



JASON E. MUMPOWER  
*Comptroller*

July 7, 2023

Honorable Lee Davis, Mayor  
and Honorable Board of Aldermen  
Town of Walden  
P.O. Box 335  
Signal Mountain, TN 37377

Dear Mayor Davis and Board of Aldermen:

This letter acknowledges receipt of a certified copy of the fiscal year 2024 budget.

We have reviewed the budget and have determined that projected revenues and other available funds are sufficient to meet anticipated expenditures. Our review of the budget is based solely on the information we have received. With regard to programs included in the budget such as education, roads, and corrections, we have not attempted to determine that the local government has complied with specific program statutes or guidelines, or with any financing requirements prescribed by any state or federal agency. Please note local officials are required to ensure the budget remains balanced throughout the fiscal year and that all maintenance of effort requirements are met – our office has not reviewed or approved any maintenance of effort programs in this budget. Budget amendments must be sent to our office for formal acknowledgement after they are approved by the local governing body (submit to: [LGF@cot.tn.gov](mailto:LGF@cot.tn.gov)).

This letter constitutes approval, by this office, for the Town's fiscal year 2024 budget as adopted by the Town's governing body.

Please note that the annual budget must be submitted to our office within 15 days of its adoption for the Town to be eligible to receive the annual budget certificate: [tncot.cc/budgetcertificates](https://tncot.cc/budgetcertificates).

#### *Required Revenue Forecasts*

For all future submissions, please be sure to include revenue forecasts for sales taxes. An instructional video and an estimator tool for estimating budgetary revenues are available on our website at [tncot.cc/budget](https://tncot.cc/budget).

## *American Rescue Plan Spending*

The governing body budgeted the use American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds. This budget approval is not an approval for the planned use of the ARP funds and the governing body, with the assistance of its attorney, should determine that the planned use complies with Federal regulations concerning the use of ARP funds. ARP funds spent contrary to Federal regulations must be returned.

ARP funds are non-recurring and should only be used for one-time expenses. When purchasing capital items, ongoing maintenance and operating expenses should be analyzed to show future demand on recurring revenues.

## *Commendation*

We commend the governing body for adopting this year's budget prior to the beginning of the budget year. Timely adoption will result in better management of public dollars in the coming year by immediately instituting appropriate budgetary controls. Adopting the budget in a timely manner allows your financial staff more time to close the official accounting records and have those records available for audit no later than two months after the close of your fiscal year as required by Tenn. Code Ann. § 9-2-102.

If you should have questions or need assistance, please refer to our online resources or feel free to contact your financial analyst, William Wood, at 615.401.7893 or [william.wood@cot.tn.gov](mailto:william.wood@cot.tn.gov).

Sincerely,



Steve Osborne, Assistant Director  
Division of Local Government Finance



William Wood, Financial Analyst  
Division of Local Government Finance

cc: Mariah Prescott, Town Administrator, Town of Walden

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## **ORDINANCE 2023-355**

### **AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WALDEN, TENNESSEE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024**

WHEREAS, Tenn, Code Ann. § 9-1-116 requires that all funds of the State of Tennessee and all its political subdivisions shall first be appropriated before being expended and that only funds that are available shall be appropriated; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Budget Law of 1982 requires that the governing body of each municipality adopt and operate under an annual budget ordinance presenting a financial plan with at least the information required by that state statute, that no municipality may expend any moneys regardless of the source except in accordance with a budget ordinance and that the governing body shall not make any appropriation in excess of estimated available funds; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has published the annual operating budget and budgetary comparisons of the proposed budget with the prior year (actual) and the current year (estimated) in a newspaper of general circulation not less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting where the Board will consider final passage of the budget.

### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF WALDEN, TENNESSEE AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1: That the governing body projects anticipated revenues from all sources and appropriates planned expenditures for each department, board, office or other agency of the municipality, herein presented together with the actual annual receipts and expenditures of the last preceding fiscal year and the estimated annual expenditures for the current fiscal year, and from those revenues and unexpended and unencumbered funds as follows for fiscal year 2024, and including the projected ending balances for the budget year, the actual ending balances for the most recent ended fiscal year and the estimated ending balances for the current fiscal years:

GENERAL FUND		Actual FY 2022	Estimated Actual FY 2023	Budget FY 2024
<b>Revenues</b>				
Local Taxes		\$ 824,156	\$ 808,004	\$ 824,250
Licenses And Permits		-	-	-
Intergovernmental		425,261	962,951	365,267
Charges For Services		-	-	-
Fines And Forfeitures		-	-	-
Other		20,201	35,000	150,000
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>				
Issuance of Debt / Debt Proceeds		-	-	-
Sale of Capital Assets		-	-	-
Transfers In - from other funds (PILOT)		-	-	-
<b>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</b>		\$ 1,269,618	\$ 1,805,955	\$ 1,339,517
<b>Appropriations</b>				
<b>Expenditures</b>				
General Government		\$ 561,383	\$ 658,134	\$ 771,467
Public Safety		26,185	20,619	31,500
Public Works		224,050	186,805	228,600
State Street Aid		96,280	270,117	226,950
Public Welfare & Recreation		57,031	45,298	81,000
Debt Service - Principal and Interest		-	-	-
<b>Other Financing Uses</b>				
Transfers Out - to other funds		-	-	-
<b>Total Appropriations</b>		\$ 964,929	\$ 1,180,973	\$ 1,339,517
<b>Change in Fund Balance (Revenues - Appropriations)</b>		<b>304,689</b>	<b>624,982</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Beginning Fund Balance July 1</b>		<b>5,113,139</b>	<b>5,417,828</b>	<b>6,042,810</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance June 30</b>		<b>\$5,417,828</b>	<b>\$6,042,810</b>	<b>\$6,042,810</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance as a % of Total Appropriations</b>		<b>561.5%</b>	<b>511.7%</b>	<b>451.1%</b>
<b>Debt Service paid from General Fund</b>				
<b>Debt Management</b>				
	Note Principal Paid	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Note Interest Paid	-	-	-
	Bond Principal Paid	-	-	-
	Bond Interest Paid	-	-	-
	Loan Agreement Principal Paid	-	-	-
	Loan Agreement Interest Paid	-	-	-
	Lease Principal Paid	-	-	-
	Lease Interest Paid	-	-	-
<b>Total Annual Debt Service Payments</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

SECTION 2: At the end of the fiscal year 2023, the governing body estimates fund balances or deficits as follows:

<b>Estimated Fund Balance/Net</b>	
<b>Fund</b>	<b>Position at June 30, 2023</b>
General Fund	\$ 6,042,810

SECTION 3: That the governing body herein certifies that the condition of its sinking funds, if applicable, are compliant pursuant to its bond covenants, and recognizes that the municipality has outstanding bonded and other indebtedness as follows:

<b>Bonded or Other Indebtedness</b>	<b>Debt Authorized and Unissued</b>	<b>Principal Outstanding at June 30, 2023</b>	<b>FY2024 Principal Payment</b>	<b>FY2024 Interest Payment</b>
<b>Bonds -</b> [enter each series individually]	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Loan Agreements</b> [enter each series individually]				
<b>Notes -</b> [enter each series individually]				
<b>Leases</b> [enter each series individually]				

SECTION 4: During the coming fiscal year (2024) the governing body has pending and planned capital projects and committed funds with proposed funding as follows:

<b>Proposed Future Capital Projects</b>	<b>Proposed Future Capital Projects - Total Expense</b>	<b>Proposed Future Capital Projects Expense Financed by Estimated Revenues and/or Reserves</b>	<b>Proposed Future Capital Projects Expense Financed by Debt Proceeds</b>
Altura Culvert	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
Town Hall Updates	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	
Mabbitt Trail Improvements	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	
<b>Committed Funds</b>			
Savings	\$ 2,500,000.00		
Stabilization Fund	\$ 300,000.00		

SECTION 5: No appropriation listed above may be exceeded without an amendment of the budget ordinance as required by the Municipal Budget Law of 1982 (Tenn. Code Ann. § 6-56-208). In addition, no appropriation may be made in excess of available funds except to provide for an actual emergency threatening the health, property or lives of the inhabitants of the municipality and declared by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of at least a quorum of the governing body in accord with Tenn. Code Ann. § 6-56-205.

SECTION 6: Money may be transferred from one appropriation to another in the same fund in an amount of up to \$5,000 by the Mayor, subject to such limitations and procedures as set by the Governing Body pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 6-56-209. Any resulting transfers shall be reported to the governing body at its next regular meeting and entered into the minutes.

SECTION 7: A detailed financial plan will be attached to this budget and become part of this budget ordinance.

SECTION 8: There is hereby levied a property tax of \$0.5315 per \$100 of assessed value on all real and personal property.

SECTION 9: This annual operating and capital budget ordinance and supporting documents shall be submitted to the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's Designee for approval pursuant to Title 9, Chapter 21 of the Tennessee Code Annotated within fifteen (15) days of its adoption. If the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's Designee determines that the budget does not comply with the Statutes, the Governing Body shall adjust its estimates or make additional tax levies sufficient to comply with the Statutes or as directed by the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's Designee.

SECTION 10: All unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall lapse and revert to the respective fund balances.

SECTION 11: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with any provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 12: This ordinance shall take effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 5/9/2023

Passed 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 6/13/2023

Public Hearing: 6/13/2023


YEA: 3


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NAY: 0

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ATTESTED:

  
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Mayor

  
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Town Recorder

