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Vienna Town Council Adopts FY26 Budget

At its regular meeting tonight, the Vienna Town Council adopted the Town budget, real estate tax rate, and water and sewer rates for fiscal year 2026. The adopted \$55.5-million balanced budget reflects a modest 3.2 percent increase over the current year's budget to manage inflationary pressures. It also:

- Maintains the property tax rate at 19.5 cents per \$100 of assessed value.
- Addresses operating cost increases, mainly through tax revenue increases related to the assessed value of new construction.
- Funds compensation increases for eligible employees.
- Eliminates one part-time position.
- Budgets \$200,000 for future Annex property needs.

Although the property tax rate remains unchanged, annual property tax bills will rise by an average of \$155 due to increased property assessments. Water and sewer rates will also increase by 7.25 percent to address rising costs and infrastructure needs.

Tonight's vote ends a months-long budget process involving several Council work sessions and public hearings. This is the 13th consecutive year there was either no change or a reduction in Vienna's property tax rate.

The FY26 Town budget takes effect July 1, 2025. The adopted budget will be posted online at www.viennava.gov/budget.

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