

TOWN OF TIVERTON, RHODE ISLAND

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS AND ADOPTING THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY AND PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

In accordance with Article III, Section 301(b)(9) & (10) of the Tiverton Home Rule Charter, the Town Council proposes the following Fiscal Year 2025 budget as follows:

SECTION ONE: APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUES

CURRENT AND PROPOSED FY 25 BUDGET

	Current 2023-2024	Proposed 2024-2025
<u>Operations:</u>		
Capital – Education	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Capital – Gen Government	\$ 154,028	\$ 0.00
Education	\$ 34,264,346	\$ 34,102,228
Debt Service	\$ 3,999,988	\$ 3,989,388
General Government	\$ 1,508,131	\$ 2,199,827
Finance Administration	\$ 6,186,007	\$ 6,524,575
Protect Person/Property	\$ 7,349,330	\$ 7,762,232
Grants/Health/Sanitation	\$ 631,050	\$ 662,700
Public Works	\$ 3,308,630	\$ 3,180,065
Associated Activities	\$ 154,215	\$ 155,760
Parks & Recreation	\$ 146,830	\$ 148,030
Total Operations	\$ 57,702,555	\$ 58,724,805
Revenue:		
Local Property	\$ 41,775,189	\$ 43,094,109
Motor Vehicle taxes	\$ 1,685,576	\$ 1,748,175
Abatements/Uncollectable	\$ (20,000)	\$ (85,000)
Non-Local Property (Education)	\$ 6,920,770	\$ 5,805,781
Federal/State/Other	\$ 7,341,020	\$ 8,116,740
Total Revenues	\$ 57,702,555	\$ 58,724,805

This is a proposed property tax increase of 3.16%. It has been estimated that the proposed increase in property tax revenues will result in a property tax rate of \$11.10 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation as compared to the Fiscal year 2023-2024 property tax rate of \$14.90 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Due to an overall increase in valuation from 2,790,000,000 to 3,880,000,000 from FY2024 to FY2025, the FY2024 tax rate would have been \$10.766 versus \$14.90. The FY2025 proposed tax rate of \$11.10 is .34 cents higher than FY2024 or 3.16% higher than FY2024. The maximum rate increase for FY2025 would have been \$10.766 times 1.04% or \$11.19 per thousand dollars of valuation.

SECTION TWO: BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

In addition to the appropriations as set forth in section one, the following shall be adopted:

1. **RESOLVED**, that the expense and revenue budgets, both itemized by account, that support the proposal for appropriations and tax levies which is approved by the Town Council shall be adopted as the Unified Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025.
2. **RESOLVED**, that all Municipal Capital accounts be restricted for their intended purpose and that no transfers are authorized out of those accounts, except to other Municipal Accounts in a declared state of emergency.
3. **RESOLVED**, that account 5540-6451 snow removal shall be a restricted account to be used solely for the purpose of snow removal. Funds remaining in this restricted account at the end of June 30, 2025, shall be carried over into the same account for Fiscal Year 2026.
4. **RESOLVED**, that the town, once all provisions of the Charter and accounting requirements are met, shall transfer out of the unexpended Municipal Expense appropriation determined as of June 30, 2025, twenty-five percent (25%) into the Restricted Paving/ Drainage account 5540-6794, and twenty-five percent (25%) into Restricted Capital Expenditure Account 0980-9999.

SECTION THREE – LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAXES

BE IT ORDAINED: that the Town Council of the Town of Tiverton in accordance with **Article III, Section 301(b)(10)** adopts the unified budget ordinance, at a Town Council meeting, legally assembled, on the 8th day of July 2024 hereby levies and orders the collection of:

A property tax on the ratable real estate and tangible personal property, said levy to be based on the assessment made as of the Thirty First Day of December 2023, as subsequently adjusted for new construction, or damaged or destroyed buildings, according to law.

Total taxes, prior to any adjustments for subsequent increases or decreases in assessments, shall be a sum not more than **\$43,094,109**, said tax is for ordinary expenses and charges, for the payment of interest and indebtedness in whole or in part of said Town, for the payment of the Town portion of the State Tax and for other purposes as specified in the Budget and Resolution Items, approved at this meeting as authorized by law. The said property tax shall be apportioned upon 100% of the assessed valuation as determined by the Tax Assessor on the Thirty First Day of December 2023, at twelve o'clock midnight, according to law, any subsequent adjustments to the assessed valuation shall be apportioned on a pro rata basis during the calendar year, according to law, and said excise tax shall be apportioned on a pro rata basis during the calendar year of proration according to law. The above amount shall be exclusive of Veterans' exemptions and those for the elderly, as provided by law at the time tax rolls are certified.

The maximum gross property tax levy of **\$43,094,109** does not and shall not exceed the 4% tax levy cap.

The Tax Assessor shall, upon completion of said assessment, date, certify and sign the same and deliver to and deposit the same, in the Office of the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk, on receipt of said assessment, shall forthwith:

Make a copy of the same and deliver it to the Town Treasurer who shall forthwith issue and affix to said copy a warrant under her hand directed to the Collector of Taxes of said Town, commanding her to proceed and collect said taxes of the persons and estates liable therefore.

Said taxes shall be due and payable either by a single payment with a due date on or before November 1, 2024 or

by quarterly payments as follows:

The first installment to be 25 percent on or before the First Day of October 2024, and the remaining installments as follows:

25 percent on the First Day of January 2025

25 percent on the First Day of April 2025

25 percent on the First Day of July 2025

A grace period of ten (10) calendar days will be extended for each installment period. Each installment of taxes, if paid on or before the last day of each installment period successively and in order, shall be free from any charge for interest.

If the first installment or any succeeding installment of taxes is not paid by the last date of the respective installment period or periods as they occur, then the quarter balance or remaining quarterly balances shall be assessed an interest penalty of 12 percent per annum from the 1st Day of October 2024.

Provided, however, that the option to pay said taxes in equal quarterly installments shall not apply to any tax levied in an amount not in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), in which case the tax shall be payable in a single installment.

If the tax is paid in one single payment on or by the due date of November 1, 2024, interest on any outstanding tax payment shall be at the rate of 12% as noted above.

Whenever there is a subsequent adjustment to said assessment because of new construction or damaged or destroyed buildings, the resulting additional or decreased taxes shall be administered, due, payable and collectible in accordance with Sections 44-5-13.13 and 44-5-13.14 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended, and any ordinance of the Town of Tiverton.

ORDAINED: that the Town Council of the Town of Tiverton at a regular Town Council meeting on the 8th of July 2024, hereby orders that the Tax Assessor of this Town shall assess and apportion a property tax on the inhabitants and the ratable real estate and tangible personal property of the Town of Tiverton as of the Thirty First Day of December 2023, at twelve o'clock midnight, according to law, assess and apportion adjustments to property taxes on new construction or removal of damaged or destroyed buildings in the Town of Tiverton, according to law.

ORDAINED: that the Budget, amended, carrying a gross appropriation of \$58,724,805 together with the following order, in the accounting of refunds, State Aid, Federal Aid, or other credits not specifically stated in the foregoing budget, that the Town Treasurer be directed to credit such funds to the Department concerned and such funds are hereby appropriated by the Town Council at a regular meeting on July 8, 2024, for the use of the Departments concerned, provided, however, that such receipts for the School Department Budget be excepted.

ORDAINED: that the Town Treasurer is authorized, on behalf of the Town of Tiverton, to issue notes in anticipation of the receipt of taxes levied in this fiscal year as authorized by Section 45-12-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, (1956), as amended, the outstanding principal amount of which at any one time shall not exceed the amount permitted by Section 45-12-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, (1956), as amended. The Notes shall be signed by the Town Treasurer, in her capacity as Director of Finance, and countersigned by the President of the Town Council. The Notes shall contain such terms, conditions and details and bear such date or dates and

mature at such time or times from their date of issuance as theTown Treasurer may determine.

ORDAINED: that the books and accounts of all Departments handling Town funds be audited by the State Bureau of Audits or by an independent Certified Public Accountant for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.

ORDAINED FURTHER: that all moneys collected by the Town Clerk and the Tax Collector be turned over to the Town Treasurer monthly, or at more frequent intervals as accumulations may warrant.

	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 58,724,805
Less Estimated:	School Receipts	5,850,781
Less Estimated:	Miscellaneous General Fund Receipts	<u>8,116,740</u>
	Leaving to be raised by taxes:	44,757,284
Less Estimated:	State reimbursed motor vehicle taxes	1,748,175
Plus Estimated:	Uncollectable/abatements	<u>85,000</u>
	MAXIMUM TAX LEVY	<u>\$43,094,109</u>

SECTION FOUR: The ordinance shall take effect after one passage and all ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with it are repealed.
