized to establish rates, fees and charges necessary to cover the expenses associated with the operation of its water and wastewater system; and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined that is desirable and in the public interest, and consistent with state law, to adopt an enterprise budget for the Town's water and sewer operations, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B" ("Enterprise Budget"); and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 605 of the Trappe Town Charter requires, prior to the adoption of the budget, the holding of a public hearing after two weeks notice in a newspaper, and the Town, having held a public hearing on the General Budget and the Enterprise Budget on June 3, 2026; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF TRAPPE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Council of Trappe hereby adopts, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the General Budget attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference herein.

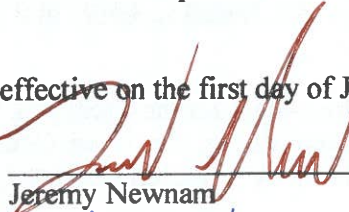
Section 2. That the tax rate for the Town of Trappe for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2027, shall be \$.33 per \$100 of assessed real property value and \$.75 per \$100 of assessed value on all commercial business, personal property and public utilities.

Section 3. That the Council of Trappe hereby establishes an annual fee of \$189.80 per residential household for trash collection services.


Section 4. That the Council of Trappe hereby adopts an Enterprise Budget for the operation of the Town's water and wastewater system, attached hereto as Exhibit B, which are incorporated by reference herein.

Section 5. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unlawful or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Town Council hereby declares that they would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unlawful or unconstitutional.


This ordinance shall become effective on the first day of July 1, 2026.



Jeremy Newnam




Walter Chase



Rose Potter

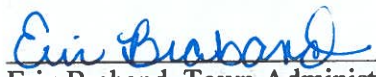


Michael Sullivan



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I hereby certify that the above Ordinance was adopted by a ye and nay vote of the Council this 3rd day of June, 2026.



Erin Braband, Town Administrator

**Town of Trappe
General Budget
July 2026 through June 2027**

	Jul 26 - Jun 27
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Grant Income	
4450 · Grant from Rocks Engineering	\$ 65,000.00
Total Grant Income	\$ 65,000.00
Interest Income	
4200 · Interest on Investments	\$ 30,000.00
Total Interest Income	\$ 30,000.00
Licenses and Permits Income	
4110 · Building Permits & Inspections	\$ 10,000.00
4122 · Rental License	\$ 7,000.00
4160 · Franchise Fee - Cable	\$ 2,500.00
4180 · State Share - Business License	\$ 1,000.00
Total Licenses and Permits Income	\$ 20,500.00
Other Income	
4300 · Regular Trash Pick-up	\$ 120,000.00
4301 · Reserve Funds	\$ -
Total Other Income	\$ 120,000.00
Tax Income	
4000 · Real/Personal Prop. Taxes	\$ 529,705.00
4030 · Corporation Taxes	\$ 50,000.00
4050 · Local Income Tax	\$ 125,000.00
4060 · Highway User Revenue	\$ 97,256.00
Total Tax Income	\$ 801,961.00
Total Income	\$ 1,037,461.00
Expense	
Administrative Expenses	
5000.1 · Town Office Wages & Salaries	\$ 103,000.00
5001.5 · Retirement Employer Contributi	\$ 5,150.00
5009.1 · Insurance Employee Disability G	\$ 800.00
5015.1 · Insurance - fire liab/bonding G	\$ 3,500.00
5018.1 · Workman's Comp - G	\$ 4,000.00
5020 · Insurance Employee Health	\$ 27,260.00
5021.1 · Advertising - G	\$ 2,000.00
5022.1 · Office Expense - G	\$ 20,000.00
5026.1 · Telephone & Internet - G	\$ 2,340.00

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	<u>Jul 26 - Jun 27</u>
5030 · Accounting & Auditing	\$ 25,000.00
5032 · Legal Fees - G	\$ 18,000.00
5034 · Electric (Town Hall)	\$ 3,200.00
5041 · Employee Recognition & Awards	\$ 500.00
5043 · Computer Related Equipment	\$ 14,000.00
5050 · Profession Growth & Ed.(office)	\$ 2,000.00
5051.1 · Other Administrative Expense G	\$ 3,100.00
5052 · Christmas Decorations	\$ 2,000.00
5053 · Travel Reimbursement	\$ 1,000.00
6210 · Volunteer Fire Dept.	\$ 20,000.00
Total Administrative Expenses	<u>\$ 256,850.00</u>
 Code Enforcement	
6410 · Other Code Enforcement Expense	\$ 300.00
6420 · MDIA Inspection	\$ 10,000.00
Total Code Enforcement	<u>\$ 10,300.00</u>
 Legislation	
6010 · Town Commissioners Salary (5)	\$ 15,000.00
6020 · Planning Commission (5)	\$ 6,500.00
6030 · Board of Appeals (4)	\$ 600.00
6040 · Election Expense	\$ 400.00
Total Legislation	<u>\$ 22,500.00</u>
 Payroll Expenses	
5013.1 · Fica - G	\$ 9,000.00
5014.1 · Medicare - G	\$ 3,150.00
6560.1 · MD Unemployment Tax - G	\$ 1,950.00
6561.1 · Bonus - G	\$ 600.00
Total Payroll Expenses	<u>\$ 14,700.00</u>
 Planning Department	
6100 · Fees & Dues	\$ 300.00
6110 · Other Planning Expenses (NR)	\$ 17,161.00
6150 · Reimbursable Salary and Ins (Expenses)	\$ 42,839.00
6152 · Retirement employer contributio	\$ 2,142.00
Total Planning Department	<u>\$ 62,442.00</u>
 Public Works	
Garbage Collection	
6360 · Garbage Collection	\$ 120,000.00
Total Garbage Collection	<u>\$ 120,000.00</u>

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	Jul 26 - Jun 27
Streets	
6391 · Snow Removal	\$ 10,000.00
6392 · Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 10,000.00
6393 · Street Lighting	\$ 37,000.00
Total Streets	\$ 57,000.00
6301 · Enterprise Reimbursed Salaries	\$ 101,342.00
6310 · Park Maintenance (except grass)	\$ 10,000.00
6350 · Mosquito Control	\$ 4,000.00
6395 · Grass Cutting & Lawn Maintenanc	\$ 3,000.00
6396 · Fire Siren	\$ 336.00
Total Public Works	\$ 295,678.00
 Stormwater Management	
6320 · Stormwater Repairs & Maintenanc	\$ 15,000.00
Total Stormwater Management	\$ 15,000.00
 5700.1 · Capital Improvement	
Reserve Funds	\$ 209,991.00
9532 · Street Improvements	\$ 150,000.00
Total 5700.1 · Capital Improvement	\$ 359,991.00
Total Expense	\$ 1,037,461.00

Town of Trappe
Enterprise Budget
 July 2026 through June 2027

	Jul 26 - Jun 27
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Bay Restoration Fees Income	
4700 · Bay Restoration	\$ 40,200.00
4710 · Bay Restoration Septic Fee	\$ 1,990.00
4720 · Bay Restoration (LC) (Late Charge)	\$ 200.00
4730 · Bay Restoration Sewer (LC)	\$ 5.00
Total Bay Restoration Fees Income	\$ 42,395.00
Interest Income	
4250 · Interest on Investments-W/S	\$ 30,000.00
Total Interest Income	\$ 30,000.00
Other Income	
4390.2 · Miscellaneous Other - E	\$ 500.00
4405 · Bad Checks Fee	\$ 150.00
Total Other Income	\$ 650.00
Water & Sewer Services Income	
4810 · Basic Sewer Service Charge (BSS)	\$ 386,460.00
4811 · Basic Sewer Service - Lakeside	\$ 142,956.00
4820 · Basic Water Service (BWS)	\$ 192,480.00
4830 · Metered Adm. Commercial (MAC)	\$ 6,700.00
4840 · Metered Adm. Residential (MAR)	\$ 58,300.00
4850 · Water Usage Charge (WATER)	\$ 210,800.00
4860 · Sewer Usage Charge (SEWR)	\$ 275,480.00
4861 · Sewer Usage Charge - Lakeside	\$ 80,360.00
4870 · Late Charges	\$ 5,000.00
4871 · Turn on Turn off fees (ONF)	\$ 10,000.00
Total Water & Sewer Services Income	\$ 1,368,536.00
Total Income	\$ 1,441,581.00
Expense	
Administrative Expenses	
5009.2 · Insurance Employee Disability E	\$ 800.00
5015.2 · Insurance - fire liab/bonding E	\$ 14,000.00
5018.2 · Workman's Comp - E	\$ 4,000.00
5020 · Insurance Employee Health	\$ 31,800.00
5021.2 · Advertising - E	\$ 500.00
5022.2 · Office Expense - E	\$ 1,500.00

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	<u>Jul 26 - Jun 27</u>
5026.2 · Telephone & Internet - E	\$ 3,650.00
5032.1 · Legal Fees - E	\$ 1,500.00
5043 · Computer Related Equipment	\$ 2,500.00
5046 · Meter Reading/Billing Sys. Fees	\$ 10,000.00
5050 · Profession Growth & Ed.(office)	
5050.4 · Enterprise	\$ 2,000.00
5051.2 · Other Administrative Expense E	\$ 3,400.00
5061 · Employee Uniform Allowances	\$ 750.00
Total Administrative Expenses	<u>\$ 76,400.00</u>
Debt Service - Interest	
5610 · DHCD Loan	\$ 72,200.00
5614 · Well 6	\$ 1,448.00
5616.2 - Pumping Station	\$ 56,370.00
Total Debt Service - Interest	<u>\$ 130,018.00</u>
Debt Service Principal	
5602 · DHCD Loan	\$ 105,000.00
5614.2 · Well 6	\$ 15,754.00
5616 - Pumping Station	\$ 39,470.00
Total Debt Service Principal	<u>\$ 160,224.00</u>
Enterprise Wages & Benefits	
9004.2 · Enterprise Wages & Salary OT	\$ 30,000.00
9010.1 · Enterprise Hourly Wages	\$ 101,342.00
Total Enterprise Wages & Benefits	<u>\$ 131,342.00</u>
Payroll Expenses	
5013.1 · Fica - G	\$ 8,800.00
5014.1 · Medicare - G	\$ 2,300.00
6151 · Retirement - employer contribut	\$ 10,135.00
6560.1 · MD Unemployment Tax - G	\$ 1,750.00
Total Payroll Expenses	<u>\$ 22,985.00</u>
Water and Sewer Expenses	
5002 · Supervisory Ser.	
Superintendent Services	\$ 75,000.00
5002 · Supervisory Ser. - Other	\$ 10,000.00
Total 5002 · Supervisory Ser.	<u>\$ 85,000.00</u>
5003 · Grass Cutting - Enterprise Lo.	\$ 1,500.00
5004 · Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 145,000.00
5021 · Water Tower Maintenance	\$ 22,100.00

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	<u>Jul 26 - Jun 27</u>
5047 · Consumable Supplies-Tr. Process	\$ 140,000.00
5049 · Tools & Equipment	\$ 10,000.00
5063 · Scheduled Preventative Maint.	
Aux. Generator Maint. Contract	\$ 3,600.00
Jetting/Camering of sewer line	\$ 2,500.00
Quarterly Pump Station Cleaning	<u>\$ 5,200.00</u>
Total 5063 · Scheduled Preventative Maint.	\$ 11,300.00
5066 · Contracted Lab Services	\$ 14,000.00
5071 · Electricity - W/S operations	\$ 105,000.00
5073 · Fees & Dues	\$ 250.00
5074 · Health & Safety	\$ 600.00
5075 · Truck Expenses	\$ 10,000.00
5078 · Bay Restoration Payment	<u>\$ 42,190.00</u>
Total Water and Sewer Expenses	\$ 586,940.00
5700.1 · Capital Improvement	
Other	\$ 35,356.00
Sewer Liner Installations	<u>\$ 75,000.00</u>
Total 5700.1 · Capital Improvement	\$ 110,356.00
5850 · Lakeside WWTP Expenses	
Overage to Developer	\$ 187,316.00
Town Reimbursable Expenses	<u>\$ 36,000.00</u>
Total 5850 · Lakeside WWTP Expenses	\$ 223,316.00
Total Expense	\$ 1,441,581.00

