

# FISCAL YEAR 2026 Recommended Budget

Straw-Vote  
May 29, 2025



MECKLENBURG COUNTY  
North Carolina

# Straw Voting Process

## 1. Motion to seek a change

- If the motion includes an increase in ongoing cost, then a corresponding decrease should also be identified if the goal is to avoid an increase in the tax rate.

## 2. Discussion

- Following the motion, the Board can discuss and can ask clarifying questions.

## 3. Take the straw vote

- Straw votes are non-binding and do not require a second.
- If a majority approves, staff will update the budget to reflect the change.

## 4. Final action

- Direct staff to develop the FY2026 Operating Budget Ordinance for the Board's adoption on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.