

# Town of Emerald Isle

FY 22-23 Draft Budget

May 10, 2022



# FY 22-23 Recommended Budget

## General Overview

- Presentation of balanced DRAFT FY 22-23 budget
- Developed to meet the goals set by the Board of Commissioners
  - *Discussed August 2021 and January 2022*
- Maintain/improve upon the high standards held in Emerald Isle
- Consider a local tax rate of 16.5 cents
  - *Annual CPI is 9.12%*
  - *Proposed is a 1.0 cent tax increase (over FY 21-22)*
- Consider a minor increase in solid waste service fee
  - *Current rate is \$265/year and the proposed rate is \$275/year*
  - *Increase of \$0.84/ month or \$10 per year*

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## Primary Budget and Capital Plan Goals

1. Continued enhancements to Beach Safety actions and staffing
2. Emergency Services Task Force: *Complete the evaluation process to explore options related to a joint emergency operations complex.*
3. Prepare for the retirement of Public Works Director, Artie Dunn.
4. Prepare for the retirement of Fire Chief, Bill Walker.
5. Prepare for the retirement of Assistant Fire Chief, Don Askew.
6. Provide a salary increase for Town employees consist with CPI considerations and maintain current employee benefits package



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- **Total Town Budget** = \$12,712,457 across all funds
- **General Fund** = \$12,233,640
- **General Fund tax rate of 16.5 cents**
  - 15.5 cents for general services, 1.0 cent for beach nourishment
  - EI is now the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest of 21 NC oceanfront municipalities
- Total General Fund property tax revenues ~ \$5.17 million
  - Average value (\$399,908) taxpayer's annual General Fund tax bill is approximately \$935 (\$660 plus \$275 annual solid waste fee)
- Sales tax revenues projected at \$2.69 million

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- Future Beach Nourishment Fund
  - \$628,159 to be reserved for future nourishment activities
- No change in beach nourishment special district tax rate of 4 cents
  - 1 cent of the overall 16.5 cents will be transferred to Future Beach Nourishment



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- General Fund balance totals
  - Adjusted fund balance projected at nearly \$3.5 million June 30, 2022
  - Nearly 28% of FY 22-23 Recommended Budget
- EMS service fees = \$235,000; approx. 1/4 of EMS budget
- Golf cart permits = \$120,000 in revenues are anticipated
  - Staff suggests capping the GCAC annual contribution at \$25,000



# Budget Perspective – Comparing Costs

- With a recommended 16.5-cent General Fund property tax rate, the average-value property owner would pay approximately \$56 of property tax per month to Town of Emerald Isle; less than:

- Monthly cable bill
- Monthly smartphone bill
- Daily cup of coffee
- Dinner for two at a moderately-priced restaurant
- Movie night out for family of 4
- Now ½ Tank of gas for many vehicles



# Budget Perspective – History

- FY 22-23 Recommended Budget includes 75 FTEs
  - No new positions are being requested this year.
  - We are planning for key retirements including the Public Works Director, Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief.
- 2001-2022: The Town has secured more than \$84 million in grants and outside funding sources for beneficial projects, including the recent FEMA allocations for beach nourishment.



# Budget Calendar

- **Budget Workshop**– Tuesday, May 17 5:30 PM
  - *The meeting can be canceled if the board desires*
- **Budget Adoption**– Tuesday, June 14 6:00 pm  
(official public hearing)

Other meetings can be held as necessary or desired

Recommended Budget is the Town Manager's recommendation.

The Board of Commissioners can adjust this recommendation in any manner that more clearly reflects the Board's priorities.

# General Fund Expenditures FY 22-23

