
**TOWNSHIP OF UPPER ST. CLAIR
CHARTER PROVISIONS CONCERNING ANNUAL BUDGET**

**ARTICLE IX
BUDGET AND FISCAL AFFAIRS**

C-901. Fiscal year.

The fiscal year of the Township shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December of each year.

C-902. Submission of budget and budget messages.

On or before the 1st day of November of each year, the Manger shall submit to the Board of Commissioners a proposed budget for the ensuing fiscal year and an accompanying message.

C-903. Budget message.

The Manager's accompanying budget message shall explain the budget both in fiscal terms and in terms of programs. It shall outline the proposed financial policies of the Township for the ensuing fiscal year; describe the important features of the budget; indicate any major changes from the current year in financial policies, expenditures and revenues, together with the reasons for such changes; summarize the Township's debt position; and include such other material as the Manager deems desirable, or as the Board of Commissioners requests.

C-904. Budget.

A. The budget shall provide a complete financial plan of all Township funds and activities for the ensuing fiscal year and, except as required by this Charter, shall be in such form as the Manager deems desirable or the Board of Commissioners may require. In organizing the budget, the Manager shall utilize the most feasible combination of expenditure classification by fund, organization, unit, program, purpose or activity, and object. The budget shall contain the following:

- (1) It shall begin with a general summary of its contents.
- (2) It shall show in detail all estimated income, indicating the existing and proposed tax levies, as well as other assessments, fees and charges.
- (3) It shall show all proposed expenditures, including debt service, for the ensuing fiscal year.
- (4) It shall show the number of proposed employees and the annual salary schedule in every job classification.

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- (5) It shall be so arranged as to show comparative figures for actual and estimated income, expenditures for the current fiscal year, and actual income and expenditures of the preceding fiscal year.
- (6) It shall indicate proposed expenditures during the ensuing fiscal year-detailed by offices, departments and agencies, in terms of their respective work programs, and the methods of financing such expenditures.
- (7) It shall indicate proposed capital expenditures during the ensuing fiscal year-detailed by offices, departments and agencies when practicable, and the proposed method of financing each such capital expenditure.

B. The total of proposed expenditures shall not exceed the total of estimated income.

C-905. Public record.

The annual budget shall be a public record and shall be available for public inspection during regular business hours after submission prior to public hearing, prior to adoption and after adoption.

C-906. Adoption of Budget.

A. Notice of hearing. The Board of Commissioners shall publish in one (1) or more newspapers of general circulation in the Township the general summary of the budget and a notice stating:

- (1) The times and places where copies of the message and budget are available for inspection by the public, and
- (2) The time and place, not less than two (2) weeks after such publication, for a public hearing on the budget.

B. Amendment before adoption. After the public hearing, the Board of Commissioners may adopt the budget with or without amendment. In amending the budget, it may add or increase programs or amounts and may delete or decrease any programs or amounts, except expenditures required by law or for debt service or for estimated cash deficit; but no amendment to the budget shall increase the authorized expenditures to an amount greater than the total of estimated income.

C. Adoption. The Board of Commissioners shall adopt the budget on or before the last day of the last month of the fiscal year currently ending. If it fails to adopt the budget by this date, the amounts appropriated for current operation of the current fiscal year shall be deemed adopted for the ensuing fiscal year on a month-to-month basis, with all items in it prorated accordingly, until such time as the Board of Commissioners adopts a budget for the ensuing fiscal year.

C-907. Amendment of Budget.

A. Supplemental appropriations. If during the fiscal year there are available for appropriation revenues in excess of those estimated in the budget, the Board of Commissioners by ordinance may make supplemental appropriations for the year up to the amount of such excess.

B. Emergency appropriations. To meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property or the public peace, the Board of Commissioners may make emergency appropriations. Such appropriations must be made by emergency ordinance by an affirmative vote of at least five (5) members. To the extent that there are no available unappropriated revenues to meet such appropriations, the Board of Commissioners may by such emergency ordinance authorize the issuance of emergency notes, which may be renewed from time to time; but the emergency notes and renewals of any fiscal year next succeeding that in which the emergency appropriation was made.

C. Reduction of appropriations. If at any time during the fiscal year it appears probable to the Manager that the revenues available will be insufficient to meet the amount appropriated, he shall report to the Board of Commissioners without delay, indicate the estimated amount of the deficit, any remedial action taken by him and his recommendations as to any other steps to be taken. The Board of Commissioners shall then take such further action as it deems necessary to prevent or minimize any deficit and for that purpose it may by ordinance reduce one (1) or more appropriations.

D. Transfer of appropriations. At any time during the fiscal year, the Manager may transfer part or all of any unencumbered appropriation balance among programs within a department, office or agency; and, upon written request by the Manager, the Board of Commissioners may by ordinance transfer part or all of any unencumbered appropriation balance from one department, office or agency to another.

E. Limitations; effective date. No appropriation for debt service may be reduced or transferred, and no appropriation may be reduced below any amount required by law to be appropriated or by more than the amount of the unencumbered balance thereof. The supplemental and emergency appropriations and reduction or transfer of appropriations authorized by this section may be made effective immediately upon adoption.

C-908. Appropriations and levy.

Adoption of the budget and amendments shall constitute appropriations for the expenditures set forth therein, and shall constitute a levy of any property tax therein proposed.