

CITY OF NEWTON
IN CITY COUNCIL
MAYOR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 Budget
#195-24

GENERAL FUND

ORDERED:

(1) That, to meet the expenses of the City of Newton, including the School Department, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, General Fund appropriations in the amount of \$525,419,465, as itemized in the attached Schedule of Appropriations on pages 7-8, are hereby voted from the following sources, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 32 and the recommendations of Her Honor the Mayor:

Estimated FY 2025 General Fund Revenue	\$ 513,988,458
Other Available Funds:	
Transfer from NPS Education Stabilization Fund	4,100,000
Transfer from Water Fund	1,887,863
Transfer from Sewer Fund	2,225,538
Transfer from Stormwater Management Fund	868,604
Transfer from CATV Franchise Fee Fund	300,000
Transfer from Solid Waste Activities	150,000
Transfer from Sale of Recyclable Materials	150,000
Transfer from BAA Marathon Fund	120,000
Transfer from NCGF Golf Days Receipts	15,000
Fund Balance - Free Cash	1,500,000
Fund Balance - NNHS MSBA Reimbursement	66,868
Fund Balance - NSHS MSBA Reimbursement	47,134
Total Other Available Funds	11,431,007
Total General Fund Financing	\$ 525,419,465

ORDERED:

(2) That, for purposes of financing the FY 2025 General Fund appropriations specified above, the Comptroller is hereby authorized to make the following inter-fund transfers to the General Fund, from the following sources:

From	Purpose	Amount
NPS Education Stabilization Fund	NPS Services Support	\$ 4,100,000
Water Fund	Administrative overhead/support	1,887,863
Sewer Fund	Administrative overhead/support	2,225,538
Stormwater Management Fund	Administrative overhead/support	868,604
CATV Franchise Fee Fund	Administrative overhead	300,000
Solid Waste Revolving	Solid waste collection & disposal	150,000
Sale of Recycling Materials Fund	Solid waste collection & disposal	150,000
BAA Marathon Fund	Municipal Services Support	120,000
NCGF Golf Day Receipts	Recreation services	15,000
Total Transfers from other funds		\$ 9,817,005

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ORDERED:

(3) That, for purposes of implementing the FY 2025 General Fund Budget, the Comptroller is hereby authorized to make the following inter-fund transfers from fiscal year 2025 appropriations voted in the General Fund to the following funds:

From	Purpose	Amount
Transfer to Workers Compensation Fund	Workers compensation benefits	\$ 800,000
Transfer to Horace Mann Capital Impr Fund	Horace Mann project	1,160,684
Total Transfers to other funds		\$ 1,960,684

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND

ORDERED:

(4) That, to meet the administrative expenses of the City of Newton Community Preservation Special Revenue Fund, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, Community Preservation Special Revenue Fund appropriations in the amount of \$5,135,060 as itemized on the attached Schedule of Appropriations, are hereby voted from the following sources, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 32 and the recommendations of Her Honor the Mayor:

Estimated Fiscal Year 2025 CPA Fund Revenue	\$ 5,094,409
CPA Fund Balance	40,651
Total CPA Fund Financing	\$ 5,135,060

SEWER UTILITY FUND

ORDERED:

(5) That, to meet the expenses of the City of Newton Sewer Utility Special Revenue Fund, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, Sewer Utility Special Revenue Fund appropriations in the amount of \$34,595,837, as itemized on the attached Schedule of Appropriations, are hereby voted from the following sources, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 32 and the recommendations of Her Honor the Mayor:

Estimated FY 2025 Sewer Rate Revenue	\$ 33,888,903
Other Available Funds:	
Transfer from Water Fund	706,934
Sewer Fund Undesignated Balance	-
Total Sewer Fund Financing	\$ 34,595,837

ORDERED:

(6) That, for purposes of implementing the FY 2025 General and Sewer Utility Special Revenue Fund budget, the Comptroller is hereby authorized to make the following inter-fund transfers from fiscal year 2025 appropriations voted in the Sewer Utility Fund to the following funds:

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From	Purpose	Amount
Transfer to General Fund	Administrative overhead	\$ 2,225,538
Transfer to Workers Compensation Fund	Workers compensation	250,000
Transfers to other funds		\$ 2,475,538

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT FUND

ORDERED:

(7) That, to meet the expenses of the City of Newton Storm Water Management Special Revenue Fund, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, Storm Water Management Special Revenue Fund appropriations in the amount of \$5,561,408 as itemized on the attached Schedule of Appropriations, are hereby voted from the following sources, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 32 and the recommendations of Her Honor the Mayor:

Estimated FY 2025 Storm Water Fund Revenue	\$ 5,561,408
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(8) That, for purposes of implementing the FY 2025 General and Storm Water Utility Special Revenue Fund budgets, the Comptroller is hereby authorized to make the following inter-fund transfers from fiscal year 2025 appropriations voted in the Storm Water Utility Fund to the following funds:

From	Purpose	Amount
Transfer to General Fund	Administrative overhead	\$ 868,604
Transfer to Workers Compensation Fund	Workers compensation	100,000
Transfers to other funds		\$ 968,604

WATER UTILITY FUND

ORDERED:

(9) That, to meet the expenses of the City of Newton Water Utility Special Revenue Fund, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, Water Utility Special Revenue Fund appropriations in the amount of \$28,318,883, as itemized on the attached Schedule of Appropriations, are hereby voted from the following sources, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 32 and the recommendations of Her Honor the Mayor:

Estimated FY 2025 Water Rate Revenue	\$ 28,318,883
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ORDERED:

(10) That, for purposes of implementing the FY 2025 General and Water Utility Special Revenue Fund budgets, the Comptroller is hereby authorized to make the following inter-fund transfers from fiscal year 2025 appropriations voted in the Water Utility Fund to the following funds:

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From	Purpose	Amount
Transfer to General Fund	Administrative overhead	\$ 1,887,863
Transfer to Sewer Fund	Administrative overhead	706,934
Transfer to Workers Compensation Fund	Workers compensation	250,000
Transfers to other funds		\$ 2,844,797

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

ORDERED:

(11) That pursuant to the requirements of sections 53A and 53E 1/2 of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the following departmental revolving, gift, and grant fund spending limits are approved for the fiscal period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025:

Revolving & Gift Funds:		
Department	Revolving/Gift Fund	Authorization
City Council	Off Leash Dog Park Administration Revolving	\$ 20,000
City Council	Rockwell Charity Fund	5,000
Executive	Women's Comission Revolving	5,000
Executive	Commission on Disability Revolving	5,000
Comptroller	Nathan Alden Robinson Memorial Fund Gift	5,000
Conservation Commission	Conservation Land Maintenance Revolving	75,000
Public Buildings	Building Dept Damage Recovery Revolving	100,000
Police	Sale of Surplus Police Equipment Revolving	150,000
Police	Cops & Kids Program Gifts	25,000
Police	Police Dept Damage Recovery Revolving	100,000
Fire	Fire Dept Damage Recovery Revolving	100,000
Fire	Fire Dept Gifts	10,000
Public Works	Waste Management Recycling Prog Gift	20,000
Public Works	Street Opening Permit Revolving	300,000
Public Works	Sidewalk/Curb Betterment Revolv.-Unrestricted	300,000
Public Works	Sidewalk/Curb Betterment Revolving-Individuals	300,000
Public Works	DPW Traffic Damage Recovery Revolving	100,000
Public Works	DPW Vehicle Damage Recovery Revolving	100,000
Public Works	DPW Water/Sewer Damage Recovery Revolving	100,000
Public Works	Compost Bin Sales Revolving	50,000
Public Works	DPW Fleet Equipment Replacement	500,000
Public Works	National Grid Road Repairs Revolving	500,000

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Revolving & Gift Funds:		
Department	Revolving/Gift Fund	Authorization
Health & Human Services	Youth Outreach Program Donation Gift	10,000
Health & Human Services	Youth Services Gift	10,000
Health & Human Services	Homeless Shelter Gift	10,000
Health & Human Services	Campership Program Gift	10,000
Health & Human Services	Holiday Food Gift & Donations	10,000
Health & Human Services	Active Newton Revolving	10,000
Health & Human Services	Emergency Assistance Revolving	10,000
Health & Human Services	Human Rights Commission Revolving	10,000
Senior Center	Senior Transportation Revolving	100,000
Senior Center	Senior Center Revolving	100,000
Senior Center	Senior Center Memorial Revolving	30,000
Senior Center	Council on Aging Revolving	30,000
Veteran Services	Veteran Services Gifts	10,000
Newton Public Library	Library Damage Recovery Revolving	50,000
Parks & Recreation	Park Land Maintenance Revolving	150,000
Parks & Recreation	Senior Citizen Program Revolving	200,000
Parks & Recreation	Arts in the Park Revolving	350,000
Parks & Recreation	Camp Program Revolving	2,500,000
Parks & Recreation	Recreation Activity/Class Revolving	3,000,000
Parks & Recreation	Landscape Maintenance Revolving	100,000
Parks & Recreation	Tree Ordinance Revolving	1,000,000
Parks & Recreation	Off Leash Dog Park Revolving	200,000
Parks & Recreation	Tree Planting Gift	200,000
Parks & Recreation	NSHS Athletic Field Maintenance	400,000
Parks & Recreation	Field Maintenance Gifts	400,000
Parks & Recreation	Enviromental Science Revolving	150,000
Parks & Recreation	Parks Damage Recovery Revolving	100,000
History Museum	Jackson Homestead Admission Revolving	15,000
Total Revolving Funds & Gifts		\$ 12,035,000

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State & Federal Grants:		
Department	Grant	Authorization
City Council	State Extended Polling Hour Grant	60,000
Planning	Federal Emergency Solutions Grant	350,000
Planning	Federal HOME Grant	2,300,000
Planning	Federal Community Development Block Grant	3,000,000
Planning	Shared Streets Grant	300,000
Public Buildings	Mass Energy Resources Energy Efficiency Grant	300,000
Police	State Municipal Police Staffing Grant	300,000
Police	State SETB Dispatch Grant	150,000
Police	State E-911 Dispatch Grant	550,000
Police	State Pedestrian Safety Grant	25,000
Police	State Traffic Safety Grant	300,000
Fire	State Regional HAZMAT Response Grant Program	100,000
Public Works	Mass Works Grant	2,000,000
Public Works	MassDEP Recycling Dividends Grant	200,000
Public Works	State Chapter 90 Highway Improvement Grant	4,000,000
Health & Human Services	School Health Nursing Grant	250,000
Senior Center	State Council on Aging Formula Grant	30,000
Senior Center	NewMo Senior (DOT) Grant	350,000
Newton Public Library	State Library Aid Grant	250,000
Parks & Recreation	State Arts Lottery Grant	50,000
Total Grants		\$ 14,865,000

(12) That the Comptroller is authorized to calculate investment income earned on funds held by the City on behalf of the Employee Memorial Fountain Committee, and to credit said income to the Employee Memorial Fountain Committee gift account on a quarterly basis.

(13) That the Comptroller is authorized to calculate investment income earned on funds held by the City on behalf of the Newton Council on Aging Commission and to credit said income to the Newton Council on Aging revolving fund on a quarterly basis.

(14) That the Comptroller is authorized to calculate investment income earned on funds held by the City on behalf of the Newton Community Education program and to credit said income to the Newton Community Education revolving fund on a quarterly basis.

(15) Any item of equipment with an expected life of more than a year and with a unit value of \$1,000 or more shall be classified as capital outlay.

(16) Municipal fringe benefit appropriations and expenditures, even though budgeted in individual departmental budgets, shall be under the expenditure control of the Human Resources Director. The Comptroller may transfer fringe benefit appropriations between departments in order to meet actual fiscal year 2024 obligations.

(17) Municipal department salary and wage savings, resulting from employees being compensated from the Workers Compensation Self Insurance Fund, may be transferred by the Comptroller, with prior approval of the appropriate department head, to the Workers Compensation Self Insurance Fund.

CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS
MAYOR'S PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET
APPROPRIATION SCHEDULE

	Personal Services (6)	Expenses	Fringe Benefits (5)	Intergovernmental	Debt Service & Capital Outlay (4)	Other	Total
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GENERAL FUND:

City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council	\$ 1,745,587	\$ 263,850	\$ 459,960	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 2,479,397
Executive	1,027,558	253,316	180,934	-	-	-	1,461,808
Comptroller	631,309	147,465	117,947	-	-	-	896,721
Insurance	-	832,000	-	-	-	-	832,000
Purchasing/General Services	450,581	66,860	106,238	-	-	-	623,679
Assessing	1,164,683	57,100	189,998	-	-	-	1,411,781
Treasury/Collections	838,505	427,640	180,348	-	-	-	1,446,493
City Solicitor/Legal Settlements	1,573,219	360,425	321,118	-	-	-	2,254,762
Human Resources	788,412	311,550	211,341	-	-	-	1,311,303
Financial Services	653,843	34,400	101,126	-	-	-	789,369
Information Technology	1,300,597	1,020,840	224,683	-	100,000	-	2,646,120
Planning & Development	2,074,670	248,000	331,879	-	-	-	2,654,549
Public Buildings (8)	3,190,991	2,484,624	649,044	-	300,000	-	6,624,659
Police	21,849,745	1,149,970	3,585,555	-	466,000	-	27,051,270
Fire	25,504,589	1,208,425	4,440,227	-	125,000	-	31,278,241
Inspectional Services	1,730,545	55,800	352,153	-	-	-	2,138,498
Public Works	11,829,367	19,623,427	2,263,525	-	400,000	-	34,116,319
Health & Human Services	3,652,086	697,680	811,999	-	-	-	5,161,765
Senior Services	470,509	368,600	90,451	-	-	-	929,560
Veteran Services	91,798	117,600	1,331	-	-	-	210,729
Newton Public Library	4,437,354	1,269,742	844,621	-	10,000	-	6,561,717
Parks & Recreation	4,643,182	3,296,216	1,012,032	-	175,000	-	9,126,430
Newton History Museum	276,665	28,770	14,277	-	-	-	319,712
Debt Maturities & Interest	-	-	-	-	24,861,362	-	24,861,362
Retirement & Retiree Health Benefits	-	-	58,670,850	-	-	-	58,670,850
Wage/Salary Reserve	4,158,987	-	-	-	-	-	4,158,987
Budget Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	500,000	500,000
Snow & Ice Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	1,500,000	1,500,000
Capital Project Fund Transfer (Horace Mann) (7)	-	-	-	-	-	1,160,684	1,160,684
Workers Compensation Fund Transfer	-	-	-	-	-	800,000	800,000
State Assessments (3)	-	-	-	7,092,923	-	-	7,092,923
BANS Interest	-	-	-	-	1,700,771	-	1,700,771
Newton Public Schools (1)/(2)	-	-	-	-	-	282,647,007	282,647,007
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$ 94,084,782	\$ 34,324,300	\$ 75,161,637	\$ 7,092,923	\$ 28,148,133	\$ 286,607,691	\$ 525,419,465

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND:

Community Preservation	\$ 82,578	\$ 36,150	\$ 10,767	-	\$ 1,000	-	\$ 130,495
Debt Maturities & Interest	-	-	-	-	1,495,779	-	1,495,779
Retirement	-	-	34,358	-	-	-	34,358
Fund Reserves	-	-	-	-	-	3,474,428	3,474,428
Housing Trust Transfer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND TOTAL	\$ 82,578	\$ 36,150	\$ 45,125	\$ -	\$ 1,496,779	\$ 3,474,428	\$ 5,135,060

STORMWATER FUND:

Stormwater Management	\$ 886,825	\$ 1,118,450	\$ 114,329	-	\$ 100,940	-	2,220,544
Debt Maturities & Interest	-	-	-	-	493,845	-	493,845
Budget Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	1,731,418	1,731,418
General Fund Transfer	-	-	-	-	-	868,604	868,604
Workers Compensation Fund Transfer	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	100,000
Retirement	-	-	146,997	-	-	-	146,997
STORMWATER FUND TOTAL	\$ 886,825	\$ 1,118,450	\$ 261,326	\$ -	\$ 594,785	\$ 2,700,022	\$ 5,561,408

SEWER FUND:

Sewer Maintenance & Operation	\$ 2,518,180	\$ 1,255,580	\$ 513,110	-	\$ 392,867	-	4,679,737
MWRA Sewer Assessment	-	-	-	24,621,518	-	-	24,621,518
Debt Maturities & Interest	-	-	-	-	1,879,479	-	1,879,479
Retirement & Retiree Health Benefits	-	-	889,565	-	-	-	889,565
Legal Claims & Settlements	-	50,000	-	-	-	-	50,000
Workers Compensation Fund Transfer	-	-	-	-	-	250,000	250,000
General Fund Transfer	-	-	-	-	-	2,225,538	2,225,538
TOTAL SEWER FUND TOTAL	\$ 2,518,180	\$ 1,305,580	\$ 1,402,675	\$ 24,621,518	\$ 2,272,346	\$ 2,475,538	\$ 34,595,837

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APPROPRIATION SCHEDULE

	Personal Services (6)	Expenses	Fringe Benefits (5)	Intergovernmental	Debt Service & Capital Outlay (4)	Other	Total
WATER FUND:							
Water Maintenance & Operation	\$ 2,238,860	\$ 2,037,345	\$ 486,067		\$ 350,000		5,112,272
MWRA/DEP Water Assessments				15,316,181			15,316,181
Debt Maturities & Interest					4,057,407		4,057,407
Retirement & Retiree Health Benefits			938,226				938,226
Legal Claims & Settlements		50,000					50,000
Workers Compensation Fund Transfer						250,000	250,000
General Fund Transfer						1,887,863	1,887,863
Sewer Fund Transfer						706,934	706,934
WATER FUND TOTAL	\$ 2,238,860	\$ 2,087,345	\$ 1,424,293	\$ 15,316,181	\$ 4,407,407	\$ 2,844,797	\$ 28,318,883

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS - ALL FUNDS **\$ 99,811,225** **\$ 38,871,825** **\$ 78,295,056** **\$ 47,030,622** **\$ 36,919,450** **\$ 298,102,476** **\$ 599,030,653**

(1) Includes Appropriation for Inter-Fund Transfers.

(2) Single Department Appropriation for Newton Public Schools per School Finance Law.

(3) Includes Estimated State & County Assessments.

(4) Any item of equipment with a value of \$1,000 or more shall be considered capital outlay.

(5) The Comptroller may transfer fringe benefit appropriations between departments as needed.

(6) Departmental salary and wage savings, resulting from employees being on workers compensation, may be transferred to the Workers Compensation Self-Insurance Fund by the Comptroller, with prior approval of the appropriate department head.

(7) Transfer of funds to a Building Improvement Capital Project fund for the Horace Mann Renovations

(8) Public Building Capital Expenditure budget to be transferred to a Continued Appropriation account for Building Improvements