



ORDINANCE # 25-540

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MOUNT CARMEL, TENNESSEE ADOPTING
THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND
ENDING JUNE 30, 2026**

WHEREAS, Tenn. Code Ann. § 9-1-116 requires that all funds of the State of Tennessee and all its political subdivisions shall first be appropriated before being expended and that only funds that are available shall be appropriated; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Budget Law of 1982 requires that the governing body of each municipality adopt and operate under an annual budget ordinance presenting a financial plan with at least the information required by that state statute, that no municipality may expend any moneys regardless of the source except in accordance with a budget ordinance and that the governing body shall not make any appropriation in excess of estimated available funds; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has published the annual operating budget and budgetary comparisons of the proposed budget with the prior year (actual) and the current year (estimated) in a newspaper of general circulation not less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting where the Board will consider final passage of the budget.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN
OF MOUNT CARMEL, TENNESSEE AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1: That the governing body projects anticipated revenues from all sources and appropriates planned expenditures for each department, board, office or other agency of the municipality, herein presented together with the actual annual receipts and expenditures of the last preceding fiscal year and the estimated annual expenditures for the current fiscal year, and from those revenues and unexpended and unencumbered funds as follows for fiscal year 2026, and including the projected ending balances for the budget year, the actual ending balances for the most recent ended fiscal year and the estimated ending balances for the current fiscal years:

General Fund		2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Revenues		Audited	Estimated	Budgeted
Local Taxes		\$ 2,387,276	\$ 2,460,000	\$ 2,500,640
Licenses and Permits		10,690	8,000	9,000
Intergovernmental		1,452,029	1,137,305	1,995,650
Fines and Forfeitures		79,069	44,050	76,050
Miscellaneous Revenues		168,700	273,800	389,800
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources		\$ 4,097,764	\$ 3,923,155	\$ 4,971,140
Appropriations				
Expenditures				
General Government		\$ 215,998	\$ 593,940	\$ 445,860
Administration		461,835	491,750	639,163
Police Department		472,825	590,000	829,275
Animal Control		26,041	22,900	6,000
Fire Department		430,506	445,050	1,304,960
Building Inspector		27,731	75,200	85,100
Public Works		571,233	908,250	1,144,350
State Street Aid		282,343	117,500	177,000
Solid Waste		332,160	343,300	275,000
Recreation		74,506	37,300	517,050
Debt Service		12,793	12,903	12,843
Intergovernmental Expenditures		432,387	-	-
Library		71,600	71,940	100,335
Total Appropriations		\$ 3,411,958	\$ 3,710,033	\$ 5,536,936
Change in Fund Balance		\$ 697,813	\$ 213,122	\$ (565,796)
Beginning Fund Balance		\$ 7,030,260	\$ 7,728,073	\$ 7,941,195
Ending Fund Balance		\$ 7,728,073	\$ 7,941,195	\$ 7,375,399
Ending Fund Balance as % of Appropriations		226%	214%	133%

Sewer Fund		2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Revenues		Audited	Estimated	Budgeted
Operating Revenues		\$ 975,361	\$ 976,100	\$ 1,315,850
Sewer Operating Expenses		954,822	893,820	1,401,800
Depreciation		273,023	280,000	290,000
Net Operating Income (Expense)		\$ (252,484)	\$ (197,720)	\$ (375,950)
Net Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)		\$ 1,339,540	\$ 333,743	\$ 1,653,650
Change in Net Position		\$ 1,087,056	\$ 136,023	\$ 1,277,700
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Estimated Beginning Net Position		\$ 7,242,629	\$ 8,329,685	\$ 8,465,708
Estimated Ending Net Position		\$ 8,329,685	\$ 8,465,708	\$ 9,743,408

Drug Fund	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Revenues	Audited	Estimated	Budgeted
Drug Related Fines	\$ 786	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Drug Contributions	13,580	4,600	36,500
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	\$ 14,366	\$ 5,600	\$ 37,500
Appropriations			
Expenditures			
Drug Fund Operations	\$ 1,069	\$ 2,000	\$ 35,000
Total Appropriations	\$ 1,069	\$ 2,000	\$ 35,000
Change in Fund Balance	\$ 13,297	\$ 3,600	\$ 2,500
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 13,439	\$ 26,736	\$ 30,336
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 26,736	\$ 30,336	\$ 32,836

SECTION 2: At the end of the fiscal year 2025, the governing body estimates fund balances or deficits as follows:

General Fund	\$ 7,941,195
Sewer Fund	\$ 8,465,708
Drug Fund	\$ 30,336

SECTION 3: That the governing body recognizes that the municipality has outstanding bonded and other indebtedness as follows:

Type of Indebtedness	Debt Authorized and Unissued	Principal Outstanding at June 30, 2025	FY 2026 Debt Interest	FY 2026 Debt Principal
Sewer Revenue Bond	\$ -	\$ 84,914	\$ 3,200	\$ 45,000

SECTION 4: During the coming fiscal year (2026) the governing body has planned capital projects with proposed funding as follows:

Proposed Capital Projects	Proposed Amount Financed by Appropriations	Proposed Amount Financed by Grants	Proposed Amount Financed by Debt	Total Proposed Capital Projects
Police Vehicle (x2)	\$ 120,000			\$ 120,000
CGBD Fire Truck Grant	\$ 100,000	\$ 420,000		\$ 520,000
Fire Chief Vehicle	\$ 80,000			\$ 80,000
FEMA Hazard Mitigation	\$ 30,000	\$ 210,000		\$ 240,000
Parking Lot Paving	\$ 100,000			\$ 100,000
Security System	\$ 30,000			\$ 30,000
Updates to P/W Building	\$ 100,000			\$ 100,000
P/W Equipment	\$ 130,000			\$ 130,000
Library Equipment/Bldg.	\$ 25,000			\$ 25,000
LPRF Park Grant	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000		\$ 400,000
Totals:	\$915,000	\$830,000		\$1,745,000

SECTION 5: No appropriation listed above may be exceeded without an amendment of the budget ordinance as required by the Municipal Budget Law of 1982 (Tenn. Code Ann. § 6-56-208). In addition, no appropriation may be made in excess of available funds except to provide for an actual emergency threatening the health, property or lives of the inhabitants of the municipality and declared by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of at least a quorum of the governing body in accord with Tenn. Code Ann. § 6-56-205.

SECTION 6: Money may be transferred from one appropriation to another in the same fund in an amount of up to \$25,000 by the Town Administrator, subject to such limitations and procedures as set by the Governing Body pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 6-56-209. Any resulting transfers shall be reported to the governing body at its next regular meeting and entered into the minutes.

SECTION 7: A detailed financial plan will be attached to this budget and become part of this budget ordinance.

SECTION 8: There is hereby levied a property tax of \$1.5897 per \$100 of assessed value on all real and personal property.

SECTION 9: This annual operating and capital budget ordinance and supporting documents shall be submitted to the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's Designee for approval pursuant to Title 9, Chapter 21 of the Tennessee Code Annotated within fifteen (15) days of its adoption. If the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's Designee determines that the budget does not comply with the Statutes, the Governing Body shall adjust its estimates or make additional tax levies sufficient to comply with the Statutes or as directed by the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's Designee.

SECTION 10: All unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall lapse and revert to the respective fund balances.

SECTION 11: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with any provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 12: This ordinance shall take effect July 1, 2025, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed 1st Reading: April 24, 2025

Passed 2nd Reading: May 22, 2025

Voting by the Board, as follows, on April 24, 2025, First Reading:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Alderman Patrick	X	—
Alderman Binstock	X	—
Alderman Cross	X	—
Alderman Shugart	X	—
Alderman Gilliam	X	—
Vice Mayor Bare	X	—
Mayor Gibson	X	—

Voting by the Board, as follows, on May 22, 2025, Second Reading:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Alderman Patrick	X	—
Alderman Binstock	X	—
Alderman Cross	X	—
Alderman Shugart	X	—
Alderman Gilliam	X	—
Vice Mayor Bare	X	—
Mayor Gibson	X	—


John K. Gibson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Tyler S. Williams, Town Recorder

CERTIFICATION

I, *Tyler S. Williams*, Town Recorder of the *Town of Mount Carmel, Tennessee*, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 25-540 adopted on *May 22, 2025*, by the governing body of the *Town of Mount Carmel, Tennessee* and duly signed by *John K. Gibson*, Mayor and by *Tyler S. Williams*, Recorder, on the *22nd* day of *May*, 2025.



Signature

Tyler S. Williams, Town Recorder

Name and Title, Printed



Date

	TOWN OF MOUNT CARMEL, TENNESSEE	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	
110	General Fund				
		2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Audited	Estimated	Budgeted	
	REVENUES				
	Local Taxes				
31100	Property Taxes	\$ 1,546,459	\$ 1,513,000	\$ 1,542,140	
31200	Delinquent Property Taxes	32,786	34,000	40,000	
31300	Penalty Property Tax	1,084	1,000	3,500	
31610	Local Option Sales Tax	696,096	800,000	800,000	
31710	Wholesale Beer Tax	50,013	52,000	55,000	
31912	Charter Cable Franchise	60,838	60,000	60,000	
	Total Local Taxes	\$ 2,387,276	\$ 2,460,000	\$ 2,500,640	
	Licenses & Permits				
32610	Building Permits	10,690	8,000	8,500	
32200	Beer Licenses/Permits		500	500	
	Total Licenses and Permits	\$ 10,690	\$ 8,000	\$ 9,000	
	Intergovernmental Revenue				
33191	Postal Contract	\$ 22,539	\$ 22,500	22,500	
33410	State Supplemental Pay (POST)	5,600	3,200	4,800	
33423	State LPRF Grant	5,000	-	200,000	
33429	THSO (High Visibility Grant)	1,932	10,000	10,000	
33190	Home Grant		111,405	130,000	
33110	CDBG Grant			420,000	
33721	FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant	432,387		210,000	
33290	Library Grants	2,353		-	
33710	Grants from County- Fire	20,000	20,000	20,000	
33711	Grants from County- Library	5,000	5,000	5,000	
33510	State Sales Tax	674,943	682,000	689,000	
33530	State Beer Tax	2,465	2,400	2,400	
33551	State Street Aid	162,462	162,000	162,000	

33552	State Gasoline Tax	38,277	37,000	38,000	
33592	Sportsbetting	10,402	10,000	10,000	
33591	TVA (Payment in Lieu of Taxes)	67,072	68,000	68,000	
33558	Transportation Modernization Tax	-	2,500	2,500	
36991	Telecommunications Revenue	1,597	1,300	1,450	
	Total Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 1,452,029	\$ 1,137,305	\$ 1,995,650	
	Charges for Service				
	Total Charges for Service	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Fines & Penalties				
34510	Animal Control (Fees, Fines, Adoption)	20	50	50	
35110	City Court (Fines & Costs)	55,845	18,000	50,000	
35112	Photo Enforcement	22,046	25,000	25,000	
35160	County Court (Fines & Costs)	1,158	1,000	1,000	
	Total Fines & Penalties	\$ 79,069	\$ 44,050	\$ 76,050	
	Other Revenue				
33719	Library (Donations & Revenue)	639	-	500	
33720	Fire Department (Donations & Revenue)	13,270	8,000	10,000	
33721	Police Department (Donations & Revenue)			500	
34310	State Highway Contract	18,309	33,000	33,000	
34320	E-Ticket Citation Fee	-	800	800	
36100	Interest Earnings	36,033	200,000	300,000	
36995	Donation from Private Entities	58,816			
36330	Sale of Equipment				
36990	Miscellaneous	41,633	32,000	45,000	
	Total Other Revenue	\$ 168,700	\$ 273,800	\$ 389,800	
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 4,097,764	\$ 3,923,155	\$ 4,971,140	
	Other Financing Sources	\$ 12,007			

	Beginning Fund Balance	\$	7,030,260	\$	7,728,073	\$	7,941,195		
	Available for Appropriation	\$	11,140,031	\$	11,651,228	\$	12,912,335		
	EXPENDITURES								
41000	General Government								
161	Mayor & Aldermen (Fees)					\$	14,000		
235	Dues, Memberships and Registration Fees		3,716		4,000		4,500		
236	Public Relations/Community Outreach		26,262		25,000		28,000		
240	Utilities		16,868		18,000		18,000		
245	Telephone and Other		1,507		1,800		2,000		
254	Engineering Services		(2,072)		-		-		
510	Insurance		117,716		125,000		125,000		
551	Reappraisal Costs		6,106		9,000		9,000		
597	Safety Program		-		-		-		
691	Bank Service Charges		150		8,500		15,000		
720	FTDD		1,635		1,635		35,760		
722	FTHRA		2,000		2,500		2,500		
723	Senior Citizen's Center		30,000		33,000		33,000		
724	Hawkins Co. Chamber		-		2,500		2,500		
726	AIRMED		1,050		1,600		1,600		
790	Home Grant				111,405		130,000		
940	Capital Outlay/Interior Renovations		11,060		250,000		25,000		
	Total General Government	\$	215,998	\$	593,940	\$	445,860		

42400	Animal Control								
121	Wages	\$	15,823		12,000				
134	Christmas Bonus								
141	OASI - Employer Share		1,422		1,000				
143	Employee Retirement Plan		(299)						
146	Worker's Compensation		637		650				
147	Unemployment Insurance		42		50				
148	Education & Training		-		0				
170	Shelter Fees		5,075		6,000		6,000		
235	Dues		-		0				
240	Utilities		-		0				
245	Telephone		546		500				
251	Medical Services		-		0				
320	Operating Supplies		361		0				
326	Clothing and Uniforms		-		0				
330	Vehicle Operating Expense		845		1,500				
331	Fuel		1,589		1,200				
940	Equipment		-		-				
	Total Animal Control	\$	26,041	\$	22,900	\$	6,000		
42200	Fire Department								
121	Wages	\$	67,603	\$	71,000	\$	135,160		
134	Christmas Bonus					\$	1,900		
141	OASI - Employer Share		6,074		5,500		10,400		
143	Employee Retirement Plan		(1,278)				10,500		
146	Worker's Compensation		2722		3000		3200		
147	Unemployment Insurance		236		300		400		
148	Education & Training		4,529		4,500		8,000		
235	Dues		50		250		500		
238	Public Relations/Parade		2,815		3,500		5,000		
240	Utilities		8,261		9,000		9,000		
245	Telephone		804		800		800		

251	Medical Services	45	50	100	
255	Computer Hardware/Software Support	313	3,500	4,500	
266	Building Maint. & Repair	15,983	42,750	40,000	
280	Travel	431	1,000	1,000	
281	Osha Testing	3,222	10,400	10,500	
290	Contractual Services	1,598	2,000	2,000	
310	Office Supplies	486	1,000	1,000	
320	Operating Supplies	19,250	2,000	3,000	
326	Clothing and Uniforms	2,780	3,000	3,000	
330	Vehicle Operating Expense	29,608	20,000	30,000	
331	Fuel	5,097	6,000	6,000	
336	Radio	4,871	5,000	5,000	
344	Fire Department Equipment	12,489	18,000	48,000	
479	Miscellaneous	15,848	2,500	1,000	
733	FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant			240,000	
931	Paving			120,000	
940	Equipment	226,669	230,000	605,000	
	Total Fire Department	\$ 430,506	\$ 445,050	\$ 1,304,960	
	Total Public Safety	\$ 929,372	\$ 1,057,950	\$ 2,140,235	
42420	Building Inspector				
121	Wages	\$ 9,780	\$ -	\$ -	
141	OASI - Employer Share	879	-	-	
146	Worker's Compensation	1,958	-	-	
147	Unemployment Insurance	-	-	-	
148	Education & Training	250	-	-	
216	Internet Services	279	-	-	
235	Dues	4,285	75,000	-	
240	Utilities	237	-	-	
245	Telephone	361	-	-	
269	Demolition	7,450	-	10,000	
280	Travel	-	-	-	
290	Other Contractual Services (SAFEBuilt)			75,000	

320	Operating Supplies	1,955	100		
479	Miscellaneous	297	100	100	
940	Equipment			-	
	Total Building Inspector	\$ 27,731	\$ 75,200	\$ 85,100	
43100	Public Works Department				
121	Wages	\$ 224,982	\$ 225,000	\$ 329,150	
122	Overtime Wages	\$ 3,236	\$ 6,000	6,000	
134	Christmas Bonus			3,500	
141	OASI - Employer Share	18,888	18,000	24,500	
142	Employee Insurance	48,270	43,000	50,000	
143	Employee Retirement Plan	16,715	15,000	18,000	
146	Worker's Compensation	9,059	9,400	9,700	
147	Unemployment Insurance	247	300	400	
148	Education & Training	-	-	1,500	
216	Internet Services	1,833	2,000	2,000	
240	Utilities	7,236	8,500	8,500	
245	Telephone	2,731	2,800	2,800	
251	Medical Services	325	500	500	
266	Building Maintenance & Repair	6,776	3,750	3,500	
268	Street Maintenance & Road Repair	10,695	2,000	15,000	
280	Travel	-	-	500	
294	Equipment Leasing	2,210	1,000	2,000	
310	Office Supplies	48	500	800	
320	Operating Supplies	11,569	8,000	9,000	
326	Clothing and Uniforms	3,154	4,500	5,000	
330	Vehicle Operating Expense	17,848	16,000	35,000	
331	Fuel	27,968	35,000	38,500	
479	Miscellaneous	721	1,000	1,000	
482	Drainage Repair	78	1,000	1,000	
922	Capital Outlay- P/W Building & Grounds			96,500	
931	Paving	37,357	275,000	350,000	
940	Equipment	119,287	230,000	130,000	
	Total Public Works Department	\$ 571,233	\$ 908,250	\$ 1,144,350	

	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,411,958	\$ 3,710,033	\$ 5,536,936		
	Excess (deficit) of revenues over (under) expenditures	\$ 697,813	\$ 213,122	\$ (565,796)		
	Ending Fund Balance	\$ 7,728,073	\$ 7,941,195	\$ 7,375,399		
	Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 6,793,006	\$ 7,483,160	\$ 7,696,282		
	Ending Cash Balance	\$ 7,483,160	\$ 7,696,282	\$ 7,130,486		

362	Residential Pump Repair and Maintenance	33,162	95,000		
363	Sewer Line Maintenance and Repair	1,351	1,500		
364	Wastewater Plant Maintenance and Repair	60,068	50,000		
479	Miscellaneous Expenses	12,313	1,000	1,000	
510	Insurance	931	2,000	2,000	
533	Machinery & Equipment Rental	35,000	70,000	200,000	
540	Depreciation	273,023	280,000	290,000	
596	State Permit Fee	-	3,500	3,500	
635	TLDA Interest Expense	4,319			
952	Sludge Disposal Fees	58,401	30,000	-	
955	Press Maintenance	1,015	1,000	1,500	
956	Sewer Blowers	1,332	1,500	5,000	
	Total Sewer Operating Expenses	\$ 1,197,161	\$ 1,141,200	\$ 1,652,800	
	ADMINISTRATIVE & GENERAL EXPENSES				
252	Legal Services	\$ 6,364	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000	
253	Accounting/Auditing		2,000	2,000	
298	Collection Fees	24,283	20,000	22,000	
310	Office Expenses and Postage	37	500	-	
691	Bank Service Charges	-	120	-	
	Total Sewer Operating Expenses	\$ 30,684	\$ 32,620	\$ 39,000	
	Total Administrative & Operating Expenses	\$ 1,227,845	\$ 1,173,820	\$ 1,691,800	
	Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (252,484)	\$ (197,720)	\$ (375,950)	
	NON-OPERATING REVENUES & (EXPENSES)				
36100	Federal Grants- Local ARPA	\$ 1,271,888	\$ 298,914		
37295	TDEC - ARPA	51,888	8,829	1,628,850	
52200-635	TLDA Interest			(3,200)	
36100	Interest Earnings	15,764	26,000	28,000	
	TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUES	\$ 1,339,540	\$ 333,743	\$ 1,653,650	
	Change in Net Position	\$ 1,087,056	\$ 136,023	\$ 1,277,700	
	Beginning Net Position July 1	\$ 7,242,629	\$ 8,329,685	\$ 8,465,708	
	Ending Net Position June 30	\$ 8,329,685	\$ 8,465,708	\$ 9,743,409	



Required Budget Submission Worksheet

The following tables prompt for basic information central to our Office's review and analysis of your budget. **This worksheet is required for all budget submissions.**

Enter Entity Name → **Town of Mount Carmel**

Enter Budget Year → **2025-2026**

Beginning Fund and Cash Balances

- Enter the name of all budgeted funds.
- Enter estimated amounts for the beginning of the budget year (as of July 1).
- Additional space, if needed, is provided on the next page.

Fund Name	Beginning Fund Balance (Net Position)	Beginning Cash
General Fund	\$ 7,941,195	\$ 7,696,282
Sewer Fund	\$ 8,465,708	\$ 1,589,957
Drug Fund	\$ 30,336	\$ 14,673

Beginning Fund and Cash Balances

Use the space below if needed.

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Debt Information

If you answer "Yes" to either question 2 or 4, you will need to complete additional schedules.

	Yes	No	N/A
1. Does your local government have debt?	☒	☐	
2. Any new debt issued during the current fiscal year or planned to issue in the upcoming fiscal year?	☐	☒	
3. If you answered "Yes" to question number 2 above, complete Debt Schedule A.	☐		☒
4. Has any debt been paid off early (before final maturity) during the current fiscal year?	☐	☒	☐
5. If you answered "Yes" to question number 4 above, complete Debt Schedule B.	☐		☒
6. All debt payments due in the upcoming fiscal year have been budgeted in the correct funds.	☒	☐	☐

Debt Schedule A

Identify New or Planned Debt	
1	Identify all new or planned debt for the next 12 months.
2	Identify the source of the debt (e.g., bank, bond, etc.).
3	Identify the terms of the debt (e.g., interest rate, maturity date, etc.).
4	Identify the purpose of the debt (e.g., capital expenditure, working capital, etc.).
5	Identify the impact of the debt on the company's financial statements.
6	Identify the impact of the debt on the company's cash flow.
7	Identify the impact of the debt on the company's credit rating.
8	Identify the impact of the debt on the company's overall financial health.
9	Identify the impact of the debt on the company's ability to pay its obligations.
10	Identify the impact of the debt on the company's ability to raise additional capital.
11	Identify the impact of the debt on the company's ability to invest in growth.
12	Identify the impact of the debt on the company's ability to maintain its competitive advantage.
13	Identify the impact of the debt on the company's ability to attract and retain talent.
14	Identify the impact of the debt on the company's ability to maintain its reputation.
15	Identify the impact of the debt on the company's ability to maintain its relationships with customers and suppliers.
16	Identify the impact of the debt on the company's ability to maintain its compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
17	Identify the impact of the debt on the company's ability to maintain its internal controls.
18	Identify the impact of the debt on the company's ability to maintain its data security.
19	Identify the impact of the debt on the company's ability to maintain its environmental, social, and governance (ESG) performance.
20	Identify the impact of the debt on the company's ability to maintain its overall sustainability.

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Debt Schedule B

Identify Debt Paid off Early (before Final Maturity)

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