



TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Milton Dohoney Jr., City Administrator
Marti Praschan, Financial Services Area Administrator & CFO
Kim Buselmeier, Financial Manager
Jennifer Hall, Executive Director, Ann Arbor Housing Commission

SUBJECT: FY26 Budget: Ann Arbor Housing Commission (AAHC)

DATE: May 16, 2025

Question #17: What role will the Events Manager serve for AAHC? (Councilmember Briggs)

Response: The position is going to manage the Dunbar Tower public community center. The position is needed to ensure that there are programs and events occurring in this space, which is opening in FY26. This space was created in partnership with the Community Leadership Council (CLC), the 12-member advisory board of Black residents that we have been working with for 3 years to educate the community about the loss of the historic Black neighborhood on the West Side. The CLC is working with us to design a space for educational opportunities and cultural events, and to celebrate the contributions of Black Ann Arbor residents through historic displays and art. The space will otherwise be empty and closed if we do not have staff to work with community organizations like educational institutions (WCC, Public Schools) and nonprofits (services, arts and cultural) to program the space.



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FROM: Milton Dohoney Jr., City Administrator
Marti Praschan, Financial Services Area Administrator & CFO
Kim Buselmeier, Financial Manager
Derek Delacourt, Community Services Area Administrator

SUBJECT: FY26 Budget: Community Services – Rental Housing

DATE: May 16, 2025

Question #18: Does this budget account for any increase in rental inspectors (enforcement) as discussed after the passage of recent rental ordinances? (Councilmember Radina)

Response: The inspector FTEs requested in the FY26 budget will be dedicated to rental housing inspections for certificates of compliance regarding structural and safety code violations, not to include concerns regarding leasing, contracts, or sustainability items. Until staff can inspect all rental units in the city within the desired three-year window, we do not recommend hiring additional or expanding the responsibilities of the inspectors to do non inspection related work. Our primary goal is to ensure that all units meet the requirements of the code for occupancy. As the City continues to add additional units there will be a continued need for additional inspectors to keep pace with that goal.

Question #19: Does this budget fund a legal/paralegal position for enforcement of rental laws? (Councilmember Radina)

Response: No, the FY26 budget doesn't include an additional FTE in the City Attorney's Office or Building Department for enforcement of rental laws.

Question #20: Bigger Picture: Are there other ordinance enforcement needs within the City that would benefit from an enforcement-level staff person? (Councilmember Radina)

Response: In addition to rental housing, there are other ordinances across departments that require enforcement and investigative skills. A legal/paralegal position doesn't necessarily traverse these needs. Some ordinances that need enforcement are below:

- Property maintenance code compliance
- Bike lane encroachments
- Vegetation in ROWs
- Snow removal
- Menstruation products
- Sale of fur products
- Gas leaf blower ban
- Sign ordinances etc.
- Other



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FROM: Milton Dohoney Jr., City Administrator
Marti Praschan, Financial Services Area Administrator & CFO
Kim Buselmeier, Financial Manager
Andre Anderson, Police Chief

SUBJECT: FY26 Budget: Drones

DATE: May 16, 2025

Question #21: Does this budget include funding for any drone technology? If so, will Council be presented with a Use Policy for review and approval prior to the purchase of any drones? (Councilmember Radina)

Response: The administration will present a comprehensive drone policy and resolution to City Council that will be applicable to multiple service areas prior to drones being purchased. Drones will not necessarily be called out in a line-item manner within the budget. Service areas may simply take funding from buckets within their budgets to cover the cost associated with the transaction.



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FROM: Milton Dohoney Jr., City Administrator
Marti Praschan, Financial Services Area Administrator & CFO
Kim Buselmeier, Financial Manager
Mike Kennedy, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: FY26 Budget: Fire

DATE: May 16, 2025

Question #15: Can you please provide more detail on the \$20 million for expenditures in Fire Services (General 0010)?? (Councilmember Briggs)

Response: The Fire Department General Fund budget contains the operating budget for the Fire Department. It consists of all wages and benefits for Fire Department staff as well as Fire vehicle and information technology costs. In addition, it contains the funding necessary to operate each Fire Station on a daily basis and provide emergency management for the City and ensures that all emergency sirens in the City are operational.



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FROM: Milton Dohoney Jr., City Administrator
Marti Praschan, Financial Services Area Administrator & CFO
Kim Buselmeier, Financial Manager
Carl Konopaska, Fleet & Facilities Manager

SUBJECT: FY26 Budget: Fleet & Facilities

DATE: May 16, 2025

Question #16: What is the impact of a slight reduction to fleet services funding? Please provide details on \$500k and \$1 million reduction? (Councilmember Briggs)

Response: Fleet services is an internal service fund. It obtains its funding by charging other City Departments for use of their services. Funding in the General Fund consists of personnel costs only and is a direct pass-thru to the Internal Service Fund. The funds budgeted in the Fleet Fund are for Fleet staff that service City vehicles, the cost of vehicle repairs and the funding necessary to purchase new and replacement vehicles and equipment for City departments on an annual basis. A reduction in Fleet Services funding of any amount would mean that City vehicles would not be replaced in a timely manner leading to increased maintenance costs.



TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Milton Dohoney Jr., City Administrator
Marti Praschan, Financial Services Area Administrator & CFO
Kim Buselmeier, Financial Manager
Jordan Roberts, Public Services Area Administrator

SUBJECT: FY26 Budget: Public Services

DATE: May 16, 2025

Question #14: Please share more details on the \$530k allocation in FY26 and FY27 for streetlight replacement. What proportion, if any, is to support the City's conversion to LED lights. What would the impact be of a reduction to these funds? (Councilmember Briggs)

Response: The \$530,000 allocation included in the FY26 & FY27 budgets is to fund ongoing asset management for the existing 2,789 city-owned streetlight poles and the existing 3,254 streetlight luminaires (e.g. the physical light bulbs/light fixtures). 97% of the city-owned streetlights are already LED, so these funds are not needed to support LED conversions. These asset management dollars fund the ongoing maintenance, repair, and replacement of any elements of the infrastructure needed to support the functioning of these lights, which include poles, luminaires, wiring, and concrete foundations.

A reduction in funding in this line would reduce the total amount of maintenance and repair activities that can take place in a given year and would likely delay some needed streetlight repairs and replacements, potentially resulting in safety concerns.