

## Town of Weddington Budget Message – Fiscal Year 2027

The Town of Weddington is pleased to present the **Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2027**. The budget has been prepared in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes and reflects the Town's continued commitment to **sound fiscal management and efficient service delivery**. The proposed budget maintains the **current property tax rate of 3.5 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation**, ensuring continued support for Town operations without increasing the tax burden on residents.

### Key Budget Highlights

- **Prudent Budgeting:** Revenues and expenditures are **budgeted conservatively**, with revenues based on the County's estimated FY2027 ad valorem values and expenditures reflecting the Town's priorities for public safety, infrastructure, and community services.
- **Sheriff's Department Contract:** Reflects a **13.3% increase** based on Union County's notification, including cost allocation for an additional sergeant assigned to oversee Western Union County municipal deputies.
- **Solid Waste Collection Contract:** Includes an annual adjustment capped at **3% CPI**, ensuring continued service quality while managing cost growth.
- **Annual Renewals:** Includes funding for recurring contracts such as **Labella Associates, Centralina Council of Governments (COG)**, and the **Union County Urban Forester**, supporting ongoing partnerships and professional services.

All discretionary and potential expenditures may be adjusted by Council as priorities evolve.

This budget reflects the Town's ongoing commitment to **responsible governance, transparency, and community engagement**. We value resident participation and encourage all citizens to take part in the upcoming budget discussions as the Town plans for the year ahead.

**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON  
SUMMARY BUDGET  
FYE 6/30/2027**

FY2027	FY2026	FY2025
PROPOSED	AMENDED	FINAL
BUDGET	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Tax rate 3.5 cents	Tax rate 3.5 cents	Tax rate 2.5 cents

<b>Revenues</b>			
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 1,894,750	\$ 1,817,500	\$ 920,115
Solid Waste Revenues	\$ 500	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,209,280
State-Collected Revenues	\$ 1,033,750	\$ 855,000	\$ 1,234,587
Zoning and Subdivision Revenues	\$ 30,500	\$ 77,500	\$ 44,009
Investment Revenue	\$ 200,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 286,234
Other Revenues	\$ 500	\$ 250	\$ 262,057
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 3,160,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,000,250</b>	<b>\$ 3,956,283</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Administrative Expenditures	\$ 640,500	\$ 613,290	\$ 532,156
Planning and Zoning Expenditures	\$ 541,700	\$ 494,460	\$ 402,833
General Government Expenditures	\$ 1,977,800	\$ 1,892,500	\$ 1,704,328
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 3,160,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,000,250</b>	<b>\$ 2,639,317</b>
<b>Total Revenues over Expenditures</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$ 1,316,965</b>

**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON  
FY2027 PROPOSED BUDGET  
3.5 CENT TAX RATE**

Account Id	Account Description	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Actual	Proposed		Estimated	PROPOSED
				Amended FY26 Budget	Actual YTD FY2026 as of 5.31.26	Final Actual FY2026	
10-3101-110	AD VALOREM TAX - CURRENT	1,405,902.80	801,393.55	1,700,000.00	1,711,835.87	1,710,000.00	1,775,000.00
10-3102-110	AD VALOREM TAX - 1ST PRIOR YR	18,602.58	14,804.94	7,000.00	7,387.11	7,000.00	7,000.00
10-3103-110	AD VALOREM TAX - NEXT 8 YRS PRIOR	2,470.00	(577.18)	500.00	4.52	-	250.00
10-3110-121	AD VALOREM TAX - MOTOR VEH CURRENT	138,445.99	99,746.78	105,000.00	94,761.77	110,000.00	107,500.00
10-3115-180	TAX INTEREST	8,227.19	4,746.84	5,000.00	7,451.27	7,000.00	5,000.00
10-3120-000	SOLID WASTE FEE REVENUES	1,186,449.41	1,209,280.40	10,000.00	16,945.33	16,950.00	500.00
10-3231-220	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX REV - ART 39	701,355.28	670,407.25	390,000.00	302,023.00	390,000.00	530,000.00
10-3322-220	BEER & WINE TAX	67,722.79	56,901.62	55,000.00	58,070.16	55,000.00	45,000.00
10-3324-220	UTILITY FRANCHISE TAX	498,024.79	498,911.57	405,000.00	220,279.99	400,000.00	450,000.00
10-3333-220	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL TAX	2,609.38	8,366.21	5,000.00	11,376.58	10,000.00	8,750.00
10-3340-400		170 35,109.50	25,257.50	70,000.00	75,765.00	75,000.00	25,000.00
10-3350-400	SUBDIVISION FEES	28,121.25	11,015.03	5,000.00	6,140.00	5,500.00	5,000.00
10-3360-400	STORMWATER EROSION CONTROL FEES	12,000.00	7,736.75	2,500.00	2,750.00	2,750.00	500.00
10-3830-891	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	27,423.36	262,057.19	250.00	147.68	250.00	500.00
10-3831-491	INVESTMENT INCOME	312,725.08	286,234.15	240,000.00	232,432.30	240,000.00	200,000.00
<b>General Fund Revenue Totals</b>		<b>4,445,189.40</b>	<b>3,956,282.60</b>	<b>3,000,250.00</b>	<b>2,747,370.58</b>	<b>3,029,450.00</b>	<b>3,160,000.00</b>
10-4110-000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT			-	-	-	
10-4110-110	SOLID WASTE			-	-	-	
10-4110-115	SOLID WASTE	1,022,462.92	1,012,673.76	1,082,950.00	985,518.18	1,080,000.00	1,114,200.00
10-4110-120	FIRE			-	-	-	
10-4110-126	FIRE DEPT SUBSIDIES	841,976.04					
10-4110-127	FIRE DEPARTMENT BLDG/MAINTENANCE		3,965.00				
10-4110-150	POLICE			-	-	-	
10-4110-155	POLICE PROTECTION	352,553.88	533,779.36	675,000.00	653,926.80	655,000.00	758,115.00
10-4110-160	EVENT PUBLIC SAFETY				-	-	2,500.00
10-4110-180	GOVERNING BOARD			-	-	-	-
10-4110-190	LEGAL			-	-	-	-
10-4110-192	ATTORNEY FEES - GENERAL	61,560.00	65,170.00	70,000.00	56,490.00	65,000.00	67,500.00
10-4110-193	ATTORNEY FEES - LITIGATION	750,000.00		5,000.00			5,000.00
10-4110-320	OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT			-	-	-	-
10-4110-330	ELECTION EXPENSE	14,769.48		20,000.00	17,858.68	18,000.00	5,000.00
10-4110-340	PUBLICATIONS			3,000.00	-	-	5,000.00
10-4110-342	HOLIDAY/TREE LIGHTING	6,657.47	8,376.59	12,000.00	11,779.48	12,000.00	10,485.00
10-4110-343	SPRING EVENT	4,910.89	5,363.67	8,550.00	4,408.82	7,550.00	8,500.00

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				Amended FY26	as of 5.31.26	Final Actual	FY2027
				Budget		FY2026	
10-4110-344	OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS	2,028.18		16,000.00	15,849.60	17,500.00	1,500.00
10-4110-499	OTHER (LIBRARY DONATION)	-	75,000.00	-	-	-	-
	<b>4110 GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>3,056,918.86</b>	<b>1,704,328.38</b>	<b>1,892,500.00</b>	<b>1,745,831.56</b>	<b>1,855,050.00</b>	<b>1,977,800.00</b>
10-4120-000	ADMINISTRATIVE	-		-	-	-	-
10-4120-120	SALARIES & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS			-	-	-	8,700.00
10-4120-121	SALARIES - ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK	66,330.29	69,678.09	74,250.00	68,735.85	73,475.00	73,475.00
10-4120-123	SALARIES - TAX COLLECTOR	55,432.50	58,146.72	64,500.00	54,650.35	60,875.00	60,875.00
10-4120-124	SALARIES - FINANCE OFFICER	19,036.59	17,561.86	21,615.00	16,510.30	18,875.00	18,875.00
10-4120-125	SALARIES - MAYOR & TOWN COUNCIL	26,500.00	25,200.00	25,500.00	22,300.00	25,200.00	25,200.00
10-4120-181	FICA EXPENSE	12,798.46	13,049.73	15,500.00	12,255.23	15,500.00	14,275.00
10-4120-182	EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT	25,570.30	27,750.74	29,575.00	27,332.79	30,000.00	30,875.00
10-4120-183	EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	15,504.00	32,983.00	35,000.00	25,312.66	32,500.00	32,500.00
10-4120-184	EMPLOYEE LIFE INSURANCE	199.68	464.64	1,500.00	1,301.12	1,500.00	3,000.00
10-4120-185	EMPLOYEE S-T DISABILITY	168.00	322.00	1,000.00	732.44	850.00	550.00
10-4120-190	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	-		-	-	-	-
10-4120-191	AUDIT FEES	9,000.00	10,800.00	15,000.00		15,000.00	15,000.00
10-4120-193	CONTRACT LABOR	55,076.66	19,028.74	20,000.00	10,205.96	20,000.00	19,500.00
10-4120-200	OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE	-		-	-	-	-
10-4120-205	OFFICE SUPPLIES - ADMIN	5,926.40	4,359.25	7,500.00	4,274.03	7,500.00	15,000.00
10-4120-210	PLANNING CONFERENCE	361.31	574.43	2,000.00	765.40	1,000.00	1,500.00
10-4120-321	TELEPHONE - ADMIN	1,775.97	2,083.47	2,000.00	1,184.38	2,500.00	2,500.00
10-4120-325	POSTAGE - ADMIN	1,539.86	2,245.20	2,500.00	1,668.36	2,500.00	2,500.00
10-4120-331	UTILITIES - ADMIN	3,674.83	3,980.96	5,000.00	3,534.88	5,000.00	5,000.00
10-4120-351	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE - BUILDING	58,194.39	16,659.55	1,000.00		1,000.00	10,000.00
10-4120-352	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE - EQUIPMENT	65,740.38	84,623.10	95,000.00	83,997.21	100,000.00	95,000.00
10-4120-354	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE - GROUNDS	57,094.00	65,302.34	100,000.00	62,767.38	85,000.00	112,750.00
10-4120-355	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE - PEST CONTRL	1,013.36	1,013.36	2,000.00	1,063.02	2,000.00	1,500.00
10-4120-356	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE - CUSTODIAL	5,720.00	6,360.00	6,500.00	5,160.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
10-4120-370	ADVERTISING - ADMIN	550.54	1,231.69	500.00	276.38	500.00	500.00
10-4120-397	TAX LISTING & TAX COLLECTION FEES		377.35	500.00	396.99	500.00	500.00
10-4120-400	ADMINISTRATIVE:TRAINING	4,037.25	4,352.60	8,500.00	7,643.44	8,500.00	6,500.00
10-4120-410	ADMINISTRATIVE:TRAVEL	6,931.21	5,683.71	6,500.00	6,034.33	6,500.00	5,000.00
10-4120-450	INSURANCE	23,673.13	26,649.27	28,350.00	28,036.61	28,350.00	30,000.00
10-4120-491	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	22,597.04	18,167.04	31,000.00	30,614.61	30,750.00	31,425.00
10-4120-498	GIFTS & AWARDS	1,514.61	1,000.19	1,500.00	1,287.44	1,500.00	1,500.00
10-4120-499	MISCELLANEOUS	12,196.35	12,506.59	9,500.00	8,316.53	10,000.00	10,000.00
	<b>4120 ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	<b>558,157.11</b>	<b>532,155.62</b>	<b>613,290.00</b>	<b>486,357.69</b>	<b>593,375.00</b>	<b>640,500.00</b>
10-4130-000	ECONOMIC & PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT			-	-	-	-
10-4130-120	SALARIES & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS			-	-	-	7,625.00
10-4130-121	SALARIES - ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	54,767.40	81,220.39	80,000.00	71,972.19	80,000.00	85,225.00

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10-4130-122	SALARIES - PERMIT TECH/PLANNING ASSISTANT	20,316.69		17,875.00	14,386.50	16,900.00	23,150.00
10-4130-123	SALARIES - ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	2,500.00	23,476.04	26,250.00	21,236.60	26,250.00	26,250.00
10-4130-124	SALARIES - PLANNING BOARD	3,600.45	2,600.00	4,000.00	3,500.00	3,850.00	5,000.00
10-4130-125	SALARIES - SIGN REMOVAL	6,210.98	3,487.05	3,750.00	3,269.70	3,675.00	3,675.00
10-4130-181	FICA EXPENSE - P&Z	8,615.10	8,090.84	10,000.00	8,222.49	10,000.00	11,475.00
10-4130-182	EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT - P&Z	1,080.00	13,571.94	15,000.00	12,580.74	13,000.00	18,350.00
10-4130-183	EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	35.52	16,488.00	15,000.00	11,161.71	13,000.00	17,500.00
10-4130-184	EMPLOYEE LIFE INSURANCE	14.00	307.20	750.00	470.00	750.00	750.00
10-4130-185	EMPLOYEE S-T DISABILITY	-	168.00	500.00	304.60	450.00	450.00
10-4130-190	CONTRACTED SERVICES	46,647.58		-	-	-	-
10-4130-192	CONSULTING STORMWATER CONTROL	70,398.29	113,924.80	70,000.00	40,145.98	70,000.00	45,000.00
10-4130-193	CONSULTING		45,807.19	75,000.00	64,856.49	75,000.00	75,000.00
10-4130-194	CONSULTING - COG	8,255.80	5,436.62	15,000.00	6,476.93	15,000.00	25,000.00
10-4130-195	STORMWATER EROSION CONTROL	-		-	-	-	-
10-4130-200	OTHER CONSULTING CONTRACTS	5,518.43		20,000.00	-	20,000.00	55,500.00
10-4130-201	OFFICE SUPPLIES - PLANNING & ZONING	-	4,455.35	6,085.00	3,872.41	6,000.00	6,000.00
10-4130-202	ZONING SPECIFIC OFFICE SUPPLIES	-		-	-	-	-
10-4130-215	HISTORIC PRESERVATION	102,000.00		250.00	-	-	250.00
10-4130-220	INFRASTRUCTURE	1,775.99	75,000.00	-			-
10-4130-321	TELEPHONE - PLANNING & ZONING	1,539.85	2,173.49	2,000.00	1,184.33	2,500.00	2,500.00
10-4130-325	POSTAGE - PLANNING & ZONING	4,311.84	2,100.43	2,500.00	1,668.37	2,475.00	2,500.00
10-4130-331	UTILITIES - PLANNING & ZONING	721.58	4,036.68	5,000.00	3,293.85	4,450.00	5,000.00
10-4130-370	ADVERTISING - PLANNING & ZONING		489.38	500.00	193.35	550.00	500.00
10-4130-500	CAPITAL EXPENDITURES - P&Z	338,309.50		125,000.00		125,000.00	125,000.00
<b>4130 ECONOMIC &amp; PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT</b>		<b>3,953,385.47</b>	<b>402,833.40</b>	<b>494,460.00</b>	<b>268,796.24</b>	<b>488,850.00</b>	<b>541,700.00</b>
<b>General Fund Expenditure Totals</b>			<b>2,639,317.40</b>	<b>3,000,250.00</b>	<b>2,500,985.49</b>	<b>2,937,275.00</b>	<b>3,160,000.00</b>
		491,803.93					
	NET REVENUES OVER/(UNDER) EXPENDITURES		1,316,965.20	-	246,385.09	92,175.00	-

**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON  
POTENTIAL NON-OPERATING REVENUES & EXPENDITURES**

Changes in yellow

		FY2027	FY2026
<b>ESTIMATED OPERATING REVENUES</b>		<b>477,125.00</b>	<b>511,195.00</b>
Zoning & Permit Fees (Conditional zoning fees)			5,000.00
Subdivision Fees			
Future unidentified			5,000.00
Driveway easement (to be collected in FY25)			
<b>TOTAL ADJUSTED NET OPERATING REVENUES</b>		<b>477,125.00</b>	<b>521,195.00</b>
<u>Proposed non-operating expenditures to be funded</u>			
Police	Increase in contract price (13.3% per letter from Union County)	87,115.00	37,570.00
	Additional overnight deputies		
	Flock camera lease	16,000.00	16,000.00
Public Safety	New radar trailer		15,000.00
Solid Waste	Billing differential (billing for new homes not on tax scroll yet)	1,700.00	1,750.00
	CPI Increase (3%)	32,500.00	61,200.00
Attorney	Board of Adjustment; miscellaneous	7,500.00	7,500.00
Publications	Resident wide mailings	5,000.00	10,000.00
Parks & Rec	Spring Event (Shredding)	0.00	0.00
	Bunny Hop/Movie Nights/Back to School Drive	1,500.00	1,500.00
	Tree lighting/Christmas cards & decorations	10,485.00	8,000.00
	Litter sweeps	0.00	0.00
	Deputies/EMTs (Food Truck Fridays/Tree Lighting)	2,500.00	2,500.00
	Contract labor (i.e. patriotic banner installation, photographer, etc.)	4,000.00	4,000.00
	Food trucks	4,000.00	4,000.00
	Activities	4,500.00	6,550.00
Office supplies	Computer/office equipment replacement/upgrades	7,500.00	5,000.00
Grounds maintenance	Landscape upgrades/medians/roundabout	40,000.00	30,000.00
	Town Hall park landscaping/mowing	5,000.00	5,000.00
	Mulching		20,000.00
Building Maintenance	Town Hall	5,000.00	30,000.00
	Electrical repairs		
Consulting/Contract Labor	Code Enforcement contract	20,000.00	7,500.00
	Code Enforcement (funds for remedies)	5,000.00	5,000.00
	Planning Conferences (mediator/rental/etc)	1,500.00	1,500.00
	Website redesign	7,500.00	

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	Misc projects (watershed study FY27)	13,000.00	10,000.00
	Urban Forester	8,000.00	8,000.00
	Supplemental consulting contracts	42,500.00	37,500.00
Salary adj	Merit/Bonus/Taxes/Benefits	16,325.00	16,100.00
	Increase in admin asst hours		1,425.00
	Planning tech		32,000.00
	Council/planning board increases		8,100.00
	Employee health insurance estimated increase	3,000.00	7,500.00
	Retirement increase due to increase in rates (estimated at 2%)	1,000.00	1,000.00
Infrastructure	Other		
	12 Mile @ Beulah Church cost participation		
	Tilley-Morris roundabout (FY23 budgets for 20% construction cost overrun)		
	Mast arm	125,000.00	25,000.00
	Town participation in stoplights at Antioch Church/Forest Lawn & 12 Mile Roundabout at Potter & Forest Lawn		
Park	Site improvements		
	Labella consulting		95,000.00
Library	Donation to Library Foundation for reading nook		
Contingency			
	<b>Total cost of non-operating expenditures</b>	<b>477,125.00</b>	<b>521,195.00</b>
		0.00	