



ATHENS CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Monday, May 11, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. COMMUNICATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- (1-2) A. Council Advisory Committee Report for April 21, 2026

V. DISCUSSION

- (3-34) A. Athens City School FY 2026-27 Budget Presentation
- (35-42) B. Creation of Marketing, Branding, and Signage Design for the City
- (43-46) C. Private Chapter No. 46, House Bill No. 2637/Senate Bill No. 2699, Relative to the City of Athens Charter Provision Concerning Compensation of the Mayor and Councilmembers
- (47-55) D. Further discussion of Ordinance 1152, an Ordinance to Amend Title 17, Chapter II, Sections 17-43 and 17-44 per the Athens City Code Relative to Refuse Collection and Disposal Service Charges and the Method of Collecting Service Charges
- (56-60) E. Second Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance 1151, an Ordinance of the City of Athens, Tennessee, Amending Title 8, Chapter III (Beer), to Add "Craft Beer Restaurant" as a Classification of Beer Permit and Amending the Athens Zoning Ordinance to Add a Craft Beer Restaurant Land Use and to Permit Accessory On-Site Beer Manufacturing in Certain Business Districts Subject to Standards
- (61-63) F. Second Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance 1154, an Ordinance of the City of Athens, Tennessee, Amending the Municipal Zoning Ordinance of the City Of Athens, Tennessee, Section 4.03.03, Commercial Land Uses (Minimum), and Section 4.03.07, Commercial Land Uses (Maximum), to add Off-Street Parking Requirements for a Drive-Thru Oil Change Facility with Minor Auto Service Without Overnight Storage of Vehicles
- (64-68) G. Second Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance 1155, an Ordinance to Amend the Budget for the City of Athens, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

- (69-79) H. First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Title 9, Chapter V of the Athens City Code by deleting the existing Chapter V, “Wrecker and Towing Service,” in its Entirety and Replacing it with a New Chapter V, “Towing Services”; to Establish Regulations, permitting requirements, rotation procedures, insurance requirements, Fee Limitations, Recordkeeping Requirements, and enforcement procedures for towing services requested by the Athens Police Department.
- (80-82) I. First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend ‘The Zoning Ordinance of The City of Athens, Tennessee, so as to Amend The Official Zoning Map to Rezone A 3-Acre Parcel Created from the 50-Acre Developed Parent Tract Shown as Tax Map 046 Parcel 049.00 Located on Denso Drive and George R. Price Boulevard From I-2 (Heavy Industrial District) To B-3 (Intensive Business District), Said Area Being Located Within The Corporate Limits of Athens, Tennessee.
- (83-86) J. Resolution 2026-16, A Resolution Authorizing the City of Athens, Tennessee, to Apply for Funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Through the Safe Streets For All (SS4A) Grant Program for Improvements to the Congress Parkway and Decatur Pike Intersections and Adjoining Corridor.
- (87-94) K. Proposal from Gresham Smith Engineers to Design and Prepare Construction Documents to Complete the Sidewalk Loop Around McMinn County High School
- (95-98) L. Additional Parking at Cook Park
- (99-100) M. Review and Discussion of the FY 2026-27 Proposed City Budget
- N. Councilmember Items
 - (101) 1. Mayor Eaton
 - i. Status of Legal Issues
 - (102-108) 2. Councilmember Sherlin
 - i. Creating a Public Trust in the North City

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. BOARDS & COMMITTEES

- (109) A. No Applications on File.
 - 1. Board of Adjustments & Appeals – 1 Vacancy (alternate)
 - 2. Historic Preservation Commission – 1 Vacancy (an architect, if available (MZO 3.04.14(B))
- (110) B. Expiring in June 2026
 - 1. Recreation Advisory Board (3)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Advisory Committee Meeting April 20, 2026

Attendance:

Amy Sullins	Jo Lundy
Anne Marie Schaffer	Joe Kimbro
Barbar Peck	John Proffitt
C. Shawn McKeehan	Josh Goodman
Francis Witt-McMahan	Patti Greek, Chair
Hugh Willson	Scott Msahburn
James Fries	Bill Wilson

Absent (1) Bob Roseberry

Guest (3) Simon Rhodes, City of Athens,

Ashey Davis, Kellum Creek Business Solutions

Kisa Becker Keller Williams Relator

The agenda had 4 topics:

- North City School Property
- Redfern Industrial Park
- Southeast Tennessee Trade & Conference Center (Regional Park)
- Review of the Proposed Athens Brand

We began the meeting at 6pm.

Review of the Proposed Athens Brand

Simon Rhodes and Ashley Davis, were attending, I felt it was important to let them do their presentation first, so they could leave after they received the information.

The shared images were well received. The city seal will remain, but these images will be used for branding other items.

The vote clearly approved the use of the colors and images.

North City School Property

The conversation quickly opened with numerous members saying, “we need more housing”.

There were a few questions with stipulations we know come with the property.

- An area needs to be used for “children”, was that not in the agreement from the family to the city when they received this land?
- Multi-family –duplex or one level condominiums.
- Discussion about the BCBS of TN walking space and entertainment are for families.
- We need something for the families that will promote outside activities all year round.

Redfern Industrial Park

- This needs to be re-zoned to Residential
- Everyone loved this conversation—and ideas were flowing... make this a large complex with more mid-dollar level apartments to higher residential living.
- The architecture could begin with smaller homes in the front of the complex, and then go into more expensive mid-range homes.
- Surrounded by pool (1-2) walking trails/pathways.
- This will pull the families that work in Chattanooga and Knoxville areas who would like to live in a smaller town atmosphere, great schools and do not mind a 45 min commute.

Southeast Tennessee Trade & Conference Center (Regional Park)

First comments were, “PLEASE finish this project”.

- Have a VISION! With a timeline and stick to it.
- Phase I was completed; the city needs to finish the next 2 phases so that we can “entertain” more opportunities for our city. Car Shows, have a venue like Camp Jordan in East Ridge, TN. That is a 34,000 multi-purpose climate-controlled sports complex.
- The weekend before our meeting had a CASA event, and it was full!
- Have areas for Food Trucks, for guests that may not be able to leave the area to enjoy other local.
- Think of the Hotel/Motel tax we would receive with all the visitors.
- Many of the committee members remember the loss of the Federal funding years ago.
- Can the County help us, since this will help all of us?
- Murfreesboro, TN --Star Plex has an event center--look at those ballfields.
- Parking~ please make sure that it is in the plans ~with out Parking there is another issue.
- Bathrooms~ need plenty!

Long term planning on this for Phase II and III.

Check out the fastest growing sports in the US. Trail Running is up 32%.

- Quick summary~
1. The city of Athens needs more housing—all price points!
 2. Finish all phases of the Regional Park

Submitted by: Patti Greek, Chair of the Advisory Committee



Agenda Item

V. A. Athens City School FY 2026-27 Budget Presentation

Overview

- Total estimated revenues and other sources: **\$23,527,261**
- Beginning equity: **\$12,060,090**
- Total available funds: **\$35,587,351**
- Total expenditures (appropriations): **\$25,122,796**

The budget is funded primarily by State Education Funds, Local Taxes, Federal Government, and smaller amounts from charges for services, other local revenues, licenses and permits, and miscellaneous state revenue.

The Athens City Schools FY 2026-2027 Budget is attached.

Action to Consider

Consensus is needed to move this item to the May 19, 2026 regular session for consideration.

Affected Departments

Finance

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AVAILABLE FUNDS AND EXPENDITURES (APPROPRIATIONS) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

ACCOUNT NO.	ESTIMATED REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES EXPENDITURES (APPROPRIATIONS) AND OTHER USES	(1)				(2)		(3)		(4)	
		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	GENERAL PURPOSE FUND 141	FEDERAL PROJECTS FUND 142	CENTRAL CAFETERIA FUND 143	GENERAL PURPOSE FUND 141	FEDERAL PROJECTS FUND 142	GENERAL PURPOSE FUND 141	CENTRAL CAFETERIA FUND 143		
2026-2027											
ESTIMATED REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES											
40000	Local Taxes	\$6,370,000	\$6,370,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
41000	Licenses & Permits	900	900	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
43000	Charges for Current Services	276,000	229,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	47,000	
44000	Other Local Revenues	287,200	209,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	78,200	
46500	State Education Funds	13,456,514	13,445,514	0	0	0	0	0	0	11,000	
46800	Other State Revenues	500	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
47100	Federal Funds Received Thru State	3,136,047	51,248	1,471,793	1,471,793	0	0	0	0	1,613,006	
47600	Direct Federal Revenues	100	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
49999	TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES	\$23,527,261	\$20,306,262	\$1,471,793	\$1,471,793	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,749,206	
30000	EQUITY	\$12,060,090	\$10,872,239	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,187,851	
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS		\$35,587,351	\$31,178,501	\$1,471,793	\$1,471,793	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,937,057	

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		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	GENERAL PURPOSE FUND 141	FEDERAL PROJECTS FUND 142	CENTRAL CAFETERIA FUND 143
2026-2027					
EXPENDITURES (APPROPRIATIONS)					
71100	Regular Instruction Program	\$10,993,201	\$10,434,835	\$558,366	\$0
71200	Special Education Program	1,897,544	1,338,167	559,377	0
71400	Student Body Education Program	33,337	33,337	0	0
72110	Attendance	51,403	51,403	0	0
72120	Health Services	355,742	355,742	0	0
72130	Other Student Support	589,571	524,112	65,459	0
72210	Regular Instruction Program	1,278,539	1,052,225	226,314	0
72220	Special Education Program	172,919	110,644	62,275	0
72250	Education Technology	234,994	234,994	0	0
72310	Board of Education	1,015,241	1,012,741	0	2,500
72320	Office of Superintendent	235,923	235,923	0	0
72410	Office of Principal	1,227,785	1,227,785	0	0
72510	Fiscal Services	247,403	247,403	0	0
72520	Human Services(Resources)/Personnel	150,262	150,262	0	0
72610	Operation of Plant	1,202,302	1,202,302	0	0
72620	Maintenance of Plant	282,163	282,163	0	0
72710	Transportation	863,240	863,240	0	0
73100	Food Service	1,749,840	3,134	0	1,746,706
73300	Community Services	322,422	322,422	0	0
73400	Early Childhood Education	891,728	891,728	0	0
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,327,237	1,327,237	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES (APPROPRIATIONS)		\$25,122,796	\$21,901,799	\$1,471,791	\$1,749,206
*Check should be 0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	GENERAL PURPOSE FUND 141	FEDERAL PROJECTS FUND 142	CENTRAL CAFETERIA FUND 143
2026-2027					
	Local Taxes				
40100	County Property Taxes	\$689,000	\$689,000	\$0	\$0
40110	Current Property Tax	19,000	\$19,000	\$0	\$0
40120	Trustee's Collections - Prior Year	10,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
40130	Circuit Clk./Cik. & Master Coll. - Prior Yrs	8,000	\$8,000	\$0	\$0
40140	Interest & Penalty	23,000	\$23,000	\$0	\$0
40150	Pickup Taxes	12,000	\$12,000	\$0	\$0
40162	Payments in Lieu of Taxes - Local Utilities	1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$0
40163	Payments in Lieu of Taxes - Other	3,147,000	\$3,147,000	\$0	\$0
40210	Local Option Sales Tax	37,000	\$37,000	\$0	\$0
40270	Business Tax	3,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$0
40320	Bank Excise Tax				
40400	Total County Taxes	\$3,949,000	\$3,949,000	\$0	\$0
40600	City/Special School District Property Taxes				
40700	City Local Option Taxes				
40710	Local Option Sales Tax	2,421,000	\$2,421,000	\$0	\$0
40800	Total City/Special School District Property Taxes	\$2,421,000	\$2,421,000	\$0	\$0
40000	Total Local Taxes	\$6,370,000	\$6,370,000	\$0	\$0

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41000	Licenses and Permits				
41100	Licenses	\$900	\$900	\$0	\$0
41110	Marriage Licenses				
41000	Total Licenses and Permits	\$900	\$900	\$0	\$0
43000	Charges for Current Services				
43500	Education Charges				
43511	Tuition - Regular Day Students	\$61,000	\$61,000	\$0	\$0
43517	Tuition - Other	\$148,000	\$148,000	\$0	\$0
43522	Lunch Payments - Adults	\$12,000	\$0	\$0	\$12,000
43525	Ala Carte Sales	\$35,000	\$0	\$0	\$35,000
43551	School Based Health (FFS)	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$0
43000	Total Charges for Current Services	\$276,000	\$229,000	\$0	\$47,000

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		2026-2027			
44000	Other Local Revenues				
44100	Recurring Items				
44110	Investment Income	\$208,200	\$204,000	\$0	\$4,200
44120	Lease/Rentals	4,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$0
44170	Miscellaneous Refunds	4,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,000
44500	Nonrecurring Items				
44990	Other Local Revenue	71,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$70,000
44000	Total Other Local Revenues	\$287,200	\$209,000	\$0	\$78,200

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2026-2027					
46000	State of Tennessee				
46500	State Education Funds	\$12,519,078	\$12,519,078	\$0	\$0
46510	TISA	\$4,140	\$4,140	\$0	\$0
56513	TISA - On-behalf Payments	658,189	\$658,189	\$0	\$0
46515	Early Childhood Education Program	11,000	\$0	\$0	\$11,000
46520	School Food Service-State Matching	250,107	\$250,107	\$0	\$0
46590	Other State Education Funds	14,000	\$14,000	\$0	\$0
46610	Career Ladder				
46500	Total State Education Funds	\$13,456,514	\$13,445,514	\$0	\$11,000
46800	Other State Revenues	500	\$500	\$0	\$0
46990	Other State Revenues				
46800	Total Other State Revenues	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$0

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2026-2027					
47000	Federal Government				
47100	Federal through State				
47111	USDA School Lunch Program	\$1,123,784	\$0	\$0	\$1,123,784
47112	USDA Commodities	113,149	\$0	\$0	\$113,149
47113	Breakfast	361,073	\$0	\$0	\$361,073
47114	USDA - Other	15,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
47141	Title I - Grants to Local Education Agencies	656,235	\$0	\$656,235	\$0
47143	IDEA Part B-Special Education Grants	561,159	\$0	\$561,159	\$0
47145	IDEA Preschool Grants	25,852	\$0	\$25,852	\$0
47146	Title III-English Language Acquisition Grants	11,625	\$0	\$11,625	\$0
47148	Title V-Rural Education	66,692	\$0	\$66,692	\$0
47189	Title II-A	94,678	\$0	\$94,678	\$0
47590	Other Federal Through State	106,800	\$51,248	\$55,552	\$0
47100	Total Federal Through State	\$3,136,047	\$51,248	\$1,471,793	\$1,613,006
47600	Direct Federal Revenues				
47990	Other Direct Federal Revenues	100	\$100	\$0	\$0
47600	Total Direct Federal Government	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$0
47000	Total Federal Government	\$3,136,147	\$51,348	\$1,471,793	\$1,613,006
47999	TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$23,527,261	\$20,306,262	\$1,471,793	\$1,749,206

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49999	TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES	\$23,527,261	\$20,306,262	\$1,471,793	\$1,749,206

SCHEDULE OF TRANSFERS

FUND #	PURPOSE	FROM FUND	TO FUND

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ACCOUNT NO.	EQUITY 7/01/2025 BEGINNING-OF-YEAR	2026-2027			
		(1) TOTAL ALL FUNDS	(2) GENERAL PURPOSE FUND 141	(3) FEDERAL PROJECTS FUND 142	(4) CENTRAL CAFETERIA FUND 143
34000	EQUITY				
	RESTRICTED				
34560	Restricted for Instruction (Career Ladder)	(222)	(\$222)	\$0	\$0
34570	Restricted for Operation of Non-Instructional Services	1,187,851	\$0	\$0	\$1,187,851
34587	Restricted for Hybrid Retirement Stabilization Fund	253,156	\$253,156	\$0	\$0
	ASSIGNED				
34755	Assigned for Education	1,274,031	\$1,274,031	\$0	\$0
34760	Assigned for Instruction	550,000	\$550,000	\$0	\$0
34765	Assigned for Support Services	175,968	\$175,968	\$0	\$0
34775	Assigned for Capital Outlay	3,650,000	\$3,650,000	\$0	\$0
39000	UNASSIGNED	4,969,306	\$4,969,306	\$0	\$0
30000	TOTAL EQUITY	\$12,060,090	\$10,872,239	\$0	\$1,187,851
	TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$35,587,351	\$31,178,501	\$1,471,793	\$2,937,057

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2026-2027					
	INSTRUCTION - 71000				
	REGULAR INSTRUCTION PROGRAM (71100)				
71100 116	Teachers	\$7,081,992	\$6,787,394	\$294,598	\$0
71100 117	Career Ladder Program	7,000	\$7,000	\$0	\$0
71100 128	Homebound Teachers	2,500	\$2,500	\$0	\$0
71100 163	Educational Assistants	529,097	\$495,061	\$34,036	\$0
71100 188	Bonus Payments	890	\$890	\$0	\$0
71100 189	Other Salaries & Wages	94,550	\$58,800	\$35,750	\$0
71100 198	Non-certified Substitute Teachers	182,829	\$181,329	\$1,500	\$0
71100 201	Social Security	489,729	\$467,044	\$22,685	\$0
71100 204	State Retirement	501,666	\$479,193	\$22,473	\$0
71100 206	Life Insurance	150	\$0	\$150	\$0
71100 207	Medical Insurance	1,120,972	\$1,072,778	\$48,194	\$0
71100 212	Employer Medicare	114,533	\$109,228	\$5,305	\$0
71100 217	Retirement Hybrid Stabilization	44,045	\$44,045	\$0	\$0
71100 299	Other Fringe Benefits	50,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$0
71100 312	Contracts with Other School Systems	3,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$0
71100 330	Operating Lease Payments	236,478	\$235,678	\$800	\$0
71100 399	Other Contracted Services	1,500	\$1,500	\$0	\$0
71100 429	Instructional Supplies & Materials	187,792	\$147,013	\$40,779	\$0
71100 430	Textbooks - Electronic	52,630	\$52,630	\$0	\$0
71100 449	Textbooks - Bound	200,000	\$200,000	\$0	\$0
71100 471	Software	16,120	\$0	\$16,120	\$0
71100 499	Other Supplies & Materials	8,604	\$1,500	\$7,104	\$0
71100 595	TISA - On-behalf Payments	4,140	\$4,140	\$0	\$0
71100 599	Other Charges	5,121	\$5,121	\$0	\$0
71100 722	Regular Instruction Equipment	57,863	\$28,991	\$28,872	\$0
71100	TOTAL REGULAR INSTRUCTION PROGRAM	\$10,993,201	\$10,434,835	\$558,366	\$0

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2026-2027					
	INSTRUCTION - 71000				
	SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (71200)				
71200 116	Teachers	\$572,497	\$572,497	\$0	\$0
71200 128	Homebound Teachers	2,500	\$2,500	\$0	\$0
71200 163	Educational Assistants	424,069	\$144,301	\$279,768	\$0
71200 171	Speech Pathologist	185,658	\$121,243	\$64,415	\$0
71200 188	Bonus Payments	1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
71200 198	Non-certified Substitute Teachers	8,050	\$8,050	\$0	\$0
71200 201	Social Security	74,732	\$53,331	\$21,401	\$0
71200 204	State Retirement	87,584	\$56,952	\$30,632	\$0
71200 206	Life Insurance	435	\$0	\$435	\$0
71200 207	Medical Insurance	337,733	\$189,211	\$148,522	\$0
71200 212	Employer Medicare	17,310	\$12,305	\$5,005	\$0
71200 217	Retirement Hybrid Stabilization	1,834	\$1,834	\$0	\$0
71200 312	Contracts W/Private Agencies	169,700	\$169,700	\$0	\$0
71200 322	Evaluation & Testing	5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$0
71200 429	Instructional Supplies & Materials	8,199	\$500	\$7,699	\$0
71200 499	Other Supplies & Materials	743	\$743	\$0	\$0
71200 725	Special Education Equipment	500	\$0	\$500	\$0
71200	TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM	\$1,897,544	\$1,338,167	\$559,377	\$0

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INSTRUCTION - 71000					
STUDENT BODY EDUCATION PROGRAM (71400)					
71400 189	Other Salaries & Wages	22,050	\$22,050	\$0	\$0
71400 201	Social Security	1,367	\$1,367	\$0	\$0
71400 212	Employer Medicare	320	\$320	\$0	\$0
71400 399	Other Contracted Services	2,300	\$2,300	\$0	\$0
71400 429	Instructional Supplies and Materials	400	\$400	\$0	\$0
71400 599	Other Charges	6,900	\$6,900	\$0	\$0
71400	TOTAL STUDENT BODY EDUCATION PROGRAM	\$33,337	\$33,337	\$0	\$0
71000	TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL EXPENDITURES	\$12,924,082	\$11,806,339	\$1,117,743	\$0

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		TOTAL ALL FUNDS 2026-2027	GENERAL PURPOSE FUND 141	FEDERAL PROJECTS FUND 142	CENTRAL CAFETERIA FUND 143
SUPPORT SERVICES - 72000					
STUDENTS (72100)					
ATTENDANCE (72110)					
72110 162	Clerical Personnel	1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$0
72110 189	Other Salaries & Wages	22,660	\$22,660	\$0	\$0
72110 201	Social Security	1,466	\$1,466	\$0	\$0
72110 204	State Retirement	2,271	\$2,271	\$0	\$0
72110 212	Employer Medicare	344	\$344	\$0	\$0
72110 330	Operating Lease Payments	14,731	\$14,731	\$0	\$0
72110 499	Other Supplies & Materials	900	\$900	\$0	\$0
72110 524	In-Service/Staff Development	6,181	\$6,181	\$0	\$0
72110 599	Other Charges	1,850	\$1,850	\$0	\$0
72110	TOTAL ATTENDANCE	\$51,403	\$51,403	\$0	\$0

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		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	GENERAL PURPOSE FUND 141	FEDERAL PROJECTS FUND 142	CENTRAL CAFETERIA FUND 143
2026-2027					
	SUPPORT SERVICES - 72000				
	STUDENTS (72100)				
	HEALTH SERVICES (72120)				
72120 105	Supervisor/Director	\$30,951	\$30,951	\$0	\$0
72120 131	Medical Personnel	\$174,600	\$174,600	\$0	\$0
72120 162	Clerical Personnel	\$18,670	\$18,670	\$0	\$0
72120 201	Social Security	12,744	\$12,744	\$0	\$0
72120 204	State Retirement	19,733	\$19,733	\$0	\$0
72120 207	Medical Insurance	48,070	\$48,070	\$0	\$0
72120 212	Employer Medicare	2,981	\$2,981	\$0	\$0
72120 217	Retirement Hybrid Stabilization	1,193	\$1,193	\$0	\$0
72120 307	Communication	2,400	\$2,400	\$0	\$0
72120 320	Dues and Memberships	500	\$500	\$0	\$0
72120 336	Maintenance & Repair Services - Equipment	600	\$600	\$0	\$0
72120 355	Travel	300	\$300	\$0	\$0
72120 399	Other Contracted Services	15,900	\$15,900	\$0	\$0
72120 413	Drugs & Medical Supplies	2,200	\$2,200	\$0	\$0
72120 435	Office Supplies	1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$0
72120 499	Other Supplies & Materials	9,500	\$9,500	\$0	\$0
72120 524	In-Service/Staff Development	8,600	\$8,600	\$0	\$0
72120 735	Health Equipment	3,600	\$3,600	\$0	\$0
72120 790	Other Equipment	2,200	\$2,200	\$0	\$0
72120	TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES	\$355,742	\$355,742	\$0	\$0

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		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	GENERAL PURPOSE FUND 141	FEDERAL PROJECTS FUND 142	CENTRAL CAFETERIA FUND 143
2026-2027					
	SUPPORT SERVICES - 72000				
	STUDENTS (72100)				
	OTHER STUDENT SUPPORT (72130)				
72130 123	Guidance Personnel	289,354	\$289,354	\$0	\$0
72130 188	Bonus Payments	1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$0
72130 189	Other Salaries & Wages	75,904	\$41,953	\$33,951	\$0
72130 201	Social Security	22,739	\$20,541	\$2,198	\$0
72130 204	State Retirement	37,638	\$34,484	\$3,154	\$0
72130 206	Life Insurance	15	\$0	\$15	\$0
72130 207	Medical Insurance	55,917	\$51,020	\$4,897	\$0
72130 212	Employer Medicare	5,318	\$4,804	\$514	\$0
72130 217	Retirement Hybrid Stabilization	1,956	\$1,956	\$0	\$0
72130 307	Communication	900	\$500	\$400	\$0
72130 309	Contracts with Government Agencies	5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$0
72130 322	Evaluation & Testing	41,000	\$41,000	\$0	\$0
72130 330	Operating Lease Payments	11,500	\$11,500	\$0	\$0
72130 336	Maintenance & Repair Services - Equipment	1,500	\$1,500	\$0	\$0
72130 355	Travel	500	\$500	\$0	\$0
72130 399	Other Contracted Services	2,800	\$1,800	\$1,000	\$0
72130 499	Other Supplies & Materials	16,424	\$2,000	\$14,424	\$0
72130 524	In-Service/Staff Development	7,656	\$5,000	\$2,656	\$0
72130 599	Other Charges	1,950	\$1,200	\$750	\$0
72130 790	Other Equipment	10,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
72130	TOTAL OTHER STUDENT SUPPORT	\$589,571	\$524,112	\$65,459	\$0

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			GENERAL PURPOSE FUND 141	FEDERAL PROJECTS FUND 142	GENERAL PURPOSE FUND 141	FEDERAL PROJECTS FUND 142	CENTRAL CAFETERIA FUND 143	
SUPPORT SERVICES - 72000								
INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF (72200)								
REGULAR INSTRUCTION PROGRAM (72210)								
72210 105	Supervisor/Director	\$256,105	\$192,618	\$63,487	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72210 117	Career Ladder Program	4,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72210 129	Librarian(s)	208,876	\$208,876	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72210 161	Secretary(s)	74,900	\$55,845	\$19,055	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72210 162	Clerical Personnel	21,428	\$21,428	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72210 163	Educational Assistants	21,428	\$21,428	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72210 172	Instructional Coaches	249,688	\$249,688	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72210 189	Other Salaries & Wages	84,140	\$0	\$84,140	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72210 201	Social Security	41,594	\$31,260	\$10,334	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72210 204	State Retirement	69,541	\$59,194	\$10,347	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72210 206	Life Insurance	60	\$0	\$60	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72210 207	Medical Insurance	140,895	\$116,883	\$24,012	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72210 212	Employer Medicare	9,728	\$7,311	\$2,417	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72210 217	Retirement Hybrid Stabilization	1,311	\$1,311	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72210 330	Lease/SBITA Payments	16,233	\$16,233	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72210 336	Maintenance & Repair Services - Equipment	4,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72210 355	Travel	1,700	\$1,700	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72210 432	Library Books/Media	28,000	\$28,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72210 499	Other Supplies & Materials	6,365	\$5,000	\$1,365	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72210 524	In Service/Staff Development	31,797	\$21,000	\$10,797	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72210 599	Other Charges	5,500	\$5,200	\$300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72210 790	Other Equipment	1,250	\$1,250	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72210	TOTAL REGULAR INSTRUCTION PROGRAM	\$1,278,539	\$1,052,225	\$226,314	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	GENERAL PURPOSE FUND 141	FEDERAL PROJECTS FUND 142	CENTRAL CAFETERIA FUND 143
2026-2027					
	SUPPORT SERVICES - 72000				
	INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF (72200)				
	SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (72220)				
72220 105	Supervisor/Director	\$86,565	\$86,565	\$0	\$0
72220 161	Secretary(s)	11,330	\$0	\$11,330	\$0
72220 201	Social Security	6,069	\$5,367	\$702	\$0
72220 204	State Retirement	6,585	\$5,497	\$1,088	\$0
72220 206	Life Insurance	8	\$0	\$8	\$0
72220 207	Medical Insurance	8,660	\$8,660	\$0	\$0
72220 212	Employer Medicare	1,419	\$1,255	\$164	\$0
72220 307	Communication	1,200	\$1,200	\$0	\$0
72220 312	Contract with Private Agencies	48,983	\$0	\$48,983	\$0
72220 355	Travel	100	\$100	\$0	\$0
72220 499	Other Supplies & Materials	1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$0
72220 524	In Service/Staff Development	1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$0
72220	TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM	\$172,919	\$110,644	\$62,275	\$0

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2026-2027					
	SUPPORT SERVICES - 72000				
	INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF (72200)				
	EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY (72250)				
72250 121	Data Processing Personnel	43,507	\$43,507	\$0	\$0
72250 189	Other Salaries & Wages	42,823	\$42,823	\$0	\$0
72250 201	Social Security	5,352	\$5,352	\$0	\$0
72250 204	State Retirement	8,288	\$8,288	\$0	\$0
72250 207	Medical Insurance	20,971	\$20,971	\$0	\$0
72250 212	Employer Medicare	1,252	\$1,252	\$0	\$0
72250 330	Lease/SBITA Payments	56,192	\$56,192	\$0	\$0
72250 336	Maintenance & Repair Services - Equipment	10,500	\$10,500	\$0	\$0
72250 350	Internet Connectivity	20,100	\$20,100	\$0	\$0
72250 471	Software	6,059	\$6,059	\$0	\$0
72250 524	In Service/Staff Development	3,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$0
72250 599	Other Charges	450	\$450	\$0	\$0
72250 790	Other Equipment	16,500	\$16,500	\$0	\$0
72250	TOTAL TECHNOLOGY	\$234,994	\$234,994	\$0	\$0

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		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	GENERAL PURPOSE FUND 141	FEDERAL PROJECTS FUND 142	CENTRAL CAFETERIA FUND 143
2026-2027					
	SUPPORT SERVICES - 72000				
	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (72300)				
	BOARD OF EDUCATION (72310)				
72310 118	Secretary to Board	\$13,286	\$13,286	\$0	\$0
72310 191	Board and Committee Member Fees	7,500	\$7,500	\$0	\$0
72310 201	Social Security	1,289	\$1,289	\$0	\$0
72310 204	State Retirement	1,275	\$1,275	\$0	\$0
72310 206	Life Insurance	6,000	\$6,000	\$0	\$0
72310 207	Medical Insurance	2,557	\$2,557	\$0	\$0
72310 210	Unemployment Compensation	15,600	\$15,600	\$0	\$0
72310 212	Employer Medicare	301	\$301	\$0	\$0
72310 305	Audit Services	38,200	\$35,700	\$0	\$2,500
72310 320	Dues & Memberships	8,872	\$8,872	\$0	\$0
72310 331	Legal Services	3,200	\$3,200	\$0	\$0
72310 399	Other Contracted Services	4,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$0
72310 506	Liability Insurance	33,500	\$33,500	\$0	\$0
72310 510	Trustee's Commissions	46,900	\$46,900	\$0	\$0
72310 513	Worker's Compensation Insurance	52,400	\$52,400	\$0	\$0
72310 524	In Service/Staff Development	18,000	\$18,000	\$0	\$0
72310 533	Criminal Investigation of Applicants TBI	6,858	\$6,858	\$0	\$0
72310 534	Refund to Applicant for Criminal Investigation	2,300	\$2,300	\$0	\$0
72310 599	Other Charges	753,003	\$753,003	\$0	\$0
72310 701	Administration Equipment	200	\$200	\$0	\$0
72310	TOTAL BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$1,015,241	\$1,012,741	\$0	\$2,500

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2026-2027					
SUPPORT SERVICES - 72000					
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (72300)					
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT (72320)					
72320 101	County Official/Administrative Officer	\$125,988	\$125,988	\$0	\$0
72320 161	Secretary(s)	13,286	\$13,286	\$0	\$0
72320 162	Clerical Personnel	19,055	\$19,055	\$0	\$0
72320 189	Other Salaries & Wages	800	\$800	\$0	\$0
72320 201	Social Security	9,866	\$9,866	\$0	\$0
72320 204	State Retirement	11,156	\$11,156	\$0	\$0
72320 207	Medical Insurance	7,672	\$7,672	\$0	\$0
72320 212	Employer Medicare	2,307	\$2,307	\$0	\$0
72320 217	Retirement - Hybrid Stabilization	993	\$993	\$0	\$0
72320 307	Communication	5,400	\$5,400	\$0	\$0
72320 320	Dues & Memberships	6,700	\$6,700	\$0	\$0
72320 330	Lease/SBITA Payments	7,700	\$7,700	\$0	\$0
72320 348	Postal Charges	3,700	\$3,700	\$0	\$0
72320 355	Travel	200	\$200	\$0	\$0
72320 435	Office Supplies	6,500	\$6,500	\$0	\$0
72320 499	Other Supplies & Materials	600	\$600	\$0	\$0
72320 524	In-Service/Staff Development	3,400	\$3,400	\$0	\$0
72320 599	Other Charges	10,600	\$10,600	\$0	\$0
72320	TOTAL OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT	\$235,923	\$235,923	\$0	\$0

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2026-2027					
	SUPPORT SERVICES - 72000				
	SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION (72400)				
	OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL (72410)				
72410 104	Principal(s)	\$374,155	\$374,155	\$0	\$0
72410 117	Career Ladder Program	2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$0
72410 119	Accountants/Bookkeepers	68,296	\$68,296	\$0	\$0
72410 139	Assistant Principal(s)	289,669	\$289,669	\$0	\$0
72410 161	Secretary(s)	94,919	\$94,919	\$0	\$0
72410 162	Clerical Personnel	63,971	\$63,971	\$0	\$0
72410 201	Social Security	55,366	\$55,366	\$0	\$0
72410 204	State Retirement	64,090	\$64,090	\$0	\$0
72410 207	Medical Insurance	152,620	\$152,620	\$0	\$0
72410 212	Employer Medicare	12,949	\$12,949	\$0	\$0
72410 307	Communication	7,000	\$7,000	\$0	\$0
72410 330	Operating Lease Payments	35,900	\$35,900	\$0	\$0
72410 336	Maintenance & Repair Services - Equipment	2,500	\$2,500	\$0	\$0
72410 355	Travel	400	\$400	\$0	\$0
72410 399	Other Contracted Services	200	\$200	\$0	\$0
72410 435	Office Supplies	1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$0
72410 499	Other Supplies & Materials	1,200	\$1,200	\$0	\$0
72410 524	In Service/Staff Development	950	\$950	\$0	\$0
72410 599	Other Charges	200	\$200	\$0	\$0
72410 701	Administration Equipment	400	\$400	\$0	\$0
72410	TOTAL OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL	\$1,227,785	\$1,227,785	\$0	\$0

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2026-2027					
	SUPPORT SERVICES - 72000				
	BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (72500)				
	FISCAL SERVICES (72510)				
72510 105	Supervisor/Director	\$66,940	\$66,940	\$0	\$0
72510 119	Accountants/Bookkeepers	63,160	\$63,160	\$0	\$0
72510 122	Purchasing Personnel	25,324	\$25,324	\$0	\$0
72510 201	Social Security	9,636	\$9,636	\$0	\$0
72510 204	State Retirement	14,921	\$14,921	\$0	\$0
72510 207	Medical Insurance	25,574	\$25,574	\$0	\$0
72510 212	Employer Medicare	2,254	\$2,254	\$0	\$0
72510 302	Advertising	200	\$200	\$0	\$0
72510 320	Dues & Memberships	150	\$150	\$0	\$0
72510 330	Lease/SBITA Payments	6,499	\$6,499	\$0	\$0
72510 399	Other Contracted Services	23,345	\$23,345	\$0	\$0
72510 435	Office Supplies	2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$0
72510 499	Other Supplies & Materials	1,200	\$1,200	\$0	\$0
72510 524	In-Service/Staff Development	5,100	\$5,100	\$0	\$0
72510 599	Other Charges	100	\$100	\$0	\$0
72510 701	Administration Equipment	1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$0
72510	TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES	\$247,403	\$247,403	\$0	\$0

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2026-2027					
	SUPPORT SERVICES - 72000				
	BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (72500)				
	HUMAN SERVICES(RESOURCES) (72520)				
72520 162	Clerical Personnel.	25,324	\$25,324	\$0	\$0
72520 189	Other Salaries & Wages.	73,366	\$73,366	\$0	\$0
72520 201	Social Security	6,119	\$6,119	\$0	\$0
72520 204	State Retirement.	7,090	\$7,090	\$0	\$0
72520 207	Medical Insurance	13,382	\$13,382	\$0	\$0
72520 212	Employer Medicare.	1,431	\$1,431	\$0	\$0
72520 330	Lease/SBITA Payments	22,650	\$22,650	\$0	\$0
72520 355	Travel.	100	\$100	\$0	\$0
72520 399	Other Contracted Services	600	\$600	\$0	\$0
72520 599	Other Charges	200	\$200	\$0	\$0
72520	TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES(RESOURCES)/PERSONNEL	\$150,262	\$150,262	\$0	\$0

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2026-2027					
	SUPPORT SERVICES - 72000				
	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT (72600)				
	OPERATION OF PLANT (72610)				
72610 166	Custodial Personnel	314,311	\$314,311	\$0	\$0
72610 201	Social Security	19,429	\$19,429	\$0	\$0
72610 204	State Retirement	30,105	\$30,105	\$0	\$0
72610 207	Medical Insurance	75,839	\$75,839	\$0	\$0
72610 212	Employer Medicare	4,555	\$4,555	\$0	\$0
72610 359	Disposal Fees	14,600	\$14,600	\$0	\$0
72610 399	Other Contracted Services	1,700	\$1,700	\$0	\$0
72610 410	Custodial Supplies	54,000	\$54,000	\$0	\$0
72610 415	Electricity	448,000	\$448,000	\$0	\$0
72610 434	Natural Gas	48,000	\$48,000	\$0	\$0
72610 451	Uniforms	800	\$800	\$0	\$0
72610 454	Water & Sewer	46,000	\$46,000	\$0	\$0
72610 502	Building & Content Insurance	142,600	\$142,600	\$0	\$0
72610 720	Plant Operation Equipment	2,363	\$2,363	\$0	\$0
72610	TOTAL OPERATION OF PLANT	\$1,202,302	\$1,202,302	\$0	\$0

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2026-2027					
	SUPPORT SERVICES - 72000				
	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT (72600)				
	MAINTENANCE OF PLANT (72620)				
72620 161	Secretary(s)	13,286	\$13,286	\$0	\$0
72620 167	Maintenance Personnel	56,650	\$56,650	\$0	\$0
72620 189	Other Salaries & Wages	52,620	\$52,620	\$0	\$0
72620 201	Social Security	7,598	\$7,598	\$0	\$0
72620 204	State Retirement	11,765	\$11,765	\$0	\$0
72620 207	Medical Insurance	23,017	\$23,017	\$0	\$0
72620 212	Employer Medicare	1,777	\$1,777	\$0	\$0
72620 307	Communication	2,400	\$2,400	\$0	\$0
72620 330	Lease/SBITA Payments	2,500	\$2,500	\$0	\$0
72620 335	Maintenance & Repair Services - Building	26,000	\$26,000	\$0	\$0
72620 336	Maintenance & Repair Services - Equipment	17,600	\$17,600	\$0	\$0
72620 338	Maintenance & Repair Services - Vehicles	3,300	\$3,300	\$0	\$0
72620 399	Other Contracted Services	36,300	\$36,300	\$0	\$0
72620 418	Equipment & Machinery Parts	10,800	\$10,800	\$0	\$0
72620 425	Gasoline	6,200	\$6,200	\$0	\$0
72620 426	General Construction Materials	8,700	\$8,700	\$0	\$0
72620 451	Uniforms	200	\$200	\$0	\$0
72620 499	Other Supplies & Materials	100	\$100	\$0	\$0
72620 524	In-Service/Staff Development	1,250	\$1,250	\$0	\$0
72620 599	Other Charges	100	\$100	\$0	\$0
72620	TOTAL MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	\$282,163	\$282,163	\$0	\$0

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2026-2027								
	SUPPORT SERVICES - 72000							
	STUDENT TRANSPORTATION (72700)							
	TRANSPORTATION (72710)							
72710 105	Supervisor/Director	\$78,228	\$78,228	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72710 146	Bus Drivers	217,907	\$217,907	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72710 162	Clerical Personnel	13,286	\$13,286	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72710 189	Other Salaries & Wages	55,790	\$55,790	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72710 201	Social Security	22,518	\$22,518	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72710 204	State Retirement	33,022	\$33,022	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72710 207	Medical Insurance	128,056	\$128,056	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72710 212	Employer Medicare	5,324	\$5,324	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72710 217	Retirement Hybrid Stabilization	2	\$2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72710 307	Communication	4,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72710 313	Contracts with Parents	1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72710 338	Maintenance & Repair Service-Vehicles	30,702	\$30,702	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72710 340	Medical and Dental Services	2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72710 355	Travel	500	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72710 399	Other Contracted Services	4,500	\$4,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72710 412	Diesel Fuel	30,155	\$30,155	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72710 418	Equipment & Machinery Parts	1,500	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72710 499	Other Supplies & Materials	150	\$150	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72710 511	Vehicle & Equipment Insurance	30,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72710 524	In-Service/Staff Development	1,700	\$1,700	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72710 599	Other Charges	2,400	\$2,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72710 701	Administration Equipment	500	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72710 729	Transportation Equipment	200,000	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72710	TOTAL TRANSPORTATION	\$863,240	\$863,240	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
72000	TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES EXPENDITURES	\$7,907,487	\$7,550,939	\$354,048	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	\$0

ACCOUNT NO.	EXPENDITURES (APPROPRIATIONS)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	GENERAL PURPOSE FUND 141	FEDERAL PROJECTS FUND 142	CENTRAL CAFETERIA FUND 143
2026-2027					
OPERATION OF NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERV. (73000)					
FOOD SERVICE (73100)					
73100 105	Supervisor/Director	\$57,369	\$0	\$0	\$57,369
73100 119	Accountants/Bookkeepers	22,095	\$0	\$0	\$22,095
73100 165	Cafeteria Personnel	396,354	\$0	\$0	\$396,354
73100 189	Other Salaries & Wages	15,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
73100 201	Social Security	30,431	\$0	\$0	\$30,431
73100 204	State Retirement	34,196	\$0	\$0	\$34,196
73100 206	Life Insurance	600	\$0	\$0	\$600
73100 207	Medical Insurance	130,695	\$0	\$0	\$130,695
73100 210	Unemployment Compensation	2,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
73100 212	Employer Medicare	7,117	\$0	\$0	\$7,117
73100 299	Other Fringe Benefits	2,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
73100 336	Maintenance & Repair Service Equipment	26,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$25,000
73100 355	Travel	200	\$0	\$0	\$200
73100 399	Other Contracted Services	32,000	\$0	\$0	\$32,000
73100 422	Food Supplies	697,134	\$2,134	\$0	\$695,000
73100 435	Office Supplies	3,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,000
73100 469	Commodities	113,149	\$0	\$0	\$113,149
73100 499	Other Supplies & Materials	70,000	\$0	\$0	\$70,000
73100 524	In Service/Staff Development	2,500	\$0	\$0	\$2,500
73100 599	Other Charges	8,000	\$0	\$0	\$8,000
73100 710	Food Service Equipment	100,000	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
73100	TOTAL FOOD SERVICE	\$1,749,840	\$3,134	\$0	\$1,746,706
70000	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	\$22,581,409	\$19,360,412	\$1,471,791	\$1,749,206

FY 2026-2027 BUDGET DOCUMENT

Sys # System Name
541 Athens City

ACCOUNT NO.	EXPENDITURES (APPROPRIATIONS)	2026-2027			
		(1) TOTAL ALL FUNDS	(2) GENERAL PURPOSE FUND 141	(3) FEDERAL PROJECTS FUND 142	(4) CENTRAL CAFETERIA FUND 143
OPERATION OF NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERV (73000)					
COMMUNITY SERVICES (73300)					
73300 105	Supervisor/Director	\$53,045	\$53,045	\$0	\$0
73300 162	Clerical Personnel	20,885	\$20,885	\$0	\$0
73300 169	Part time Personnel	129,116	\$129,116	\$0	\$0
73300 189	Other Salaries & Wages	47,741	\$47,741	\$0	\$0
73300 201	Social Security	15,549	\$15,549	\$0	\$0
73300 204	State Retirement	11,680	\$11,680	\$0	\$0
73300 207	Medical Insurance	27,245	\$27,245	\$0	\$0
73300 212	Employer Medicare	3,636	\$3,636	\$0	\$0
73300 217	Retirement Hybrid Stabilization	25	\$25	\$0	\$0
73300 399	Other Contracted Services	1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$0
73300 422	Food Supplies	1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$0
73300 429	Instructional Supplies & Materials	1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$0
73300 499	Other Supplies & Materials	5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$0
73300 524	In Service/Staff Development	3,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$0
73300 599	Other Charges	1,500	\$1,500	\$0	\$0
73300 790	Other Equipment	1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$0
73300	TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$322,422	\$322,422	\$0	\$0

FY 2026-2027 BUDGET DOCUMENT

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ACCOUNT NO.	EXPENDITURES (APPROPRIATIONS)	(1) TOTAL ALL FUNDS	(2)		(3)		(4)	
			GENERAL PURPOSE FUND 141	FEDERAL PROJECTS FUND 142	GENERAL PURPOSE FUND 141	FEDERAL PROJECTS FUND 142	CENTRAL CAFETERIA FUND 143	CENTRAL CAFETERIA FUND 143
2026-2027								
OPERATION OF NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERV (73000)								
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (73400)								
73400 105	Supervisor/Director	\$21,641	\$21,641	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
73400 116	Teachers.	478,380	\$478,380	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
73400 117	Career Ladder Program.	2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
73400 162	Clerical Personnel.	11,330	\$11,330	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
73400 163	Educational Assistants.	143,133	\$143,133	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
73400 201	Social Security	40,702	\$40,702	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
73400 204	State Retirement.	46,707	\$46,707	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
73400 206	Life Insurance.	434	\$434	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
73400 207	Medical Insurance	125,899	\$125,899	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
73400 212	Employer Medicare.	9,519	\$9,519	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
73400 217	Retirement Hybrid Stabilization	1,083	\$1,083	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
73400 429	Instructional Supplies & Materials	3,700	\$3,700	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
73400 499	Other Supplies & Materials.	3,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
73400 524	In-Service/Staff Development	200	\$200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
73400 599	Other Charges	4,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
73400	TOTAL CHILDHOOD EDUCATION	\$891,728	\$891,728	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

FY 2026-2027 BUDGET DOCUMENT

Sys # System Name
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ACCOUNT NO.	EXPENDITURES (APPROPRIATIONS)	(1) TOTAL ALL FUNDS 2026-2027	(2) GENERAL PURPOSE FUND 141	(3) FEDERAL PROJECTS FUND 142	(4) CENTRAL CAFETERIA FUND 143
	CAPITAL OUTLAY (76000)				
	REGULAR CAPITAL OUTLAY (76100)				
76100 707	Building Improvements	1,237,700	\$1,237,700	\$0	\$0
76100 799	Other Capital Outlay	89,537	\$89,537	\$0	\$0
76100	TOTAL REGULAR CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$1,327,237	\$1,327,237	\$0	\$0
99999	GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES (APPROPRIATIONS)	\$25,122,796	\$21,901,799	\$1,471,791	\$1,749,206

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATE LEGISLATIVE BODY
SCHOOL FUNDS APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Athens City BOE OF Athens, Tennessee assembled in regular session on the 13th day of April, 2026 that the amounts hereinafter set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various school funds of Athens, Tennessee during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

Legend:
County Commission, City Council/Board of Alderman, or Special School District Board of Education

	General Purpose	Federal Projects *	Central Cafeteria	School Transportation
Regular Instruction Program	\$10,434,835	\$558,366	\$0	\$0
Special Education Program	\$1,338,167	\$559,377	\$0	\$0
Student Body Education Program	\$33,337	\$0	\$0	\$0
Attendance	\$51,403	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health Services	\$355,742	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Student Support	\$524,112	\$65,459	\$0	\$0
Regular Instruction Program	\$1,052,225	\$226,314	\$0	\$0
Special Education Program	\$110,644	\$62,275	\$0	\$0
Education Technology	\$234,994	\$0	\$0	\$0
Board of Education	\$1,012,741	\$0	\$2,500	\$0
Office of the Superintendent	\$235,923	\$0	\$0	\$0
Office of the Principal	\$1,227,785	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fiscal Services	\$247,403	\$0	\$0	\$0
Human Services(Resources)/Personnel	\$150,262	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operation of Plant	\$1,202,302	\$0	\$0	\$0
Maintenance of Plant	\$282,163	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transportation	\$863,240	\$0	\$0	\$0
Food Service	\$3,134	\$0	\$1,746,706	\$0
Community Services	\$322,422	\$0	\$0	\$0
Early Childhood Education	\$891,728	\$0	\$0	\$0
Regular Capital Outlay	\$1,327,237	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTALS BY FUNDS	\$21,901,799	\$1,471,791	\$1,749,206	\$0



Agenda Item

V. B. Creation of Marketing, Branding, and Signage Design for the City

Overview

The FY 2025-26 approved Hotel/Motel Tax Fund budget contains \$20,000 to develop a city marketing, branding, and signage strategy to promote the city in a consistent and meaningful way. To that end, Kellum Creek Business Solutions, LLC was selected on July 10, 2025 to prepare branding and signage concepts including a city logo to use on signs and promotional items for \$18,500. A small creative committee was formed including the consultant, Arts Council Executive Director, TWU's Marketing, Communications, and Community Engagement Vice President, Main Street Executive Director, City Manager, Communications Coordinator, and Executive Assistant. After several meetings were held and many concepts presented since July 2025, the committee selected one concept to present for approval. The selected concept (attached) was presented to the City Council Advisory Committee during their April 21, 2026 quarterly meeting.

During the City Council Advisory Committee, the question was posed, what is the difference between a city seal and a city logo? A city seal is a formal, often circular, detailed, and complex emblem used to authenticate documents and signify authority, history, and legitimacy. By contrast, a city logo is a modern, versatile, and memorable mark designed for brand recognition and marketing and used on promotional items.

The creative committee and the City Council Advisory Committee are recommending the concept (attached) be approved by the City Council.

Ashley Davis, Chief Executive Officer of Kellum Creek Business Solutions, LLC will attend the May 11, 2026 work session to give an overview of the process and present the recommended concept.

Action to Consider

Consensus is needed to move this item to the May 19, 2026 regular session for consideration. If approved, the logo will be trademarked as a protection measure against unauthorized use.

Affected Departments

All

A New Brand Identity for Athens, Tennessee

Presented by **Kellum Creek Business Solutions** — a comprehensive visual identity system designed to unify, modernize, and elevate the City of Athens across every public touchpoint.



The Vision: One City, One Voice

Athens, Tennessee — *The Friendly City* — deserves a brand that reflects its warmth, pride, and community spirit. This project establishes a cohesive visual identity system that speaks consistently across all city departments, infrastructure, and public communications.

Consistency

A unified look across every city department and public asset.

Recognition

Instantly identifiable branding that builds civic pride.

Professionalism

A polished identity that signals a forward-thinking city government.

The Primary Logo System

The Athens brand centers on a versatile primary logo available in multiple colorways to suit every application — from full-color digital use to single-color print and embroidery.

Full Color



Primary use: digital, full-color print, signage.

Black & White



Use for single-color print, documents, and fax.

Reversed (White on Dark)



Use on dark backgrounds, apparel, and vehicles.

Department-Specific Logos

Each city department receives its own tailored logo variant — maintaining the core Athens identity while clearly identifying the department. This system ensures every resident knows exactly who they're interacting with.



Wayfinding & Signage System

A comprehensive wayfinding system guides residents and visitors through Athens with clarity and style. Every sign — from welcome monuments to parking indicators — carries the unified Athens identity.



Infrastructure & Civic Assets Suggestions

The Athens brand extends to major civic infrastructure — ensuring the city's identity is visible and consistent across the built environment. From water towers to bridges, every asset chosen becomes an ambassador for *The Friendly City*.



③ Branded infrastructure reinforces civic pride and creates a memorable, cohesive experience for residents and visitors alike.

Branded Merchandise & Apparel

The Athens identity extends to official city merchandise — creating opportunities for civic pride, employee uniforms, and community engagement. Quality branded items reinforce the city's identity beyond government buildings.



Let's Build the Future Together

Kellum Creek Business Solutions is grateful to partner with the City of Athens to bring this comprehensive brand identity system to life.

Contact: Ashley Davis, MBA
Kellum Creek Business Solutions, LLC
131 Cedar Street, Sevierville, TN 37862
o: 865.286.5285 | c: 865.771.9114

 **Kellum Creek Business Solutions** — Proudly serving Athens, Tennessee. Let's make
The Friendly City unforgettable.





Agenda Item

V. C. Private Chapter No. 46, House Bill No. 2637/Senate Bill No. 2699, Relative to the City of Athens Charter Provision Concerning Compensation of the Mayor and Councilmembers.

Overview

Resolution 2025-25 was approved and adopted by the City Council during the September 16, 2025 regular session (attached). The resolution proposed an amendment to Section 4, Article V of the City Charter to remove the fixed salary provisions for the Mayor and Councilmembers and to authorize future compensation to be established by ordinance. The proposed amendment was submitted to the 2026 Tennessee General Assembly for approval as a Private Act. Private Chapter No. 46 was approved by the Tennessee House and Senate and signed by the Governor on April 16, 2026 (attached).

Current Charter:

“Section 4. Be it further enacted, That the salary of the Mayor shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per month; and the salary of the councilpersons shall be two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per month; and further that the monthly salaries may be adjusted annually at the same percentage rate as given to the full-time employees of the city.”

Amendment:

“Section 4. Be it further enacted, The compensation of the Mayor and Councilmembers shall be established from time to time by ordinance duly adopted by the City Council, subject to any limitations imposed by general law. No change in compensation shall take effect during the term for which the Mayor or any Councilmember was elected; however, such changes may take effect for subsequent terms of office.”

Next Steps:

1. City Council must vote to approve or reject the approved House Bill 2637/Senate Bill 2699, Private Chapter No. 46. Approval requires a two-thirds vote of the City Council, which is four affirmative votes.
2. The Mayor, as presiding officer, must proclaim the approval or non-approval and certify the result to the Tennessee Secretary of State.
3. If Private Chapter No. 46 is approved, the City Council may later consider a separate ordinance setting or changing the compensation for the Mayor and Councilmembers. Any such change would apply only to subsequent terms of office and would not take effect during the current term for which the Mayor or Councilmember was elected.

Action to Consider

Consensus is needed to move this item to the May 19, 2026 regular session for a vote.

Affected Departments

City Council

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-25

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND SECTION 4, ARTICLE V OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE, TO REMOVE FIXED SALARY PROVISIONS FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS AND TO AUTHORIZE FUTURE COMPENSATION TO BE ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Section 4, Article V of the Charter of the City of Athens presently establishes the monthly salaries for the Mayor and Councilmembers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to provide flexibility in setting compensation for these elected offices to allow adjustments to be made by ordinance in accordance with applicable law, rather than requiring amendment of the Charter for each change; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee law permits such a change to the Charter by Private Act of the General Assembly, upon approval by a two-thirds vote of the City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE, THAT:

SECTION 1. Section 4, Article V of the Charter of the City of Athens is hereby amended by deleting the current text in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

Section 4. Be it further enacted. The compensation of the Mayor and Councilmembers shall be established from time to time by ordinance duly adopted by the City Council, subject to any limitations imposed by Tennessee law. No change in compensation shall take effect during the term for which the Mayor or any Councilmember was elected; however, such changes may take effect for subsequent terms of office.

SECTION 2. This amendment to the Charter shall become effective only upon approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total membership of the City Council and subsequent approval by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, as provided by law.

SECTION 3. Upon approval by the General Assembly, the Mayor of the City of Athens shall certify the act to the Secretary of State of Tennessee.

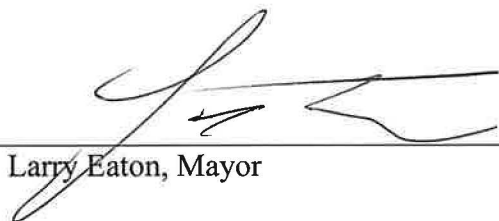
ON MOTION BY Vice Mayor Curtis

SECONDED BY Councilmember Pelley

said Resolution was adopted and approved by roll call vote on the **16th** day of **September, 2025**.

ATTEST:


Randall Dowling, City Manager


Larry Eaton, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Christopher M. Caldwell, City Attorney



State of Tennessee

PRIVATE CHAPTER NO. 46

HOUSE BILL NO. 2637

By Representative Cochran

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2699

By Senator Lowe

AN ACT to amend Chapter 455 of the Private Acts of 1953; as amended by Chapter 136 of the Private Acts of 1971; Chapter 121 of the Private Acts of 1986; Chapter 164 of the Private Acts of 1998 and Chapter 60 of the Private Acts of 2024; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the City of Athens.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 455 of the Private Acts of 1953, as amended by Chapter 136 of the Private Acts of 1971, Chapter 121 of the Private Acts of 1986, Chapter 164 of the Private Acts of 1998, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Article V, Section 4 and substituting:

Section 4. Be it further enacted. The compensation of the Mayor and Council members shall be established from time to time by ordinance duly adopted by the City Council, subject to any limitations imposed by Tennessee law. No change in compensation shall take effect during the term for which the Mayor or any Councilmember was elected; however, such changes may take effect for subsequent terms of office.

SECTION 2. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of the City of Athens. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of and certified to the secretary of state.

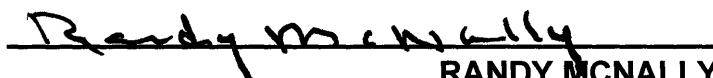
SECTION 3. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 2.

HOUSE BILL NO. 2637

PASSED: April 2, 2026



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 16th day of April 2026



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR



Agenda Item

V. D. Further Discussion of Ordinance 1152, An Ordinance to Amend Title 17, Chapter II, Sections 17-43 and 17-44 per the Athens City Code Relative to Refuse Collection and Disposal Service Charges and the Method of Collecting Service Charges.

Overview

City Code, Title 17, Chapter II, Sections 43 and 44 (attached) requires the City Council to establish minimum monthly commercial/industrial/institutional and residential refuse collection and disposal service charges through the annual budget process. The sanitation fee schedule, as approved by the City Council during the most recent annual budget process, is attached as adopted on June 17, 2025 and currently in force.

Residential garbage collection conducted by the city is mandatory for all city residents. Commercial/industrial/institutional garbage collection is on a subscription basis. Commercial customers can select the city or a private provider to collect their waste.

Athens City Code 17-43 also stipulates that those city property owners that qualify for state property tax relief and have only one tote will be eligible to receive a credit of 100% for the service. The city has about 200 property owners receiving this credit every year worth \$22,800 per year (200 x \$9.50 per month). The city does not receive any reimbursement from the state on this credit, the city absorbs this cost. See attached property tax relief brochure.

Since the city's Sanitation Enterprise Fund budget, which should be self-sustaining, has been running a deficit for the previous two fiscal years (see attached graph), is projected to have a deficit this current fiscal year, another deficit for the upcoming fiscal year due to higher expenses such as employee costs, fuel, landfill tipping fees, and recycling costs, and even higher deficits in future fiscal years due to the expected purchases of replacement trucks, equipment, totes, and dumpsters that will greatly erode the \$2.4M in reserves, it is being recommended that free garbage service that is tied to the state property tax relief program be eliminated to raise \$22,800 per year and eliminate the minimum monthly fee for commercial/industrial/institutional customers since minimums are not used. This action would take an ordinance amendment (proposed amendment is attached). The first reading would be during the May 19, 2026 regular session and the second reading and adoption would be during the June 16, 2026 regular session.

This action would partially erase the current deficit and the growing deficit going forward and would keep the cost for sanitation services low for everyone at the \$9.50 per month residential rate for some time.

After discussion during the April 21, 2026 regular session, the City Council voted to postpone this item for further discussion during the May 11, 2026 work session.

Action to Consider

Consensus is needed to move this item to the May 19, 2026 regular session for first reading of an ordinance to amend Title 17 of the Athens City Code.

If approved, the public hearing and second reading of the ordinance will occur during the June 16, 2026 regular session.

Affected Departments

Sanitation Fund

ORDINANCE NO. 1152

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 17, CHAPTER II, SECTIONS 17-43 AND 17-44 OF THE ATHENS CITY CODE RELATIVE TO REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE CHARGES AND THE METHOD OF COLLECTING SUCH CHARGES.

WHEREAS, the City of Athens provides refuse collection and disposal services within the city; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to revise the provisions of the Athens City Code governing refuse collection and disposal service charges and the method of collecting such charges;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ATHENS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

That Title 17, Chapter II, Section 17-43 of the Athens City Code is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

17-43 Refuse Collection and Disposal Service Charges

- (1) Institutional, professional, industrial, fraternal, commercial, and business establishments operating within the city that receive city refuse collection and disposal service shall pay a monthly fee established for the applicable service determined by the city council and adopted through its annual budget.
- (2) All residences within the city shall pay a monthly fee for residential refuse service, as determined by city council and adopted through its annual budget. Those residents needing more than one container, as determined by the city, will pay the rate set by the city council, plus additional charges based on the number of additional containers.

SECTION 2.

That Title 17, Chapter II, Section 17-44 of the Athens City Code is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

17-44 Method Of Collecting Service Charges

- (1) Institutional, professional, industrial, fraternal, or commercial service charges shall be billed through procedures prescribed by the city manager. A penalty of five percent (5%) per month on the unpaid balance shall be imposed and collected on all delinquent refuse accounts.
- (2) Waste Disposal Documentation; Authority to Deny Collection
 - (a) Commercial, industrial, institutional, professional, fraternal, and business establishments and contractors, including those generating demolition waste, that do not utilize the City for waste disposal shall, upon written request of the Public Works Director or their designee, provide written documentation demonstrating proper disposal of such waste. Failure to provide documentation within thirty (30) days after the date of written request shall authorize the City to initiate services to ensure proper disposal, and assess billing for said services, in addition to any applicable penalties as authorized by this code.
 - (b) The city may elect to deny waste collection to commercial, industrial, institutional, professional, fraternal, and business establishments and contractors (including demolition wastes) due to waste being hazardous, causing damage to city equipment or inadequate equipment to properly handle the waste.
- (3) All institutional, professional, industrial, fraternal, commercial, and business establishments and contractors requiring special handling or special rates due to unusual

ORDINANCE NO. 1152

situations that prevent the charges from being placed on the utility statement will be billed and collected by the Director of Finance.

SECTION 3.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any residential tax relief, credit, exemption, or adjustment administered through the residential billing process, such relief, credit, exemption, or adjustment shall terminate effective with the first meter reading taken after **June 30, 2026**. The City is authorized to coordinate with Athens Utilities Board for implementation of this provision to ensure timely removal from affected accounts.

CODIFICATION AUTHORITY.

The City Manager or designee is authorized to make ministerial, non-substantive corrections necessary to codify this ordinance, including formatting, numbering, lettering, internal sequencing, typographical, citation, and cross-reference corrections, and to update internal references affected by renumbering, provided that no change is made to the substantive meaning, effect, or legislative intent of this ordinance.

REPEALER.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Discussed:	April 21, 2026	Postponed
First Reading:	May 19, 2026	
Public Hearing Notice:		
Second Reading:		
Date of Public Hearing		

ATTEST:

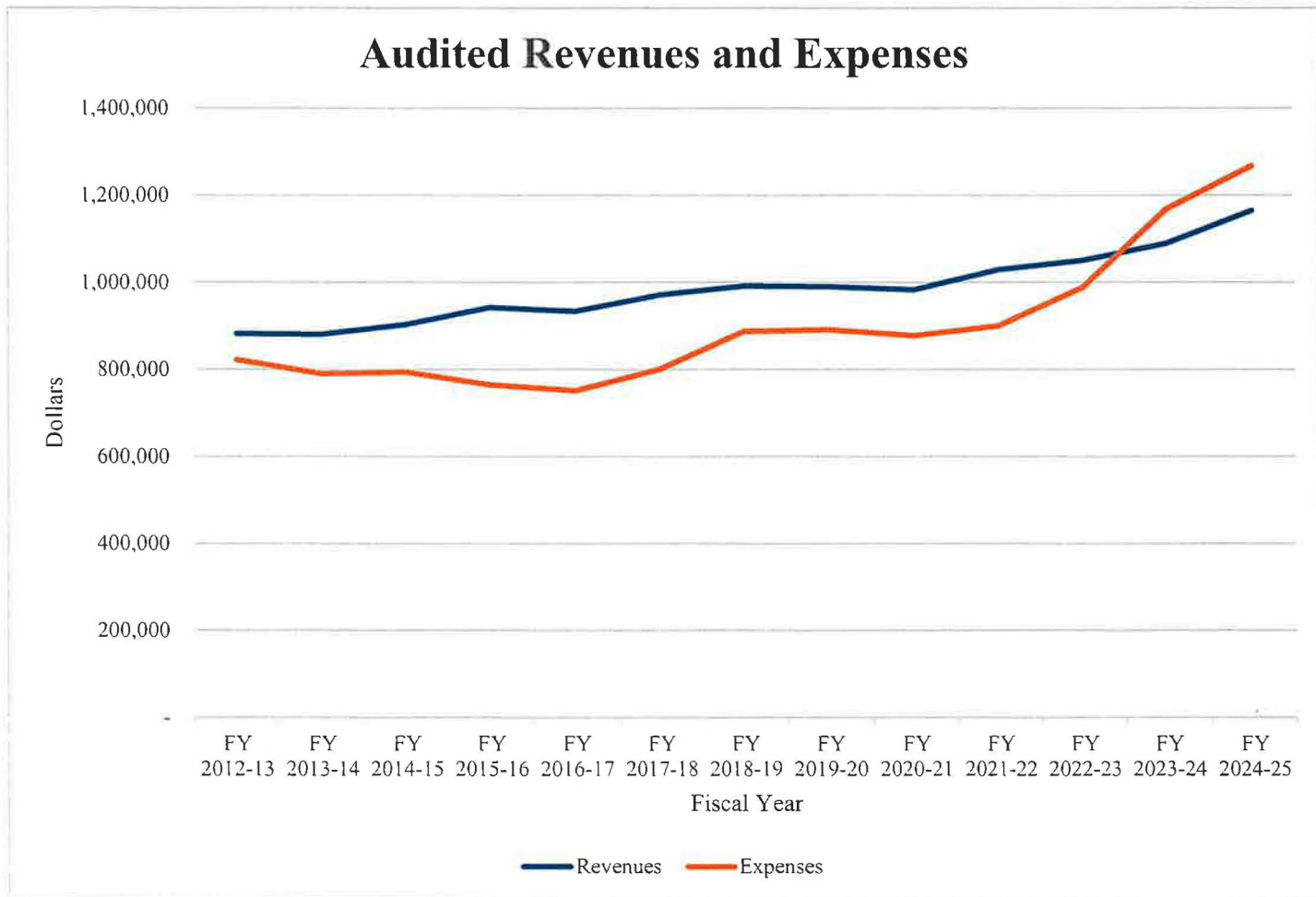
Larry Eaton, Mayor

Randall Dowling, City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Christopher Caldwell, City Attorney

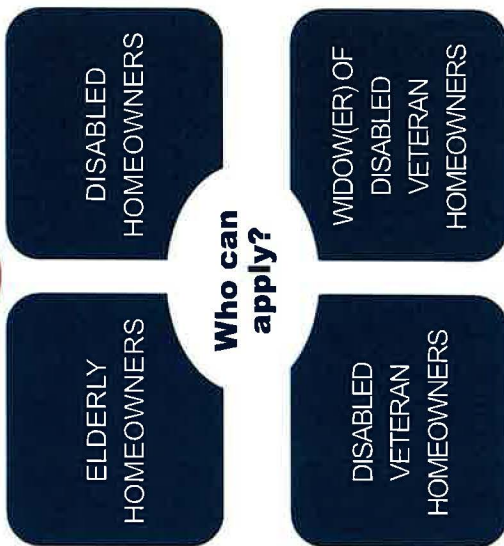
SANITATION FUND 907



Fiscal Year	Revenues	Expenses	Rev. over Exp.
FY 2012-13	\$882,546	\$822,649	\$59,897
FY 2013-14	\$881,054	\$790,749	\$90,305
FY 2014-15	\$903,410	\$794,728	\$108,682
FY 2015-16	\$942,842	\$765,330	\$177,512
FY 2016-17	\$933,929	\$751,884	\$182,045
FY 2017-18	\$971,531	\$801,730	\$169,801
FY 2018-19	\$991,851	\$888,524	\$103,327
FY 2019-20	\$990,950	\$891,569	\$99,381
FY 2020-21	\$983,525	\$878,280	\$105,245
FY 2021-22	\$1,029,473	\$900,958	\$128,515
FY 2022-23	\$1,050,542	\$988,480	\$62,062
FY 2023-24	\$1,089,309	\$1,168,641	-\$79,332
FY 2024-25	\$1,165,891	\$1,268,771	-\$102,880

Source: Annual Audit

2025 PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM



Where do I apply?

Contact your county trustee to apply. If your property is within city limits, you may also contact your city collecting official to apply.

When do I apply?

You may apply when you receive your 2025 property tax bill(s). The deadline to apply is 35 days after the delinquency date. Taxes must also be paid by this date.

How can I check my application status?

Visit our website:

tncot.cc/taxrelief

At the bottom of the page, click on the application status search link to check your application's status.

Related Links

[Tax Relief Application Status Search](#)

More questions?

Call your county trustee, city collecting official, or the property tax relief office. You can also visit our website.

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF CONTACT INFORMATION



615.747.8871

Property Tax Relief

Cordell Hull Building
425 Rep. John Lewis Way N.
Nashville, TN 37243



For more information about your eligibility for property tax relief and a comprehensive list of eligibility requirements, please visit our website.



tncot.cc/taxrelief

WHAT IS PROPERTY TAX RELIEF?

Tennessee state law provides for property tax relief for low-income elderly and disabled homeowners, as well as disabled veteran homeowners or their surviving spouses. This is a reimbursement program funded by appropriations authorized by the General Assembly. Tax collecting officials, including county trustees, receive applications from taxpayers who may qualify.

INCOME DOCUMENTATION

If you are an elderly or disabled homeowner, you may be required to provide income documentation such as a copy of your tax return, 1099, W-2, etc.

If you are a sole owner within \$100 of the income limit, or if there is a co-owner, and your combined income is within \$200 of the income limit, income documentation must be provided for all sources.

VETERAN DISABILITY RATING

Determination of eligibility for a homeowner who is a disabled veteran or widow(er) of a disabled veteran will be made based on information provided by the VA through use of consent forms. If you are applying as a disabled veteran, you will need to complete an F-16 or, for a widow(er) of a disabled veteran you must complete an F-16S. These forms are available at the county trustee's office or the city collecting official's office.

Contact U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs at:
1.800.827.1000

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ELDERLY

- You must be 65 or on or before 12/31/2025.
- You must own your home and use it as your primary residence.
- You must provide annual income from all sources.

\$37,530

Maximum 2024 income of the applicant, spouse, co-owner, and resident remainder

\$32,700

Maximum market value on which tax relief is calculated

DISABLED

- You must be disabled on or before 12/31/2025.
- You must own your home and use it as your primary residence.
- You must provide annual income from all sources.

\$37,530

Maximum 2024 income of the applicant, spouse, co-owner, and resident remainder

\$32,700

Maximum market value on which tax relief is calculated

DISABLED VETERAN

- You must own your home and use it as your primary residence.
- You must complete a 2025 F-16. This form is a consent form for the release of disability and income information from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
- You must meet one of the following disability requirements:

- * Acquired in connection with such service a disability from paraplegia or permanent paralysis of both legs and lower part of the body resulting from traumatic injury or disease to the spinal cord or brain, or from legal blindness, or from loss or loss of use of two (2) or more limbs from any service-connected cause;

- * Acquired one hundred percent (100%) permanent total disability, as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and such disability resulting from having served as a prisoner of war; or

- * Acquired service-connected permanent and total disability or disabilities, as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

\$175,000

Maximum market value on which tax relief is calculated

WIDOW(ER) OF DISABLED VETERAN

- You must own your home and use it as your primary residence.
- You must complete a 2025 F-16S. This form is a consent form for the release of disability and income information from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
- You must provide a copy of your spouse's death certificate and provide a form of personal ID.
- You must have been married to the veteran at the time of their death and not have remarried.
- The veteran must have met one of the disability requirements listed in the DISABLED VETERAN box, or:

- * Property tax relief shall also be extended to the surviving spouse of a veteran whose death results from a service-connected, combat-related cause, as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs;

- * Property tax relief shall also be extended to the surviving spouse of a soldier whose death results from being deployed, away from any home base of training and in support of combat or peace operations;

\$175,000

Maximum market value on which tax relief is calculated

17-43 Refuse Collection And Disposal Service Charges

- (1) Institutional, professional, industrial, fraternal, commercial or business establishments operated within the city shall pay a minimum monthly fee as determined by city council and adopted through its annual budget, plus an additional amount for receipt of services as determined by the department of sanitation; however, businesses operating out of their residences or vehicles may be eligible for a credit of 100 percent for the service, as determined by the supervisor of the city's sanitation department.
- (2) All residences within the city shall pay a minimum monthly fee for residential refuse service, as determined by city council and adopted through its annual budget. Those residents needing more than one container, as determined by the city, will pay the minimum rate set by the city council, plus additional charges based on the number of additional containers, and shall not be eligible for tax relief services. However, those citizens who qualify for property tax relief and citizens who would otherwise qualify for property tax relief but do not own their residences, and who use only one city-issued container, will be eligible for a credit of 100 percent for the service.
- (3) The city council may establish service boundaries limiting the daily refuse pickup service to customers within the boundaries. Proper notice may be given to customers outside the boundaries by publishing a map in a local newspaper on three successive days in sufficient notice that the service cannot be provided on a daily basis.

(Code 1972, § 8-114; Code 1995, § 17-113; Ord. No. 777, 6-15-1993; Ord. No. 805, 6-20-1995; Ord. No. 917, 4-20-2004; Ord. No. 982, 2-16-2010)

17-44 Method Of Collecting Service Charges

- (1) Institutional, professional, industrial, fraternal, or commercial service charges shall be billed through procedures prescribed by the city manager. A penalty of five percent per month on the unpaid balance shall be imposed and collected on all delinquent refuse accounts.
- (2) *Privately licensed waste haulers.*
 - (a) Commercial, industrial, institutional, professional, fraternal, and business establishments and contractors (including demolition waste) electing to utilize a privately licensed waste hauler must provide evidence of a paid invoice on a quarterly basis to the city sanitation foreman for the minimum billing to be waived. If proper evidence is not provided, minimum billing along with any penalties are due to the city.
 - (b) The city may elect to deny waste collection to commercial, industrial, institutional, professional, fraternal, and business establishments and contractors (including demolition wastes) due to waste being hazardous, causing damage to city equipment or inadequate equipment to properly handle the waste.
- (3) All institutional, professional, industrial, fraternal, commercial, and business establishments and contractors requiring special handling or special rates due to unusual situations that prevent the charges from being placed on the utility statement will be billed and collected by the director of finance.

(Code 1972, § 8-115; Code 1995, § 17-114; Ord. No. 805, 6-20-1995; Ord. No. 917, 4-20-2004)

**CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Sanitation Fee Schedule

Item	Fee
Residential	\$9.50 per month for one tote \$18.00 per month for two totes \$27.00 per month for three totes Each tote is 96 gallons Once per week collection on AUB bill
Commercial/Industrial	\$44 per month, 4-cubic yard, \$44 per day for each additional collection up to six per week
No Contracts	\$66 per month, 6-cubic yard, \$66 per day for each additional collection up to six per week \$88 per month, 8-cubic yard, \$88 per day for each additional collection up to six per week Once a week collection
Commercial Shared Dumpsters	Range from \$28.50 to \$81 quarter, rate depends on waste quantity
Late Fee	5%
Credit Card Convenience Fee	3%
Return Check Fee	\$45
Back door residential service is available at no additional charge with doctor's note.	
Contact: Public Works Department 423-744-2749	

Fee Schedule: City Council Updated/Adopted on June 17, 2025





Agenda Item

V. E. Second Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance 1151, an Ordinance of the City of Athens, Tennessee, Amending Title 8, Chapter III (Beer), to Add “Craft Beer Restaurant” as a Classification of Beer Permit and Amending the Athens Zoning Ordinance to Add a Craft Beer Restaurant Land Use and to Permit Accessory On-Site Beer Manufacturing in Certain Business Districts Subject to Standards

Overview

City Council first discussed the possibility of allowing brewpubs, microbreweries, and taprooms within the city limits during the December 8, 2025 work session, after Main Street Athens asked the City to consider whether such uses could serve as an economic development tool.

The Athens Municipal Regional Planning Commission then considered the issue at its January 5, 2026 meeting. After discussion, the Planning Commission concluded that additional research and further discussion were necessary before moving forward.

At the January 12, 2026 work session, City Council heard a presentation from Matt Altobell, Executive Director of the Tennessee Craft Brewers Guild. The presentation was followed by discussion among Council and staff, along with comments from a potential applicant. The consensus at that meeting was for staff to continue researching the issue and to prepare proposed amendments for future consideration.

Since that time, City staff have developed proposed amendments to both the Athens City Code and the Athens Zoning Code to allow craft beer restaurants.

During that review, staff also determined that Title 8 of the Athens City Code should be reviewed and updated to better align with current state law, improve consistency throughout the Code, and reevaluate the existing beer permit classifications and business types.

The first reading of Ordinance 1151 (attached) was held during the April 21, 2026 regular session.

Action to Consider

Consensus is needed to move this item to the May 19, 2026 regular session for the second reading and public hearing.

Affected Departments

City Manager’s Office, Community Development, and Police Department

ORDINANCE NO. 1151

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE, AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER III (BEER), TO ADD “CRAFT BEER RESTAURANT” AS A CLASSIFICATION OF BEER PERMIT AND AMENDING THE ATHENS ZONING ORDINANCE TO ADD A CRAFT BEER RESTAURANT LAND USE AND TO PERMIT ACCESSORY ON-SITE BEER MANUFACTURING IN CERTAIN BUSINESS DISTRICTS SUBJECT TO STANDARDS

WHEREAS, the City of Athens, Tennessee (the “City”) is authorized to regulate the sale, storage, distribution, and manufacture of beer pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Title 57 and other applicable law; and

WHEREAS, Athens City Code (“ACC”) Title 8, Chapter 8-III establishes a Beer Board and local beer permitting requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City further desires to ensure that beer permits issued under ACC Title 8 do not authorize any location or activity prohibited by the Athens Zoning Ordinance or other applicable city regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is further authorized to adopt and amend zoning regulations pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Title 13, including T.C.A. §§ 13-7-201 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted the Athens Zoning Ordinance, which establishes zoning districts, permitted uses, and development standards; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the Zoning Ordinance to clearly identify and regulate the land use characteristics of a Craft Beer Restaurant and to coordinate zoning standards with the amended beer regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ATHENS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

Athens City Code section 8-92(2)(a) is amended to read as follows:

- (a) The minimum distance requirement for the various types of permit holders is as follows:
 - (i) Caterer: 300 feet.
 - (ii) Craft Beer Restaurant: 300 feet.
 - (iii) Golf course: 300 feet.
 - (iv) Grocery store (10,000 square feet or more): 300 feet.
 - (v) Grocery store (under 10,000 square feet): 500 feet.
 - (vi) Package store: 500 feet.
 - (vii) Restaurant: 300 feet.

SECTION 2.

Athens City Code section 8-92(2)(d) is amended to read as follows:

The minimum distance requirement from certain buildings in subsection (2)(a) of this section shall not be applicable with respect to the building of a restaurant permit holder or craft beer restaurant permit holder located within the downtown business district, which is defined as that area within the interior of the boundaries of Baxter Street, Green Street, College Street, Hill Street and Park Street as shown on the map of the city attached to the ordinance from which this section is derived and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 3.

Athens City Code section 8-92(3) is amended by adding a new subsection (i), which shall read as follows:

“Craft beer restaurant.

There shall be no limitation on the number of beer permits issued to craft beer restaurants. A craft beer restaurant shall constitute a separate classification of beer permit from a restaurant permit

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issued under ACC 8-92(3)(a). The term ‘craft beer restaurant’ means an eating and drinking establishment having a minimum indoor seating capacity of forty (40), providing prepared food for purchase and consumption by patrons on the permitted premises during the permittee’s posted hours of operation, and owned or operated by, or under common ownership or control with, a manufacturer authorized to manufacture beer under applicable federal and state law.

The restaurant establishment and any beer manufacturing operation conducted on the premises shall each meet all applicable federal, state, and local licensing, permitting, zoning, building, fire, health, and land use requirements, including Tennessee Code Annotated, section 57-5-101, as amended. Any beer manufacturing, storage, service, or sale occurring on the premises pursuant to this subsection shall be subject to all applicable provisions of the Athens Zoning Ordinance, this Code, and all other licenses and approvals required by applicable federal, state, and local law.

A craft beer restaurant permit shall not, by itself, authorize the storing for sale or distribution of beer except to the extent strictly incidental to retail sales expressly authorized by this subsection. Any separate storing for sale, distribution, or manufacturing activity shall require such separate beer permit or permits required by this Code and applicable law.

A craft beer restaurant permit may authorize both on-premises consumption and off-premises retail sale of beer; provided, however, that any off-premises sales under this classification shall be limited to beer lawfully manufactured on the permitted premises pursuant to all required federal, state, and local licenses and permits, no off-premises sale of guest beer shall be authorized under this classification, and beer sold for off-premises consumption shall be sold only in sealed containers, and shall not be opened or consumed within the permitted premises, including any approved outdoor serving area.

The gross beer sales limitation applicable to restaurant permits under ACC 8-92(3)(a) shall not apply to craft beer restaurant permits issued under this subsection. A craft beer restaurant shall not have monthly gross beer sales greater than forty-nine percent (49%) of the monthly gross sales of food. Exceeding this ratio for two (2) consecutive months, or for any three (3) months in any calendar year, shall constitute grounds for suspension or revocation of the permit. Food sales, for the purpose of this subsection, shall include the sale of food and non-alcoholic beverages and shall not include the sale of beer, wine, liquor, or any other alcoholic beverage. In addition, gross sales of sealed beer sold for off-premises consumption pursuant to this subsection shall be excluded from the gross beer sales ratio calculation under this subsection.

Food service for a craft beer restaurant may be provided through an on-site kitchen or through one (1) or more partner food providers. The term ‘partner food provider’ means a food service establishment properly permitted or licensed by the Tennessee Department of Health or other applicable authority to prepare and serve food, which provides prepared food for purchase and consumption by patrons on the permitted premises pursuant to a written agreement with the permittee and which provides such food service during the permittee’s posted hours of operation. The term shall not include vending machines or the sale of prepackaged snack items only.

A permittee utilizing one (1) or more partner food providers shall maintain written agreements with each partner food provider, shall maintain records sufficient to verify food sales for purposes of this chapter, and shall make such agreements and records available to the city or beer board upon request. There shall be no limit on the number of partner food providers used by a craft beer restaurant, and partner food providers may operate simultaneously.

Any outdoor dining or serving area in which beer is sold, served, or consumed under a craft beer restaurant permit shall comply with the Athens Zoning Ordinance and all applicable provisions of Title 14 of the Athens City Code, including site plan approval under ACC 14-96 where applicable. The permittee shall comply with any production, retail sale, storage, and self-distribution limits applicable under Tennessee law.”

SECTION 4.

Athens City Code section 8-92(4) is amended to read as follows:

“Each permit hereafter issued shall specify the classification of permit along with the kind of establishment as herein set forth. No beer sales other than the class designated shall be permitted except as stated herein. No on-the-premises consumption shall be legal where the establishment

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has been granted an off-premises permit only. At establishments with permits allowing on-the-premises consumption, it shall be lawful for beer to be consumed on the premises only; provided, however, that a craft beer restaurant permit holder may also engage in off-premises sales to the extent expressly authorized in ACC 8-92(3)(i).”

SECTION 5.

Athens City Code section 8-94(4) is amended to read as follows:

“With the exception of a beer permit classified as a restaurant or craft beer restaurant, pool or billiard playing will not be permitted in the same room where beer is sold and/or consumed.”

SECTION 6.

Athens City Code section 8-101(2) is amended, and the first sentence thereof shall read as follows:

“Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, for restaurant beer permit holders and craft beer restaurant permit holders, no sign, advertisement, or display indicating that beer may be purchased on the premises shall be erected or maintained on the exterior of the premises or on the interior of the premises if visible from the exterior.”

SECTION 7.

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3.04.06 (B-1 LOCAL BUSINESS DISTRICT).

Section 3.04.06(C), “Uses Permitted on Review,” of the Athens Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended by adding a new item to the list of uses permitted on review to read as follows:

“Craft Beer Restaurant”

SECTION 8.

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3.04.07 (B-2 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT).

Section 3.04.07(B), “Uses Permitted,” of the Athens Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended by adding a new item to the list of uses permitted to read as follows:

“Craft Beer Restaurant”

SECTION 9.

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3.04.08 (B-3 INTENSIVE BUSINESS DISTRICT).

Section 3.04.08(B), “Uses Permitted,” of the Athens Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended by adding a new item to the list of uses permitted to read as follows:

“Craft Beer Restaurant”

SECTION 10.

CODIFICATION AUTHORITY.

The City Manager or designee is authorized to make ministerial, non-substantive corrections necessary to codify this ordinance, including formatting, numbering, lettering, internal sequencing, typographical, citation, and cross-reference corrections, and to update internal references affected by renumbering, provided that no change is made to the substantive meaning, effect, or legislative intent of this ordinance.

REPEALER.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, the public welfare requiring it.

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First Reading: April 21, 2026 **Passed**
Public Hearing Notice: April 29, 2026
Second Reading: May 19, 2026
Date of Public Hearing: May 19, 2026

ATTEST:

Larry Eaton, Mayor

Randall Dowling, City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Christopher Caldwell, City Attorney





Agenda Item

V. F. Second Reading and Public Hearing of Ordinance 1154, an Ordinance of the City Of Athens, Tennessee, Amending the Municipal Zoning Ordinance of the City Of Athens, Tennessee, Section 4.03.03, Commercial Land Uses (Minimum), and Section 4.03.07, Commercial Land Uses (Maximum), to add Off-Street Parking Requirements for a Drive-Thru Oil Change Facility with Minor Auto Service Without Overnight Storage of Vehicles

Overview

Th staff report included in the April 13, 2026 work session packet explained the proposed zoning text amendment to add minimum and maximum parking requirements for a drive-thru oil change facility with minor auto service and no overnight vehicle storage. It outlined staff’s research of comparable standards in other Tennessee municipalities and provides the recommended parking formulas for this new use.

The Planning Commission minutes included in the April 13, 2026 work session packet reflects the discussion of the proposed amendment at the April 6, 2026 AMRPC meeting and shows that the Planning Commission recommended approval to City Council.

The first reading of Ordinance 1154 (attached) was held during the April 21, 2026 regular session.

Action to Consider

Consensus is needed to move this item to the May 19, 2026 regular session for the second reading and public hearing.

Affected Departments

Community Development

ORDINANCE NO. 1154

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE, AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE, SECTION 4.03.03, COMMERCIAL LAND USES (MINIMUM), AND SECTION 4.03.07, COMMERCIAL LAND USES (MAXIMUM), TO ADD OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR A DRIVE-THRU OIL CHANGE FACILITY WITH MINOR AUTO SERVICE WITHOUT OVERNIGHT STORAGE OF VEHICLES

WHEREAS, the City of Athens has adopted the Municipal Zoning Ordinance of the City of Athens, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Section 4.03 of the Zoning Ordinance establishes minimum and maximum off-street parking requirements for land uses within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, at its meeting on April 6, 2026, reviewed and recommended an amendment to add a new parking category for a drive-thru oil change facility with minor auto service bays and no overnight storage of vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found that this use is not specifically addressed in the current Zoning Ordinance and recommended that the City Council amend the Ordinance to establish appropriate parking requirements for such use; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that establishing a specific parking standard for this use promotes the public health, safety, and welfare and provides clearer development standards for future applications;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ATHENS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

That Section **4.03.03. Commercial Land Uses (MINIMUM)** of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance of the City of Athens, Tennessee, is hereby amended by adding the following new facility type and minimum parking requirement in proper alphabetical order:

Facility Type:

Drive-Thru Oil Change Facility with Minor Auto Service Without Overnight Storage of Vehicles

Minimum Spaces Required:

One (1) space for each oil change or service bay, plus two (2) spaces for each minor auto service bay, plus two (2) queue spaces for each oil change bay.

SECTION 2.

That Section **4.03.07. Commercial Land Uses (MAXIMUM)** of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance of the City of Athens, Tennessee, is hereby amended by adding the following new facility type and maximum parking allowance in proper alphabetical order:

Facility Type:

Drive-Thru Oil Change Facility with Minor Auto Service Without Overnight Storage of Vehicles

Maximum Spaces Allowed:

One (1) space for each oil change or service bay, plus two (2) spaces for each minor auto service bay, plus two (2) queue spaces for each oil change bay.

SECTION 3.

CODIFICATION AUTHORITY.

The City Manager or designee is authorized to make ministerial, non-substantive corrections necessary to codify this ordinance, including formatting, numbering, lettering, internal sequencing, typographical, citation, and cross-reference corrections, and to update internal references affected

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by renumbering, provided that no change is made to the substantive meaning, effect, or legislative intent of this ordinance.

REPEALER.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, the public welfare requiring it.

First Reading:	April 21, 2026	Passed
Public Hearing Notice:	April 29, 2026	
Second Reading:	May 19, 2026	
Date of Public Hearing	May 19, 2026	

ATTEST:

Larry Eaton, Mayor

Randall Dowling, City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Christopher Caldwell, City Attorney





Agenda Item

V. G. Second Reading and Public Hearing of Ordinance 1155, an Ordinance to Amend the Budget for the City of Athens, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

Overview

The purpose of the attached budget amendment for FY 2025-26 is to address necessary adjustments in expenditures and revenues, cover unanticipated costs, and reallocate funds based on updated financial activity and operational needs across city departments.

A memorandum from the Finance Director is attached.

The first reading of Ordinance 1155 was held during the April 21, 2026 regular session.

Action to Consider

Consensus is needed to move this item to the May 19, 2026 regular session for the second reading and public hearing.

Affected Departments

Finance



FINANCE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Randy Dowling, City Manager
FROM: Mike Keith, Finance Director
DATE: April 8, 2026
SUBJECT: 2025-2026 Budget Amendment

I respectfully submit the attached budget amendment. I believe most of the items are self-explanatory based on the line items, but I will elaborate on some of the items in part I. The first liability insurance item is related to the deductible for two public records lawsuits filed against the City and the second liability insurance is for a general increase allocated to City Hall. The first salary increase is for the payment to Dick Pelley and the other salary line items are to adjust to the expected actual amount for the year. Legal services are for increased attorney fees. Machinery & Equipment Rental is the cost related to demolishing condemned houses. Most of the fixed asset lines are increased for police and fire grants. Maintenance projects increased for the new monuments at Veterans Park. Program and Concessions items are increased to coincide with the number of registrations and tournaments. The Fourth of July is to go ahead and pay a deposit on the drone and fireworks show to decrease the cost in the FY27 budget. A deposit is typically paid for the fireworks each year. The Transfer to the Capital Projects Fund is for the excess fund balance transfer.

Please let me know if you need any additional information regarding this amendment.

ORDINANCE NO. 1155

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026

WHEREAS, the Council for the City of Athens, Tennessee, after much consideration and study of the budget prepared and submitted by the City Manager, approved Ordinance No. 1141 for the 2025-2026 budget and tax rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 and has determined that an amendment is now necessary.

SECTION 1. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE, AS FOLLOWS:

That the budget is hereby amended based upon the detail listing below showing the original budget, amended budget and increase or decrease in the budget for the current year.

Part I: To Increase Miscellaneous Line items in the General Fund

ACCOUNT NO.	DESCRIPTION	ORIGINAL BUDGET	REVISED BUDGET	INCREASE (DECREASE)
GENERAL FUND REVENUES:				
01-0000-4115	Prior Year Property Taxes	100,000	190,000	90,000
01-0000-4165	Local Sales Tax	9,200,000	9,300,000	100,000
01-0000-4625	Repair Damages AUB	25,000	95,000	70,000
01-0000-4810	City Court Fines & Costs	100,000	180,000	80,000
01-0000-7020	Transfer From Emp Med Ben	0	300,000	300,000
Increase in Revenues				<u>640,000</u>
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:				
01-0101-5710	Liability Insurance	6,500	76,500	70,000
01-0102-5110	Salaries: Regular	20,000	24,000	4,000
01-0104-5260	Legal Services	70,000	85,000	15,000
01-0107-5250	Street Lighting	530,000	540,000	10,000
01-0201-5110	Salaries: Regular	328,000	340,000	12,000
01-0401-5626	Other Contracts	1,500	9,500	8,000
01-0402-5710	Liability Insurance	9,300	15,300	6,000
01-0502-5290	Machinery & Equip Rental	25,000	45,000	20,000
01-0503-5626	Other Contracts	48,000	56,000	8,000
01-0602-5142	Group Life & Health Ins	338,000	380,000	42,000
01-0602-6090	Fixed Assets	104,000	154,000	50,000
01-0703-5274	R&M Buildings & Grounds	4,000	24,000	20,000
01-0703-6090	Fixed Assets	37,000	61,000	24,000

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01-0802-5274	R&M Buildings & Grounds	50,000	125,000	75,000
01-0802-6055	Maintenance Projects	0	21,000	21,000
01-0803-5118	Salaries: Seasonal	31,000	39,000	8,000
01-0804-5118	Salaries: Seasonal	55,000	65,000	10,000
01-0804-5142	Group Life & Health Ins	32,000	38,000	6,000
01-0804-5298	Program Expenses	30,000	85,000	55,000
01-0804-5330	Concession Supplies	30,000	50,000	20,000
01-0804-6040	Fourth of July Expenditures	50,000	110,000	60,000
01-0901-5264	Engineering & Landscaping	0	5,000	5,000
01-0902-5626	Other Contracts	102,000	127,000	25,000
01-0905-5414	Sand & Salt	10,000	30,000	20,000
01-0905-5520	Vehicle & Equipment Parts	46,000	76,000	30,000
01-0906-5626	Other Contracts	7,000	17,000	10,000
01-0906-6090	Fixed Assets	0	6,000	6,000

Increase in Expenditures 640,000

Change in Fund Balance 0

Part II: To Transfer Excess Fund Balance from General Fund to Capital Projects Fund

01-11-01-7245	Transfer to Cap Proj Fund	0	1,700,000	1,700,000
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Decrease in Fund Balance in General Fund 1,700,000

Part III: To Purchase Items in FY26 that were Requested in FY27 Budget

GENERAL FUND REVENUES:

01-0000-4110	Current Property Taxes	6,100,000	6,160,000	60,000
01-0000-4325	Building Licenses & Permits	75,000	125,000	50,000

Increase in Revenues 110,000

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

01-0402-6090	Fixed Assets	0	5,000	5,000
01-0603-6090	Fixed Assets	0	10,000	10,000
01-0701-6090	Fixed Assets	2,200	24,200	22,000
01-0702-6090	Fixed Assets	7,500	17,500	10,000
01-0803-6090	Fixed Assets	6,000	12,000	6,000
01-0804-6090	Fixed Assets	3,000	8,000	5,000
01-0905-6090	Fixed Assets	2,100	24,100	22,000
01-0906-6090	Fixed Assets	0	24,000	24,000

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01-0908-6090	Fixed Assets	<u>3,500</u>	<u>9,500</u>	<u>6,000</u>
	Increase in Expenditures			<u>110,000</u>
	Change in Fund Balance			<u>0</u>

SECTION 2. **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that all Ordinances, and parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance shall be, and the same are, hereby repealed and superseded.

SECTION 3. **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that if any section, paragraph, clause, or sentence of this Ordinance shall be held invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the remaining sections, paragraphs, clauses, and sentences.

SECTION 4. **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** this Ordinance is declared to be an emergency ordinance to take effect from and after its passage.

First Reading: April 21, 2026 **Passed**
Public Hearing Notice: April 29, 2026
Second Reading: May 19, 2026
Date of Public Hearing May 19, 2026

ATTEST:

Larry Eaton, Mayor

Randall Dowling, City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Christopher Caldwell, City Attorney





Agenda Item

V. H. First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Title 9, Chapter V of the Athens City Code by deleting the existing Chapter V, “Wrecker and Towing Service,” in its Entirety and Replacing it with a New Chapter V, “Towing Services”; to Establish Regulations, permitting requirements, rotation procedures, insurance requirements, Fee Limitations, Recordkeeping Requirements, and enforcement procedures for towing services requested by the Athens Police Department.

Overview

City Code, Chapter 9, Sections 111 to 128 covers the city’s towing services when the Police Department calls for tow trucks to remove disabled, wrecked, abandoned, immobile, unattended, seized, or impounded motor vehicles from city streets, public rights-of-way, public property, or other locations where the Police Department has lawful authority to request towing services. This section of the city code has not been updated since 2019. The city currently has eight towing companies on the weekly rotation list.

Due to citizen complaints about towing costs, city staff investigated this issue and determined that the towing ordinance and fee schedule need to be updated, new state laws incorporated in the ordinance, and all towing companies trained on the updated ordinance and fee schedule.

To that end, the city’s towing ordinance has been updated by city staff and the Police Department. The updated towing ordinance (attached) is now ready for review by the City Council.

Action to Consider

Consensus is needed to move this item to the May 19, 2026 regular session for the first reading and if approved, the public hearing and second reading will occur during the June 16, 2026 regular session.

Affected Departments

Police Department

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 9, CHAPTER V OF THE ATHENS CITY CODE BY DELETING THE EXISTING CHAPTER V, “WRECKER AND TOWING SERVICE,” IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW CHAPTER V, “TOWING SERVICES”; TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS, PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS, ROTATION PROCEDURES, INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS, FEE LIMITATIONS, RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS, AND ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES FOR TOWING SERVICES REQUESTED BY THE ATHENS POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Athens has authority to regulate the use of its streets, public rights-of-way, public property, and law enforcement towing procedures in furtherance of the public health, safety, and welfare;

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to update the City’s wrecker and towing service regulations to provide clear standards for towing companies responding to calls requested, authorized, or directed by the Athens Police Department;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that a fair and orderly rotational towing system, together with appropriate permitting, insurance, equipment, recordkeeping, and fee requirements, will promote safe and efficient removal, transportation, storage, and release of vehicles;

WHEREAS, the City Council further desires to align the City’s towing regulations with applicable Tennessee law and the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security Tennessee Highway Patrol Towing Service Standards Manual, as amended or replaced; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the adoption of this ordinance is in the best interest of the City and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

Title 9, Chapter V of the Athens Municipal Code, currently titled “Wrecker and Towing Service,” is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following new Chapter V, “Towing Services”:

9-111 Purpose and Policy

- (1) The purpose of this chapter is to establish regulations, procedures, and standards for towing companies called by the City of Athens Police Department to remove disabled, wrecked, abandoned, immobile, unattended, seized, or impounded motor vehicles from City streets, public rights-of-way, public property, or other locations where the Police Department has lawful authority to request towing services.
- (2) It is the policy of the City to use a fair rotational call system for City-requested towing services, except when a vehicle owner, operator, or authorized agent requests a specific towing company, when public safety requires another response, or when the Police Department directs otherwise under law.
- (3) This chapter is intended to:
 - (a) Promote the safe and efficient removal, transportation, storage, and safekeeping of vehicles placed in the custody of towing companies at the request of the Police Department.
 - (b) Require towing companies to comply with this chapter, the City fee schedule, the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security Tennessee Highway Patrol Towing Service Standards Manual, as amended, Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-31-104 (Motor Vehicle Portal), and any other applicable Tennessee law.
 - (c) Ensure that towing companies used by the Police Department are reputable, reliable, properly permitted, properly insured, properly equipped, and staffed by qualified drivers.

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- (d) Protect vehicle owners, lienholders, insurers, and the public from unreasonable fees, unsafe practices, solicitation at crash scenes, improper release of vehicles, loss of personal property, and inconsistent rotation practices.

9-112 Applicability

- (1) This chapter applies to towing services requested by, authorized by, or directed through the City of Athens Police Department. It does not regulate purely private towing transactions.
- (2) A towing company called at the request of a vehicle owner, operator, or authorized agent is not required to be on the City rotation list unless the Police Department determines that the vehicle creates an immediate traffic hazard or the requested towing company is unavailable, unwilling, or unable to respond in a reasonable time.

9-113 Definitions

Abandoned motor vehicle. A motor vehicle meeting the definition of an abandoned motor vehicle under Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-31-102, as amended, including a vehicle left unattended on public property for statutory periods, a vehicle in obvious disrepair, a vehicle illegally left on public property, or other vehicles defined by state law.

City-requested tow. A tow requested, authorized, or directed by the Police Department, including through dispatch, when the owner, operator, or authorized agent does not request a specific towing company or when public safety or law enforcement necessity requires City-directed towing.

Disabled, immobile, or wrecked vehicle. A motor vehicle that cannot safely move under its own power due to accident, mechanical failure, damage, weather, emergency conditions, or other circumstances requiring towing or recovery.

Owner-requested tow. A tow requested by the vehicle owner, operator, or authorized agent. The Police Department will honor such requests unless public safety, response time, equipment availability, or law enforcement needs require a City-requested tow.

Police Chief. The Chief of Police of the City of Athens or the Chief's designee.

Rotation list. The list maintained by the Police Department of towing companies approved and permitted by the City to respond to City-requested towing calls on a weekly rotating basis.

Storage facility. A lot, building, or other facility used by a towing company for the storage and safekeeping of vehicles towed at the request of the Police Department.

Tennessee Manual. The Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security, Tennessee Highway Patrol Towing Service Standards Manual, revised January 2017, as amended, superseded, or replaced.

Towing company. Any person, firm, corporation, partnership, association, or other entity engaged in the business of offering towing, recovery, transport, or storage services by use of tow trucks and storage facilities.

Tow truck. A vehicle used to tow, recover, transport, or carry motor vehicles and classified under this chapter and the Tennessee Manual as Class A, B, C, or D, as applicable.

Winching. Involving the use of a motor-powered spool of cable to recover a vehicle from locations not accessible for direct hook-up. This process is used to move vehicles from areas like ditches, mud, or embankments to a position where they can be towed, separate from standard loading or towing procedures.

Working days. Monday through Friday, excluding official City holidays, unless state law requires a different calculation for a specific notice or deadline.

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9-114 Administration

- (1) The Police Chief shall administer and enforce this chapter. The Police Chief may approve, issue, renew, suspend, revoke, or deny permits under this chapter; maintain the rotation list; establish administrative forms and procedures; conduct inspections and audits; investigate complaints; and issue written directives consistent with this chapter.
- (2) The Police Chief's action granting, denying, suspending, or revoking a towing company permit or driver permit is subject to review by the City Manager upon written appeal to the City Manager within ten (10) calendar days after written notice of the decision as provided in this chapter or as otherwise required by law.

9-115 Permit Required; City Rotation Eligibility

- (1) No towing company, tow truck, or tow truck driver shall participate on the City rotation list unless approved by the Police Chief and issued the required City permit.
- (2) As a condition of initial and continuing eligibility, a towing company shall:
 - (a) Be listed on the Tennessee Highway Patrol rotation list for the applicable towing class.
 - (b) Be licensed and registered to do business in Tennessee and comply with all applicable federal, state, and local requirements.
 - (c) Maintain the insurance required by this chapter at all times.
 - (d) Maintain tow trucks, equipment, drivers, records, and storage facilities in compliance with this chapter and the Tennessee Manual.
 - (e) Charge no more than the fees authorized by the City's fee schedule and applicable Tennessee law.

9-116 Initial Application

- (1) A towing company seeking placement on the City rotation list shall submit a complete application to the Police Department during the annual application period of June 1 through June 30, unless the Police Chief opens an additional application period due to public need.
- (2) The application shall include, at a minimum:
 - (a) Proof of current Tennessee Highway Patrol rotation status.
 - (b) A completed Towing Service Application (SF-1112), Driver Qualification Form (SF-1117), Tow/Storage Rates Disclosure Form (SF-1118), Company Information Disclosure Form (SF-1119), Facilities and Equipment Inspection Form (SF-1120), Driver/Vehicle Inspection Report for each tow truck (SF-1156), and any successor or substantially equivalent form required by the Police Department.
 - (c) Current certificates of insurance identifying required vehicle liability, garage keepers' liability, and on-hook coverage.
 - (d) Proof that each owner and driver responding to City-requested calls has completed required Traffic Incident Management training.
 - (e) Criminal history check for the towing company's owner(s) and all tow truck drivers. A felony conviction or pending felony charge shall prohibit the owner or drivers from being permitted to be on the City's rotation list.
 - (f) A copy of a sample customer invoice.
 - (g) A certification that the applicant has read, understands, and will comply with this chapter, applicable Tennessee law, the Tennessee Manual, and Police Department directives.

9-117 Permit Term; Renewal; Changes During Permit Year

- (1) Permits shall be valid for one (1) permit year, beginning July 1 and ending June 30, unless suspended or revoked earlier. Renewal applications shall be submitted between June 1 and June 30 each year with the same information and forms as the original application but updated to reflect current information.

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- (2) A towing company shall promptly notify the Police Department, in writing, of changes in ownership, business name, business address, telephone number, storage facility, insurance, tow trucks, drivers, or any other material application information. New or substitute tow trucks and drivers may be approved during the permit year if they meet all requirements of this chapter before responding to City-requested calls.
- (3) During renewal, the Police Department may inspect records, tow trucks, equipment, driver qualifications, storage facilities, insurance, and rates. If deficiencies are found, renewal may be denied, delayed, conditioned, or withheld until the deficiencies are corrected.

9-118 Fees and Fee Schedule

- (1) Application fees, renewal fees, permit fees, service fees, and maximum towing and storage charges shall be established by the City Council through the annual budget process.
- (2) No towing company responding to a City-requested tow shall charge a rate or fee exceeding the City fee schedule, the maximum fee approved by the Tennessee Highway Patrol for the same service, or any other applicable state-law limitation, whichever is most restrictive.

9-119 Required Insurance

- (1) Each approved towing company shall maintain insurance covering towing and storage operations at all times. The policy shall be in the name of the towing company or the towing company's owner and shall identify the tow trucks covered.
- (2) A certificate of insurance shall be filed with the City before placement on the rotation list and upon renewal, policy change, expiration, cancellation, or request by the Police Chief. Certificates must itemize vehicle liability, garage keepers' liability, and on-hook coverage.
- (3) For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:
 - (a) Vehicle Liability: insurance that pays for damages due to bodily injury and property damage to others for which the towing company is responsible.
 - (b) Garage Keepers Liability: insurance that protects a garage keeper against liability for damage to vehicles in his/her care, custody, or control.
 - (c) On-Hook Coverage: insurance that will normally pay to repair or replace a vehicle that the towing company did not own if it is damaged by a collision, fire, theft, explosion, or vandalism while being towed or hauled.

Tow Truck Class	Minimum Vehicle Liability	Minimum Garage keepers Liability	Minimum On-Hook Coverage
Class A and Class D	\$1,000,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
Class B	\$1,000,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Class C	\$1,000,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

- (4) An umbrella policy is acceptable as long as it covers the required categories and provides total coverage equal to or greater than the applicable minimums. Nothing prevents a towing company from obtaining greater coverage.
- (5) The towing company assumes responsibility for personal injury, property damage, and loss or damage to vehicles and contents caused by the towing company's intentional, reckless, or negligent acts or omissions from the time the towing company makes contact with a vehicle or takes custody of a vehicle.

9-120 Tow Truck Classifications

- (1) Tow trucks shall be classified as Class A, Class B, Class C, or Class D in accordance with this chapter and the Tennessee Manual. Each tow truck shall be listed in only one class for rotation purposes unless separately approved by the Police Chief.

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Class	Primary Use	Minimum Standard
Class A	Passenger cars, pickup trucks, small trailers, and recovery work where winching or recovery is required.	14,000 lbs. GVWR minimum; 4-ton boom and power winch; 100 feet of 3/8-inch cable or 7/16-inch synthetic rope; wheel-lift or sling/cradle equipment; safety restraints.
Class B	Medium-size trucks, trailers, and similar vehicles.	26,000 lbs. GVWR minimum; double boom with 8-ton individual boom/winch capacity or single boom with 16-ton capacity; 200 feet of 7/16-inch cable; cradle tow plate or sling.
Class C	Large trucks, road tractors, tractor-trailer combinations, and heavy recovery.	35,000 lbs. GVWR minimum; double boom with 12.5-ton individual boom capacity or single boom with 25-ton capacity; 200 feet of 9/16-inch cable; air brakes; tandem live-drive axles; under-reach capable of towing an 80,000-lb. tractor-trailer combination.
Class D	Car carriers or rollback vehicle transporters for passenger cars, pickup trucks, and small trailers where extensive recovery is not required.	14,000 lbs. GVWR minimum; carrier bed with required cylinders; 4-ton winch; 50 feet of 3/8-inch cable; two safety chains; not intended for extensive winching or recovery.

9-121 Required Equipment for Each Tow Truck

- (1) Each tow truck responding to a City-requested tow shall carry and maintain all equipment required by the Tennessee Manual and this chapter. Required equipment includes, at a minimum:
 - (a) One functional, amber-colored rotating, strobe, or LED warning light permanently mounted on top of the tow truck. Sirens are prohibited.
 - (b) Emergency flashers and directional lights visible to the front in amber color.
 - (c) One heavy-duty push broom; one shovel; one axe; one pinch bar, pry bar, or crowbar; one set of bolt cutters; and equipment necessary to remove glass, debris, and other injurious substances from the roadway.
 - (d) Flood lights mounted high enough to illuminate the scene at night.
 - (e) One fully charged 20-pound fire extinguisher or two fully charged 10-pound fire extinguishers with an Underwriters Laboratories rating of 4A:B:C or greater, securely mounted.
 - (f) At least 50 pounds of fluid absorption compound for Class A, Class B, and Class D tow trucks and at least 100 pounds for Class C tow trucks.
 - (g) Three red emergency reflectors.
 - (h) A light bar capable of displaying two tail lamps, two stop lamps, and two turn signals on the rearmost vehicle while in tow when the towed vehicle's lights cannot be displayed.
 - (i) All additional chains, straps, dollies, cribbing, blocking, absorbent, tarps, securement devices, and safety equipment reasonably necessary for the class of tow and scene conditions.

- (2) Each tow truck shall display the towing company's name, address, telephone number, and USDOT number if applicable. The information shall be permanently affixed or painted on both sides of the tow truck, visible from 50 feet. Magnetic signs are not permitted.

9-122 Driver Qualifications and Conduct

- (1) Each driver responding to City-requested calls shall:
 - (a) Be at least 21 years of age unless a specific exception is required by state law.
 - (b) Possess a valid Tennessee driver license or commercial driver license appropriate for the tow truck and work performed.
 - (c) Have no felony conviction or pending felony charge that disqualifies the driver under the Tennessee Manual or this chapter.

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- (d) Complete required Traffic Incident Management System training before responding to City-requested calls.
- (e) Wear a high-visibility traffic safety vest, shirt, or coat meeting ANSI Class 2 or higher while working at or near the scene and use amber colored lights on scene and while towing a vehicle.
- (f) Comply with all lawful directions of the Police Department officer in charge of the scene.
- (g) Operate safely, lawfully, and professionally, and avoid conduct that reflects adversely on the City or creates a safety risk.
- (h) The towing company shall maintain a current driver list and shall notify the Police Department before any new driver responds to City-requested calls. A driver who becomes disqualified shall not respond to City-requested calls until reinstated by the Police Chief.

9-123 Business Office and Storage Facilities

- (1) Each towing company shall maintain a business office with a highly visible exterior sign displaying the towing company's name, address, and telephone number. Current tow and storage rates shall be posted conspicuously at the business office in a form clearly visible to customers.
- (2) The business office and storage facility shall be accessible to customers and the Police Department from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding City holidays, and at other reasonable times for law enforcement purposes, vehicle release, or emergency conditions.
- (3) Each towing company shall provide adequate, safe, and secure storage for vehicles towed at the request of the Police Department. Storage facilities shall be secured by fencing, lighting, and surveillance cameras and other security measures approved by the Police Chief to deter theft and vandalism.
- (4) If the storage facility is separate from the business office, the storage facility shall have a highly visible exterior sign displaying the towing company's name, address, and telephone number. No two towing companies, including affiliated or parent/subsidiary entities, may share the same storage facility unless expressly approved by the Police Chief for good cause and consistent with the independence requirements of this chapter.

9-124 Rotation List and Dispatch Procedures

- (1) The Police Department shall maintain the rotation list by tow truck company. Rotation list shall be seven (7) days for each permitted towing company. Calls shall be made through dispatch or other Police Department procedures approved by the Police Chief.
- (2) A towing company shall have at least one properly equipped, operating, permitted tow truck and qualified driver available 24 hours per day, including holidays, during its rotation. If the towing company cannot respond, lacks proper equipment, does not answer, or declines the call, the next towing company on the rotation list shall be called.
- (3) The towing company shall respond to a wreck or disabled vehicle within 20 minutes after being called, except for verifiable extenuating or unusual circumstances approved by the Police Department. Class C heavy-duty calls may be allowed additional response time when necessary due to equipment availability, distance, scene complexity, or public safety needs.
- (4) If a towing company misses two calls within one rotation cycle, the Police Chief may suspend, condition, or remove the company from the rotation list.
- (5) The Police Department officer in charge of a scene may direct the towing company to remove the vehicle creating the greatest hazard first, to use additional equipment, to preserve evidence, to avoid entering a vehicle, or to transport a vehicle to a particular facility.

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9-125 Owner-Requested Towing Companies

- (1) The Police Department shall honor the request of the owner, operator, or authorized agent of a disabled, wrecked, abandoned, immobile, or unattended vehicle to call a specific towing company, whether or not that towing company is on the City rotation list, unless:
 - (a) The requested towing company is not available, refuses the call, or cannot respond within 20 minutes, or within 30 minutes for a Class C heavy-duty tow, unless a longer time is approved by the Police Department officer in charge;
 - (b) The vehicle presents an immediate traffic hazard or public safety risk requiring prompt removal;
 - (c) The requested towing company lacks the equipment needed for the vehicle or scene;
 - (d) The tow is connected to a seizure, impound, arrest, investigation, evidence hold, or other law enforcement need requiring City-directed handling; or
 - (e) The request is otherwise inconsistent with applicable law or public safety.

If any exception applies, the Police Department may call the towing company on the City rotation list.

9-126 Towing, Recovery, Scene Cleanup, and Transport Standards

- (1) Each towing company responding to a City-requested tow shall:
 - (a) Tow, recover, transport, and store vehicles safely and in accordance with this chapter, the Tennessee Manual, applicable law, and industry best practices.
 - (b) Use the tow truck class, equipment, and personnel appropriate for the vehicle and scene.
 - (c) Remove glass, vehicle parts, and other injurious substances from the street or highway as required by Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-8-170 and this chapter. Debris shall not be placed in the passenger compartment of a vehicle.
 - (d) Not intentionally drain vehicle fluids onto the road, right-of-way, stormwater system, soil, or surrounding environment.
 - (e) Use reasonable care to prevent additional damage to the vehicle and its contents.
 - (f) Transport the vehicle to the towing company's approved storage facility, a destination requested by the vehicle owner or operator after charges are agreed upon, a Police Department impound facility, or another location directed by the Police Department.
 - (g) Not perform repairs or additional services unless requested by the vehicle owner, operator, authorized agent, insurer, or lienholder, or unless necessary to safely remove a hazard.
 - (h) Not solicit towing work at or near a crash, disabled vehicle, or law enforcement scene unless called by the vehicle owner, operator, authorized agent, or Police Department.

9-127 Vehicle Holds, Release, Personal Property, and Firearms

- (1) No towing company shall release a vehicle impounded by, seized by, or held at the direction of the Police Department without authorization from the Police Department. If no law enforcement hold exists, the vehicle shall be released to a verified owner, lienholder, insurer, or authorized agent upon proof of the right to possess the vehicle and payment of lawful charges.
- (2) A towing company shall safeguard personal property in towed or stored vehicles. Unless the Police Department places a hold or otherwise directs, the towing company shall release personal property or cargo to the verified owner or authorized agent during normal business hours without charge.
- (3) If a firearm is found in a stored vehicle, the towing company shall follow Tennessee law (§ 55-31-105) and any Police Department procedure governing notification, safekeeping, transfer, and release.

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9-128 Billing, Invoices, and Records

- (1) Each towing company shall use a standard invoice form containing the towing company's name, physical address, storage facility address, telephone number, and email address.
- (2) An invoice shall be prepared for each City-requested tow. When the owner, operator, or authorized representative is present and circumstances permit, a copy shall be provided at the scene or as soon as practicable. The towing company shall retain duplicate invoices and tow records for at least two (2) years or a longer period in a chronological order as required by law or City policy.
- (3) Each invoice shall include, at a minimum:
 - (a) Date, time, and location of the tow;
 - (b) Name and address of the person requesting or authorizing the tow, if known;
 - (c) Name and address of the vehicle owner, operator, or person involved, if known;
 - (d) Vehicle year, make, model, color, license plate number, state, and VIN, if available;
 - (e) Tow truck class used and destination of the vehicle;
 - (f) Itemized charges, including towing, mileage, winching, recovery, storage, notification, and any approved additional charges;
 - (g) A good-faith estimate of charges when final charges cannot be determined at the scene;
 - (h) Daily storage rate and the date and time storage charges begin;
 - (i) Name of the driver or employee preparing the invoice.
 - (j) Invoices, rates, dispatch records, release forms, notices, photographs, storage logs, and other records related to City-requested tows shall be available for inspection by the Police Chief during normal business hours or during an investigation.

9-129 Independence, Prohibited Conduct, and Conflicts

- (1) A towing company on the City rotation list shall be independent of every other towing company on the City rotation list. Unless approved by the Police Chief for good cause, no towing company may share a telephone number, address, business license, storage facility, tow trucks, or required operating equipment with another rotation towing company.
- (2) A towing company and its owners, officers, employees, agents, and drivers shall not:
 - (a) Refer, sell, assign, subcontract, delegate, or transfer a City-requested call to another towing company without approval from the Police Department.
 - (b) Solicit towing work at a crash, disabled vehicle, or law enforcement scene unless requested by the vehicle owner, operator, authorized agent, or Police Department.
 - (c) Charge unauthorized rates, hidden fees, administrative fees, gate fees, release fees, credit card surcharges, or other fees prohibited by the City fee schedule or state law.
 - (d) Refuse lawful release of a vehicle, personal property, or cargo after the person seeking release presents required proof and pays lawful charges, unless a Police Department hold or legal restriction applies.
 - (e) Use an unpermitted tow truck or unqualified driver for a City-requested call.

9-130 Audits, Inspections, and Complaints

- (1) The Police Chief may inspect or audit any approved towing company's tow trucks, equipment, business office, storage facility, insurance, driver files, rates, invoices, tow records, notices, and release records during normal business hours or at other reasonable times when needed for public safety, compliance, or investigation.
- (2) Complaints may be submitted by vehicle owners, operators, lienholders, insurers, towing companies, City employees, or members of the public. The Police Chief may investigate complaints and may require written responses, records, photographs, invoices, or other information from the towing company.
- (3) Failure to cooperate with an audit, inspection, complaint investigation, or records request is grounds for the towing company to be deleted from the City rotation list.

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9-131 Suspension, Revocation, Removal, and Corrective Action

- (1) The Police Chief may deny, suspend, revoke, condition, or refuse to renew a permit; remove a towing company, tow truck, or driver from the City rotation list; or require corrective action for any violation of this chapter, City policy, the Tennessee Manual, applicable law, or public safety standards.
- (2) Grounds for being removed from the rotation list include, but are not limited to:
 - (a) False, misleading, incomplete, or fraudulent application information or records;
 - (b) Failure to maintain insurance, equipment, tow truck registration, qualified drivers, required training, or storage facilities;
 - (c) Failure to answer, timely respond to, or properly complete City-requested calls;
 - (d) Use of unpermitted tow trucks or unqualified drivers;
 - (e) Overcharging, unauthorized fees, refusal to honor the fee schedule, or failure to provide itemized invoices;
 - (f) Improper solicitation, kickbacks, referral arrangements, call delegation, or conflicts of interest;
 - (g) Failure to safeguard vehicles, personal property, cargo, or evidence;
 - (h) Failure to release vehicles or property when release is legally required;
 - (i) Failure to comply with notice, recordkeeping, or audit requirements;
 - (j) Unsafe operations, discourteous conduct, criminal conduct, or conduct creating a risk to the public, the City, or the Police Department;
 - (k) Any violation of this chapter, the Tennessee Manual, or applicable state or federal law.
- (3) The Police Chief may impose immediate temporary suspension when continued participation presents a public safety risk, threatens loss or damage to vehicles or evidence, involves lapsed insurance, or otherwise requires immediate action.

9-132 Appeal

- (1) A towing company or driver aggrieved by a denial, suspension, revocation, removal, or refusal to renew may file a written appeal with the City Manager within ten (10) calendar days after written notice of the decision, unless a different period is required by law.
- (2) The City Manager, or the City Manager's designee, shall review the record and may affirm, reverse, modify, or remand the decision. The City Manager's decision shall be final administrative action of the City unless otherwise provided by law.

9-133 City Liability and Payment Responsibility

- (1) The City is responsible for payment only for fees and charges the City expressly authorizes or is legally required to pay, including charges associated with vehicles seized, impounded, or held by the Police Department when City payment is required by law, court order, or written authorization.
- (2) Except as provided in this section, the City is not responsible for towing, recovery, preservation, storage, administrative, or related charges owed by a vehicle owner, operator, lienholder, insurer, or other responsible party.

SECTION 2.

CODIFICATION AUTHORITY.

The City Manager or designee is authorized to make ministerial, non-substantive corrections necessary to codify this ordinance, including formatting, numbering, lettering, internal sequencing, typographical, citation, and cross-reference corrections, and to update internal references affected by renumbering, provided that no change is made to the substantive meaning, effect, or legislative intent of this ordinance.

REPEALER.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

ORDINANCE NO. 0000

SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, the public welfare requiring it.

First Reading: May 19, 2026
Public Hearing Notice:
Second Reading:
Date of Public Hearing

ATTEST:

Larry Eaton, Mayor

Randall Dowling, City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Christopher Caldwell, City Attorney





Agenda Item

V. I. An Ordinance to Amend ‘The Zoning Ordinance of The City of Athens, Tennessee, so as to Amend The Official Zoning Map to Rezone A 3-Acre Parcel Created from the 50-Acre Developed Parent Tract Shown as Tax Map 046 Parcel 049.00 Located on Denso Drive and George R. Price Boulevard From I-2 (Heavy Industrial District) To B-3 (Intensive Business District), Said Area Being Located Within The Corporate Limits of Athens, Tennessee.

Overview

The City Council is being asked to consider a rezoning request submitted by Denso Manufacturing and the Athens-McMinn Family YMCA for a newly created 3-acre parcel located on Denso Drive and George R. Price Boulevard. The parcel is being created from a larger, developed parent tract identified as Tax Map 046, Parcel 049.00. The request is to rezone the property from I-2 Heavy Industrial District to B-3 Intensive Business District.

The purpose of the rezoning is to allow for the future development of a daycare/childcare center. The property is adjacent to existing B-3 Intensive Business District zoning to the west, including the area near the Higher Learning Center. Because the proposed childcare center would be open to the public, commercial zoning is needed.

Approval of the rezoning would not, by itself, authorize construction or operation of the childcare center. Under the current zoning regulations, a daycare/childcare center in the B-3 district requires additional approval as a Use on Review. Therefore, if the rezoning is approved, the applicants would still need to return for the required Use on Review approval before proceeding with that use.

The Athens Municipal-Regional Planning Commission reviewed the request at its May 4, 2026 meeting and voted unanimously, 4-0, to recommend approval to City Council.

Action to Consider

Consensus is needed to move this item to the May 19, 2026 regular session for consideration.

Affected Departments

Community Development

ORDINANCE NO. 0000

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ‘THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE, SO AS TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO REZONE A 3-ACRE PARCEL CREATED FROM THE 50-ACRE DEVELOPED PARENT TRACT SHOWN AS TAX MAP 046, PARCEL 049.00, LOCATED ON DENSO DRIVE AND GEORGE R. PRICE BOULEVARD FROM I-2 HEAVY INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO B-3 INTENSIVE BUSINESS DISTRICT, SAID AREA BEING LOCATED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ATHENS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

That the Official Zoning Map of Athens, Tennessee, identified and referred to in Section 3.02 of said Zoning Ordinance, be amended to show the following described property and zoning designation as described within the body of this ordinance and shown on the attached illustration titled "Rezoning Request for Denso Manufacturing Athens, TN and Athens-McMinn Family YMCA to change a 3-acre parcel created from the 50-acre developed parent tract shown as Tax Map 046, Parcel 049.00, located on Denso Drive and George R. Price Boulevard from I-2 Heavy Industrial District to B-3 Intensive Business District," said property being within the corporate limits of Athens, Tennessee:

Area Description (I-2 to B-3)

The parcel to be rezoned from I-2 to B-3 is a 3-acre parcel created from the 50-acre developed parent tract shown on the Tennessee Real Estate Property Assessment Data Website as Tax Map 046 Parcel 049.00. The parcel is located on Denso Drive and George R. Price Boulevard and is further described in the attached illustration that has been created from the Official Zoning Map of the City of Athens, Tennessee (Exhibit A).

SECTION 2.

That all ordinances, resolutions, motions, or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict only. If any sentence, clause, phrase, or paragraph of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3.

As required by T.C.A. § 13-7-203, a public hearing subject to twenty-one (21) calendar days’ notice has been held, and the ordinance meets the requirements of T.C.A. § 13-7-201 through 13-7-210, including the approval of all necessary agencies.

SECTION 4.

That this Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and as provided by law.

First Reading: May 19, 2026
Public Hearing Notice:
Second Reading:
Date of Public Hearing

ATTEST:

Larry Eaton, Mayor

Randall Dowling, City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

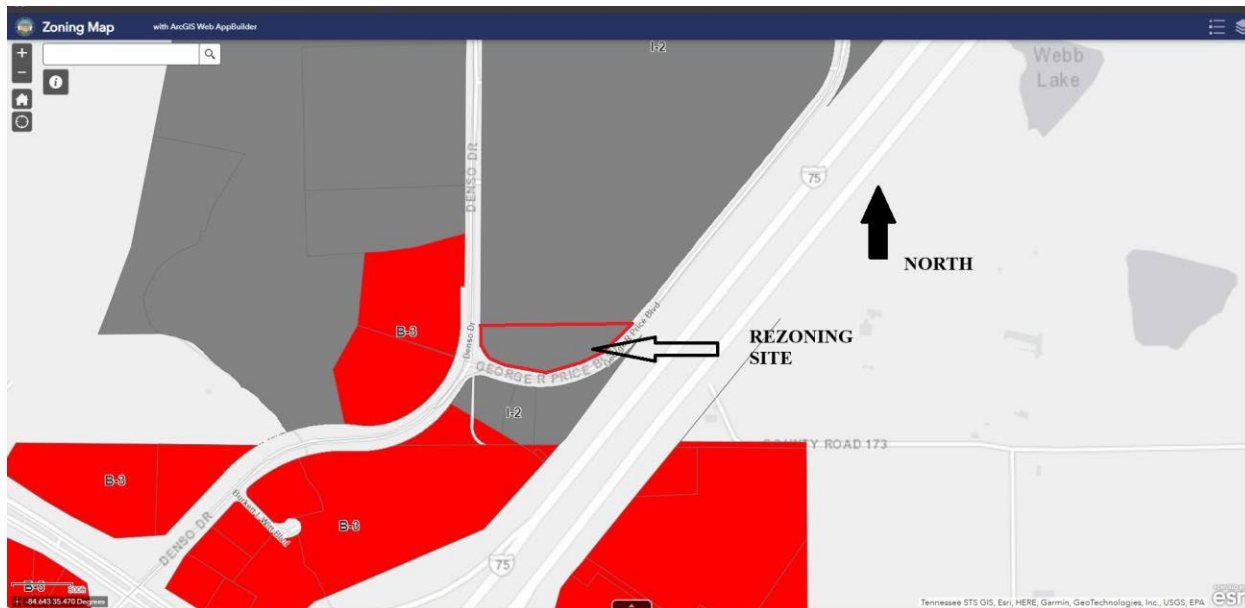
Christopher Caldwell, City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. 0000

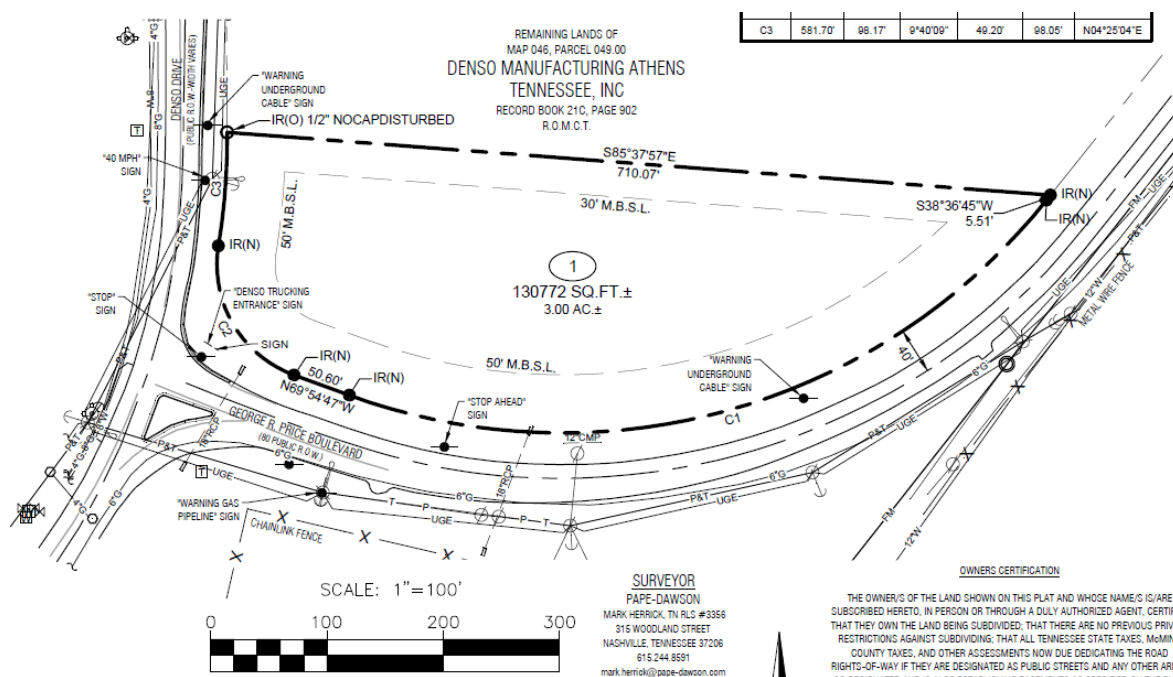
Exhibit A

Rezoning Request for Denso Manufacturing Athens, TN and Athens-McMinn Family YMCA to change a 3-acre parcel created from the 50-acre developed parent tract shown as Tax Map 046, Parcel 049.00, located on Denso Drive and George R. Price Boulevard from I-2 Heavy Industrial District to B-3 Intensive Business District.

Official Zoning Map of the City of Athens, Tennessee



Survey Plat of 3-Acre Parcel







Agenda Item

V. J. Resolution 2026-16, a Resolution Authorizing the City of Athens, Tennessee, to Apply for Funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Through the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Program for Improvements to the Congress Parkway and Decatur Pike Intersections and Adjoining Corridor.

Overview

The city recently prepared and the City Council approved a Traffic Safety Action Plan during the March 18, 2025 regular session through Resolution 2025-07. This traffic plan, which has been posted to the city's website, analyzed traffic data from 2019 to 2023 along with public input to identify areas within the city that have high rates of crashes involving serious injuries and fatalities. One of the areas that was identified as having a high rate of crashes was the intersection of Congress Parkway and Decatur Pike and a prime candidate for a SS4A grant funding.

Therefore, Public Works is requesting that the City Council authorize the submittal of a SS4A grant application to prepare designs and construct safety improvements at this intersection to:

- Replace traffic signal equipment to improve visibility of traffic signals
- Realign left turn lanes to eliminate negative offsets and improve sight lines
- Improve signal timing and coordination
- Install pedestrian crossings
- Add emergency vehicle signal preemption equipment to enhance safety and reduce response times

The city's engineer has determined that the estimated cost of these improvements is \$3,730,000 with the grant funding 80% (\$2,984,000) and the city funding 20% (\$746,000). The grant application deadline is May 26, 2026. Grant awards are expected to be announced during Fall 2026. If awarded, this project would take several years to complete.

A memo from the Public Works Department is attached for further details.

Action to Consider

Consensus is needed to move this item to the May 19, 2026 regular session for consideration.

Affected Departments

Public Works

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-16

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE, TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA) THROUGH THE SAFE STREETS FOR ALL (SS4A) GRANT PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CONGRESS PARKWAY AND DECATUR PIKE INTERSECTION AND ADJOINING CORRIDOR.

WHEREAS, the FHWA through the SS4A Grant Program administers grant funds to assist local governments with implementing roadway safety improvements to reduce crashes involving fatalities and serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, the City of Athens recently developed and adopted a Traffic Safety Action Plan (TSAP) funded in part by a grant from the SS4A Grant Program which prioritized improvements at this location; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of a TSAP is a prerequisite to receiving SS4A funding for project implementation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Athens needs financial support to implement this project which has an estimated cost of \$3,730,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the SS4A Program provides funding with an 80/20 cost share with the SS4A Program covering 80% of the project cost which allows local dollars to go further; and

WHEREAS, the City of Athens supports the application for funding to design and implement improvements at this location which are consistent with the adopted TSAP; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE, THAT:

The City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to prepare and submit a grant application to the SS4A Program.

The Mayor, City Manager, or their designee is further authorized to sign all necessary documents, agreements, and assurances on behalf of the City of Athens in connection with this grant application.

ON MOTION BY _____

SECONDED BY _____

Said Resolution adopted and approved by roll call vote on the 19th day of May, 2026.



PUBLIC WORKS

TO: Dr. Randall Dowling, City Manager

FROM: Kevin L. Helms, Project Manager

Cc: Ben Burchfield, Public Works Director

DATE: May 5, 2026

SUBJECT: Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant

Summary

The City of Athens utilized a SS4A grant to develop a Traffic Safety Action Plan (TSAP), which was formally adopted as city policy in March 2025. This plan analyzed traffic data from 2019 – 2023 and incorporated public input collected in 2024 to identify areas within the transportation network with high rates of crashes involving serious injuries and fatalities. These areas were designated as part of the High Injury Network (HIN).

Crash density analysis identified two intersections with significantly higher crash rates than others. The intersection of Decatur Pike and Congress Parkway recorded the highest number of crashes (99). When adjusted for traffic volume (27,162 TEV), it ranks fourth highest in the city with a crash rate of 2.0. This intersection lies at the convergence of two roadway segments ranked as the second and fourth highest priority corridors in the HIN.

A set of targeted safety recommendations was developed for the five highest priority locations. As a result, the intersection of Congress Parkway and Decatur Pike has been identified as a prime candidate for an SS4A Implementation Grant, which would allow for full design and construction of proposed safety improvements outlined in the TSAP, including:

- Replacement of traffic signal equipment to improve visibility of the traffic signals
- Realignment of left-turn lanes to eliminate negative offset and improve sight lines
- Improved signal timing and coordination through:
 - Increased vehicle storage
 - Expanded turning lane capacity
 - Implementation of time-of-day signal plans
 - Fiber-based coordination with nearby signals
- Installation of pedestrian crossings
- Addition of emergency vehicle signal preemption to enhance safety and reduce response times



PUBLIC WORKS

The SS4A program provides 80% federal funding, with the remaining 20% local match required from the City. The engineer's opinion of the probable cost to implement these improvements is \$3,730,000, making the local share \$746,000. The Public Works Department is currently reviewing the project scope to identify potential cost reductions that could improve competitiveness of the grant application. Since reductions are not yet confirmed, approval is being requested for the total needed to implement the full scope of improvements.

Applications are due on or before May 26, 2026, with funded projects likely being announced in the Fall of 2026. If funded, it is anticipated that it will take three to four years to complete the project based upon the guidance provided by FHWA regarding the grant funding process.

The city previously applied for SS4A funding in 2025, but the project was not selected for award. Earlier in 2026, the City applied for a BUILD Grant for this project but grant award announcements have not yet been made. Due to the high cost and critical safety need associated with this project, the Public Works Department is requesting authorization to reapply through the SS4A program. If the BUILD Grant application is successful, the SS4A application will be withdrawn.

Action Item

Motion to approve Resolution Number 2026-16 authorizing the city to apply for a SS4A Implementation Grant to fund safety improvements aimed at reducing or eliminating crashes involving serious injuries and fatalities at the intersection of Congress Parkway and Decatur Pike, along with the adjoining corridor.



Agenda Item

V. K. Proposal from Gresham Smith Engineers to Design and Prepare Construction Documents to Complete the Sidewalk Loop Around McMinn County High School

Overview

The city began work on a five-foot wide concrete sidewalk loop project around the McMinn County High School along Congress Parkway, Dennis Street, and Rocky Mount Road during 2018 and sections were completed during 2018, 2022 and 2023 using TDOT funds and local funds. So far about 5,000 linear feet have been constructed leaving about 3,000 linear feet remaining to be constructed (see attached project map).

To complete this sidewalk project, easements need to be acquired from three property owners, and they have all expressed interest in completing this sidewalk project. Gresham Smith Engineers has submitted a proposal to survey, design, prepare construction documents, assist with bidding, and assist with project management for a cost of \$95,547 plus \$9,000 for boundary survey and construction staking for an engineering cost of \$104,547 (proposal attached). Construction cost is estimated to be \$250,000 plus a 10% contingency of \$25,000 for a total estimated construction cost of \$275,000. That would make the total project cost \$379,547. The design phase would occur from June to August, the bid phase would occur during August, and the construction phase would occur from September to November, 2026. \$250,000 has been placed in next year's Capital Improvement Fund budget for this project which is \$129,547 short.

Action to Consider

Consensus is needed to move this item to the May 19, 2026 regular session for consideration.

Affected Departments

Public Works



April 21, 2026

Mr. Ben Burchfield,
Director of Public Works
City of Athens
219 Alford St.
Athens, TN 37303

Subject: Scope and Fee Proposal
Dennis Street Sidewalk

Dear Mr. Burchfield:

Gresham Smith is pleased to present this Scope and Fee Proposal for engineering services to the City of Athens. The purpose of these services is to provide design services for the project that will begin at the existing sidewalk located at the intersection of Rocky Mt. Rd. and Sterling Rd to the intersection of Rocky Mt. Rd. and Dennis St. then heading north along Dennis St. to the intersection of Congress Parkway. The attached agreement includes the scope of services and work breakdown for the project.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

A detailed scope of services is attached for reference.

We appreciate the opportunity to make this project a success for the City of Athens. If you have any questions or need additional information you may reach me by telephone at 865.299.6130 or by email at patrick.fiveash@greshamsmith.com. You may also contact Jake Graves at 865.299.6145 or by email at Jake.Graves@greshamsmith.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Patrick Fiveash'.

Patrick Fiveash, PE, CPESC
Project Executive

Genuine Ingenuity

2095 Lakeside Centre Way
Suite 120
Knoxville, TN 37922
865.521.6777

GreshamSmith.com

LOCATION & DESCRIPTION

The scope of services for the sidewalk connection around the McMinn County High School. The project will begin at the existing sidewalk located at the intersection of Rocky Mt. Rd. and Sterling Rd to the intersection of Rocky Mt. Rd, and Dennis St. then heading north along Dennis St. to the intersection of Congress Parkway. The design will include a five-foot sidewalk with a minimum two-foot buffer from curb line to sidewalk and supporting task listed below.

Property Survey (MAP Surveying): See attached

Topographic Survey:

The tasks for survey and property survey coordination:

1. Submit Utility One-Call Notifications
2. Perform topo survey (pavement, curbs, sidewalks, pavement marking, buildings, other features)
3. Perform utility survey
4. Perform drainage features survey

Preliminary Design:

The tasks for Preliminary plans and coordination:

1. Survey coordination and review.
2. Horizontal and vertical alignment layout.
3. ORD Template and corridor design.
4. Stormwater design:
 - a. Analysis of drainage area.
 - b. Evaluation for ditches, cross drains and/or catch basins.
5. Plan production.
 - a. Title
 - b. Typical
 - c. Property Map and Acquisition table
 - d. Plan and Profile
 - e. Cross sections.
6. Preliminary utility coordination to include initial contact with known utilities on project.
7. QA/QC
8. Review Meetings with City staff (1 meeting)
9. Deliverable for preliminary phase will be preliminary plans set as pdf.

ROW Design:

The tasks for ROW plans and coordination:

1. Finalize horizontal and vertical alignment layout.
2. Finalize ORD Template and corridor design.
3. Finalize Stormwater design:
 - a. Analysis of drainage area.

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- b. Final ditches, cross drains and/or catch basins.
4. Plan production.
 - a. Title
 - b. Typical
 - c. Railroad crossing details
 - d. Estimated Quantities
 - e. General Notes
 - f. Property Map and Acquisition table
 - g. Plan and Profile
 - h. Traffic control plans
 - i. EPSC plans
 - j. Cross sections.
5. ROW utility coordination to include emailing ROW plans to utilities and holding one utility coordination meeting. One review of utility relocation plans provided by utilities in conflict with design.
6. QA/QC.
7. ROW phase cost estimate.
8. Review Meetings with City staff (1 meeting)
9. Deliverable for ROW phase will be sealed ROW plans set as pdf and pdf of ROW cost estimate.

Construction Design:

The tasks for Construction plans and coordination:

1. Final quantities and tabulations
2. Plan production.
 - a. Title
 - b. Typical
 - c. Railroad crossing detail
 - d. Tabulated Quantities.
 - e. Estimated Quantities
 - f. General Notes
 - g. Property Map and Acquisition table
 - h. Plan and Profile
 - i. Traffic control plans
 - j. EPSC plans
 - k. Cross sections
3. ROW utility coordination to include emailing ROW plans to utilities and holding one utility coordination meeting. One review of utility relocation plans provided by utilities in conflict with design.
4. QA/QC.
5. Review Meetings with City staff (1 meeting)
6. Deliverable for Construction phase will be sealed Construction plans set as pdf and construction cost estimate.

Project Bidding:

The tasks for project bidding.

1. Bid documents.
2. Bid advertisement.
3. Bid tabulation.
4. Deliverable for Bidding phase will be EJCDC project manual.

Project Management:

The tasks for project management.

1. Project invoicing.
2. Sub-Consultant coordination.
3. Coordination with City project manager.

ASSUMPTIONS

1. Design will follow TDOT and City of Athens standards and specifications.
2. Railroad coordination is not required.
3. Railroad crossing will be like the crossing at 162 Tellico Ave. The details will include the rubber gasket, pavements and grading for ADA compliance.
4. Based on proposed project length SWPPP is not required.
5. MAPS survey will set project control.

REQUESTED INFORMATION

1. City to provide GIS utility information

SERVICES NOT INCLUDED IN THE SCOPE OF WORK

The following items are not anticipated to be required at this time and are therefore specifically excluded from the scope. These services may be added at the CLIENT'S request as extra service.

1. ROW exhibits, acquisitions, negotiations, and appraisals.
2. SWPPP, ARAP and/or ACOE permits and fees.
3. Traffic study.
4. Signal design.
5. NEPA Document.
6. Hydrologic Determination.
7. Geotechnical services.
8. Utility relocation plans.
9. Railroad coordination.
10. ORD Model.
11. Structural Retaining Wall Design.
12. Construction Engineering and Inspection Services

DELIVERABLES

Gresham Smith will provide the respective project submittal documents as detailed below in electronic format via the Newforma File Management System.

Additional required services outside the limits of the scope detailed above may be supplemented later.

Based on the above-mentioned items the engineer will be **billing a lump sum amount of \$95,547.00** the scope and fee for any additional services will be agreed upon in writing by both the Engineer and the Owner before beginning work.



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SURVEYING**
423-368-7856

Quote for Land Surveying Services

Client: Gresham Smith – City of Athens

Phone Number: 865.299.6145

Email: jake.graves@greshamsmith.com

Address: Dennis St, Athens

County: McMinn

Tax ID#: N/A

Brief Description of Project & Quote:

1. Boundary of ROW as per extent provided by client - \$5,400.00
 - Includes full boundary of Tax ID#s 056 143.00 (2.76 acres) and 056I A 009.00 (1.06 acres) so if more ROW is required the initial boundary is complete. Quote does not include location or subdivision plat required to purchase ROW. (Includes setting control on site)
2. Construction Staking of Sidewalks – Time and Materials Estimated \$3,640.00
 - Field Crew Rate - \$135.00/Hr for 3 Site Visits (24 Hours Total)
 - Office Rate - \$80.00/Hr for 5 Hours.

QUOTE: \$9,000.00

Note: a signed contract is required before we can place your job on our schedule. We charge a 3.5% fee for any card payments.

Quote Provided by: Sarah Patterson

Sources: Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, (C) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community, Sources: Esri, Vantor, Airbus DS, USGS, NGA, NASA, CGIAR, N Robinson, NCEAS, NLS, OS, NMA, Geodatasynthesen, Rijkswaterstaat, GSA, Geoland, FEMA, Intermap, and the GIS user community

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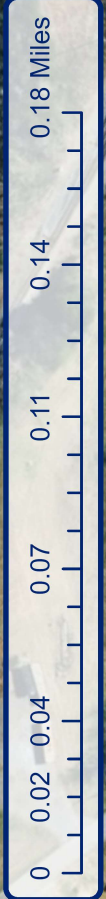
Bennis St

Rocky Mt Rd



McMinn High School Sidewalk Encloser

- Proposed Sidewalk Installation
- Current Sidewalk





Agenda Item

V. L. Additional Parking at Cook Park

Overview

Additional parking at Cook Park has been discussed for some time. This issue was last discussed during the April 12, 2026 work session. During that meeting, staff was requested to obtain cost estimates to add additional parking along Cook Drive, East Harper Johnson Drive, and on the property adjacent to the railroad.

The Public Works Department has prepared graphics and cost estimates to include design, survey, construction, and contingency for each of the three areas (attached).

- Extend the existing parking on Cook Drive to add 14 new spaces: \$360,000
- Create new parking on East Harper Johnson Drive to add 26 new spaces: \$280,000
- Create new parking on Cook Drive adjacent to the railroad to add 30 new spaces: \$280,000

A memo from the Public Works Department is also attached for further information.

Action to Consider

Consensus is needed to move this item to the May 19, 2026 regular session for consideration.

Affected Departments

Parks & Recreation, Public Works



PUBLIC WORKS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Randy Dowling, City Manager

FROM: Ben Burchfield, Public Works Director

DATE: May 6, 2026

SUBJECT: Cook Park Parking Assessment

At the April 13th City Council work session, APW staff were requested to initiate a feasibility study for the construction of additional parking at Cook Park. Without going into extensive history on the subject, parking needs have been discussed on and off for several years and have been included in previous masterplans. To-date, no action towards construction has been taken.

APW has developed three options for consideration, two of which have been very lightly touched on in a previous masterplan. While each approach has pros and cons, Council should understand that an effort was made to provide a “piece-meal” solution that may help address the perceived need without impeding future development or utilization of the park green space.

That said, options include, and are referenced in the attached maps:

1. Addition of spaces adjacent to the current parking area off Cook Dr within the boundary of the park itself. This would result in a total of 24 total spaces, which include 2 retrofitted ADA van accessible spaces where the current singular ADA space is located. This has a conceptual estimated cost of approximately \$360,000.
 - a. Parking remains one-way with a buffer similar to the existing parking area to prevent reverse moves into oncoming traffic on Cook
 - b. This area is not particularly suited for any recreational use, so it’s impact is limited
 - c. This option requires more extensive grading and installation of a segmented retaining wall to address the grade differential
 - d. There could be additional cost contingent on a detailed topographic survey as to whether additional fencing for safety may or may not be justified based on the actual finished height of the retaining wall

2. Addition of spaces along E Harper Johnson within the boundary of the park itself. This would result in a total of 26 spaces, which include 3 ADA spaces; two are van accessible in the proposed parking addition. This has a conceptual estimated cost of approximately \$280,000.
 - a. Parking remains one-way to minimize footprint
 - b. This does involve demolition of existing sidewalk facilities
 - c. Less grading work is needed for this option which helps lower cost
 - i. There is still a projected need for a small, segmented retaining wall to help push parking as close to the E Harper Johnson boundary as possible to maximize usable green space
 - d. This distributes parking better than the other options, which may be beneficial or more practical long term depending on how the adjacent green space is developed
 - e. A downside is that it does remove some of the most “usable” space in the park

3. Addition of spaces on the other side of Cook Dr alongside Norfolk Southern Railway. This would result in a total of 30 spaces, which include 2 retrofitted ADA van accessible spaces where the current ADA space is located. This has a conceptual estimated cost of approximately \$280,000.
 - a. Parking remains one-way to minimize footprint
 - i. This is critical to attempt to keep the improvement out of the 100ft charter ROW of Norfolk Southern. Railroad coordination will be required for this, the cost of which is not included in this scope
 - b. The parking is offset with a buffer from the Cook Dr sidewalk to avoid vehicle encroachment on the sidewalk, demolition of existing vegetation, and OHE utility relocation/conflict
 - c. Minimal grading is needed for this option
 - d. This option includes pedestrian rapid flashing beacons at the mid-block crossing of Cook & Howard. This is a safety enhancement to further increase motorist awareness of pedestrians crossing Cook as they approach the area

In summary, these layouts are conceptual but should give Council a clear picture of some realistic options it has to accommodate the request. Council can pursue these individually or collectively, which gives them some flexibility in decision making. This may also provide some cost savings through economy of scale, but I would caution that this would likely be minimal as the project scope is, for all intents and purposes, small even if all options were pursued simultaneously.

If there are any additional questions or concerns, let me know.





Agenda Item

V. M. Review and Discussion of the FY 2026-27 Proposed City Budget

Overview

During the Budget Work Session on Thursday, May 7, 2026 the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget was discussed. Further review of the proposed budget and first reading of the budget ordinance will occur during the May 19, 2026 Regular Session. A newspaper advertisement will be published by May 27, 2026 to notify the public of the date and time of the state required budget public hearing and budget ordinance in accordance with TCA 6-56-206 and City Charter Article XVII.

Further review of the proposed budget will occur during the June 8, 2026 Work Session. Then, the state required public hearing and second reading of the budget ordinance will occur during the June 16, 2026 Regular Session.

Upon approval of the City Council the FY 2026-27 budget will take effect on July 1, 2026.

The complete FY 2026-27 budget calendar is attached.

Action to Consider

Consensus is needed to move this item to the May 19, 2026 regular session for consideration.

Affected Departments

All

FY 2026-27 BUDGET CALENDAR

February 20, 2026	City Council conducts a Strategic Summit to outline specific goals for the upcoming fiscal year and long-range goals for the next five years.
February 23, 2026	Budget packages distributed to city departments and outside agencies.
March 13, 2026	All budget information is submitted to the Finance Director with copy to City Manager.
March 16-27, 2026	Finance Director compiles all budget requests and other budget information.
March 30-April 2, 2026	City Manager and Finance Director meet with department heads to review and discuss their budget requests.
April 6-29, 2026	City Manager and Finance Director prepare the proposed budget.
April 29, 2026	Newspaper advertisement notifying the public of the date and time of the Budget Work Session to review the proposed budget.
April 29, 2026	Proposed budget is submitted to the City Council.
May 7, 2026	Review of the proposed budget during the Budget Work Session.
May 11, 2026	Further review of the proposed budget during the May Work Session.
May 19, 2026	Further review of the proposed budget and first reading of the budget ordinance during the May Regular Session.
May 27, 2026	Newspaper advertisement notifying the public of the date and time of the state required budget public hearing and budget ordinance in accordance with TCA 6-56-206 and City Charter Article XVII.
June 8, 2026	Further review of the proposed budget during the June Work Session.
June 16, 2026	State required budget public hearing, second reading of the budget ordinance, and budget ordinance adoption during the June Regular Session.
July 1, 2026	FY 2026-27 budget in effect until June 30, 2027.



Agenda Item

- V. N. 1. i. Councilmember Items
 - 1. Mayor Eaton
 - i. Status of Legal Issues

Overview

The City Attorney will provide updates on various legal matters.

Action to Consider

Information

Affected Departments





Agenda Item

- V. N. 2. i. Councilmember Items
 - 2. Councilmember Sherlin
 - i. Creating a Public Trust in the North City

Overview

This item is on the agenda at the request of Councilmember Sherlin (email attached).

This agenda item is intended for Council discussion and direction. The request involves a public trust, deed restrictions, future land use, and possible ordinance. Review and guidance from the City Attorney is necessary before any formal action can be taken.

Action to Consider

Consensus is needed to move this item to the May 19, 2026 regular session for consideration.

Affected Departments

From: [Steven Sherlin](#)
To: [Randall Dowling](#); [Bridget Roberts](#); [City Council](#); [Chris Caldwell](#)
Subject: May Agenda Item
Date: Friday, May 1, 2026 4:06:36 PM

Please add the following to the May Work Session Agenda.

A discussion to add the following issue to the May 19th Agenda as an Ordinance with input from the City Attorney.

"Create a Public Trust in the North City "open land area" with Deed restrictions that prohibit housing development which would include preexisting deed restrictions in the Trust. The Trust would also allow recreational development of the area including walkways, possible basketball, Tennis and Pickleball Courts, a ball field, a Community Center Building, and a possible Swimming Pool. The Trust would also allow any and all Recreational projects approved by the City Council."

The point is to create the Trust to protect the land from unwanted development and allow recreational development over time.



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N-City School Property
Zoned R-2 (uses attached)
Have 30 year Title Search if needed

Total Acres = 10.28

3.04.03. R-2 MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

A. **District Description:**

This residential district is intended to promote and encourage the establishment and maintenance of a suitable environment for urban residence in areas which by location and character are appropriate for occupancy by moderate density, single-family and selected multiple-family dwellings. One of the important purposes of this district is to create adequate standards of residential development in order to prevent overcrowded and unhealthy conditions. The intensity of land use should not be so great as to cause congestion of buildings or traffic or overload existing sanitary facilities. Densities should be limited to provide adequate light, air, and usable open space for the residents and adequate space for all related facilities.

B. **Uses Permitted:**

In the R-2 Medium Density Residential District, the following uses and their accessory uses are permitted:

1. Single-family detached dwellings, but not including mobile homes.
2. Churches or similar places of worship, but not including temporary missions, revival tents, or church camps.
3. Utility facilities necessary for the provision of public services.
4. Two-family dwellings (duplexes).
5. Home occupations, as regulated in Section 4.06 of these regulations.

C. **Uses Permitted on Review:**

In the R-2 Medium Density Residential District, the following uses and their accessory uses may be permitted subject to review and approval by the Board of Zoning Appeals in accordance with the provisions of Section 6.07.

1. Zero-lot line townhouses on twenty (20) foot wide minimum lots (see Section 4.20 in Chapter 4 for requirements).
2. Patio homes on fifty (50) foot wide minimum lots (see Section 4.20 for requirements).
3. Planned unit development, subject to the provisions of Section 4.09.01 of these regulations.

4. Group Child Care Homes, Family Day Care Homes, and Child Care Centers subject to the provisions of Section 4.24 of these regulations.
5. Schools, colleges, and other educational institutions.
6. Golf courses, parks, country clubs, and swimming pools, and other recreational facilities associated with residential development.
7. Family Care Facilities.
8. Telecommunication Structures, subject to the provisions of Section 4.16 of these regulations.
9. Bed and Breakfast facilities, subject to the provisions of Section 4.26 of these regulations.
10. Garage Apartments on non-duplex lots. Garage apartments may be located in the rear yard, but shall not be located closer than fifteen (15) feet to the rear property line.

D. Uses Prohibited:

In the R-2 Medium Density Residential District all uses except those uses or their accessory uses specifically permitted or permitted upon review and approval by the Athens Municipal-Regional Planning Commission are prohibited.

E. Dimensional Regulations:

All uses permitted in the R-2 Medium Density Residential District shall comply with the following requirements except as provided in Chapter 5 and in Chapter 4, Section 4.20 for townhouses and patio homes.

1. **Front Yard:**

The minimum depth of the front yard shall be thirty (30) feet.

2. **Rear Yard:**

The minimum depth of the rear yard shall be twenty (20) feet for the principal structure and fifteen (15) feet for any permitted accessory structure.

3. **Side Yard:**

The side yards shall be a minimum of fifteen (15) feet for one- and two-story structures, plus five (5) additional feet of side yard for each additional story over two. An additional five (5) feet of side yard shall be required on lots whose side yard abuts a public street.

4. **Land Area:**

No lot or parcel of land shall be reduced in size to provide separate lots of building sites of less than 10,000 square feet in area, except where sanitary sewer service is available, in which case the minimum lot area shall be 8,000 square feet.

Detention facilities, access roads, parking spaces, and interior circulation drives will not be considered as open land space in determining the density of a Planned Unit (Residential) Development.

On lots or parcels of land where DUPLEXES are constructed, the following area requirements shall apply for each duplex:

With public water and sanitary sewers.....10,000 sq. feet

With public water but without sanitary sewers...20,000 sq. feet

However, where there is an existing lot of record of less than 8,000 square feet, at the time of adoption of this ordinance, this lot may be utilized for the construction of one (1) single-family dwelling, providing the lot in question has a public water supply and sanitary sewer service, and has sufficient area as determined by the Board of Zoning Appeals to accommodate the structure with no adverse effects to the health, safety and welfare of the landowner or the City.

5. **Maximum Lot Coverage:**

On any lot or parcel of land, the area occupied by all buildings including accessory buildings shall not exceed fifty-five (55) percent of the total area of such lot or parcel.

6. **Lot Width:**

No lot shall have less than fifty (50) feet of street frontage and a minimum of seventy-five (75) feet of frontage at the building set back line except lots of record shall have a minimum of fifty (50) feet at building set back line, and lots of record less than 8,000 square feet in area may have a lesser width if it is determined by the

Board of Zoning Appeals that a less width is adequate as put forth under Section 3.04.03.F.4.

7. **Height Requirement:**

No building shall exceed three (3) stories or forty (40) feet in height, except as provided in Section 5.03 of these regulations.

F. **Parking Space Requirement:**

As regulated in Section 4.03 of these regulations.

G. **Access Control:**

As regulated in Section 4.01 of these regulations.

H. **Landscape, Screening and Buffer Yard Requirements:**

Landscaping, screening and buffer yard requirements of Athens City Landscape Ordinance shall apply.





Agenda Item

- VII. A. A. No Applications on File.
1. Board of Adjustments & Appeals – 1 Vacancy (alternate)
 2. Historic Preservation Commission – 1 Vacancy (an architect, if available (MZO 3.04.14(B))

Overview

Currently, there are two (2) board and commission vacancies for which no applications are currently pending on file. The Board of Adjustments & Appeals has one (1) vacancy for an alternate. The Historic Preservation Commission also has one (1) vacancy, with preference for an architect, if available, pursuant to MZO Section 3.04.14(B).

Council is being advised that these vacancies remain open, and staff have no pending applications to present for consideration at this time.

Action to Consider

Information Only

Affected Departments





Agenda Item

- VII. B. Expiring in June 2026
1. Recreation Advisory Board (3)

Overview

Three (3) Recreation Advisory Board terms are set to expire in June 2026. At this time, the City has four (4) new applications on file and one (1) current member, Ron Starr, has confirmed interest in reappointment. Staff is awaiting responses from the other two expiring members regarding whether they wish to be considered for reappointment. All applications are included in the City Council's May 2026 information packet.

Action to Consider

Consensus is needed to move this item to the May 19, 2026 regular session for consideration.

Affected Departments

Parks & Recreation

