

**2016-2017 BUDGET ORDINANCE  
GATES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of Gates County, North Carolina:

**SECTION 1. Revenue** It is estimated that the revenues and Fund Balances of the funds hereafter listed will be available for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending with June 30, 2017, to finance the appropriations set forth in SECTION 2 and in accordance with the chart of accounts established for Gates County:

<b>REVENUES</b>	
<b>General Fund</b>	
Ad Valorem Taxes-Property	\$ 5,746,213
Ad Valorem Taxes-Motor Vehicle	\$ 576,893
Tax Interest	\$ 60,000
Prior Year Taxes	\$ 250,000
Tax Refunds	\$ (30,000)
County 1 Cent Sales Tax	\$ 471,000
County 1/2 Cent Sales Tax - Art 40	\$ 528,000
Article 40 - Restricted	\$ 226,000
County 1/2 Cent Sales Tax - Art 42	\$ 101,000
Article 42 - Restricted	\$ 152,000
Fees & Licenses	\$ 261,078
Lottery Proceeds	\$ 113,500
Grants & Reimbursements	\$ 2,278,358
Medicaid Hold Harmless	\$ 376,000
ABC 5 Cents Per Bottle Tax	\$ 2,000
Property Tax Collection Fees	\$ 1,150
Rent	\$ 31,305
Miscellaneous	\$ 32,200
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 11,176,697</b>
<b>Register of Deeds Automation</b>	
Automation Fees	\$ 5,000
<b>Emergency 911 System</b>	
Telephone Surcharge	\$ 133,866
<b>Fire Protection Fund</b>	

Fire Protection Fees	\$ 260,000
<b>Tax Revaluation Reserve Fund</b>	
Transfer from General Fund	\$ 36,000
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ 236,250
	\$ 272,250
<b>Capital Improvement Program Fund</b>	
Transfer from General Fund	\$ 260,685
<b>Water and Sewer Fund</b>	
Water/Sewer Fees	\$ 1,112,000
New Connections	\$ 16,000
Impact Fees	\$ 16,000
Reinstallations	\$ 32,000
Interest Earned	\$ 5,000
Auctioned Vehicles	\$ 2,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 3,000
	\$ 1,186,000
<b>Solid Waste Fund</b>	
Solid Waste User Fees	\$ 750,000
Scrap Tire Disposal Fees	\$ 32,000
White Goods Disposal Fees	\$ 5,500
Solid Waste Disposal Tax	\$ 7,700
Electronics Recycling Grant	\$ 1,000
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ 26,683
	\$ 822,883
<b>Total Revenue - All Funds</b>	\$ 14,117,381

Hereby levied is a tax, at the rate of \$0.68 (sixty-eight cents) per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of property as of January 1, 2016 for the purpose of providing the revenue listed as “ad valorem taxes” in the General Fund in Section 1 of this Ordinance. The total estimated value will be \$948,845,346 to be taxed at a rate of \$.68 (sixty-eight cents) per one hundred dollars (\$100) of value. Real and personal property is projected to be collected at a rate of 98.0% and motor vehicles at a rate of 98.0%.

**SECTION 2. Appropriations** The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund for the operations of Gates County government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning

July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, and for the following functions as described by the County's chart of accounts:

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
<b>General Fund</b>	
Governing Body	\$ 113,784
Administration and Finance	\$ 373,569
Customer Service	\$ 33,957
Tax Department	\$ 315,725
Legal	\$ 30,000
Court Facilities	\$ 20,500
Elections	\$ 102,535
Register of Deeds	\$ 115,712
Buildings and Grounds	\$ 396,000
Sheriff	\$ 999,197
Jail	\$ 221,000
Emergency Management	\$ 291,053
Inspections	\$ 132,564
Medical Examiner	\$ 3,000
Rescue Squad	\$ 353,175
Animal Shelter	\$ 46,000
GITS	\$ 647,294
Forestry	\$ 60,605
Planning	\$ 116,164
Cooperative Extension	\$ 176,218
Cooperative Extension Grants	\$ 29,397
School Aged Childcare	\$ 30,328
Soil Conservation	\$ 97,357
Health	\$ 113,500
Mental Health	\$ 30,000
Social Services	\$ 1,949,169

Juvenile Crime Prevention Grant	\$ 32,831
Veterans Service	\$ 4,000
Schools - Current Expense	\$ 2,708,000
Community Colleges	\$ 6,000
Library	\$ 93,806
Recreation	\$ 238,500
Special Appropriations	\$ 47,192
Debt Service	\$ 951,880
Transfers to Special Funds	\$ 36,000
Transfer to Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 260,685
	<b>\$ 11,176,697</b>
<b>Register of Deeds Automation</b>	
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 4,000
Capital Outlay - Equipment	\$ 1,000
	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
<b>Emergency 911 System</b>	
Telephone Surcharge	<b>\$ 133,866</b>
<b>Fire Protection Fund</b>	
Volunteer Fire Departments	<b>\$ 260,000</b>
<b>Tax Revaluation Reserve Fund</b>	
Revaluation Expense	\$ 236,250
Revaluation Reserve	\$ 36,000
	<b>\$ 272,250</b>
<b>Capital Improvement Program Fund</b>	
Capital Outlay	<b>\$ 260,685</b>
<b>Water/Sewer Fund</b>	

Water Operations	\$ 1,160,800
Sewer Operations	\$ 25,200
	\$ 1,186,000
<b>Solid Waste Fund</b>	
Solid Waste Expenses	\$ 822,883
<b>Total Expenditures - All Funds</b>	<b>\$ 14,117,381</b>

**SECTION 3. Fees**

A schedule of fees and fines for Water, Planning & Zoning, Customer Service, and Inspections will be established under a separate Fines & Fees Schedule, which is attached, to be effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

**SECTION 4. Fire Protection Fees**

The Board hereby establishes a fire protection fee to be charged to each household in Gates County for the purpose of supporting the total costs of the Fire Protection Fund. The household fee to be charged will be as follows:

	Annual Fee
Home valued at below \$50,000	\$ 40
Home valued at above \$50,000	\$ 50
Multi-structure unit	\$ 60
Commercial structure	\$ 75

Gates County shall provide for the billing and collections of the fire protection fees. Such fees shall be incorporated into the annual property tax statement transmitted to each property owner subject to this fee and shall be collected as part of the payment of Gates County property taxes by the Tax Assessor/Collector. Fees collected shall be transmitted quarterly to each fire department in accordance with the approved allocation plan.

**SECTION 5. Appropriations to Non-Profit and Outside Agencies**

All agencies that are not part of county government and receive county funding are required to submit financial statements to the county each year at the end of their budget cycle. Approved payments may be delayed pending receipt of this financial information. They are also required to provide by March 31, 2017 a report detailing how funds were used for the citizens of Gates County, unless quarterly reports are submitted.

**SECTION 6. Commissioners Salary**

Commissioners shall be entitled to an annual salary of \$7,432. The Chair shall be entitled to an annual salary of \$8,784. Additionally, the Commissioners are entitled to \$1,200 per year and the Chair is entitled to \$1,500 per year as travel stipends.

**SECTION 7. Budget Officer Authorization**

- A. He/she may transfer amounts between line item expenditures within a department. These changes should not result in increases in recurring obligations such as salaries or benefits.
- B. He/she may transfer amounts up to \$5,000 between departments, including contingency appropriations, within the same fund. He/she must make a report on such transfers at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners.
- C. He/she shall not transfer any amounts between funds, except as approved by the Board of Commissioners in the Budget Ordinance as amended.
- D. He/she shall not transfer any funds out of salaries or fringe benefits without approval of the Board of Commissioners.

**SECTION 8. Contract Authorization**

The County Manager is hereby authorized to accept grant funding which has been previously approved for application by the Board of Commissioners, including any local match involved. The County Manager is authorized to execute any resulting grant documents. Also, the County Manager is authorized to enter into contracts for purchases of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment as described in G.S. 143-129(a) up to the limits stated therein for informal bidding which are within budgeted appropriations. The County Manager must comply with all Gates County Purchasing Policies. The County Manager is authorized to enter into routine service contracts in the normal course of county operations within budgeted appropriations. Change Orders for capital project contracts previously approved by the Board of Commissioners may be approved by the County Manager up to the informal bidding limits referred to above, provided that sufficient funding is available. All contracts authorized by this ordinance are approved for signature by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, the County Manager, and/or the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners as appropriate; other department directors, including elected officials, do not have contract authorization authority.

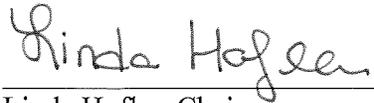
**SECTION 9. Disposal of Property**

Property acquired by Gates County or any department through purchase, gifts, or other legal acquisitions will be disposed of in accordance with NCGS 160A-266(c) and where applicable NCGS 15-11.1, the Gates County Procurement Policy, or other applicable laws.

**SECTION 10. Copies of Ordinance**

Copies of this Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to the Budget Officer, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, Finance Officer and Tax Administrator to provide direction in carrying out their duties, and are available for public inspection.

Adopted the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2016.

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Linda Hofler, Chairman  
Gates County Board of Commissioners

**Gates County FY17 Schedule of Fees & Fines  
Section 3 of Budget Ordinance**

**Water Rates/Fees**

First 1,000 gallons of usage (minimum) per month	\$ 10.00
Each additional 1,000 gallons per month	\$ 3.00
Late Fee	10%
Cut Seal/Lock Fee	\$ 15.00
Service Fee	\$ 25.00
Meter Test Fee	\$ 15.00
Stolen Meter Fee	\$ 50.00
Replacement Meter Box Lid	\$ 15.00
Replacement Cutoff Valve	\$ 40.00
Meter Re-read Fee	\$ 5.00
Impact Fee	\$1,000.00 per REU
• 1 REU (Residential Equivalent Unit) 1 REU = 4,000 gallons	
Tap-on Fee	
• 3/4 in. service	\$ 750.00
• 1 in. service	\$1,000.00
• 1 1/2 in. service	\$2,000.00
• 2 in. service	\$2,000.00
• Upgrade an existing tap size	Full cost as noted above
• Upgrade to tap size prior to installation above	Full cost as noted less payment received

**Sewer Rates/Fees**

Sewer rates are based upon water usage.

First 1,000 gallons of water used (minimum) per month	\$ 20.00
Each additional 1,000 gallons per month	\$ 6.00
Late Fee	10%
Impact Fee	\$1,000.00 per REU
• 1 REU (Residential Equivalent Unit) 1 REU = 4,000 gallons	
Tap-on Fee	
• 4 in. line	\$4,500.00
• 6 in. line	\$5,500.00
• Upgrade an existing tap size	Full cost as noted above
• Upgrade to tap size prior to installation above	Full cost as noted less payment received

**Solid Waste Fees (Landfill)**

Households in unincorporated area:

- No solid waste removal service provided \$ 15.00/month
- Solid waste removal service provided \$ 7.50/month  
(must provide proof of private solid waste removal service)

Households in incorporated area:	
• Solid waste removal service provided	\$ 7.50/month
Households with Elderly/Disabled Homestead Exemption	\$ 7.50/month
Late Fee	

10%

**Permit Fees (Divided into Residential & Commercial Fees)**

**Residential**

Plan Review	\$ 25.00
Zoning Review	\$ 25.00

**Modular Home**

One story	\$ 400.00
Two story	\$ 500.00

**New Construction**

New construction (including attached porches, carports, garages, storage, and basements)	\$ .30/sq. ft. (\$35.00 min.)
New construction - detached buildings (including sheds, shelters, garages, utility and other accessory buildings)	\$ .15/sq. ft. (\$35.00 min.)
Additions to existing structure	\$ .30/sq. ft. (\$75.00 min.)
Remodeling – Up to \$5,000 of non-load bearing work	No fee
Remodeling – Over \$5,000 of non-load bearing work	\$50.00 + \$2.00 per \$1000

**Insulation**

0 - 300 sq. ft.	\$ 35.00
301 - 3000 sq. ft.	\$ 75.00
Over 3001 sq. ft.	\$ 75.00 plus \$0.04/sq. ft.

**Plumbing**

Per fixture	\$ 6.00 (\$35.00 min.)
Water Meter	\$ 35.00
Water Heater	\$ 50.00

**Mechanical**

First unit including duct work	\$ 100.00
Each additional unit	\$ 25.00
Replacement of unit	\$ 60.00
Gas piping only	\$ 40.00

**Electrical**

New Construction/Additions	\$ .10/sq. ft. (\$35.00 min.)
Temporary Service Pole	\$ 35.00
Service Change or Farm Service	
100 amp service	\$ 35.00

150 amp service	\$ 45.00
200 amp service	\$ 60.00
400 amp service	\$ 120.00
Each additional 100 amps over 400 amps	\$ 35.00
Generator	\$ 50.00

**Manufactured Home**

Single Wide	\$ 250.00
Double Wide	\$ 350.00
Triple Wide	\$ 400.00
Electrical	\$ 75.00
Plumbing	\$ 75.00
Mechanical	\$ 75.00

**Swimming Pool**

In Ground	\$ 100.00
Above Ground	\$ 75.00

Electrical and Plumbing Permits not included

**Commercial**

Plan Review	\$ 25.00
Zoning Review	\$ 25.00

**New Construction**

New construction, additions, or remodeling	\$ .25/sq. ft. (\$50 min.)
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**Plumbing**

Per fixture	\$ 10.00 (\$100 min.)
Water Meter	\$ 50.00
Water Heater	\$ 100.00

**Electrical**

New construction, additions, or remodeling	\$ .15/sq. ft. (\$50 min.)
Temporary Service Poll	\$ 50.00
0-100 amp service	\$ 50.00
200 amp service	\$ 75.00
400 amp service	\$ 150.00
Each additional 100 amp over 400 amps	\$ 50.00
Generator	\$ 100.00

**Mechanical**

First Unit including duct work	\$ 150.00
Each additional unit	\$ 50.00
Duct work only	\$ 50.00
Replacement of unit	\$ 100.00

Gas Piping		\$ 75.00
<b>Insulation</b>		
0-3000 sq. ft.		\$ 100.00
Over 3001 sq. ft.		\$ 100.00 plus \$0.07/sq. ft.
<b>Solar Panels</b>		\$ 0.45 per panel \$1,000
minimum		
<b>Cell Tower</b>		\$ 1,000.00 Elec. Permit
Required		
<b>Co-location</b>	\$250.00 per antenna	\$250.00 Elec. Permit Required
<b>Fire Inspection</b>		\$ 50.00

**Fees Applicable to Residential and Commercial Permits**

**Enforcement/Negligence Fees**

Beginning work without a permit	\$ 100.00
Negligence or Penalty fee	\$ 75.00 minimum

Including but not limited to the following circumstances:

- Work improperly covered up without authorization of completed inspection.
- Work stopped by issuance of Stop Work Order.
- Inspections requests not ready when the Inspector arrives (i.e. door locked, incomplete work)

<b>Re-inspection</b>	\$ 50.00/trip/trade
For all types of re-inspection (building, insulation, plumbing, electrical, mechanical, etc.) beginning with the second re-inspection	

<b>Change to a permit after issuance</b>	\$ 25.00
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<b>Demolition</b> (Approval from designated authorities required)	\$ 100.00
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<b>Archive Search</b>	\$ 35.00
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<b>After-Hours Fee</b>	\$ 100.00 per hour
An hourly fee is charged for any inspection applied for by the permit holder to be conducted after 5pm Monday through Friday, weekends or on a County observed holiday.	

**Zoning Fees**

Variance (per parcel)	\$ 650.00
Special Use Permit	\$ 500.00
Rezoning (per parcel)	\$ 600.00
Text Amendment	\$ 300.00
Appeal of Zoning Administration's Ruling	\$ 500.00

(All appeals are heard by Board of Adjustment)

Major Subdivision Final Review of Plat—— \$ 150.00 +  
(Three (3) or more lots) \$ 50.00 per lot

**Planning Administrative**

Zoning Certificate \$ 25.00  
Minor Subdivision Review \$ 75.00 per lot  
(two (2) lots maximum)  
Technical Review \$ 50.00  
(two (2) review limit)  
Floodplain Application \$ 50.00

Map Printing – full color

8 ½” X 11” size \$ 2.00 per page  
8 ½” X 14” size \$ 3.00 per page  
11” X 17” size \$ 10.00 per page

Code Enforcement \$500.00 civil fine max  
First Offence \$ 50.00  
Second Offence \$ 100.00

Fence Permit \$ 50.00  
Home Occupation \$ 25.00

**Nuisance Ordinance Violation Fee**

Civil penalty not to exceed \$500.00  
First Violation Civil Penalty \$ 50.00  
Second Violation Civil Penalty \$ 100.00

**Noise Ordinance Violation**

Civil penalty not to exceed \$500.00  
First Violation Civil Penalty \$ 50.00  
Second Violation Civil Penalty \$ 100.00

**Junk Ordinance Violation**

Civil penalty not to exceed \$500.00  
First Violation Civil Penalty \$ 50.00  
Second Violation Civil Penalty \$ 100.00

**Fire Inspection Fees**

Re-inspection Fee (routine inspections) sprinkler systems,  
fire alarm systems and other Requested inspections where  
appointments system is not ready \$50 1<sup>ST</sup>, \$50 2<sup>ND</sup>, \$100 3<sup>RD</sup>, \$150 4<sup>TH</sup>, etc.  
Alcohol Licensing Inspection (ABC) \$ 50.00  
Daycare Licensing Inspection \$ 50.00  
Foster Care Inspection \$ 50.00

Fire Reports over 20 pages	\$ .10 per page
Tent Permits (Rodeo, Holiday Events)	\$ 50.00
Fire Works Permit (Sales of Legal Fireworks)	\$ 200.00
Amusement Buildings	\$ 50.00
Carnivals and Fairs	\$ 50.00
Exhibits and Trade Shows	\$ 50.00
Explosives/Blasting/Ammunition	\$ 200.00
Combustible Fibers Permit	\$ 50.00
Compressed Gases Use Permit	\$ 50.00
Flammable Finishes Paint Booths/Room (Auto Repair Shops)	
Flammable/Combustible Liquids	\$ 50.00
Fire Alarm Installation	\$ 50.00
Processing, Storage, Dispensing, use	
Flammable/Combustible Liquids-Storage Tanks	\$ 50.00
Stand Pipe Systems Installation	\$ 50.00
Installation 1 <sup>st</sup> tank	\$ 50.00
Installation- additional tanks	\$ 50.00
Removal 1 <sup>st</sup> tank	\$ 50.00
Removal- additional tanks	\$ 50.00
Abandonment (tanks)	\$ 50.00
Fumigation/Thermal Insecticide Fogging	\$ 50.00
High Piled Combustible Storage Permit/Lumber Storage (temp)	\$ 50.00
Liquefied Petroleum Gas Permit	\$ 50.00
Liquefied Natural Gas Permit	\$ 50.00
Suppression System New Install of Replace of Commercial Ovens	\$ 50.00
Repair Garages	\$ 50.00
Wrecking Yards/Junk Yards/Waste Handling Permits	\$ 50.00
Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems Installation & Sprinklers	\$ 75.00
Compressed Gas System	\$ 50.00

**Fire Code Violation Fines**

Approved Fire Evacuation Plan Required and Not Posted	\$ 50.00
Street Address Not Posted or Visible From All Directions	\$ 50.00
Key Boxes (Standpipes)	\$ 50.00
Sprinkler/Standpipe Not Complying with Code	\$ 50.00
Breach in Fire Wall/Fire Stops	\$ 50.00
Fire/Exit Door Inoperable	\$ 200.00 each
Fire System Not Tested as Scheduled	\$ 50.00
Sprinkler/Fire Alarm/Detection System Inoperable	\$ 200.00
Sprinkler Heads Covered/Blocked (immediate)	\$ 500.00
Portable Fire Extinguishers Not Inspected	\$ 50.00 (each)
Overcrowding (Max Occupancy Overload) (immediate)	\$ 500.00
Maximum Occupancy Load Not Posted	\$ 50.00
Storage in Path of or on Fire Escapes (immediate)	\$ 500.00
Blocked Stairwells or Stairways	\$ 500.00
Blocked Means of Egress	\$ 500.00

No Required Directional Exit Signs	\$ 50.00 (each)
No Exit Illumination or Warning	\$ 50.00
Locked Exit Doors (Immediate)	\$ 500.00
Exit or Egress Door Needs Repaired	\$ 50.00
Fire Exit of Aisle Blocked (immediate)	\$ 500.00
Spray Booth Not Complying to Code	\$ 50.00 1 <sup>st</sup> notice add \$50.00 per additional notice
Extinguishing Hoods Not Serviced	\$ 500.00 per day
Extension Cords Replaced Permanent Wiring	\$ 50.00
Smoke Detectors are Present but not Working	\$ 50.00
No Emergency Shut Off for 24/7 Fuel	\$ 500.00
All Other Violations	\$ 50.00
<i>Other Citations May be Issued</i>	