



**EAST MOORE WATER DISTRICT**  
**BUDGET ORDINANCE**  
**FY 2025/2026**

***Final***

## **BUDGET ORDINANCE – EAST MOORE WATER DISTRICT (EMWD)**

### **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE EAST MOORE WATER DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.**

WHEREAS; Article 3 of Chapter 159 of the North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS) requires local governments and special districts in North Carolina to adopt ordinances establishing an annual budget in accordance with procedures established in said Article 3, and

WHEREAS; the EAST MOORE WATER DISTRICT BOARD, following a public hearing as required by law has considered the proposed annual budget for East Moore Water District for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE EAST MOORE WATER DISTRICT BOARD THAT THE:**

### **EAST MOORE WATER DISTRICT BUDGET SUMMARY**

#### **SECTION 1 REVENUE**

The following revenues are hereby appropriated for operating the East Moore Water District for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026:

##### **Revenues:**

User Fees	\$3,862,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b><u>\$3,862,000</u></b>

#### **SECTION 2 EXPENDITURES**

The following expenditures are appropriated to East Moore Water District for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026:

##### **Expenditures:**

East Moore Water District	
Debt Service – Principal	\$321,000
Debt Service - Interest	\$375,764
Administration	\$2,310,572
Capital	\$370,000
Transfer to Capital Reserve	\$364,664
Transfer to Capital Reserve SDF	<u>\$120,000</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>\$3,862,000</u></b>

**SECTION 3 AUTHORIZED TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS, CONTRACTING  
LIMITATION, AND OTHER MATTERS:**

**A. AUTHORIZED TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS**

The East Moore Water District (EMWD) Budget is adopted at the Fund level, and the East Moore Water District Board designates the County Manager or Assistant County Manager(s), or his/her designee, as hereby authorized to transfer amounts between funds under the conditions listed below:

1. The County Manager, Assistant County Manager(s), or his/her designee may transfer amounts by budget transfer between departments within the EMWD Fund without limitation but shall report them to the East Moore Water District Board by the Finance Director.
2. The County Manager, Assistant County Manager(s), or his/her designee may transfer amounts by budget amendment between funds and these budget amendments must be reported to and approved by the East Moore Water District Board in an itemized report.
3. The Finance Director or the Assistant Finance Director can approve budget transfers up to and including \$10,000 within the EMWD fund.

**B. CONTRACTING LIMITATION**

1. Any appropriations for land and new buildings included in this ordinance may be obligated only after approval by the East Moore Water District Board.
2. The County Manager, Assistant County Manager(s), or his/her designee is authorized to obligate through the necessary agreements, contracts, grant agreements, purchase orders or other such documents, funds included in this budget ordinance up to and including \$100,000 for the following purposes:
  - a. Initiate grant agreements to public and non-profit agencies;
  - b. Leases of routine business equipment;
  - c. Financing agreements for purchases not including land or buildings;
  - d. Consultant, professional, and/or maintenance service agreements;
  - e. Purchase of apparatus, supplies, construction, repair work, and materials where formal bids are not required by state law or county policies as long as the East Moore Water District Board makes the bid award as required by law;
  - f. Agreements for the acceptance of State and Federal grant funds.
3. The County Manager, Assistant County Manager(s), or his/her designee is authorized to obligate funds, through the necessary agreements, contracts, grant agreements, purchase orders or other such documents, included in this budget ordinance, at any amount so long as the East Moore Water District Board approves/authorizes by majority vote the County Manager, Assistant County Manager(s), or his/her designee signing said document.

4. The Finance Director, Assistant Finance Director, or his/her designee is authorized to accept and obligate funds through grant agreements included in this budget ordinance at any amount so long as the East Moore Water District Board approves/authorizes by majority vote the Finance Director, Assistant Finance Director, or his/her designee signing said document.
5. During a State of Emergency situation, the County Manager, Assistant County Manager(s), or his/her designee is authorized to obligate funds, through the necessary agreements, contracts, grant agreements, purchase orders, listed in Section 3., Item B., 2a-2F above, or other such documents, included in this budget ordinance at any amount as designated in the State of Emergency Declaration.
6. The Department Director is hereby authorized to execute contracts up to \$30,000 for the East Moore Water District Fund only.
7. For federal procurement, in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.320(a)(1)(iv) and the applicable provisions of North Carolina law, the County of Moore hereby self-certifies the following micro-purchase thresholds, each of which is a "higher threshold consistent with State law" under 2 C.F.R. § 200.320(a)(1)(iv)(C):
  - a. \$30,000, for the purchase of "apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment"; and
  - b. \$30,000, for the purchase of "construction or repair work"; and
  - c. \$50,000, for the purchase of services not subject to competitive bidding under North Carolina law; and
  - d. \$50,000, for the purchase of services subject to the qualifications-based selection process in the Mini-Brooks Act; provided that such threshold shall apply to a contract only if the Unit has exercised an exemption to the Mini-Brooks Act, in writing, for a particular project pursuant to G.S. 143-64.32. If the exemption is not authorized, the micro-purchase threshold shall be \$10,000.00

#### **C. OTHER MATTERS**

1. All fees, commissions, and sums paid to or collected by the East Moore Water District Board official or their designee, officer, or agent for any service performed by said official, officer or agent in his/her official capacity shall inure to the benefit of the East Moore Water District and are considered East Moore Water District funds.
2. Pre-Audit Requirements – Pursuant to Chapter 159 of the NC General Statutes, the Finance Director (Caroline Xiong) is hereby designated as a Deputy Finance Director for the purposes of pre-audit functions. Other individuals designated for Pre-Audit Requirements as Deputy Finance Director(s) for the purposes of pre-audit functions include two additional

individuals: Chris Morgan, Assistant Finance Director and Terra Vuncannon, Purchasing Manager.

3. In accordance with Article V of the North Carolina Constitution, the County Manager and Assistant County Manager(s) shall require the following prior to releasing public funds to other governmental agencies or private groups:
  - a. The activity to be funded is for a public purpose.
  - b. The activity to be funded is one the East Moore Water District is authorized to undertake or for which the East Moore Water District has specific statutory authorization to fund.
  - c. Through appropriate means, the East Moore Water District Board maintains some degree of control over the funds provided through this ordinance to a governmental agency or private group.

#### **D. CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS**

The County will maintain a Capital Reserve Fund as a multi-year Capital Project Fund for the purpose of paying for future enterprise fund capital projects made up of the following:

Capital Reserve for Enterprise Projects Fund 252– Consists of revenue from three (3) separate capital reserve enterprise fund transfers; one from Water Pollution Control Plant, one from Public Utilities and one from East Moore Water District funds into this Capital Reserve for Enterprise Projects.

#### **SECTION 4 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGETS**

The East Moore Water District uses Capital Project Budgets and has incorporated these budgets into the financial and accounting systems. Capital Project Funds are used to account for capital projects that span fiscal years and/or may take more than one fiscal year to complete. The following categories of projects are accounted for in such manner:

East Moore Water District Phase IV Capital Projects – Fund 627  
East Moore Water District ARP Capital Projects – Fund 622

#### **SECTION 5 TEN YEAR CAPITAL PROJECT PLAN**

The County Manager has prepared a ten-year capital forecast and East Moore Water District is a part of this forecast. It is included as a part of the budget document for planning purposes only. The ten-year capital plan does not authorize the expenditure of funds.

#### **SECTION 6 DUAL SIGNATURES ON CHECKS**

The East Moore Water District will use dual signatures on checks and drafts made on East Moore Water District through the Moore County Central Depository funds in accordance with NCGS 159-25(b). The signatures of the County Manager or Assistant County Manager(s) and the Finance Director or the Deputy or Assistant Finance Director, following

proof of warrant, are the authorized signatures of Moore County and the East Moore Water District.

Pursuant to NCGS 159-28.1, the County authorizes the use of electronic signatures, facsimile signature machines, signature stamps, or similar devices in signing checks and drafts and in signing the pre-audit certificate on contracts or purchase orders. The Finance Officer or his/her designee will be responsible for the custody of their electronic signature, facsimile machines, stamps, plates, and other devices.

Pursuant to NCGS 66-58.4, the County is authorized to use and accept electronic signatures in the execution of contracts. Any individual authorized to execute contracts on behalf of the County is authorized to do so using an electronic signature. All electronic signatures must be in compliance with NCGS 66-58.5.

#### **SECTION 7 FINANCIAL REPORTING**

The Finance Director, Assistant Finance Director, or designee will submit a monthly financial report for the County Manager, Assistant County Manager and the East Moore Water District Board and, from time to time, other reports as required by the County Manager, Assistant County Manager(s) and/or the East Moore Water District Board.

#### **SECTION 8 RESERVES FOR ENCUMBRANCES**

The reserves for encumbrances as of June 30, 2025, and any carry over appropriations representing prior commitments as of that date, shall be re-appropriated pursuant to NCGS 159-13 to the departments within the EMWD fund unless excluded by the East Moore Water District or their designee. Expenditures against these encumbrances may be made during fiscal year 2025-2026 as the previous commitments are satisfied.

#### **SECTION 9 FEE SCHEDULE**

The Annual Fee Schedule, which is attached to this ordinance, sets all fees authorized to be charged by the East Moore Water District Board for goods, services or other functions provided by East Moore Water District and is hereby approved.

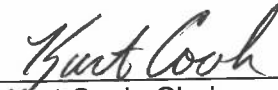
#### **SECTION 10 INVALID OR UNCONSTITUTIONAL PORTIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE**

Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of said ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

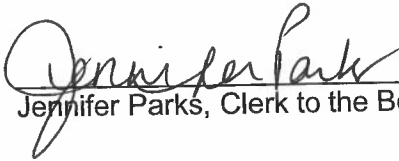
**SECTION 11 EFFECTIVE DATE**

Approved, this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025;

That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect on July 1, 2025



Kurt Cook, Chairman  
East Moore Water District



Jennifer Parks, Clerk to the Board



## Fee Schedule

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Fee Schedule - Item	FY 2025/2026 Fee Amount
<b>Monthly Base Rate for East Moore Water District (including irrigation)</b>	
3/4 inch meter	\$30.55
1 inch meter	\$34.40
2 inch meter	\$52.06
4 inch meter	\$250.83
<b>*Water Residential Commodity Charges</b>	
Charge per 1000 gallons (0 - 2000 gallons)	\$3.85
Charge per 1000 gallons (2001 - 4000 gallons)	\$5.03
Charge per 1000 gallons (4001 - 8000 gallons)	\$5.80
Charge per 1000 gallons (8001 - 12000 gallons)	\$6.28
Charge per 1000 gallons (12001 + gallons)	\$8.80



## Fee Schedule

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Fee Schedule - Item		FY 2025/2026 Fee Amount				
**East Moore Water (Domestic & Irrigation) Connection Fees		Tap	SDF	MSF	Admin Fee	Total FCCF
**Developer installed connections are not required to pay the Tap portion. The SDF, MSF and Admin Fee apply						
Water Fee - 3/4 inch meter		\$1,183	\$758	\$370	\$50	\$2,361
Water Fee - 1 inch meter		\$1,183	\$1,895	\$475	\$50	\$3,603
Water Fee - 2 inch meter		\$1,624	\$6,064	\$3,032	\$50	\$10,770
Water Fee - 3 inch meter		At Cost	\$12,128	At Cost	\$50	At cost + \$12,178
Water Fee - 4 inch meter		At Cost	\$18,950	At Cost	\$50	At cost + \$19,000
Water Fee - 6 inch meter		At Cost	\$37,900	At Cost	\$50	At cost + \$37,950
Irrigation Fee - 3/4 inch meter		\$1,183	\$758	\$370	\$50	\$2,361
Irrigation Fee - 1 inch meter		\$1,179	\$1,895	\$475	\$50	\$3,599
Irrigation Fee - 2 inch meter		\$1,624	\$6,064	\$3,032	\$50	\$10,770
Irrigation Fee - 3 inch meter		At Cost	\$12,128	At Cost	\$50	At cost + \$12,178
Irrigation Fee - 4 inch meter		At Cost	\$18,950	At Cost	\$50	At cost + \$19,000
Irrigation Fee - 6 inch meter		At Cost	\$37,900	At Cost	\$50	At cost + \$37,950
Fire Main Connection- - all sizes						At Cost
**Repair Fees are imposed if any additional work is required to provide a service connection						
Repair Fee 3/4" service					Min \$125	Max Cannot exceed tap fee
Repair Fee 1" service					Min \$125	Max Cannot exceed tap fee
Repair Fee 2" service					At Cost	Max Cannot exceed tap fee
Repair Fee Sewer					At Cost	Max Cannot exceed tap fee

## Fee Schedule

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Fee Schedule - Item	FY 2025/2026 Fee Amount
<b>Irrigation Commodity Charges</b>	
Charge per 1000 gallons (0 - 4000 gallons)	\$5.96
Charge per 1000 gallons (4001 + gallons)	\$9.07
<b>Water Commercial Commodity Charges</b>	
Charge per 1000 gallons (0 - 4000 gallons)	\$5.33
Charge per 1000 gallons (4001 - 8000 gallons)	\$6.23
Charge per 1000 gallons (8001 + gallons)	\$7.53
<b>Bulk Water Charge</b>	
Monthly Base Charge Up to 15 units additional \$6.63 per unit per mo thereafter	\$179.15
Charge per 1000 gallons	\$7.40
<b>Other Fees</b>	
Service Charge (to establish account - new and transfers)	\$26.50
Meter Verification Request/Independent Testing	At Cost
Returned Check Fee	\$25.00 Per NC General Statute
Late Fee (applied to any balance \$5.01 or greater)	\$10.00
Domestic Water Adjustment Charge (Per 1,000 gallons)	Lowest commodity charge for residential water
Commercial Water Adjustment Charge (Per 1,000 gallons)	Lowest commodity charge for commercial water
Irrigation Water Adjustment Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	Lowest commodity charge for irrigation
Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) Annual Inspection Fee (Performed by MCPU Personnel)	\$75.00
<b>Fire Protection Fees (private - based on size of connection)</b>	
4 inch	\$3.37/month
6 inch	\$5.12/month
8 inch	\$7.22/month
10 inch	\$9.67/month

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Fee Schedule - Item	FY 2025/2026 Fee Amount
Non-Payment Fee	\$40.00
Disconnection/Reconnection (including inspections/service changes)	\$25.00
Property Owner Deposit Fee with Gov issued ID	\$100.00
Tenant Deposit Fee with Gov issued ID	\$200.00
Meter Data Profiles (More than 2 per year) Extra Expense Required	\$30.00
Property/Equipment Damage	At Cost
Relocation of appurtenances	At Cost
Service Call	Minimum \$75.00
Installation of new appurtenances	At Cost
Street Cut Repair Fee	At Cost
Vac Truck - Hourly Rate	\$300.00
Backhoe - Hourly Rate	\$100.00
Mini Excavator - Hourly Rate	\$100.00
Sewer Camera - Hourly Rate	\$100.00
Line Stop Equipment - Hourly Rate	\$100.00
Rodder/Jetter - Hourly Rate	\$50.00
Tapping Machine - Hourly Rate	\$100.00
Valve Exercise Machine - Hourly Rate	\$50.00
Pneumatic Boring Tool - Hourly Rate	\$50.00
Trailer Mounted Air Compressor - Hourly Rate	\$50.00
Crane Truck - Hourly Rate	\$125.00
"Small" Dump Truck, Flatbed - Hourly Rate	\$75.00
Large Dump Truck - Hourly Rate	\$100.00
Dump Trailer - Hourly Rate	\$75.00
Trailer - Hourly Rate	\$50.00
Hydrant Meter - Deposit	\$800.00
-Rental Fee (Weekly)	\$75.00
-Usage	Bulk Water Rates
-Relocation	\$50.00
Employee Labor - Hourly Rate (includes vehicle cost)	\$30.00
Employee Labor - Overtime Hourly Rate (includes vehicle cost)	\$45.00
Railroad Permit Annual Fee	\$300.00
<b>Cross Connection Control Fees</b>	
Willful Violation	\$500/day, not to exceed \$10,000
Non Willful Violation	\$250/day, not to exceed \$5,000
Failure to submit testing records/submitting false testing records	Up to \$500
Failure to maintain or test backflow assemblies	\$200 per day
Failure to comply to written notice regarding any potential cross connection	\$500.00
Disconnection of service for CC non-compliance	\$40.00
Disconnection of service for CC non-compliance 2nd offense	\$150.00
<b>Engineering Fees</b>	
Letter of Intent (projects of 10 or less Residential Equivalent Units)	\$70.00
Letter of Intent (projects greater than 10 Residential Equivalent Units)	\$135.00
Preliminary Plan Review	\$190.00
Construction Phase Review (per Residential Equivalent Unit)	\$35.00
Warranty Issues Fine	\$100.00/day
Deed of Dedication - Recordation	\$26.00
Recordation of plat	\$21.00
Modeling fee per scenario - Water	\$200.00
Modeling fee per scenario - Sewer	\$200.00
Hydrant Flow Test	\$150.00
<b>Copier Costs</b>	
Photocopies 8x11, 8x14 or 11x17	\$.15 per Sheet, \$.50/Color
Plans or maps	Per County Wide Fee Schedule/IT Fee Schedule

## MOORE COUNTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN - EMWD (FUND 620)

Department/Project	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	FY32-FY36 Combined	TOTAL (not inc TBD amount)
<b>Moore County EMWD (FUND 620)</b>								
Paint EMWD Tank		\$300,000					\$0	\$300,000
Water Main Extensions	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,200,000
<b>EMWD FUND 620 Total</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>