

**A RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE OPERATING BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026, LEVYING TAXES, AND SETTING APPROPRIATIONS**

Budget Authority

WHEREAS, the 1985 Laws of Maryland, Chapter 715, the 1991 Laws of Maryland, Chapter 225, the 1992 Laws of Maryland, Chapter 22, the 1996 Laws of Maryland, Chapter 49, the 2001 Laws of Maryland, Chapter 237, 2015 Laws of Maryland Chapter 162, 2018 Laws of Maryland Chapter 114, together codified as the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, *Article 5*, (Calvert County), Title 5, authorizes and empowers the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County to adopt a Budget and Appropriations each fiscal year;

Compliance with Budget Procedures

WHEREAS, the Staff Recommended Budget was received in the office of the Board of County Commissioners and in accordance with the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, Article 5, (Calvert County), Section 5-102(a), a public hearing on the Staff Recommended Budget was duly advertised and conducted on March 11, 2025;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, *Article 5*, (Calvert County), Section 5-102(b), a public hearing on the County Commissioners' Proposed Budget was duly advertised and conducted on **DATE**;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County received and has considered a County Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 consisting of the current expense (operating) budget, the capital program and capital improvement budget, and the budget message;

Property Tax Authority

WHEREAS, *Tax-Property Article* of the Maryland Annotated Code, Sections 6-202, 6-204, 6-302, 6-306, and 6-308 authorizes and empowers the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County to levy a property tax and set the property tax rate for each fiscal year;

Authority for a Service Charge for the Semi-Annual Payment of Property Taxes

WHEREAS, the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation has approved a service charge of One Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Five Hundred-Thousandths Percent, (0.01475%), of the amount of tax due at the second installment to cover lost interest income and administrative expenses associated with the semiannual payment for a property owner electing to pay real property taxes under a semiannual payment schedule pursuant to Section 10-204.3 of the *Tax-Property Article* of the Maryland Annotated Code. As a result, the service charge shall be effective at the rate of One Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Five Hundred-Thousandths Percent, (0.01475%), rounded to Fifteen Thousandths Percent (0.015%), of the amount of tax due at the second installment;

Income Tax Levy Authority

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 10-106(a)(iii) of the *Tax-General Article* of the Maryland Annotated Code the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County shall set, by ordinance or resolution, a County Income Tax equal to at least One Percent, (1%), but not more than Three and

Two-Tenth Percent (3.2%) of an individual's Maryland taxable income for the taxable year beginning after December 31, 2001;

Findings

WHEREAS, the revenue required for the implementation of the operating and capital improvements budgets for Fiscal Year 2026 necessitates a County Income Tax Rate at Three and Two-Tenth Percent (3.2%) of an individual's Maryland taxable income;

WHEREAS, the revenue required for the implementation of the operating and capital improvements budgets for Fiscal Year 2026 necessitates a real property tax rate of Nine Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousandths Dollars (\$0.967) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) on the full cash assessed valuation of real property (with the exception of operating real property of a public utility) located outside the municipal limits of North Beach and Chesapeake Beach;

WHEREAS, the required revenue for the implementation of the said operating and capital improvements budgets for Fiscal Year 2026 necessitates an operating real and operating personal property of a public utility and a personal property tax rate of Two and 23/100 Dollars (\$2.23) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed valuation of property located outside the municipal limits of North Beach and Chesapeake Beach;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has considered a tax rate differential for the Towns of Chesapeake Beach and North Beach, pursuant to *Tax-Property Article*, Section 6-306 of the Maryland Annotated Code;

WHEREAS, the revenue required for the implementation of the said operating and capital improvements budgets necessitates a real property tax rate of Six Hundred Thirty-One Thousandths Dollars (\$0.631) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of the full cash assessed valuation of real property, excluding operating real property of a public utility, located inside the municipal limits of North Beach or Chesapeake Beach;

WHEREAS, the required revenue of the implementation of the said operating and capital improvements budgets necessitates an operating real and operating personal property of a public utility and a personal property tax rate of One and 39/100 Dollars (\$1.39) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed valuation of property located inside the municipal limits of both North Beach and Chesapeake Beach;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County believes it to be in the best economic interest of the County and its citizens to adopt appropriations, and fix for Fiscal Year 2026 the County Income and Property Tax rates as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that there is hereby levied a County Income Tax Rate at Three and Two Tenths Percent, (3.2%), of an individual's Maryland taxable income;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that there is hereby levied a real property tax rate of Nine Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousandths Dollars (\$0.967) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) on the full cash assessed valuation of real property, excluding operating real property of a public utility, located outside either municipal limit of North Beach or Chesapeake Beach in the estimated amount of Thirteen Billion

Five Hundred Eighty Four Million Three Hundred Sixty Nine Thousand Forty Nine Dollars (\$13,584,369,049);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that there is hereby levied a real property tax of Six Hundred Thirty-One Thousandths Dollars (\$0.631) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of the full cash assessed valuation of real property, except operating real property of a public utility, within the municipal limits of either North Beach or Chesapeake Beach, in the estimated amount of Two Hundred Ninety Nine Million Three Hundred Ninety One Nine Hundred Seven Dollars (\$299,391,907) in the Town of North Beach and One Billion Forty Nine Million Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Three Dollars (\$1,049,550,423) in the Town of Chesapeake Beach;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that a personal property rate of Two and 23/100 Dollars (\$2.23) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed valuation is hereby levied on operating real and operating personal property of a public utility and personal property located outside the municipal limits of both North Beach and Chesapeake Beach in the estimated amount of Three Hundred Million Thirty Two Thousand Three Hundred Thirteen Dollars (\$333,132,313);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that a personal property tax rate of One and 39/100 Dollars (\$1.39) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) is hereby levied on the assessed valuation of operating real and operating personal property of a public utility and personal property located within the municipal limits of North Beach and Chesapeake Beach, in the estimated amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) in the Town of North Beach and Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) in the Town of Chesapeake Beach;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that, notwithstanding the foregoing, every valid Tax Credit agreement and agreement for the Payment In Lieu of Taxes executed by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland heretofore, or with an effective date that includes Fiscal Year 2026, shall supersede the tax rates set forth herein and taxes levied hereby for so long as that agreement shall remain valid and effective;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that an interest rate for semi-annual payments, the three-month period from October 2026 to December 2026, is One Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Five Hundred-Thousandths Percent (0.01475%), rounded to Fifteen Thousandths Percent (0.015%), of the unpaid balance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that General Fund appropriations for FY 2026 in the amount of Three Hundred Seventy Nine Million Five Hundred Thirty Six Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Six Dollars (\$379,536,626), allocated as set forth in Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference, is adopted and enacted for the County Fiscal Year 2026 beginning July 1, 2025;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that this Resolution shall be adopted and effective July 1, 2025, except as may be set forth below differently; that the Clerk shall cause a Fair Summary to be published; and the Director of Finance & Budget shall give the Comptroller notice of any rate change and the

effective date of any rate change on or before July 1, 2024, as prescribed by Section 10-106(b)(2) of the *Tax-General Article* of the Maryland Annotated Code.

DONE, this _____ day of _____, 2025, by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland, sitting in regular session.

Aye: _____
Nay: _____
Absent/Abstain: _____

Effective Date of Ordinance: July 1, 2025
Effective Date of Property Tax & Service Charge: July 1, 2025
Effective Date of Income Tax Rate: January 1, 2026

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND**

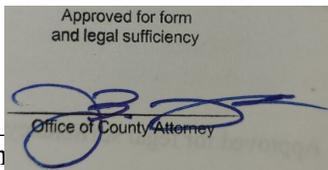
Katie Brittain, Clerk

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Approved for form and legal sufficiency

by:



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Approved for Staff-Recommended Budget Public Hearing, and reflecting staffs' assumptions and recommendations; substantive changes, including tax rates, the tax differential for municipalities, and service and interest charges, may be made prior to, or following, the subsequent County Commissioners' public hearing on the FY2026 Budget