

**ORDINANCE NO. 1246 \*AS AMENDED\***

**FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND TO ADOPT AND APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Local Gov't § 5-205 and § 3-25 of the Charter of the City of Cambridge (the "Charter"), it is the determination of the Commissioners of Cambridge that an ordinance should be enacted to budget and appropriate funds for the operation of the government and administration of the City of Cambridge (the "City") for Fiscal Year 2026 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026 ("FY 2026"); and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager, as required by the Charter, has prepared and presented to the City Council a proposed budget outlining the anticipated expenditures and transfers for FY 2026 (the "FY 2026 Budget"), which includes the estimated revenues and other financing sources required; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of Cambridge held scheduled budget work sessions on the proposed FY 2026 Budget on May 5, 2025, May 12, 2025, and May 19, 2025 and a public hearing on the proposed FY 2026 Budget on June 9, 2025, notice of which was published on May 17, 2025, and May 24, 2025, in the Star Democrat, and on May 21, 2025, and May 28, 2025, in the Dorchester Banner, newspapers of general circulation in the City, and posted on the City's website and Facebook page; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of Cambridge, after due and careful consideration, including consideration of all public comments received during the June 9, 2025, public hearing, have determined that adopting and approving the FY 2026 Budget as set forth herein is fair, just, and fiscally responsible.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE** that from and out of the moneys and balances known to be in the General Fund, the Special Projects Fund, the Marina Fund, the Sewer Fund, and the Water Fund of the City of Cambridge, Maryland, and from all moneys anticipated to come into all funds during the twelve (12) month period ending June 30, 2026, there shall be, and hereby are, appropriated the following sums for use by the several departments and offices of the City of Cambridge, and for the objects, services, and purposes for the City must provide during Fiscal Year 2026:

**GENERAL FUND REVENUES**

Taxes:	\$ 12,658,500
Licenses and Permits:	1,023,800
Intergovernmental:	1,652,000
Charges for Services:	1,265,000
Fines and Forfeitures:	182,250
Miscellaneous Revenue:	<del>1,192,700</del> 1,340,734
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ <del>17,974,250</del> 18,122,284</b>

**GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS BY ACTIVITY**

Administration and Governance:	\$ <del>9,129,944</del> 9,222,920
Public Safety-Police Department:	<del>7,730,516</del> 7,890,396
Public Safety-Rescue Fire Company:	<del>1,013,918</del> 1,008,918
Transfers To Fund Balance:	<del>99,872</del> 0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ <del>17,974,250</del> 18,122,284</b>
<b>Total General Fund Revenues:</b>	<b>\$ <del>17,974,250</del> 18,122,284</b>
<b>Total General Fund Appropriations:</b>	<b>\$ <del>17,974,250</del> 18,122,284</b>
<b>Difference:</b>	<b>\$ - 0 -</b>

**SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND REVENUES**

Intergovernmental:	\$ 8,363,575
ARPA (Deferred)	977,184
Use of Reserves	586,643
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 9,927,402</b>

**SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND APPROPRIATIONS BY ACTIVITY**

Community Development and Grants:	\$ 8,950,218
ARPA:	977,184
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 9,927,402</b>
<b>Total Special Projects Fund Revenues:</b>	<b>\$ 9,927,402</b>
<b>Total Special Projects Fund Appropriations:</b>	<b>\$ 9,927,402</b>
<b>Difference:</b>	<b>\$ - 0 -</b>

**MARINA FUND REVENUES**

Service Charges:	\$ 563,640
Intergovernmental:	255,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 818,640</b>

**MARINA FUND APPROPRIATIONS BY ACTIVITY**

Marina Operations	\$ <del>814,947</del> 814,805
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Transfer to Reserve	\$ <del>2,692</del> 3,835
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 818,640</b>
<b>Total Marina Fund Revenues:</b>	<b>\$ <del>881,640</del> 818,640</b>
<b>Total Marina Fund Appropriations:</b>	<b>\$ 818,640</b>
<b>Difference:</b>	<b>\$ - 0 -</b>

**SEWER FUND REVENUES**

Service Charges:	\$ 6,057,200
Intergovernmental:	\$ 1,000,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 7,057,200</b>

**SEWER FUND APPROPRIATIONS BY ACTIVITY**

Sewer Services and Operations:	\$ <del>5,560,711</del> 5,570,477
Overhead Allocation:	1,075,000
	<del>421,489</del> 411,723
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 7,057,200</b>
<b>Total Sewer Fund Revenues:</b>	<b>\$ 7,057,200</b>
<b>Total Sewer Fund Appropriations:</b>	<b>\$ 7,057,200</b>
<b>Difference:</b>	<b>\$ - 0 -</b>

**WATER FUND REVENUES**

Service Charges and Revenues:	\$ 2,881,050
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 2,881,050</b>

**WATER FUND APPROPRIATIONS BY ACTIVITY**

Administration and Operations:	\$ <del>2,705,101</del> 2,690,261
Overhead Allocation	175,000
Transfer to Reserve	<del>949</del> 15,789
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 2,881,050</b>
<b>Total Water Fund Revenues:</b>	<b>\$ 2,881,050</b>
<b>Total Water Fund Appropriations:</b>	<b>\$ 2,881,050</b>
<b>Difference:</b>	<b>\$ - 0 -</b>

**AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE** that should any section of this Ordinance be determined to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other sections.

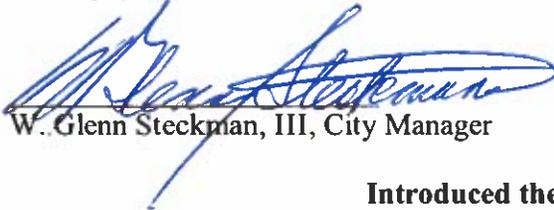
**AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE** that the outstanding encumbrances at the end of the 2026 fiscal year shall be considered revenues for FY 2027 on June 30, 2026, and re-appropriated by this Ordinance in FY 2027 for the purposes set forth herein, unless otherwise appropriated by the Commissioners of Cambridge.

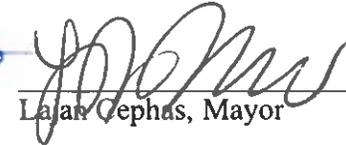
**AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE** that pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Local Gov't § 5-205(b)(4), any transfer of funds between appropriations as set forth herein must be approved by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the elected Commissioners of Cambridge.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE** that this Ordinance shall take effect July 1, 2025.

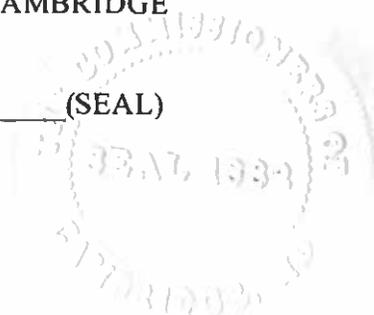
ATTEST:

THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE

  
W. Glenn Steckman, III, City Manager

  
Lajan Cephas, Mayor

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**Introduced the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025  
Passed *AS AMENDED* the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025  
Effective the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2025**