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Vienna Town Council Cuts Property Tax Rate, Adopts FY27 Budget

At its regular meeting on Monday, May 18, 2026, the Vienna Town Council adopted the Town budget, real estate tax rate, and water and sewer rates for fiscal year 2027. The adopted \$58.3-million balanced budget reflects a 5.0 percent increase over the current year's budget to manage inflationary pressures. It also:

- Reduces the property tax rate from 19.5 cents to 19.0 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.
- Increases planning and zoning permitting fees to partially offset the reduction in property tax rate.

The half-cent reduction in property tax rate amounts to a \$400,000 reduction in property tax revenue to the Town, and a savings of an average of \$40 annually for homeowners. Although the property tax rate was reduced, annual property tax bills will rise by an average of \$80 due to increased property assessments. The Water and sewer rates will also increase by 1.0 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 14th consecutive year there was either no change or a reduction in Vienna's property tax rate.

The FY27 Town budget takes effect July 1, 2026. The adopted budget will be posted online at www.viennava.gov/budget.

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