



**Introduced & 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: April 1, 2025**  
**Adopted: April 15, 2025**

**CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER, MARYLAND**  
Ordinance NO. 02-2025

Introduced by Mayor and City Council

**An Ordinance Establishing the Tax Rate, Adopting an Annual Budget, and  
Appropriating Funds for Fiscal Year 2026, Beginning July 1, 2025, and  
Ending June 30, 2026.**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 6-303 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, by July 1 of each year, the Council of the City of Mount Rainier shall set the tax rate for the next fiscal year on all assessments of property subject to municipal corporation property tax; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing must be held prior to the establishment of the municipal corporation tax rate if the new tax rate will exceed the previous year tax rate as calculated by the State of Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed tax rate for some property classifications for Fiscal Year 2026 will exceed the blended constant yield tax rate of \$0.7685 per \$100 of assessed valuation; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to City of Mount Rainier Charter Section 702.A, the City Manager submitted a recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2026 to the Council for its review and consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, the budget provides a complete financial plan for Fiscal Year 2026 and contains estimates of anticipated revenue and proposed expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mount Rainier Charter Section 702.B. requires the Council to conduct a public hearing on the proposed budget prior to adoption of the budget; and

**WHEREAS**, The Council held a public hearing on the tax rate and to receive comments on the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 budget and tax on March 22, 2025, and

WHEREAS, after considering the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget submitted by the City Manager and the comments that were made at the public hearing on the budget and tax rate, the Council adopts the budget and tax rates as set forth in this Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER, MARYLAND, THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2025 AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1. Tax Rate – Real Property**

The Tax rate for all single-family residential real property subject to taxation by the City of Mount Rainier shall be \$0.75 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation for Fiscal Year 2026, beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

The tax rate for all townhouse residential real property subject to taxation by the City of Mount Rainier shall be \$0.75 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation for Fiscal Year 2026, beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

The tax rate for all multi-family residential real property subject to taxation by the City of Mount Rainier shall be \$0.86 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation for Fiscal Year 2026, beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

The tax rate for all commercial real property subject to taxation by the City of Mount Rainier shall be \$0.79 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation for Fiscal Year 2026, beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

The tax rate for all industrial real property subject to taxation by the City of Mount Rainier shall be \$0.79 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation for Fiscal Year 2026, beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

The tax rate for all vacant developed real property subject to taxation by the City of Mount Rainier shall be \$2.50 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation for Fiscal Year 2026, beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

**Section 2. Tax Rate – Business Personal Property**

The tax rate for all business personal property subject to taxation by the City of Mount Rainier shall be \$0.99 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation for Fiscal Year 2026, beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

**Section 3. Tax Rate – Operating Property of Railroads and Public Utilities**

The tax rate for all operating property of railroads and public utilities subject to taxation by the City of Mount Rainier shall be \$2.75 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation for Fiscal Year 2026, beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

**Section 4. GENERAL FUND – REVENUES**

The following amounts shall be adopted and appropriated as the general fund budget for all revenue for Fiscal Year 2026, beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

<b>TAX REVENUE</b>	<b>\$6,680,021.57</b>
<b>LICENSES &amp; PERMIT</b>	<b>\$622,900.00</b>
<b>INTERGOVERNMENT REVENUE</b>	<b>\$609,418.76</b>
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>	<b>\$26,200.00</b>
<b>FINES &amp; FORFEITURES</b>	<b>\$837,500.00</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>\$208,500.00</b>
<b>GRANTS</b>	<b><u>\$2,696,800.00</u></b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED REVENUE</b>	<b>\$11,681,340.33</b>

**Section 5. GENERAL FUND – EXPENDITURES CATEGORIES**

The following amounts shall be adopted and appropriated as the general fund budget for all expenditure categories for Fiscal Year 2026, beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

<b>WAGES &amp; LEAVE PAY</b>	<b>\$3,605,202.94</b>
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS &amp; SERVICES</b>	<b>\$2,128,331.61</b>
<b>MATERIALS &amp; SUPPLIES</b>	<b>\$265,700.00</b>
<b>REPAIRS &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>\$139,300.00</b>
<b>PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>	<b>\$874,558.21</b>
<b>OTHER SERVICES &amp; CHARGES</b>	<b>\$389,102.35</b>
<b>COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>\$217,650.00</b>
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE &amp; FACIL MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>\$933,600.00</b>
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY – CAPITAL PROJECT</b>	<b>\$195,000.00</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICES</b>	<b>\$236,095.22</b>
<b>GRANT EXPENSE</b>	<b><u>\$2,696,800.00</u></b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$11,681,340.33</b>

**Section 6. GENERAL FUND-EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES BY DEPARTMENT**

The following amounts shall be adopted and appropriated as the general fund budget for all expenditure categories by department for Fiscal Year 2026, beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

<b>CITY GOVERNANCE</b>	<b>\$72,702.50</b>
<b>CITY HALL</b>	<b>\$3,734,606.41</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>\$738,396.80</b>
<b>CODE COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>\$520,153.74</b>
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>\$351,320.59</b>
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>\$3,857,731.83</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>\$2,060,150.88</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICES</b>	<b>\$236,095.22</b>
<b>CONTINGENCY</b>	<b><u>\$110,182.35</u></b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$11,681,340.33</b>

**TOTAL FULL TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTEs) FOR EACH DEPARTMENT ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

	<b>Budget FY 24</b>	<b>Budget FY25</b>	<b>Budget FY26</b>
<b>CITY HALL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>CODE COMPLIANCE</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED FTEs</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>

THIS ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2025 AND IS EFFECTIVE ON JULY 1, 2025.

ATTEST:

THE CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER

By: M Sam  
Melissa Sam, City Clerk

By: [Signature]  
Celina R. Benitez, Mayor

[Signature]  
Luke Chesek, Councilmember, Ward 1

[Signature]  
Jarrett Stoltzfus, Councilmember, Ward 2

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Valerie Woodall, Councilmember, Ward 2

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Danielle Carter, Councilmember, Ward 1