DORCHESTER COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE 2025-2026 COUNTY BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that, on **Tuesday, May 20, 2025**, the Dorchester County Council will hold a public hearing for consideration of **Bill Number 2025-4**, AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE 2025-2026 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE. The hearing will be held at **6:04 p.m.** in the County Council's Meeting Room, County Office Building, 501 Court Lane, Room 110, Cambridge, Maryland 21613. Comments, oral or written, will be accepted at the hearing on all aspects of the proposed budget.

The Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance contains the Current Expense Budgets and the Capital Budgets of the County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, under the provisions of Article Five of the Dorchester County Charter.

The following County Current Expense Budget is proposed for fiscal year 2025-2026:

DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 2026

	Fiscal Year
Description	2025-2026
EXPENDITURES	
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS:	
General Government:	7,588,910
	10,692,096
Employee insurance/ taxes	19,623,712
Public Safety:	
Social Services:	239,369
Public Works:	6,774,177
Contingency:	1,045,803
Recreation & Parks:	755,918
Natural Resources:	367,747
Economic Development:	508,600
Tourism:	464,329
Debt Service:	4,214,637
Education:	28,671,844
Health:	858,914
TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	81,806,056
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS:	2,383,263

ENTERPRISE FUNDS: FIDUCIARY FUND:	7,474,646 300,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	91,963,965
REVENUES	
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS:	
Property Taxes:	41,154,318
Income Taxes:	22,908,913
Other Taxes:	7,081,644
Licenses and Permits:	472,110
Federal, State, and Local:	6,588,306
All Other:	3,600,765
TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	81,806,056
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS:	2,383,263
ENTERPRISE FUNDS:	7,474,646
FIDUCIARY FUND:	300,000
TOTAL REVENUES	91,963,965

Copies of Bill Number 2025-4 are available for review in the County Council's Office, Room 108, 501 Court Lane, Cambridge, Maryland 21613 or on the County's website at <u>www.dorchestercountymd.com</u>.

All interested parties are hereby notified and invited to attend the hearing. If you require Communications assistance, please contact the County Council's Office at (410) 228-1700.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: George L. Pfeffer, Jr., President