

Budget Ordinance No. O-01-2026**Introduced: March 18, 2026****Public Hearing: April 15, 2026****Adopted: May 13, 2026**

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			<u>\$ 3,651,380</u>
Re-Appropriation	\$	1,850,554	
TOTAL ANTICIPATED FUNDS AVAILABLE			<u>\$ 5,501,934</u>

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$	1,688,533	
Public Works	\$	1,260,158	
Public Safety	\$	337,946	
Parks & Recreation	\$	245,350	
Non-Departmental	\$	25,000	
			<u>\$ 3,556,987</u>
Capital Improvement Budget	\$	1,944,947	
TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENDITURES			<u>\$ 5,501,934</u>

SECTION 1:

BE IT ORDAINED AND ORDERED this 13th 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 13th 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 13th 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 13th 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 13th 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 13th 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 13th 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 13th day of May, 2026.

EFFECTIVE the 1st day of July, 2026.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF KENSINGTON

By: Susan Engels

Susan Engels, Clerk-Treasurer

By: Tracey Furman

Tracey Furman, Mayor