

**UNION COUNTY  
BUDGET ORDINANCE  
FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004**

**SECTION I. GENERAL FUND**

A. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the GENERAL FUND for the operation of the county government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004 in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this county.

General Government:		
Board of Commissioners	275,793	
Central Administration	730,110	
County Dues & Memberships	78,628	
Internal Audit	74,263	
Legal	246,699	
Personnel	437,730	
Finance	761,981	
Tax Administration	2,845,472	
Court Facilities	2,956,870	
Elections	711,019	
Register of Deeds	770,616	
Information Systems	1,903,303	
General Services	890,697	12,683,181
Public Safety:		
Law Enforcement	12,003,442	
Communications	1,194,878	
Homeland Security	168,970	
Fire Services	871,726	
Inspection	2,079,138	
Medical Examiner	40,000	
Emergency Medical Services	3,303,566	
Animal Control	498,077	
Juvenile Detention	162,000	20,321,797
Economic & Physical Development:		
Planning	506,886	
Economic Development	330,132	
Cooperative Extension	300,071	
Soil Conservation	144,193	
Forest Management	50,081	1,331,363
Human Services:		
Health	5,561,664	
Mental Health	637,662	
Social Services	22,078,175	
Delinquency Prevention	47,887	
JCPC	364,560	
Turning Point	25,000	
Nutrition and Transportation	1,034,205	
Veterans' Services	172,874	
UDI Sheltered Workshop	26,500	
Community Shelter	10,000	
Community Action	76,338	
Council on Aging	258,911	
Charlotte Area Transit System	70,060	30,363,836
Education:		
School Current Expense	21,735,344	
School Capital Outlay		
School Capital Outlay-Schools	3,000,000	
Debt Service	14,564,850	
School Traffic Control	100,000	
Community College		
Operations	667,000	
Debt Service	286,712	
Literacy Efforts	2,000	40,355,906

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Cultural and Recreational:		
Library	3,282,256	
Parks & Recreation	2,165,762	
Arts Council	45,000	
Historical Properties	5,000	
Union Symphony Orchestra League	1,000	5,499,018
Debt Service:		
General Debt Service	45,259	45,259
Contingency/Nondepartmental	1,531,856	1,531,856
		<u>112,132,216</u>

B. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the GENERAL FUND for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004.

Ad Valorem Taxes	57,543,307
Local Option Sales Tax	20,024,033
Intergovernmental	15,512,611
Miscellaneous	12,555,262
Fund Balance Appropriated	6,497,003
	<u>112,132,216</u>

**SECTION II. HEMBY BRIDGE FIRE DISTRICT**

A. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the HEMBY BRIDGE FIRE DISTRICT FUND for the operation of fire protection services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004 with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this county.

Public Safety:	557,400
Contribution to Fund Balance	54,684
	<u>612,084</u>

B. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the HEMBY BRIDGE FIRE DISTRICT FUND for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004.

Ad Valorem Taxes	398,797
Local Option Sales Tax	154,656
Fund Balance Appropriated	58,631
	<u>612,084</u>

**SECTION III. STALLINGS FIRE DISTRICT**

A. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the STALLINGS FIRE DISTRICT FUND for the operation of fire protection services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004 with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this county.

Public Safety:	606,626
Contribution to Fund Balance	-
	<u>606,626</u>

B. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the STALLINGS FIRE DISTRICT FUND for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004.

Ad Valorem Taxes	394,044
Local Option Sales Tax	129,410
Fund Balance Appropriated	83,172
	<u>606,626</u>

**SECTION IV. WESLEY CHAPEL FIRE DISTRICT**

A. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the WESLEY CHAPEL FIRE DISTRICT FUND for the operation of fire protection services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004 with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this county.

Public Safety:	317,800
Contribution to Fund Balance	-
	<u>317,800</u>

B. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the WESLEY CHAPEL FIRE DISTRICT FUND for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004.

Ad Valorem Taxes	317,800
Fund Balance Appropriated	-
	<u>317,800</u>

**SECTION V. FEE SUPPORTED FIRE DISTRICTS**

A. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the FEE SUPPORTED FIRE DISTRICTS FUND for the operation of fire protection services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004 with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this county.

Public Safety:	<u>1,387,263</u>
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B. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the FEE SUPPORTED FIRE DISTRICTS FUND for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004.

Fire Fees	<u>1,387,263</u>
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**SECTION VI. EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM**

A. The funds in this budget shall arise from subscriber charges set at ninety-six cents (\$.96) per month per telephone line. These funds are collected by the telephone companies in the County and remitted to the County for operation of an E-911 system.

B. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM FUND for the emergency 911 services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004 with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this county.

Public Safety	<u>1,537,996</u>
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C. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM FUND for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004.

Service Charges	936,000
Interest Earnings	28,700
Fund Balance Appropriated	573,296
	<u>1,537,996</u>

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**SECTION VII. WATER AND SEWER**

A. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the WATER AND SEWER FUND for the operation of water and sewer services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004 with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this county.

Water & Sewer		11,070,135	
Debt Service:			
Water debt	5,149,829		
Sewer debt	2,939,280	8,089,109	
Contingency		50,000	
Transfers to:			
Water and Sewer CPO		<u>5,292,436</u>	
		<u>24,501,680</u>	

B. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the WATER AND SEWER FUND for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004.

Fees for Services	17,210,000
Interest Earnings and Misc.	708,011
Retained Earnings Appropriated	<u>6,583,669</u>
	<u>24,501,680</u>

**SECTION VIII. SOLID WASTE**

A. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the SOLID WASTE FUND for the operation of solid waste services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004 with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this county.

Solid Waste	3,373,092
Contingency	50,000
Nondepartmental	<u>30,350</u>
	<u>3,453,442</u>

B. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the SOLID WASTE FUND for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004.

Fees for Services	2,672,961
Interest Earnings	50,000
Retained Earnings Appropriated	<u>730,481</u>
	<u>3,453,442</u>

**SECTION IX. STORMWATER**

A. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the STORMWATER FUND for the operation of stormwater services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004 with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this county.

Stormwater	<u>139,648</u>
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B. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the STORMWATER FUND for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004.

Transfer from General Fund	<u>139,648</u>
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**SECTION X. SUMMARY OF THE APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUE SOURCES FOR ALL FUNDS:**

Appropriations:

General	112,132,216
Hemby Bridge Fire District	612,084
Stallings Fire District	606,626
Wesley Chapel Fire District	317,800
Fee Supported Fire Districts	1,387,263
Emergency Telephone System	1,537,996
Water & Sewer	24,501,680
Solid Waste	3,453,442
Stormwater	<u>139,648</u>
	<u>144,688,755</u>

Revenues by Source:

Ad Valorem Taxes	58,653,948
Local Option Sales Tax	20,308,099
Intergovernmental	15,512,611
Miscellaneous	35,548,197
Interfund Transfer	139,648
Fund Balance Appropriated	<u>14,526,252</u>
	<u>144,688,755</u>

**SECTION XI. TAX RATES**

A. GENERAL FUND: That there is hereby levied for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004, the following county-wide rate of tax on each one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of taxable property situated in the County, as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2003, for the purpose of raising the revenue from current year's taxes, as set forth in the foregoing county-wide estimates of revenue, and in order to finance the foregoing county-wide appropriations:

General Fund - County-wide Rate	<u>.53</u>
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B. SPECIAL DISTRICTS: That there is hereby levied for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004, the following Special District tax rate on each one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of estimated taxable property situated in each Special District, as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2003, for the purpose of raising the revenue from current year's taxes, as set out in the foregoing District estimates of revenue, and in order to finance the foregoing District appropriations:

Monroe Special School District - Current Expense	<u>.07</u>	Hemby Bridge Fire Protection District	<u>.0360</u>
County Special School District - Current Expense	<u>.07</u>	Stallings Fire Protection District	<u>.0392</u>
		Wesley Chapel Fire Protection District	<u>.0170</u>

C. ANIMAL TAX: There is hereby levied an annual license tax on the privilege of keeping dogs and cats (regardless of sex) within the County as follows: \$2.50 for each animal. This is for the purpose of financing a portion of the animal control program.

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**SECTION XII. FIRE FEES**

These fees will be collected by the County Tax Administrator's Office and remitted to the various fee supported fire districts by the Finance Department on a monthly basis. Remittances may not exceed the budgeted amount for any given department. In the event that revenues exceed expenditures, those funds shall be withheld and used in the next year's budget appropriation as a fund balance added to the appropriation from fees collected in that year. The fees are as follows:

FIRE FEES 2003-2004	Allens							
	Cross-Roads	Bakers	Beaver Lane	Fairview	Griffith Road	Jackson	Lanes Creek	New Salem
Percentage per request or maximum	100.00%	91.72%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	89.09%	100.00%	73.98%
Single Family Dwelling (SFD) (max fee of \$50)	50.00	45.86	50.00	50.00	50.00	44.55	50.00	36.99
Unimporved Land-per acre	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
-minimum (10% of fee)	5.00	4.59	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.45	5.00	3.70
Animal/Horticulture (20% of fee)	10.00	9.17	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.91	10.00	7.40
Commercial < or = 5000 sq ft (100% of fee)	50.00	45.86	50.00	50.00	50.00	44.55	50.00	36.99
Commercial > 5000 sq ft (200% of fee)	100.00	91.72	100.00	100.00	100.00	89.09	100.00	73.98
Mobile Home (same as SFD)	50.00	45.86	50.00	50.00	50.00	44.55	50.00	36.99
Duplex (same as SFD)	50.00	45.86	50.00	50.00	50.00	44.55	50.00	36.99
Triplex (150% of fee)	75.00	68.79	75.00	75.00	75.00	66.82	75.00	55.49
Other Family Dwellings (200% of fee)	100.00	91.72	100.00	100.00	100.00	89.09	100.00	73.98
Cultural Facilities (same as SFD)	50.00	45.86	50.00	50.00	50.00	44.55	50.00	36.99
Educational Facilities (same as SFD)	50.00	45.86	50.00	50.00	50.00	44.55	50.00	36.99
Governmental Facilities (same as SFD)	50.00	45.86	50.00	50.00	50.00	44.55	50.00	36.99
Religious Facilities (same as SFD)	50.00	45.86	50.00	50.00	50.00	44.55	50.00	36.99
Fire Protection Facilities (same as SFD)	50.00	45.86	50.00	50.00	50.00	44.55	50.00	36.99
% of Legislated maximum of \$50.00	100.00%	91.72%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	89.09%	100.00%	73.98%

  

FIRE FEES 2003-2004	Providence							
	Providence	Sandy Ridge	Stacks Springs	Stacks Road	Stallings	Unionville	Waxhaw	Wingate
Percentage per request or maximum	100.00%	100.00%	77.91%	92.07%	81.49%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Single Family Dwelling (SFD) (max fee \$50)	50.00	50.00	38.96	46.04	40.75	50.00	50.00	50.00
Unimporved Land-per acre	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
-minimum (10% of fee)	5.00	5.00	3.90	4.60	4.07	5.00	5.00	5.00
Animal/Horticulture (20% of fee)	10.00	10.00	7.79	9.21	8.15	10.00	10.00	10.00
Commercial < or = 5000 sq ft (100% of fee)	50.00	50.00	38.96	46.04	40.75	50.00	50.00	50.00
Commercial > 5000 sq ft (200% of fee)	100.00	100.00	77.91	92.07	81.49	100.00	100.00	100.00
Mobile Home (same as SFD)	50.00	50.00	38.96	46.04	40.75	50.00	50.00	50.00
Duplex (same as SFD)	50.00	50.00	38.96	46.04	40.75	50.00	50.00	50.00
Triplex (150% of fee)	75.00	75.00	58.43	69.05	61.12	75.00	75.00	75.00
Other Family Dwellings (200% of fee)	100.00	100.00	77.91	92.07	81.49	100.00	100.00	100.00
Cultural Facilities (same as SFD)	50.00	50.00	38.96	46.04	40.75	50.00	50.00	50.00
Educational Facilities (same as SFD)	50.00	50.00	38.96	46.04	40.75	50.00	50.00	50.00
Governmental Facilities (same as SFD)	50.00	50.00	38.96	46.04	40.75	50.00	50.00	50.00
Religious Facilities (same as SFD)	50.00	50.00	38.96	46.04	40.75	50.00	50.00	50.00
Fire Protection Facilities (same as SFD)	50.00	50.00	38.96	46.04	40.75	50.00	50.00	50.00
% of Legislated maximum of \$50.00	100.00%	100.00%	77.91%	92.07%	81.49%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

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**SECTION XIII. WATER AND SEWER RATES**

**A. One-time Charges for New Service:**

	<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Capacity Ratio to 3/4 inch</u>	<u>Water User Fees</u>	<u>Sewer User Fees</u>
Capacity Fee - charged for all new service (based on meter size):	3/4"	1.00	\$ 500	\$ 2,650
	1"	2.52	1,250	6,675
	1.5"	5.01	2,500	13,275
	2"	8.01	4,000	21,225
	3"	22.54	11,250	59,725
	4"	50.09	25,050	132,725
	6"	70.12	35,050	185,825
Water Tap Fee - charged for county provided taps (based on meter size):	3/4"		\$ 400	
	1"		525	
	1.5"		2,600	
	> 1.5" meter		Cost	
Sewer Tap Fee - charged for county provided taps (based on line size):	<u>Line Size</u>			
	4"			630
	6"			825
	> 6" line:			Cost

**B. Monthly Service Charges:**

	<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Capacity Ratio to 3/4 inch</u>	<u>Water User Fees</u>	<u>Sewer User Fees</u>
Base Facility Charge - fixed amount (based on meter size):	3/4"	1.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 9.25
	1"	2.52	12.60	23.31
	1.5"	5.01	25.05	46.34
	2"	8.01	40.05	74.09
	3"	22.54	112.70	208.50
	4"	50.09	250.45	463.33
	6"	70.12	350.60	648.61
Volume Charge - per 1,000 gallons (monthly metered water usage):			\$ 2.45 *	\$ 3.30 **

\*\* County Manager shall determine which months of the year to implement capping residential sewer volume charges at 14,000 gallons of metered water usage per month for residential customers using 3/4" meter.

\* Volumetric rates for residential 3/4" meters commencing with bills rendered after July 1, 2003, through October 25, 2003, shall be \$2.10/gallon for the first 3,000 gallons, \$2.45/gallon for the next 7,000 gallons and \$3.45/gallon for all gallons greater than 10,000.

**C. Payment Distribution:**

Payments will be applied first to late charges or fees, then to sewer charges, and then to water charges.

**SECTION XIV. GENERAL INFORMATION**

A. The County Manager, or his designee, is authorized to transfer appropriations between line item expenditures within a departmental appropriation and fund without limitation and without a report being required. The County Manager may transfer amounts between departmental appropriations within the same fund and shall make a report of transfers exceeding \$50,000 to the Board of Commissioners at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board following the transfer.

B. The County Manager is authorized to transfer Contingency appropriations, subject to a limitation of \$5,000 per item, and shall report such transfers to the Board of Commissioners at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board following the transfer.

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- C. The County Manager is authorized to transfer departmental appropriations for salary compensation related to pay plan adjustments in an aggregate amount not to exceed three percent (3%) and insurance to the various benefiting departmental appropriations.
- D. The County Manager shall not create any full time or regular part time positions without the consent and approval of the Board of Commissioners; however, he shall approve all part-time or seasonal employment and shall approve all hiring of regular and regular part-time employees.
- E. The County Manager is authorized to establish fees within the various departments and agencies for miscellaneous services and items such as copies, maps, books, etc., according to guidelines that may be administratively determined or that may be established by the Board of County Commissioners, in accordance with applicable law. The County Manager, or his designee, is authorized to establish collections and receipts requirements in conformance with G.S. 159-32, including the deferral of daily
- F. The County Manager is authorized to increase appropriations in Sections I, VI, VII, VIII and IX for carryovers representing contract balances, purchase order encumbrances and designations for special projects and purposes as reflected in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The County Manager shall make a report of the carryover departmental appropriations to the Board of Commissioners.
- G. The County Manager may approve contracts, as lessor or lessee of real property, which are of a duration of one year or less and are within budgeted departmental appropriations.
- The County Manager may approve and execute grant agreements and provide for their necessary appropriations, for which re-applications have been authorized by the Board of County Commissioners, to or from public and nonprofit organizations, unless a grantor organization requires execution by the Board of Commissioners.
- H. Proposed projects where the estimated professional fee is in an amount less than \$30,000 for architectural, engineering and surveying services are hereby exempted from the requirements of Article 3D of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes.
- I. The Classification and Pay Plan ("Plan") is amended to incorporate all personnel actions such as reclassifications and pay plan modifications as deemed appropriate by the County Manager with funding of the Plan being included in the various departmental appropriations. The County Manager is hereby authorized to maintain the Plan in conformance with the Union County Personnel Resolution.
- J. The County Manager is authorized to approve and execute insurance contracts for health, dental, life, disability, casualty, property, liability, and other insurance or performance bonds, that are similar in type, amount, and scope of coverage as those historically maintained by Union County. The County Manager may also approve and execute insurance contracts that modify the type, amount, and scope of insurance coverage historically maintained by the County to the extent the County Manager determines that such modification is necessary to adequately protect Union County's employees, property, and other assets, commensurate with industry standards. Any monetary limitations on the County Manager's authority to approve contracts shall be deemed inapplicable to these agreements.
- K. Elected officials, serving in the capacity as a Union County Commissioner at July 1, 2003 and thereafter, and having at least eight years of total service, said service having been earned at any time as a Union County Commissioner, shall be eligible for employer provided group health insurance to age 65 and Medicare Supplement Plan for the remainder of the individual's life.
- L. The final paragraph provisions contained in Section 45-10 (IV) (C) of the Union County Accounting Procedures Manual is amended in its entirety and restated to read as follows: "Employees must obtain actual meal receipts in order to be reimbursed for any meal. If there is no original receipt, no reimbursement will be paid."

**SECTION XV. SEVERABILITY**

- A. If any clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph, appropriation, or section of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, it shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance or the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, appropriations, or sections.

This Budget Ordinance is adopted on June 23, 2003 and is to become effective July 1, 2003.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
UNION COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

By:   
CHAIRMAN