Budget Priorities:

The FY2027 Proposed Budget reflects a continued commitment to balancing community needs with fiscal reality, shaped by rising education, public safety and mandated costs. The General Fund totals $498 million, with all funds totaling $1.12 billion, representing a significant investment in core services and critical infrastructure.

The budget is guided by three updated priorities:

1. Through Efficiency, the County emphasizes responsible stewardship in a constrained revenue environment, incorporating $6.9 million in efficiencies and savings through base budget reductions, transportation transfer adjustments, departmental cuts and technology and operational efficiencies.

2. Value remains central to the budget, with a $24 million increase supporting school operations and debt service, pay increases for teachers and school staff and continued investment in three new schools to safeguard educational outcomes. There is also continue investment in the workforce with a 4% pay increase for staff.

3. Focused Priorities advance strategic initiatives in transportation and multimodal planning, public safety recruitment and retention, workforce housing research and community wellness and engagement.

Capital investments include major projects such as a new Courthouse facility, upgrades at Thompson Middle School, a Fine Arts Wing at North Stafford High School and key transportation improvements along Enon Road, Route 1 and US-17 Business. The Utilities Fund supports long-term system reliability through a planned rate increase with continued investment in water and wastewater plant upgrades, PFAS regulatory planning, a new Utilities facility and critical system and capital project management functions.



Balancing Community Needs with Fiscal Reality

Through Efficiency, Value and Focused Priorities

STAFFORD Virginia

Budget Highlights

FY2027 General Fund Operating Budget Drivers

Education Funding	$24.0M
Transportation	$9.4M
Public Safety Support	$6.3M
General Government Support	$3.6M

CY2026 Proposed Tax Rate	**$0.985**
CY2026 Proposed Fire Levy	**$0.014**

Budget Overview

Revenues:

Real property tax revenue increase	10.4%
Consumption tax revenue increase (reassessment year)	10.2%

Expenditures:

Overall General Fund increase	9.9%
Schools funding increase	10.5%

Budget Breakdown

General Fund increase:	$45,023,596
Real Property Tax increase:	$25,295,062
Personal Property Tax increase:	$5,937,059
Sales Tax increase:	$547,800

Average assessed home price:	$477,100
Average tax bill:	$4,699
Average year-to-year increase:	$462

Stafford Profile

Median Home Market Price	$545,000
Median Income	$137,807
Population	168,900
Unemployment	3.4%
Owner-Occupied Housing Rate	80.5%

To access the online proposed budget and calendar, please visit www.staffordcountyva.gov/budget. The FY2027 budget public hearing is scheduled for April 7, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center, 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford, VA 22554.