



**CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

ORDINANCE NO. 25__-25

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2026 AND APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2026 FINAL BUDGET OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP, WHICH APPROPRIATES THE SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF OPERATING THE TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT HEREINAFTER SET FORTH DURING THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS, the Cheltenham Township Board of Commissioners is authorized by the First Class Township Code, 53 P.S. §56701(b), as amended, to adopt an annual budget for the Township, and desires to adopt the 2026 Final Budget of Cheltenham Township which appropriates the specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purpose of operating the Township for the Fiscal Year of 2026; and

WHEREAS, the First Class Township Code and the Local Enabling Act, 53 P.S. §551-1 *et seq.*, requires and authorizes the Board of Commissioners of Cheltenham Township to annually adopt an ordinance affixing the tax levied on all real property within Cheltenham Township for a given year; and

WHEREAS, the Cheltenham Township Board of Commissioners has presented a budget for the Fiscal Year of 2026 following the requirements of Article XII: Fiscal Administration, of the Cheltenham Township Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Cheltenham Township Board of Commissioners adopted the 2026 Preliminary Budget for Cheltenham Township on November 19, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Preliminary Budget for Cheltenham Township was duly advertised and properly amended in accordance with Section 1701(b) of the First Class Township Code, 53 P.S. §56701(b), as amended; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on December 17, 2025, to consider all oral and written comments from the citizens of Cheltenham Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Commissioners of Cheltenham Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of the same, that the 2026 Preliminary Budget of Cheltenham Township is hereby adopted as the 2026 Final Budget of Cheltenham Township as follows:

- I. **2026 OPERATING BUDGET.** The 2026 Operating Budget hereby appropriates from the revenues available for the current year for the specific purposes set forth below, which amounts are more fully itemized in the Budget Form:

**GENERAL OPERATING FUND
SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS**

Receipts from Taxes	\$20,109,410
Other Revenue Receipts	\$28,016,906
<u>Available Reserves Committed to 2025 Budget</u>	<u>\$ 310,057</u>
TOTAL Estimated Fund Balance & Revenue	<u>\$48,436,373</u>

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

General Government:

Administration	\$ 2,850,996
Tax Collection	\$ 436,644
Information Technology	\$ 1,006,941
Township Facilities	<u>\$ 866,734</u>
Subtotal	<i>\$ 5,161,315</i>

Protection to Person & Property:

Police	\$16,738,378
Fire	\$ 1,917,500
Emergency Management	\$ 117,523
Code Administration	\$ 813,764
Planning and Zoning	<u>\$ 667,463</u>
Subtotal	<i>\$20,254,628</i>

Health and Sanitation:

Emergency Medical Services	\$ 2,044,793
Refuse and Recycling	<u>\$ 3,200,789</u>
Subtotal	<i>\$ 5,245,582</i>

Public Works:

Public Works Administration	\$ 372,164
Fleet Management	\$ 1,535,551
Road and Bridges	\$ 1,809,757
Street Lights and Traffic Signals	<u>\$ 883,566</u>
Subtotal	<i>\$ 4,601,038</i>

Culture and Recreation:

Recreation	\$ 763,045
Park Maintenance	\$ 1,750,841
Swimming Pools	\$ 627,000
Libraries	<u>\$ 1,874,886</u>
Subtotal	<i>\$ 5,015,231</i>

Miscellaneous Administration:

Bank-Bond Issue Pay Agent Fees	\$ 10,000
Retiree Benefits	\$ 5,775,725

Fire Insurance, Workers' Compensation and General Liability	\$ 1,081,501
Transfers to Sinking Fund	\$ 1,241,353
Unemployment Compensation	\$ 25,000
Hourly Legal Fund	\$ 25,000
Unappropriated/Reserves	\$ 0
Transfer to Capital	\$ 0
<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>\$ 8,158,579</u>

TOTAL **\$48,436,373**

II. 2026 CAPITAL BUDGET. A Summary of the 2026 Capital Budget as follows:

INCOME:

Estimated Cash and Investments for January 1, 2026	\$ 376,199
Anticipated Income:	
Amounts Provided by Others	\$ 4,453,900
Amounts Provided by Borrowings	\$ 15,000,000
Amounts Provided by Assessments	\$ 0
Amount Transferred to/from General Fund Budget	\$ 0
TOTAL Anticipated Cash and Receipts	<u>\$ 19,830,099</u>

EXPENSES:

Anticipated Expenses	
Parks, Grounds and Open Spaces	\$ 1,381,750
Roads and Bridges	\$ 2,915,000
Refuse and Recycling	\$ 5,000
Street Lights	\$ 30,000
Traffic Signals	\$ 1,924,000
Fleet	\$ 773,750
Facilities	\$ 6,758,000
Information Technology	\$ 60,000
Police	\$ 27,000
Emergency Medical Services	\$ 0
Emergency Management	\$ 0
Swimming Pools	\$ 500,000
Fire Services	<u>\$ 120,000</u>
TOTAL Anticipated Project Costs	<u>\$ 14,494,500</u>

Estimated Cash Balance at Year Ending 12/31/26 **\$ 5,335,599**

III. 2026 STORMWATER ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET. The funding collected from the Stormwater Conveyance and Management User Fee, as enacted by the Board of Commissioners by Ordinance No. 2434-21 on December 15, 2021, and may be amended from time to time by resolution of the Board of Commissioners, shall be settled in the Stormwater Enterprise Fund as established by Resolution No. 40-21 of December 15, 2021, for the purpose of maintaining and operating the Cheltenham Township stormwater management infrastructure to reduce flooding and pollution, improve water quality, and comply with state and federal regulations regarding stormwater management and shall be appropriated as follows in 2026:

INCOME:

December 31, 2025 Fund Balance	\$ 5,124,256
2026 Revenues	<u>\$ 3,933,706</u>
	\$ 9,057,962
EXPENSES:	
2026 Operating Expenditures	\$ 1,939,902
2026 Capital Expenditures	<u>\$ 2,330,000</u>
	\$ 4,269,902
December 31, 2026 Fund Balance	<u>\$ 4,788,060</u>

IV. 2026 LIQUID FUELS FUND BUDGET. The following funding earmarked by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will be used for Cheltenham Township’s State Liquid Fuels program for maintenance of streets, snow removal and the construction and reconstruction of streets, is summarized as follows:

<u>DEPARTMENT:</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
State Liquid Fuels	<u>\$1,067,000</u>

V. 2026 TAX LEVY. Pursuant to The Cheltenham Township Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed, for the Tax Year 2026, to collect taxes on all real property as directed below and that said monies be returned to the Cheltenham Township Board of Commissioners for the purpose of implementing the 2026 budget, as approved, and this Ordinance shall constitute the Cheltenham Township Tax Collector’s warrant to so act, as follows:

- A. The tax rate for General Purposes, the sum of 10.2085 mills on each one thousand dollars of assessed valuation.
- B. For Debt Purposes, the sum of 0.6427 mills on each one thousand dollars of assessed valuation.
- C. Total Tax Rate of 10.8512 mills on each one thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

VI. BUDGET ON FILE. An estimate of the specific items making up the amounts appropriated to the respective departments is on file at the offices of the Township Manager, 8230 Old York Road, Elkins Park, Pennsylvania and on the Township website, www.cheltenhampa.gov.

VII. REPEALER. That any Ordinance, or part of Ordinance, conflicting with this Ordinance is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

VIII. REVISIONS. The Board of Commissioners of Cheltenham Township does hereby reserve the right, from time to time, to adopt modifications of, supplements to, or amendments of this Ordinance, including this provision.

IX. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional, by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provisions shall be separate, distinct and independent, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

X. FAILURE TO ENFORCE NOT A WAIVER. The failure of Cheltenham Township to enforce any provision of this Ordinance shall not constitute a waiver by the Township of its rights of future enforcement hereunder.

XI. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be effective January 1, 2026.

DULY ORDAINED AND ENACTED into an Ordinance this **17th day of December, 2025**, by the Board of Commissioners of Cheltenham Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

ATTEST:

**TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Alyson E. Elliott
Township Manager and Secretary

By: _____
Matthew D. Areman, *President*