



ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FY 2026-2027

BE IT ORDAINED that the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Richlands hereby adopts this budget ordinance and the attached budgets for the General Fund Departments in support thereof. Furthermore, the Board of Aldermen finds that:

Section 1: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund for the operation of the Town government and its' activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027. These numbers differ significantly from the formally presented budget on May 28, 2026 as Session Law 2026-8 was passed on June 19, 2026 placing a moratorium on the most recent 2026 property tax revaluation significantly reducing our property tax revenues for FY 2026-2027 further resulting in significant changes to the proposed FY 26-27 budget:

<i>Revenues Anticipated</i>	
Property Taxes (incl. penalties & interest)	\$994,085
State Sales Tax	\$555,000
State Collected Local Revenues	\$152,500
Powell Bill Revenues	\$90,000
ABC Revenues	\$25,000
Rent & Leases	\$68,800
Debt Proceeds	\$70,000
Garbage Collection Fees	\$271,000
Permits, Fees & Penalties	\$13,500
Interlocal Fire Service Agreement	\$64,000
Miscellaneous	<u>\$73,746</u>
Total	\$2,377,631

<i>Operating Appropriations</i>	
Governing Body	\$132,848
Administration	\$561,077
Police	\$672,542
Fire Service Contract	\$141,000
Code Enforcement	\$15,000
Buildings & Grounds	\$51,200
Streets Department	\$671,964
Solid Waste Contract	<u>\$132,000</u>
Total	\$2,377,631

Section 2: The Ad Valorem Tax Rate shall be \$0.41 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation based on a 96% Collection Rate for property taxes.

Section 3: The Revenue Neutral Tax Rate based on the 2026 property tax revaluation which is currently under a moratorium is \$0.2875 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation.


Section 4: The Rate and Fee Schedule for the Town of Richlands is as periodically determined by the Board of Aldermen.

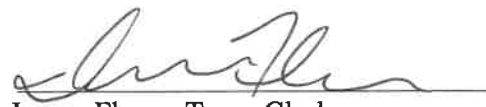
Section 5: The Town Administrator, or in his/her absence the Finance Officer, is hereby appointed Budget Officer and is authorized to transfer appropriations within a fund as contained herein under the following guidelines:

1. Monies may not be transferred between funds except as has been designated by the budget documents or in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and any laws respecting same and with the approval of the Board of Aldermen;
2. Any transfer of funds between departments shall only be done with the approval of the Board of Aldermen;
3. The Town Administrator shall be authorized to make budget amendments to line items within a department up to \$5,000.00, provided that any such budget amendments and the justifications for such budget amendments shall be presented to the full board at the next regularly scheduled meeting after the amendment occurs;
4. The Town Administrator shall be authorized to approve expenditures up to and including \$5,000.00 and all expenditures exceeding \$5,000.00 shall be presented to the Board of Aldermen for approval.

Copies of this Budget Ordinance, the attached budgets and the Rate and Fee Schedule shall be maintained in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Richlands and shall be made available for public inspection.

Be it ordained this the 24th day of June, 2026.


McKinley Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Isaura Flores, Town Clerk