**BUDGET AMENDMENT 4**
**Original Ordinance # 0-25-04**
**Amended on March 9, 2026**
**Ordinance # 0-26-05**
**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**
**TOWN OF FLETCHER**

**MEETING DATE:** March 9, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Budget Amendment 4

**ATTACHMENTS:** YES

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

The Planning Department is requesting a budget amendment to address non-recurring expenses associated with the maintenance and regulatory compliance of the Town's Stormwater Program.

In October of FY 2025–2026, the Town underwent its required two-day Stormwater Audit. This audit required on-site participation and technical support from McGill Associates for the duration of the review. The cost associated with hosting and supporting the audit exceeded initial projections and was not fully accounted for in the adopted FY 2025–2026 Stormwater operating budget.

The Stormwater Program's budget for FY 2025–2026 maintained its standard annual operating allocation of $30,000. However, this allocation did not anticipate the increased costs associated with the audit year. As a result, the annual budget was expended by December 2025, creating a funding shortfall for the period of January through June 2026.

Staff is therefore requesting a $6,000 budget amendment to cover anticipated stormwater-related expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year. The primary driver of this request is the State requirement to submit the Town's updated Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) and MS4 permit application by June. While staff has worked to phase the majority of the SWMP renewal costs into the FY 2026–2027 budget, certain preparatory work and required documents must occur within the current fiscal year. These necessary tasks were not included in the original FY 2025–2026 budget and cannot be completed without additional funds.

This attached amendment will ensure continued compliance with State stormwater regulations and allow the Town to meet all required deadlines without interruption to the program.

**TOWN MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

It would be appropriate for the Board to approve the attached budget amendment to increase the Stormwater Expense line item, as well as use Fund Balance Appropriated to balance.

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# FY 25/26 BUDGET ORDINANCE
**Effective March 9, 2026**

| | Account # | Debit | Credit |
|---|---|---|---|
| **General Fund** | | | |
| **Revenues** | | | |
| Fund Balance Appropriated | 10-3990-0000 | | 6,000.00 |
| **Expenditures** | | | |
| Stormwater Expense | 10-4800-3305 | 6,000.00 | |

Approved this the 9th day of March 2026

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Mayor Preston Blakely

ATTEST:

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Christine Thompson MMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk