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Attn: Landowners & Residents of Cumberland Township

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Subject: 2026 Budget

A municipal budget is arguably the most important policy document a local government produces, serving as a comprehensive financial, legal, and operational blueprint for Cumberland Township. It allocates a community's resources to essential services like public safety, and infrastructure. It authorizes local officials to spend funds, ensures the municipality can meet its obligations, and reflects the community's priorities for the upcoming year. Essentially, the budget is the primary tool for a municipality to plan the future and implement its vision.

Following the November 18th Workshop and the November 25th Board of Supervisors meeting Cumberland Township is proposing to increase its Millage by .5%. The proposed 2026 budget has taken into consideration Income, Fixed Expenses, Debt, Flexible and Unplanned Expenses, and Savings. This budget will guide the Township in its service delivery while it reflects the Townships priorities, authorizes spending, ensures financial stability, and acts as a management and planning tool. This .5% millage increase will not only accomplish the goals of the township for 2026, but it will accomplish the goals of the township for years to come.

A property with an assessed value of \$269,911.12 (the average value in the Township) would increase by \$11.25 of additional Township taxes per month.

The last adjustment made to the Cumberland Township municipal tax was eight years ago, in 2018. Driving factors in the millage increase are inflation and tariffs, 50% rise in healthcare since 2021, and staffing costs to provide the high-quality services our community expects.

The proposed budget and tax reference table is available at www.cumberlandtwppa.gov

Cumberland Township will continue to put every dollar collected to manage the Township and provide the services Cumberland Township residents rely on every day.

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