

Mayor Tracey Furman

**Council Member Conor Crimmins
Council Member Ann Lichter**



**Council Member Nate Engle
Council Member Stuart Sparker**

Released: May 11, 2026

**Wednesday, May 13, 2026
Town Council Meeting, 7:00 pm**

The Town Council meeting will begin at 7:00 pm **via Zoom only**. Access to the meeting is available through the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87692080119?pwd=tKuZkg11849YJ8H4aotNQ9QJgTkRGA.1>

Meeting ID: 876 9208 0119

Password: 220467

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Or you can attend the meeting by calling: +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C) and entering the Meeting ID and Password above.

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Town Council Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2026

THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

(The Mayor and Council may move to close the meeting and may move to reopen the meeting)

1. Acknowledge:

- a. The Mayor and Council will meet in Closed Session on Monday, May 18, 2026, 8:00 am, pursuant to State Government Article §3-305(b)(7), "Closed Session", to consult with the Town Attorney with regards to the proposed acquisition of 15,167 square feet from Parcel A of the Kensington Crossing Homeowners Association.
 - i. The proposed acquisition of the land will be used for public purposes to establish a garden park and address stormwater management issues.
- b. **June 1, 2026, Town Election:**

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- i. Announce Candidates for the Town Election.
- 2. Montgomery County Police – Community Update:**
 - a. Officer Demond Johnson, Community Services Officer for the 2nd District, will provide an update on MCP Activity and Programs.
- 3. St. Paul Park Alcohol Waiver – Juneteenth Celebration:**
 - a. The Council will Motion to provide a waiver to allow alcohol at St. Paul Park for the Town’s 5th Annual Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday, June 13, 2026.

THE TOWN MANAGER AND STAFF

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND REGULATIONS

(Ordinances, resolutions, and regulations to be introduced or adopted following appropriate procedures required by the Town Code; or resolutions that may require discussion by the Mayor and Council prior to approval)

1. **Ordinance No. O-01-2026 (Adoption)** – An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Kensington to Appropriate and Adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027 (FY27) Budget and to Levy a Tax on Certain Real and Personal Property under the provisions of §6-203 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as Amended.
 - a. *The Public Record was held open until Friday, May 8, 2026, 4:00 pm.*
2. **Resolution No. R-08-2026** – A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of Kensington Authorizing a Contribution in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) from the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (FY26) Budget to the Noyes Children’s Library Foundation for the Restoration and Renovation project at Noyes Children’s Library.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

(The public is invited to speak on any subject that is not a topic on tonight’s agenda)

ADJOURNMENT

THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING(S) OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL WILL BE HELD:

Wednesday, June 10, 2026, 7:00 pm

Please check the Town Calendar to confirm the Council date and time.

Budget Ordinance No. O-01-2026
Introduced: March 18, 2026
Public Hearing: April 15, 2026
Adopted:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF KENSINGTON TO APPROPRIATE AND ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 – 2027 (FY27) BUDGET AND TO LEVY A TAX ON CERTAIN REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF §6-203 OF THE TAX-PROPERTY ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.

WHEREAS, §5-205 *et seq.* of the Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, authorizes the Mayor and Town Council to provide for the control and management of its finances and expend money for any public purpose and for the safety, health, and general welfare of the Town and its occupants; and

WHEREAS, §6-203 of the Tax-Property Article, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as amended), grants authority to municipal corporations to levy a tax on personal property, land, and improvements thereon, within the municipal corporation; and

WHEREAS, Article VIII, “Finance”, Section 801, “Fiscal Year”, of the Town Charter states that the Fiscal Year of the Town shall begin on July 1, 2026, and end on June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, Section 802, “Proposed Budget”, of the Town Charter states that the Town Manager shall submit to the Council prior to the third Monday in April, a Budget of anticipated revenues, proposed operating expenditures, and proposed capital project expenditures, along with a written financial plan for the succeeding fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Section 803, “Adoption”, of the Town Charter states that prior to adopting the Budget, the Council shall hold a public hearing following due notice and a favorable vote of at least a majority of the total elected membership of the Council shall be necessary for adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Town Council of Kensington does hereby adopt the following Budget Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AND ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 – 2027 (FY27) BUDGET AND TO LEVY A TAX ON CERTAIN REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF §6-203 OF THE TAX-PROPERTY ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.

FY27 Budget - Town of Kensington					
ANTICIPATED REVENUE					
	General Property Taxes			\$	1,834,977
	Other Taxes			\$	903,500
	Licenses & Permits			\$	49,000
	Intergovernmental Revenues			\$	519,203
	Fines & Fees			\$	3,000
	Miscellaneous Revenue			\$	241,700
	Grants			\$	100,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUE					\$ 3,651,380
	Re-Appropriation			\$	1,850,554
TOTAL ANTICIPATED FUNDS AVAILABLE					\$ 5,501,934
PROPOSED EXPENDITURES					
	General Government			\$	1,688,533
	Public Works			\$	1,260,158
	Public Safety			\$	337,946
	Parks & Recreation			\$	245,350
	Non-Departmental			\$	25,000
					\$ 3,556,987
	Capital Improvement Budget			\$	1,944,947
TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENDITURES					\$ 5,501,934

SECTION 1:

BE IT ORDAINED AND ORDERED this ___ day of May, 2026, by the Kensington Town Council, acting under and by virtue of the authority granted to it by §5-205 *et seq.* of the Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and Article VIII of the Kensington Town Charter, that the budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, be and the same hereby is appropriated and adopted.

SECTION 2:

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ORDERED, this ___ day of May, 2026, by the Kensington Town Council, acting under the virtue of the authority granted to it by §6-203 of the Tax-Property Article, of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and Article VIII of the Kensington Town Charter, hereby levies a tax at the rate of One thousand, three hundred twelve ten-thousandths cents (**\$0.1312**) per One Hundred Dollars of full value assessment on all taxable **Real Property** located within the corporate limits of the Town of Kensington.

SECTION 3:

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ORDERED, this ___ day of May, 2026, by the Kensington Town Council, acting under the virtue of the authority granted to it by §6-203 of the Tax-Property Article, of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and Article VIII of the Kensington Town Charter, hereby levies a tax at the rate of eighty cents (**\$0.80**) per One Hundred Dollars of full value assessment on all taxable **Personal Property** located within the corporate limits of the Town of Kensington.

SECTION 4:

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ORDERED, this ___ day of May, 2026, by the Kensington Town Council, acting under the virtue of the authority granted to it by §8-101 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and Article VIII of the Kensington Town Charter, hereby levies a tax at the rate of five dollars (**\$5.00**) per One Hundred Dollars of full value assessment on all taxable **Personal Property** set forth by §8-101 of the Tax-Property Article, of the Annotated Code of Maryland:

1. Operating personal property of a railroad;
2. Operating personal property of a public utility that is machinery or equipment used to generate electricity or steam for sale;
3. All other operating personal property of a public utility; and
4. Machinery and equipment, other than operating personal property of a public utility, that is used to generate electricity or steam for sale or hot or chilled water for sale that is used to heat or cool a building.

SECTION 5:

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ORDERED, this ___ day of May, 2026, by the Kensington Town Council, hereby adopts the imposition of a full-year, one-half year, three-quarter year, and one-quarter year tax levies, authorized pursuant to §10-102, 10-103, 10-104, and 10-105 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and authorizes and empowers Montgomery County, Maryland, to collect and remit the same to the Town of Kensington, consistent with the imposition and collection of such levies on real property by Montgomery County.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ORDERED, this ___ day of May, 2026, by the Kensington Town Council that the transfer of funds by Resolution within the Operating and Capital Improvements Budget may occur.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ORDERED, this ___ day of May, 2026, by the Kensington Town Council, acting under and by virtue of the authority granted to it by §5-201 *et seq.* of the Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and Article VI, "Powers of the Council", Section 601, "General Powers" of the Town Charter that:

(1) If any part of provision of this ordinance is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the part of provision held to be invalid shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any remaining part thereof; and

(2) This ordinance shall take effect on the 1st day of July, 2026, provided the following:

- (a) Posted at Town Hall by the next business day following introduction; and
- (b) Posted on the official Town website; and
- (c) Sent to those persons listed on the official Town email list/mail subscription service; and
- (d) Published once prior to the public hearing in the Town newsletter or sent by substitute regular mail to newsletter circulation addresses.

INTRODUCED by the Mayor and Town Council of Kensington, Maryland, at the regular public meeting assembled on the 18th day of March, 2026.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and Town Council of Kensington, Maryland, at the regular public meeting assembled on the ___ day of May, 2026.

EFFECTIVE the 1st day of July, 2026.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF KENSINGTON

By: _____

By: _____

Susan Engels, Clerk-Treasurer

Tracey Furman, Mayor

**TOWN OF KENSINGTON
PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2027**

PROPOSED BUDGET 2026-2027

REVENUE FUND		
GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES		
Rates		
Real Property Tax	0.1312	1,079,956
Personal Property Tax - Utilities	5.0000	618,275
Personal Property Tax - Business	0.8000	136,746
	SUBTOTAL	\$1,834,977
OTHER TAXES		
Income Taxes		900,000
Admissions and Amusements Tax		500
Maryland Cannabis Tax		3,000
	SUBTOTAL	\$903,500
LICENSES & PERMITS		
Town Building and Sign Permits		18,000
Parking Permits		4,000
Cable Franchise Fees		25,000
Traders' Licenses		2,000
	SUBTOTAL	\$49,000
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE		
County Tax Duplication		343,677
Highway User Funds		171,300
Bank Shares		4,226
	SUBTOTAL	\$519,203
FINES AND FEES		
SafeSpeed Camera Program		0
Parking & Municipal Infractions		3,000
	SUBTOTAL	\$3,000
OTHER		
Town Hall Rentals		12,000
Park Rentals		3,000
Municipal Events		24,200
Interest		200,000
Miscellaneous		2,500
	SUBTOTAL	\$241,700
GRANTS		
		\$100,000
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$3,651,380
	UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS	1,850,554
	TOTAL REVENUE INCLUDING UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS	\$5,501,934

EXPENDITURES		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
PERSONNEL SERVICES		
Salaries & Wages		721,309
Social Security, Medicare, Unemployment Taxes		53,982
Workers Compensation Insurance		5,408
Health, Life, and Employee Benefits		104,412
Retirement - 401 (A) Money Purchase Plan		58,447
	SUBTOTAL	\$943,558
OPERATING EXPENSES		
ELECTED OFFICIALS		
Mayor and Council Compensation		24,000
Mayor and Council Legislative, Education, Travel		14,600
	SUBTOTAL	\$38,600

**TOWN OF KENSINGTON
PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2027**

PROPOSED BUDGET 2026-2027

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	
Town Attorney	50,000
Audit	15,000
Other Professional Services	163,225
SUBTOTAL	\$228,225

TOWN GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS	
Town Hall Maintenance	112,300
Town Hall Utilities	51,200
Town Hall Equipment	9,000
Economic Development & Commercial Revitalization	208,550
Office Expenses	39,900
Office Equipment/Furniture	10,000
Insurance	30,000
Municipal Dues, Memberships and Fees	7,700
Conferences, Training, & Travel	6,500
Miscellaneous	3,000
SUBTOTAL	\$478,150

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES	\$1,688,533
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EXPENDITURES

PUBLIC WORKS

PERSONNEL SERVICES

Salaries & Wages	449,106
Social Security, Medicare, Unemployment Taxes	33,107
Workers Compensation Insurance	20,650
Health, Life, and Employee Benefits	115,016
Retirement - 401 (A) Money Purchase Plan	39,929
SUBTOTAL	\$657,808

OPERATING EXPENSES

OPERATING SUPPLIES

Conferences, Training, and Travel	500
Drug Testing	1,000
Uniforms, Gloves, Vests, Boots, and Shirts	3,500
Small Equipment Purchases	12,500
Vehicle Fuel Expenses	12,500
Small Equipment Maintenance and Repairs	3,500
Vehicle Repairs	30,000
Shop Supplies and Tools	4,000
Miscellaneous	1,500
SUBTOTAL	\$69,000

TRASH, BRUSH, RECYCLING, AND LEAF COLLECTION

Trash, Brush, and Recycling Collection	284,150
Leaf Collection and Other Disposal Fees	33,000
SUBTOTAL	\$317,150

INFRASTRUCTURE

Street Sweeping	12,000
Street Maintenance	15,000
Street Name Signs	3,000
Snow Removal	15,000
Sidewalk Repair	15,000
Storm Drain Maintenance	15,000
Landscaping Vegetation Management	25,000
Landscaping Street Trees Maintenance and Planting	100,000
Garage Maintenance, Miscellaneous & Utilities	16,200

**TOWN OF KENSINGTON
PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2027**

PROPOSED BUDGET 2026-2027

	SUBTOTAL	\$216,200
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS EXPENSES		\$1,260,158

PUBLIC SAFETY

PERSONNEL SERVICES

Salaries & Wages		212,882
Social Security, Medicare, Unemployment Taxes		16,036
Workers Compensation Insurance		8,276
Health, Life, and Employee Benefits		14,334
Retirement - 401 (A) Money Purchase Plan		6,918
SUBTOTAL		\$258,446

OPERATING SUPPLIES & SERVICES

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Parking Lot Lighting (Metropolitan)		1,500
Public Street Lighting		48,000
Traffic Control & Engineering		25,000
Miscellaneous		5,000
SUBTOTAL		\$79,500

TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENSES		\$337,946
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PARKS & RECREATION

FACILITIES AND PUBLIC UTILITIES

Park Utilities		8,750
SUBTOTAL		\$8,750

OPERATING SUPPLIES AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Small Equipment Maintenance and Repairs		15,000
Equipment Purchases		11,500
Landscape Architecture Services		10,000
Miscellaneous		1,000
SUBTOTAL		\$37,500

LANDSCAPING

Landscaping and Vegetation Management		25,000
Parks and Town Hall Landscaping		40,000
Business District Flowers and Planters		3,000
SUBTOTAL		\$68,000

TOWN MUNICIPAL EVENTS

Municipal Events - Labor Day Parade and Festival		39,800
Municipal Events - Other Municipal Events		91,300
SUBTOTAL		\$131,100

TOTAL PARKS RECREATION EXPENSES		\$245,350
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NON DEPARTMENTAL

Contingency		25,000
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TOTAL NON DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES		\$25,000
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TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET		\$3,556,987
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		\$1,944,947
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TOTAL CIP BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS		\$1,944,947
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TOTAL OPERATING & CIP EXPENDITURES		\$5,501,934
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**TOWN OF KENSINGTON
PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2027**

**PROPOSED BUDGET
2026-2027**

**Resolution No. R-08-2026
Adopted:**

A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of Kensington Authorizing a Contribution in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) from the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (FY26) Budget to the Noyes Children's Library Foundation for the Restoration and Renovation project at Noyes Children's Library.

Whereas, the Noyes Children's Library Foundation ("Foundation") engaged a campaign to raise funds to help Montgomery County renovate the Noyes Children's Library building ("the Project") in order to provide accessibility to all those with physical, emotional, and learning issues; and

Whereas, the project costs for the renovation are estimated to be approximately \$3 million above the initial Capital Improvement Program (CIP) appropriation by Montgomery County; and

Whereas, the Foundation has pledged to raise an additional \$1 million towards the supplemental appropriation request for the Project; and

Whereas, the Town previously contributed three prior \$25,000 donations to the Foundation in 2016 (Resolution No. R-09-2016), 2018 (Resolution No. R-15-2018), and 2022 (Resolution No. R-29-2022); along with a \$40,000 donation in 2025 (Resolution No. R-02-2025); and

Whereas, the Town has long recognized the value of the Noyes Children's Library to the Town and the broader community; and

Whereas, the Mayor and Town Council have determined that a contribution in support of the Project is in the best interest of the community and have issued a \$25,000 donation to the Foundation within the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (FY26) Budget; and

Whereas, the Mayor and Town Council have also determined that an in-kind contribution waiving the permit fees for the Project is also in the best interest of the community.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Town Council, in public meeting assembled, do hereby authorize payment of a Contribution in the amount of \$25,000 on behalf of the Town of Kensington to the Noyes Children's Library Foundation towards the supplemental appropriation for the renovation of the Noyes Children's Library, to be paid from the General

Government Account of the 2025-26 Fiscal Year (FY26) Budget and Authorize the Town Manager to take those steps necessary to give effect to this Resolution.

Adopted by the Town Council this 13th day of May, 2026.

Effective this 13th day of May, 2026.

ATTEST: TOWN OF KENSINGTON, MARYLAND

By: _____
Susan C. Engels, Clerk – Treasurer

Tracey C. Furman, Mayor