

**TOWN OF LOVETTSTVILLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE PROPOSED 2026 TAX RATES AND SCHEDULE OF FEES
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 - JUNE 30, 2027**

Pursuant to and upon the authority found in Sections 2.2-3704, 15.2-107, 15.2-1427, 15.2-2111, 15.2-2119, 15.2-2122, 15.2-2143, 15.2-2286, 46.2-752, 58.1-1204, 58.1-2900, 58.1-3702, 58.1-3321, and 58.1-3840 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, the **LOVETTSTVILLE TOWN COUNCIL** will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 6:30pm** in the Town Council Chambers, 6 E. Pennsylvania Avenue, Lovettsville, Virginia at which time the public shall have the right to provide written and oral comments on the Town's proposed Schedule of Fees for tax year 2026 and fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

All persons desiring to speak will be given an opportunity to do so at this meeting.

Copies of the proposed budget are available on the Town website and are available for review at the Town Hall between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm weekdays or by special appointment, holidays excepted. Call 540-822-5788 for more information or visit www.lovettsvilleva.gov. In the event the meeting is cancelled, the public hearing will be convened at the next regular scheduled meeting at the same time and place.

GENERAL FUND

TAXES/ FEES	
TYPE	Tax/Fee Rate
Real Estate Tax (per \$100 assessed value)	\$0.1440 (Elderly/Disabled Real Estate Tax discount is 100% for qualifying residents)
Meals Tax	4.00% on gross receipts
Cigarette Tax	\$0.40 per pack
Transient Occupancy Tax	5.00% of gross receipts
Vehicle License Tax	\$0.00 per car/truck/motorcycle
Bank Franchise Tax	80 percent of state rate set forth in Code of Virginia §58.1-1204
Electric Consumers Utility Tax	Residential: \$0.49 plus the rate of \$0.005294 per KWh, not to exceed \$1.05 per meter Non- Residential: \$0.80 plus the rate of \$0.004984 per KWh, not to exceed \$7.00 per meter
Bank Charge for All Returned Checks	\$30.00
60-day Delinquent Administrative Collection Fee	\$30.00
Town Facilities Use Permit	\$25.00 In-Town Rate \$50.00 Out-of-Town Rate

BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE	
TYPE	Tax/Fee Rate
All Businesses Except Contractors	Fee of \$30.00 for gross receipts up to \$20,000.00 and a Tax of \$0.17/\$100 for gross receipts over \$20,000.00
In-Town Contractors	Fee of \$30.00 for gross receipts up to \$20,000.00 and a Tax of \$0.16/\$100 for gross receipts over \$20,000.00
Out-of-Town Contractors	No charge for work valued under \$25,000.00 annually; Fee of \$30.00 plus a tax of \$0.16/\$100 for gross receipts over \$25,000.00

APPLICATION FEES	
TYPE	Tax/Fee Rate
Zoning Permit – Minor	\$75.00
Zoning Permit – Major	\$150.00
Zoning Permit – Temporary Retail Sales	\$75.00
Zoning Permit – Special Events	\$75.00
Pool Permit (Fence Included)	\$75.00
Zoning Determination Letter	\$75.00
Demolition Permit	\$0.00
Rezoning/Zoning Map Amendment**	\$750.00 FOR FIRST ACRE \$250.00 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL ACRE
Proffer Amendment	\$500.00
Ordinance Amendment**	\$150.00
Home Occupancy Permit	\$75.00
Zoning Certificate	\$75.00
Sign Permit – Permanent (UP TO 3 SIGNS)	\$75.00
Sign Permit – Temporary (PER SIGN)	\$25.00
Preliminary Plat	\$300.00 + \$15.00 PER LOT
Preliminary Plat Amendment	\$250.00
Final Plat	\$500.00 + \$25.00 PER LOT
Final Plat Amendment	\$250.00
Boundary Line Adjustment	\$250.00
Minor Subdivision Plan/Plat	\$300.00 + \$15.00 PER LOT
Preliminary Site Plan	\$1,000.00 + \$50.00 PER ACRE
Final Site Plan	\$1,000.00 FOR FIRST ACRE \$50.00 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL ACRE
Preliminary/Final Site Plan	\$1,000.00 FOR FIRST ACRE \$50.00 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL ACRE
Conditional Use Permit**	\$350.00
Subdivision/Site Plan Exception*	\$100.00 PER SECTION VARIED
Comprehensive Plan Amendment	\$2,500.00
Occupancy Permit	\$75.00
Bond Reduction (PER REDUCTION)	\$100.00
Bond Release	\$150.00
VDOT Street Acceptance	\$150.00
Variance/Appeal*	\$100.00
Bank Charge for All Returned Checks	\$30.00
Comprehensive Plan (Document)	\$30.00
Subdivision/Site Plan Engineering & Legal Consultant Review Deposit Fee**	\$3,000.00

Notes:
* Additional charges for advertising and/or adjacent property owner notification will be billed to the applicant. (Applicants are responsible for all base fees as well as any engineering or Town Attorney Review Costs)

** As required by Section 30-37 of the Town Code for subdivision construction drawings and development site plans. If actual costs differ from amount deposited, the excess shall be paid by the applicant to the Town or difference refunded to the applicant, as applicable.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUESTS	
TYPE	Fee Rate
Photocopies	\$0.25 per page (8 ½ x 11)
Documents Printed In-House	\$2.00 per page (Black/White 24" x 36") \$3.00 per page (Color 24" x 36") Documents Sent to Printer Due to Volume or Size Actual Cost
Audio CDs and Flash Drives	\$5.00 per copy

Cost for staff time to research and respond to FOIA requests will be based on the hourly rate of the appropriate staff member(s) responding to the request. For more information, see the Town of Lovettsville Freedom of Information Act Policy and FOIA Request Form.

UTILITIES FUND

FEES AND CHARGES	
TYPE	Fee Rate
In-Town Water User Rate (per 1,000 gallons):	\$10.70
In-Town Sewer User Rate (per 1,000 gallons):	\$17.00
In-Town Sewer Only Customers:	Fixed rate of \$47.73
Out-of-Town Water/Sewer Customers Charged:	150% of In-Town rate
Penalty for Late Payment:	\$10.00 or 10% (whichever is greater)
Bulk Water Sales:	\$25.00/ 1,000 gallons, plus \$75.00 transaction fee
Virginia Department of Health Waterworks Technical Assistance Fund:	Set by VDH
Water Cutoff Charge or Turn On Charge:	\$30.00
Fire Sprinkler Fee for facilities with a fire sprinkler system connected to Town Water:	\$6.67 / Month
Availability Tap refund processing charge:	\$50.00
Fats, Oils and Grease Permit Fee:	\$25.00
Flushing Hydrant Maintenance Fee:	\$500 per year
Off-Hours Service Charge (4pm- 6am)	\$75.00
Frye Court Service Tax District (per \$100 of assessed value exclusive of improvements)	\$0.233

WATER AND SEWER RATE TABLE

A minimum rate applies to all water and sewer accounts after the minimum billed usage and an additional dollar amount is applied per 1,000 gallons, and includes a 3% increase in residential 5/8 & 3/4 meter sizes, as well as rates for non-residential and other size water meter connections.

METER SIZE (INCHES)	Minimum Billed \$ (Month)	Minimum Billed Usage (gallons)	Per 1,000 gallons Over Minimum	Per 1,000 gallons Over Minimum
5/8 & 3/4	\$55.40 (residential) \$67.37 (non-residential)	2,000	\$10.70	\$17.00
1	\$79.30			
1.5	\$79.30			
2	\$91.25			
3	\$114.96			
4	\$127.07			

WATER AND SEWER INSPECTION FEES

TYPE	Tax/Fee Rate
Main Inspection Fee	\$1.90 x linear foot of Water Main + \$2.15 x linear foot of Sewer Main + \$300 for Beneficial Use Inspection + \$300 Final Inspection
Lateral Inspection Fee	\$150 per connection- charged with Zoning Permit for the building
Line Record Drawing Fee	\$1,350 + \$1.25/linear foot of Water Main + \$1.50/linear foot of Sewer Main
Water Modeling Fee	Engineering Reimbursable- cost to update water model to include new water lines and provide required information to VDH for their review and approval; component of Engineering Deposit.
Hydrant Flow Test Fee	\$100 + provide needed testing equipment
Lateral Upgrade Fee	\$100 + Cost of meter (when existing connection upgrades to a larger size meter)

DEPOSITS FOR NEW WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS

TYPE OF CONNECTION	WATER	SEWER
Residential (within Town limits)	\$50.00	\$50.00
Residential (outside Town limits)	\$100.00	\$100.00
Non-Residential	\$100.00	\$100.00
Water and Sewer Connection Fees	\$2,725.00	\$2,725.00

AVAILABILITY FEES, MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE USAGE AND METER FEES

METER SIZE (INCHES)	Max. Allowable Usage (GPD)	Water Availability Fee***	Wastewater Availability Fee***	Meter Fee
5/8"	500	\$14,676.00	\$21,562.00	\$250.00
3/4"	750	\$22,013.00	\$32,342.00	\$250.00
1"	1,250	\$36,691.00	\$53,903.00	Cost of meter + \$20.00
1-1/2"	2,500	\$73,382.00	\$107,806.00	Cost of meter + \$20.00
2"	4,000	\$117,409.00	\$172,490.00	Cost of meter + \$20.00
3"	8,000	\$234,817.00	\$344,978.00	Cost of meter + \$20.00
4"	12,500	\$366,901.00	\$539,027.00	Cost of meter + \$20.00

WATER THEFT FINES

First Offense Fine	\$500.00
Second Offense Fine	\$1,000.00
Third/Subsequent Offense Fine	\$2,000.00

REWARD FOR SUCCESSFUL NOTIFICATION AND CAPTURE OF WATER THEFT IN PROGRESS

Town Water and Sewer Account Holders	\$100.00 Credit
Non-account Holders	\$50.00 Check

Notes:
*** Upgrades from a smaller meter size will equal the difference between the new availability fee and the current availability worth of the existing meter size.