



# TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

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MEMORANDUM

June 9, 2025

TO: KDH Board of Commissioners

FROM: Debora P. Díaz, Town Manager 

REF: Public Hearing

Notice for the following item has been published in the *Coastland Times*, and posted on the Town's bulletin boards, website at <https://www.kdhnc.com/1147/June-9-2025-Board-of-Commissioners-Meeti>, social media platforms, and has been disseminated through the Town's electronic distribution list, meeting or exceeding the N.C.G.S. requirements for public hearings on this matter.

### **1. Town Manager's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 (Attached PH-1)**

At its May 12, 2025, meeting, the BOC was presented with the Town Manager's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, in accordance with the Local Government and Fiscal Control Act. Members received a bound, paper copy of the Town Manager's Recommended Budget; a General Worksession was conducted at the May 28, 2025, meeting; and this evening's public hearing was scheduled at the May 12, 2025, meeting.

The Town's website provides links to the full budget document and a budget portal gateway, <https://www.kdhnc.com/937/Finance-Department>, where the public has been encouraged to share its input. A bound copy of the Recommended Budget has been placed in the Town Hall lobby for public inspection.

No Board action is necessary at this time.



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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND WORKSESSION ON THE TOWN MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with NCGS §159-12, on Monday, June 9, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., the Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 102 Town Hall Drive, to receive public comment, both written and oral, regarding the Town Manager's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026. The recommended budget's public hearing can be accessed by the public through live-streaming on the KDH YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/townofkdh>

Written comments, which will be included with the record of the public hearing on the Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, may be submitted to the Office of the Town Clerk, P.O. Box 1719, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948, or by e-mail to [info@kdhnc.com](mailto:info@kdhnc.com). Comments must include your name and address and should be limited to three minutes when read aloud. The KDH website, [www.kdhnc.com](http://www.kdhnc.com), provides citizens a link to an electronic version of the Recommend Budget and a Budget Portal where comments can be submitted electronically.

The Recommended Budget was presented to the Board of Commissioners on Monday, May 12, 2025. Significant elements of the Recommended Budget include, but are not limited to the following:

- The Town's current *ad valorem* (FY 2024/2025) property tax rate is \$0.355 per \$100 valuation. The revenue-neutral tax rate is \$.2332 per \$100 valuation using the formula mandated by N.C.G.S. §159-11(e). The Recommended Budget reflects a proposed town-wide *ad valorem* tax rate of \$.28 per \$100 of real property.
- Currently, for real property listed within Kill Devil Hills' Beach Erosion Control and Flood and Hurricane Protection Works Municipal Service District (MSD), listed as "Taxes – Municipal Service District," an additional tax rate of \$.24 is assessed per \$100 of real property. The Recommended Budget reflects the revenue-neutral tax rate of \$.1638 per \$100 of real property.
- Retail water rates are recommended to increase 4% as the Town continues to address operating costs and waterline and system improvements that are associated with the Water System Master Plan. Tap fees are also proposed to increase, based on cost of materials and installation.
- For future construction, funding of \$450,450 is included in the Sidewalk Capital Reserve Fund and \$45,800 in the Streets and Stormwater Management Capital Reserve Fund. Powell Bill revenues of \$280,000 are allocated for street/drainage improvements. Discretionary street maintenance and repair funding is included at \$50,000.
- Other Capital Reserve Fund contributions are recommended to be as follows:
  - Shoreline Access \$75,000
  - Recreation \$75,000
  - Beach Nourishment \$600,000



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- Debt service payments for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year are included as follows:
  - Recommended Lease Payments \$1,631,176
  - Debt Service - Fire Station \$1,020,876
  - Debt Service – Public Works Complex \$563,073
  - Debt Service – Beach Nourishment \$122,062
- A 3% cost of living adjustment increase is recommended.
- Tipping fees for an estimated 10,134 tons of garbage at \$100.04/ton, and 924 tons of construction and demolition debris at \$73.16/ton.
- Fleet investments include: five police vehicles, six pickup trucks, two commercial garbage trucks, roll off containers, and a mower.

All citizens of the Town of Kill Devil Hills are invited and encouraged to attend the public hearing and make oral or written comments on the recommended use of funds. A copy of the budget and budget ordinance, in their entirety, is available for public inspection: in the Town Hall lobby. Copies of the budget may be purchased for \$25.00 in the Kill Devil Hills Tax and Finance Department, second floor, 102 Town Hall Drive.

### **Worksession on the Town Manager’s Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026**

On Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 102 Town Hall Drive, the Board of Commissioners will conduct a worksession on the Town Manager’s Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026. During the worksession, the Board of Commissioners may make changes to the Recommended Budget to be included prior to budget adoption. The recommended budget’s worksession can be accessed by the public through live-streaming on the Town’s YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/townofkdh>

Interested persons may contact the Office of the Town Clerk, 252-449-5300, or [info@kdhnc.com](mailto:info@kdhnc.com) to obtain additional information or have questions answered.

Posted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

  
James Michael O’Dell  
Town Clerk

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 9, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 102 Town Hall Drive, the Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing to receive public comment, both written and oral, on the following item:

**Town Manager's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026**

Information on this item may be viewed on Kill Devil Hills' website: <https://www.kdhnc.com/1147/June-9-2025-Board-of-Commissioners-Meeti>, with copies available for personal inspection at KDH Town Hall, 102 Town Hall Drive. Written comments, which will be included with the record of the public hearing on the Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, may be submitted to the Office of the Town Clerk, P.O. Box 1719, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948, or by e-mail to: [info@kdhnc.com](mailto:info@kdhnc.com). The KDH website also provides citizens a Budget Portal where comments can be submitted electronically, with links to the recommended budget: <https://www.kdhnc.com/937/Finance-Department>

At this public hearing, the Board of Commissioners may take action on this proposed item, with such action to include approval, disapproval, or tabling the item for further consideration.

Posted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

  
James Michael O'Dell  
Town Clerk

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