

Town of Blackstone

Budget Summary

July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

Town staff is inviting all citizens of Blackstone to come by the Town Office and have the annual budget explained to them in detail, if they so desire. A Public Hearing on this budget will be held **Monday, June 15, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers. All interested residents of Blackstone are urged to attend and express their opinion. It is the intention of the Town to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Should you need special accommodations, please contact the Town Manager's office prior to **5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 12, 2026.**

Revenues	Fiscal Year 2026 Adopted Budget	Fiscal Year 2027 Proposed Budget
General Fund:		
Real Property Taxes	410,000.00	410,000.00
Personal Property Taxes	114,000.00	114,000.00
Penalties & Interest	14,700.00	14,700.00
Local Sales & Use Tax	238,000.00	250,000.00
Business License Tax	205,400.00	214,689.00
Motor Vehicle License Tax	55,000.00	55,000.00
Bank Stock Tax	140,000.00	145,000.00
Restaurant Food Tax	800,000.00	820,784.00
Lodging Tax	140,000.00	150,000.00
Cigarette Tax	50,000.00	50,000.00
Permits & Other Licenses	4,400.00	4,400.00
Fines & Forfeitures	12,000.00	15,000.00
Revenue from Use of Money	200,000.00	150,000.00
Revenue from Use of Property	15,500.00	16,500.00
Garbage Collections	526,000.00	531,000.00
Charges for Fire Services	10,000.00	10,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	171,200.00	236,450.00
Recovered Costs	861,000.00	871,000.00
Revenue from Commonwealth:		
Rolling Stock Tax	6,000.00	6,000.00
Auto Rental Tax	4,000.00	4,000.00
PPTRA Revenue from VA	42,986.00	42,986.00
State Communications Tax	13,000.00	13,000.00
599 Law Enforcement Grants	118,000.00	120,000.00
PD Highway & Equipment Grant	34,000.00	4,000.00
VDOT Highway Maintenance Grant	1,543,523.00	1,543,000.00
Litter Grant	2,500.00	2,500.00
VBAF	0.00	515,000.00
DCJS Grant	0.00	320,000.00
Revenue from Federal Grants:		
ARPA Funds	0.00	
FEMA Disaster Grant	5,000.00	
Resurgence Grant	0.00	
S. Main Paving Grant	600,000.00	200,000.00
Transfers In	310,262.00	766,000.00
Total General Fund Revenue	6,646,471	7,595,009
Weatherization Fund	55,000.00	55,000.00
Cemetery Fund	13,000.00	15,500.00
Fire Programs Fund	41,000.00	41,000.00
Airport Fuel Farm	381,185.00	2,060,200.00
Bus Transit Systems	1,037,626.00	933,147.00
Workforce Housing Fund	400,000.00	400,000.00
Medical Center Fund	47,000.00	47,000.00
Electric Utilities Fund	6,518,712.00	7,296,194.00
Water/Sewer Utilities Fund	5,413,686.00	4,739,884.00
Water/Sewer Improvements	4,500.00	8,900.00
Total Projected Revenue	20,558,180	23,191,834

Expenditures

General Fund:	Fiscal Year 2026		Fiscal Year 2027	
	Adopted Budget	Proposed Budget	Adopted Budget	Proposed Budget
Legislative	57,618.00		64,293.00	
Administration	1,314,163.00		1,343,372.00	
Downtown Blackstone, Inc./Tourism	59,750.00		62,562.00	
Independent Auditor	27,100.00		36,600.00	
Police Department	1,679,908.00		2,018,807.00	
Fire Department	383,649.00		495,848.00	
Highway & Street Maintenance	2,131,041.00		2,078,200.00	
Sanitation & Waste Removal	501,632.00		512,937.00	
General Properties:				
General Properties	1,350.00		2,375.00	
Armory	50,000.00		65,700.00	
Schwartz Tavern	26,150.00		6,300.00	
Seay Park	4,850.00		5,800.00	
Wrigglesworth	52,000.00		12,150.00	
Rescue Squad	23,500.00		23,500.00	
Fire Training Grounds	2,150.00		2,150.00	
Garage	278,860.00		277,965.00	
Fuel Purchases	28,500.00		35,050.00	
Carriage Museum	12,600.00		13,000.00	
Library	11,450.00		23,400.00	
Dillard Crawley Improvements	0.00		515,000.00	
Community Development	200.00		0.00	
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The following proposed rates will be in effect with the new budget:

Tax Rates (per \$100 value)	
Effective July 1, 2026	
Real Estate	\$0.17
Personal Property	\$0.57
Bank Stock	\$0.80
Garbage Pickup Rates	
Effective July 1, 2026	
In Town Residential	\$17.25
Out of Town Residential	\$24.25
In Town Commercial	
Small Commercial w/2x per week pick-up	\$28.25
Large Commercial w/3x per week pick-up	\$47.25
Out of Town Commercial	\$61.25
<i>All commercial accounts requiring more than 3 pickups per week will be charged an additional \$35 per month</i>	
Cemetery Burial Fees	
Current Rates for the Town of Blackstone	
Standard Plot - Burial Fee	\$200.00

Water Rates
Effective July 1, 2026 Usage
Town of Blackstone

Gallons:	Amount
FIRST 3,000	\$26.42 MONTH
3,001-40,000	\$8.81/1000
40,0001-87,000	\$8.64/1000
87,001-130,000	\$8.52/1000
ALL OVER 130,000	\$8.35/1000

Sewer Rates
Effective July 1, 2026 Usage
Town of Blackstone

Gallons:	Amount
FIRST 3,000	\$27.48 MONTH
3,001-40,000	\$9.16/1000
40,0001-87,000	\$8.99/1000
87,001-130,000	\$8.86/1000
ALL OVER 130,000	\$8.68/1000

Minimum sewer fee of \$27.55
Sewer Rate will be \$9.16 per thousand gallons of water over 3,000 gallons used.

Customers having sewer only will be charged \$43.02 per month.

Also 50% additional charge for water and sewer for all customers outside the corporate limits.

Electric Rates
Effective July 1, 2026 Usage
Town of Blackstone

<u>Residential:</u>	\$9.17 MONTH
Basic Customer Charge	0.11188
FIRST 800	0.12770
801 - 2,500	0.12350
2,501 - 50,000	0.12384
OVER 50,001	

SECURITY LIGHT \$10.57 PER MONTH
\$3.00 UTILITY TAX FOR NOTTOWAY COUNTY PER METER FOR LANDFILL

Small General:

Basic Charge	\$17.14 MONTH
First 20KW (Demand Charge)	FREE
all over 20 KW	\$10.26
First 3,000 KWH	0.11764
All over 3,000 KWH	0.09394

\$3.00 UTILITY TAX FOR NOTTOWAY COUNTY PER METER FOR LANDFILL
THE FEE FOR DELIVERING DISCONNECTION NOTICES IS \$12.50

Power Clause Adjustment (PCA):

All utility customers will have a PCA charge code for the following pass thru expenses:

PCp	*True Up	0 per kWh
FA	*Fuel Adjustment	0.03956 per kWh
SEPA	*Southeastern Power Admin	0.00200 per kWh

Electric Consumption Tax:

	State	Special	Local	Total
Consumption Tax	Regulatory Tax	Consumption Tax	Consumption Tax	Consumption Tax
0 - 2500 KWH	\$0.00102	\$0.000165	\$0.00038	\$0.00157
2,501 - 50,000 KWH	\$0.00065	\$0.000165	\$0.00024	\$0.00106
OVER 50,001	\$0.00050	\$0.000165	\$0.00018	\$0.00085