



ORDINANCE # 26-547

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MOUNT CARMEL, TENNESSEE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

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 2027, 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	2024-2025		2025-2026		2026-2027	
	Audited	Estimated	Estimated	Budgeted	Budgeted	Budgeted
Revenues						
Local Taxes	\$ 2,466,672	\$ 2,437,140	\$ 2,437,140	\$ 2,460,979		
Licenses and Permits	11,114	10,050	10,050	10,050		
Intergovernmental	1,183,374	1,647,012	1,647,012	1,141,739		
Fines and Forfeitures	35,590	70,250	70,250	96,050		
Charges for Services		150	150	250		
Miscellaneous Revenues	362,442	409,909	409,909	401,300		
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	\$ 4,059,192	\$ 4,574,511	\$ 4,574,511	\$ 4,110,368		
Appropriations						
Expenditures						
General Government	\$ 555,374	\$ 413,473	\$ 413,473	\$ 407,300		
Administration	579,208	694,213	694,213	742,773		
Police Department	607,044	1,047,821	1,047,821	1,032,450		
Animal Control	18,868	-	-	1,000		
Fire Department	429,514	1,169,010	1,169,010	333,300		
Building Inspector	82,070	75,000	75,000	50,000		
Public Works	906,348	1,195,920	1,195,920	604,566		
State Street Aid	112,993	176,000	176,000	143,000		
Solid Waste	341,396	350,000	350,000	341,800		
Recreation	33,243	361,750	361,750	210,500		
Debt Service/Leases	12,792	12,843	12,843	17,789		
Library	64,401	99,735	99,735	87,590		
Transfer Out- Capital Projects Fund				1,756,000		
Total Appropriations	\$ 3,743,251	\$ 5,595,765	\$ 5,595,765	\$ 5,728,068		
Change in Fund Balance	\$ 324,116	\$ (1,021,254)	\$ (1,021,254)	\$ (1,617,700)		
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 7,753,380	\$ 8,077,496	\$ 8,077,496	\$ 7,056,242		
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 8,077,496	\$ 7,056,242	\$ 7,056,242	\$ 5,438,542		
Ending Fund Balance as % of Appropriations	216%	126%	126%	95%		

Sewer Fund	2024-2025		2025-2026		2026-2027	
	Audited	Estimated	Estimated	Budgeted	Budgeted	Budgeted
Revenues						
Operating Revenues	\$ 1,069,216	\$ 1,338,400	\$ 1,338,400	\$ 1,587,450		
Sewer Operating Expenses	1,057,109	1,634,266	1,634,266	1,567,400		
Depreciation	282,294	290,000	290,000	290,000		
Net Operating Income (Expense)	\$ (270,187)	\$ (585,866)	\$ (585,866)	\$ (269,950)		
Net Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	\$ 415,518	\$ 212,699	\$ 212,699	\$ 1,269,936		
Change in Net Position	\$ 145,331	\$ (373,167)	\$ (373,167)	\$ 999,986		
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Estimated Beginning Net Position	\$ 7,242,629	\$ 7,387,960	\$ 7,387,960	\$ 7,014,793		
Estimated Ending Net Position	\$ 7,387,960	\$ 7,014,793	\$ 7,014,793	\$ 8,014,779		

Drug Fund	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027
Revenues	Audited	Estimated	Budgeted
Drug Related Fines	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Drug Contributions	4,542	36,500	25,000
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	\$ 4,542	\$ 36,500	\$ 26,000
Appropriations			
Expenditures			
Drug Fund Operations		\$ 26,150	\$ 25,000
Capital Outlay		\$ 8,850	\$ -
Total Appropriations		\$ 35,000	\$ 25,000
Change in Fund Balance	\$ 4,542	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 13,439	\$ 17,981	\$ 19,481
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 17,981	\$ 19,481	\$ 20,481

Capital Projects Fund	2026-2027
Revenues	Budgeted
Transfer In- General Fund	\$ 1,756,000
Total Revenues	\$ 1,756,000
Expenditures	
Police Department	\$ 160,000
Fire Department	223,000
Public Works	906,000
State Street Aid	50,000
Solid Waste & Recycling	75,000
Recreation	325,000
Library	17,000
Total Appropriations	\$ 1,756,000
Change in Fund Balance	\$ -
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ -
Ending Fund Balance	\$ -

SECTION 2: At the end of the fiscal year 2026, the governing body estimates fund balances or deficits as follows:

General Fund	\$ 7,056,242
Sewer Fund	\$ 7,014,793
Capital Projects Fund	\$ -
Drug Fund	\$ 19,481

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

NONE

SECTION 4: During the coming fiscal year (2027) the governing body has planned capital projects with proposed funding as follows:

	Proposed Capital Projects	Proposed Amount			Total Proposed Capital Projects
		Financed by Appropriations	Financed by Grants	Financed by Debt	
	Police Vehicle (x2)	\$ 130,000			\$ 130,000
	Police Tasers	\$ 30,000			\$ 30,000
	Fire- LDH Replacement	\$ 100,000			\$ 100,000
	Fire Department Equip.	\$ 48,000			\$ 48,000
	Live Fire Training Facility	\$ 50,000			\$ 50,000
	Public Works Equipment	\$ 360,000			\$ 360,000
	Updates P/W Bld & Grds.	\$ 85,000			\$ 85,000
	Library Renovations	\$ 17,000			\$ 17,000
	Paving- Various	\$ 650,000			\$ 650,000
	Park Development	\$ 200,000			\$ 200,000
	Recycling Center Dev.	\$ 75,000			\$ 75,000
	Street Light Repair	\$ 11,000			\$ 11,000
	Totals:	\$1,756,000			\$1,756,000

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 \$0.9720 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, 2026, the public welfare requiring it.

First Reading: April 23, 2026

Second Reading: May 21, 2026

Voting by the Board, as follows, April 23, 2026, First Reading:

	AYES	NAYS	OTHER
Alderman Darby Patrick	x		
Alderman James Cross	x		
Alderman Mindy Shugart	x		
Alderman Philip Binstock	x		
Alderman Jim Gilliam	x		
Vice-Mayor Jim Bare	x		
Mayor John Gibson	x		

Voting by the Board, as follows, May 21, 2026, Second Reading:

	AYES	NAYS	OTHER
Alderman Darby Patrick	x		
Alderman James Cross	x		
Alderman Mindy Shugart	x		
Alderman Philip Binstock	x		
Alderman Jim Gilliam	x		
Vice-Mayor Jim Bare	x		
Mayor John Gibson	x		

ATTEST:


 Tyler S. Williams, CMFO
 Town Recorder


 John K. Gibson, Mayor

