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## FY2026 Budget Question/Comment Form

What comment(s) would you like to leave regarding the FY2026 Budget? I do not support budgeting any tax dollars for the purpose of promoting or developing cruise ships or their passengers en masse access in the York River or the Riverwalk area.

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### FY2026 Budget Question/Comment Form

What question(s) would you like to ask regarding the FY2025 Budget? Is it really necessary to have ALL those lights on by the new Police Station? Save the taxpayers electric bill and cut 1/2 to 2/3 of them off.

What comment(s) would you like to leave regarding the FY2026 Budget? Instead of always looking for ways to generate more income from taxpayers, look for ways to cut unnecessary spending.

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What question(s) would you like to ask regarding the FY2025 Budget?

Why does York County fund the Williamsburg library system? Williamsburg has an extravagant number of librarians for their size and limited scope of programs geared to limited people. They chose to not get government funding - why does York County have to spend their library budget to subsidize that? The library can't charge for programs, yet is expected to service all of Hampton Roads without increasing their staff appropriately?

What comment(s) would you like to leave regarding the FY2026 Budget?

More transparency. Hidden items like the "contractual services" with Williamsburg should be listed separately instead of buried in footnotes and other items. If the money is going outside the county, it should be prominently shown.

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## FY2026 Budget Question/Comment Form

What question(s) would you like to ask regarding the FY2025 Budget?

Why is our YC police and fire department employees largely underpaid in comparison to neighboring jurisdictions?

What comment(s) would you like to leave regarding the FY2026 Budget?

Our safety and health is important to many and I would like our police and FD employees to be compensated more. Teachers in YC also make substantially less than NN or Hampton. If we do not compensate them our reputable teachers, fire fighters, and police will leave the county for better paying wages and we will no longer have qualified public service members in our county.

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## FY2026 Budget Question/Comment Form

What comment(s) would you like to leave regarding the FY2026 Budget?

1) I wish for the city to really put focus on making the city walkable. We need side walks. ACCESSIBLE sidewalks. 2) In addition to attempts to bring development to the city which is of vital importance.

Citizens should be able to easily access the city in which they reside.

Prime example is common wealth drive off of victory Blvd. There are several small work out facilities , restaurants , coffee shops , as well as a hotel and at least 3 major housing developments on that strip, as well as a movie theatre . Many people attempt to walk place to place all the time but you are forced in the street as there is very little side walk and none of them connect all the way through. Any one who wants to walk to get their groceries , since a car really isn't required, is forced to the sloping grass or in the street. Why? You have citizens choosing a better path and it is made difficult for no reason. As well, this area is directly across from the kiln creek loop that many people walk daily for exercise. However, one must get in their car to cross the street in order to walk it. That's a waste of gas, emissions, time to be physical as well as many other things. This entire area is primed to be connected with a walking path. No one should be required to own a car to go get groceries in a neighborhood built like this.

Allowing citizens to easily maneuver is important. The more walkable a city the less issues we have with driving/parking infrastructure.

Walkable city ensures access remains for All economic backgrounds. This has always been important but as prices are on the rise so are cost saving methods

A walkable city reduces the effects of cars emissions in the atmosphere

A walkable city also, most importantly, provides low thought ways to keep our citizens moving. Building in physical activity in our everyday lives will always be the best way to promote health over paid gym memberships and philosophies that encourage body Dysmorphia .

Newport News and Yorktown being so close together really can work together to make this city thrive. The population is aging slowly and we need to increase things for modernity sake and to keep the city lively so people not only want to STAY here but want to move here as well. Not doing Sonia what is making it hard to recruit much needed occupations like medical personnel. No one really wants a sleepy town. You leave those the first chance you get and relying on the military forcing individuals here isn't wise nor sustainable in the long run.

"If you stay ready you don't have to get ready".

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