



State of New Jersey Local Government Services

Year: **Municipal User Friendly Budget**

MUNICIPALITY:

Municode: **Filename:**

Website:

Phone Number:

Mailing Address:

Municipality: **State:** **Zip:**

Mayor

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Term Expires	Business Email
Anthony		Rossi	1/14/2028	

Chief Administrative Officer

Tina		Kraus		businessadmin@vernontwp.com
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Chief Financial Officer

			Cert. Number	
Patricia		Reiche	N-0901	cfo@vernontwp.com

Municipal Clerk

Marcy		Gianattasio	C-1968	mgianattsio@vernontwp.org
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Registered Municipal Accountant

Man		Lee	Lic #562	mlee@nisivoccia.com
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Governing Body Members

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Term Expires	Business Email
William		Higgins	1/14/2028	whiggins@vernontwp.com
Sandra		Ooms	1/14/2030	sooms@vernontwp.com
Bradley		Sparta	1/14/2028	bsparta@vernontwp.com
Patrick		Rizzuto	1/14/2030	prizzuto@vernontwp.com
Carl		Contino	1/14/2030	ccontino@vernontwp.com

Government Type:	<input type="text" value="Town"/>
Election Type:	<input type="text" value="Non-Partisan (November)"/>

USER FRIENDLY BUDGET SECTION - PROPERTY TAX BREAKDOWN

<u>2025 Calendar Year Property Tax Levies - ALL entities levying property taxes</u>					<u>Current Year 2026 Budget</u>		
	<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>% of</u>	<u>Avg Residential</u>	<u>Taxes</u>	<u>Actual/Estimated</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>
	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Total Levy</u>	<u>Taxpayer Impact</u>			
Municipal Purpose Tax	0.538	\$20,172,838.82	22.97%	\$1,724.29	Municipal Purpose Tax	ACTUAL	\$21,318,051.33
Municipal Library			0.00%	\$0.00	Municipal Library		
Municipal Open Space			0.00%	\$0.00	Municipal Open Space		
Municipal Arts and Culture			0.00%	\$0.00	Municipal Arts and Culture		
Fire Districts (avg. rate/total levies)			0.00%	\$0.00	Fire Districts (total levies)		
Other Special Districts (total levies)			0.00%	\$0.00	Other Special Districts (total levies)		
Local School District	1.367	\$51,216,913.00	58.33%	\$4,381.24	Local School District	ESTIMATED	\$52,241,251.26
Regional School District			0.00%	\$0.00	Regional School District		
County Purposes	0.405	\$15,128,885.23	17.23%	\$1,298.03	County Purposes	ESTIMATED	\$15,431,462.93
County Library	0.033	\$1,231,531.26	1.40%	\$105.77	County Library	ESTIMATED	\$1,256,161.89
County Board of Health	0.000	-\$5.88	0.00%	\$0.00	County Board of Health	ESTIMATED	\$5.00
County Open Space	0.002	\$57,522.34	0.07%	\$6.41	County Open Space	ESTIMATED	\$58,672.79
Other County Levies (total)			0.00%	\$0.00	Other County Levies (total)		
Total (Calendar Year 2025 Budget)	2.345	\$87,807,684.77	100.00%	\$7,515.73	Total ESTIMATED amount to be raised by taxes		\$90,305,605.20
Total Taxable Valuation as of October 1, 2025 <u>\$3,738,404,949.00</u> (To be used to calculate the current year tax rate)					Revenue Anticipated, Excluding Tax Levy <u>13,285,441.12</u>		
Current Year (2026) Average Residential Assessment <u>\$320,700.00</u>					Budget Appropriations, before Reserve for Uncollected Taxes <u>31,903,354.82</u>		
Prior Year (2025) Average Residential Assessment <u>\$320,500.00</u>					Total Non-Municipal Tax Levy <u>\$68,987,553.87</u>		
<u>Prior Year to Current Year Comparison</u>					Amount to be Raised by Taxes - Before RUT <u>\$87,605,467.57</u>		
<u>Comparison - Municipal Purposes Tax Rate</u>					Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (RUT) <u>\$2,700,137.59</u>		
Prior Year	Current Year	% Change (+/-)			Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes <u>\$90,305,605.16</u>		
0.538	0.570	5.95%			% of Tax Collections used to Calculate RUT <u>97.01%</u>		
<u>Comparison - Municipal Purposes Tax Levy</u>					If % used exceeds the actual collection % then reference the statutory exception used		
Prior Year	Current Year	% Change (+/-)	\$ Change (+/-)		Tax Collections - ACTUAL as of Prior Year		
\$20,172,838.82	\$21,318,051.33	5.68%	\$1,145,212.51		Total Tax Revenue, Collections CY 2025 <u>85,293,487.67</u>		
<u>Comparison - Impact on Avg. Residential Tax Payment (Municipal Purposes Only)</u>					Total Tax Levy, CY 2025 <u>87,904,191.04</u>		
Prior Year	Current Year	% Change (+/-)	\$ Change (+/-)		% of Taxes Collected, CY 2025 <u>97.03%</u>		
\$1,724.29	\$1,827.99	6.01%	\$103.70		Delinquent Taxes - December 31, 2025 <u>\$1,783,174.86</u>		

USER FRIENDLY BUDGET SECTION - ANTICIPATED REVENUE SUMMARY (ALL OPERATING FUNDS)

FCOA		% Difference Current vs. Prior Year	\$ Difference Current vs. Prior Year	Total Realized Revenue (Prior Year)	Total Anticipated Revenue (Current Year)	General Budget	Open Space Budget	Arts and Culture Trust Fund	Utility	Utility	Utility	Utility	Utility
08	Surplus	0.00%	\$0.00	\$1,650,000.00	\$1,650,000.00	\$1,650,000.00							
08	Local Revenue	-4.70%	(\$73,452.75)	\$1,563,072.75	\$1,489,620.00	\$1,489,620.00							
09	State Aid (without offsetting appropriation)	0.00%	\$0.33	\$2,309,396.67	\$2,309,397.00	\$2,309,397.00							
08	Uniform Construction Code Fees	-0.18%	(\$1,141.00)	\$621,141.00	\$620,000.00	\$620,000.00							
<i>Special Revenue Items w/ Prior Written Consent</i>													
11	Shared Services Agreements	-20.81%	(\$51,037.78)	\$245,297.78	\$194,260.00	\$194,260.00							
08	Additional Revenue Offset by Appropriations	#DIV/0!	\$0.00		\$0.00								
10	Public and Private Revenue	174.01%	\$490,137.59	\$281,668.23	\$771,805.82	\$771,805.82							
08	Other Special Items	17.46%	\$676,524.76	\$3,873,833.54	\$4,550,358.30	\$4,550,358.30							
15	Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	-14.47%	(\$287,624.84)	\$1,987,624.84	\$1,700,000.00	\$1,700,000.00							
<i>Amount to be raised by taxation</i>													
07	Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	4.88%	\$991,912.17	\$20,326,139.16	\$21,318,051.33	\$21,318,051.33							
07	Minimum Library Tax	#DIV/0!	\$0.00		\$0.00								
54	Open Space Levy Tax	#DIV/0!	\$0.00		\$0.00								
56	Arts and Cultural Levy Tax	#DIV/0!	\$0.00		\$0.00								
07	Addition to Local District School Tax	#DIV/0!	\$0.00		\$0.00								
08	Deficit General Budget	#DIV/0!	\$0.00		\$0.00								
	Total	5.31%	\$1,745,318.48	\$32,858,173.97	\$34,603,492.45	\$34,603,492.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

USER FRIENDLY BUDGET SECTION - APPROPRIATIONS SUMMARY (ALL OPERATING FUNDS)

FCOA	Budgeted Positions		% Difference Current v. Prior Year	\$ Difference Current v. Prior Year	Total Modified Appropriation for Service Type (Prior Year)	Total Appropriation for Service Type (Current Year)	General Budget	Public & Private Offsets	Open Space Budget	Arts and Culture Trust Fund	Utility	Utility	Utility	Utility	Utility	
	Full-Time	Part-Time														
20	General Government	13.00	8.00	14.92%	\$273,489.00	\$1,832,750.00	\$2,106,239.00	\$2,094,550.00	\$11,689.00							
21	Land-Use Administration	2.00	0.00	-13.87%	(\$33,500.00)	\$241,500.00	\$208,000.00	\$208,000.00								
22	Uniform Construction Code	6.00	1.00	5.95%	\$32,320.00	\$542,750.00	\$575,070.00	\$575,070.00								
23	Insurance			16.36%	\$757,000.00	\$4,628,000.00	\$5,385,000.00	\$5,385,000.00								
25	Public Safety	44.00	10.00	4.56%	\$274,447.63	\$6,021,333.34	\$6,295,780.97	\$6,245,713.00	\$50,067.97							
26	Public Works	29.00	1.00	0.21%	\$8,073.24	\$3,844,366.76	\$3,852,440.00	\$3,852,440.00								
27	Health and Human Services	3.00	3.00	18.93%	\$19,800.00	\$104,600.00	\$124,400.00	\$124,400.00								
28	Parks and Recreation	5.00	5.00	92.02%	\$676,065.72	\$734,703.13	\$1,410,768.85	\$697,725.00	\$713,043.85							
29	Education (including Library)			#DIV/0!	\$0.00		\$0.00									
30	Unclassified			21.98%	\$122,000.00	\$555,000.00	\$677,000.00	\$677,000.00								
31	Utilities and Bulk Purchases			8.51%	\$239,219.00	\$2,810,411.00	\$3,049,630.00	\$3,049,630.00								
32	Landfill / Solid Waste Disposal			#DIV/0!	\$0.00		\$0.00									
35	Contingency			#DIV/0!	\$0.00		\$0.00									
36	Statutory Expenditures			5.58%	\$162,256.00	\$2,910,209.00	\$3,072,465.00	\$3,072,465.00								
37	Judgements			#DIV/0!	\$0.00		\$0.00									
42	Shared Services			-20.25%	(\$49,318.00)	\$243,578.00	\$194,260.00	\$194,260.00								
43	Court and Public Defender	2.00	3.00	7.66%	\$15,950.00	\$208,100.00	\$224,050.00	\$224,050.00								
44	Capital			-36.92%	(\$642,050.00)	\$1,739,050.00	\$1,097,000.00	\$1,097,000.00								
45	Debt			6.29%	\$214,926.00	\$3,416,325.00	\$3,631,251.00	\$3,631,251.00								
46	Deferred Charges			#DIV/0!	\$0.00		\$0.00									
48	Debt - Type 1 School District			#DIV/0!	\$0.00		\$0.00									
50	Reserve for Uncollected Taxes			0.58%	\$15,691.60	\$2,684,446.03	\$2,700,137.63	\$2,700,137.63								
55	Surplus General Budget			#DIV/0!	\$0.00		\$0.00									
	Total	104.00	31.00	6.42%	\$2,086,370.19	\$32,517,122.26	\$34,603,492.45	\$33,828,691.63	\$774,800.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUATIONS - EXEMPT PROPERTY - PROPERTY TAX APPEAL DATA

Property Tax Assessments - Taxable Properties (October 1, 2025 Value)				Property Tax Assessments - Exempt Properties (October 1, 2025 Value)			
	# of Parcels	Assessed Value	% of Total		# of Parcels	Assessed Value	% of Total
1 Vacant Land	2,159	\$66,606,800.00	1.78%	15A Public Schools	6	\$41,574,100.00	15.83%
2 Residential	10,613	\$3,404,116,500.00	91.05%	15B Other Schools	0	\$0.00	0.00%
3A/3B Farm	325	\$47,784,300.00	1.28%	15C Public Property	477	\$140,466,100.00	53.48%
4A Commercial	342	\$174,860,600.00	4.68%	15D Church and Charities	26	\$16,493,700.00	6.28%
4B Industrial	27	\$38,328,700.00	1.03%	15E Cemeteries & Graveyards	4	\$551,600.00	0.21%
4C Apartments	5	\$4,519,000.00	0.12%	15F Other Exempt	343	\$63,568,800.00	24.20%
5A/5B Railroad	18	\$140,400.00	0.00%				
6A/6B Business Personal Property	3	\$2,189,049.00	0.06%				
Total	13,492	\$3,738,545,349.00	100.00%	Total	856	\$262,654,300.00	100.00%
Average Ratio (%), Assessed to True Value		91.94%		Percentage of Exempt vs. Non-Exempt Properties			
Equalized Valuation, Taxable Properties		\$4,066,288,175.98		7.03%			
Total # of property tax appeals filed in 2025		County Tax Board		35.00			
		State Tax Court		10.00			
Number of 2025 County Tax Board decisions appealed to Tax Court				9.00			
Number of pending property tax appeals in State Tax Court				85.00			
Amount paid out by municipality for tax appeals in 2025				\$0.00			

Prior Budget Year's Payments in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) - 5 Year Exemptions/Abatements				
	# of Parcels	PILOT Billing/Revenue	Assessed Value	Taxes if Billed in Full 2025 Total Tax Rate
G Commercial/Industrial Exemption	N/A			
I Dwelling Exemption				
J Dwelling Abatement				
K New Dwelling/Conversion Exemption				
L New Dwelling/Conversion Abatement				
N Multiple Dwelling Exemption				
O Multiple Dwelling Abatement				
Total 5 Yr Exemptions/Abatements	0	0.00	0.00	0.00

**USER FRIENDLY BUDGET SECTION
BUDGETED PERSONNEL COSTS**

Organization / Individuals Eligible for Benefit	# of Full-Time Employees	# of Part-Time Employees	Total Personnel Cost	Base Pay	Overtime and other Compensation	Pension (Estimate)	Health Benefits Net of Cost Share	Employment Taxes and Other Benefits
Governing Body	0.00	6.00	61,764.52	\$45,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,322.02	\$3,442.50
Supervisory Staff (Department Heads & Managers)	12.00	1.00	1,887,207.22	\$1,364,931.39	\$0.00	\$223,302.78	\$194,555.80	\$104,417.25
Police Officers (Including Superior Officers)	32.00	0.00	6,679,185.97	\$4,168,552.34	\$187,500.00	\$1,531,942.98	\$472,296.40	\$318,894.25
Fire Fighters (Including Superior Officers)	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
All Other Union Employees not listed above	53.00	0.00	5,707,065.05	\$3,444,897.50	\$191,400.00	\$563,585.23	\$1,243,647.66	\$263,534.66
All Other Non-Union Employees not listed above	7.00	24.00	1,425,131.30	\$1,072,750.43	\$0.00	\$121,739.07	\$148,576.39	\$82,065.41
Totals	104.00	31.00	15,760,354.06	\$10,096,131.66	\$378,900.00	\$2,440,570.06	\$2,072,398.27	\$772,354.07

Is the Local Government required to comply with N.J.S.A. 11A **(Civil Service)**? - YES or NO

Yes

Note - **Base Pay** is the annualized rate of pay to which overtime (if eligible) and/or pension is calculated. Either calculation is fine at the discretion of the Local Unit. Overtime and other compensation is any other item that is charged as a salary and wage expense but not included in Base Pay.

USER FRIENDLY BUDGET SECTION - HEALTH BENEFITS

	Current Year # of Covered Members (Medical & Rx)	Current Year Annual Cost Estimate per Employee	Total Current Year Cost	Prior Year # of Covered Members (Medical & Rx)	Prior Year Annual Cost per Employee (Average)	Total Prior Year Cost
Active Employees - Health Benefits - Annual Cost						
Single Coverage	22.00	\$17,278.36	\$380,123.92	19.00	\$14,402.53	\$273,648.07
Parent & Child	6.00	\$26,796.00	\$160,776.00	11.00	\$23,157.82	\$254,736.02
Employee & Spouse (or Partner)	17.00	\$34,103.29	\$579,755.93	14.00	\$30,491.14	\$426,875.96
Family	35.00	\$43,338.17	\$1,516,835.95	36.00	\$39,015.67	\$1,404,564.12
Employee Cost Sharing Contribution (enter as negative -)			(\$678,165.13)			(\$601,670.61)
Subtotal	80.00		\$1,959,326.67	80.00		\$1,758,153.56
Elected Officials - Health Benefits - Annual Cost						
Single Coverage	1	\$14,220.00	\$14,220.00	1	\$11,856.00	\$11,856.00
Parent & Child			\$0.00			\$0.00
Employee & Spouse (or Partner)			\$0.00			\$0.00
Family			\$0.00			\$0.00
Employee Cost Sharing Contribution (enter as negative -)			(\$1,422.00)			(\$1,239.24)
Subtotal	1.00		\$12,798.00	1.00		\$10,616.76
Retirees - Health Benefits - Annual Cost						
Single Coverage	24	\$9,134.00	\$219,216.00	18	\$5,513.33	\$99,239.94
Parent & Child	1	\$36,036.00	\$36,036.00	3	\$19,682.84	\$59,048.52
Employee & Spouse (or Partner)	44	\$20,242.36	\$890,663.84	44	\$12,070.35	\$531,095.40
Family	8	\$54,586.50	\$436,692.00	11	\$38,817.10	\$426,988.10
Employee Cost Sharing Contribution (enter as negative -)			(\$21,630.24)			(\$26,090.01)
Subtotal	77.00		\$1,560,977.60	76.00		\$1,090,281.95
GRAND TOTAL	158.00		\$3,533,102.27	157.00		\$2,859,052.27

Note - other health insurances such as dental and vision are not included in this analysis unless included in the employees total premium. Therefore, the total from this sheet may not agree with the budgeted appropriation.

Is medical coverage provided by the SHBP (Yes or No)?

NO
NO

Is prescription drug coverage provided by the SHBP (Yes or No)?

USER FRIENDLY BUDGET SECTION - OUTSTANDING DEBT; PER CAPITA AND BUDGET IMPACT

			Current Year	2027	2028	All Additional Future
Gross Debt	Deductions	Net Debt	Budget	Budget	Budget	Years' Budgets
Local School Debt	\$2,340,000.00	\$2,340,000.00	\$0.00			
Regional School Debt			\$0.00			
<u>Utility Fund Debt</u>						
		\$0.00				
		\$0.00				
		\$0.00				
		\$0.00				
		\$0.00				
<u>Municipal Purposes</u>						
Debt Authorized (BNI)	\$3,576,293.00	\$3,576,293.00				
Notes Outstanding	\$11,091,076.00	\$11,091,076.00				
Bonds Outstanding	\$13,375,000.00	\$13,375,000.00				
Loans and Other Debt		\$0.00				
Total (Current Year)	\$30,382,369.00	\$2,340,000.00	\$28,042,369.00			
Population (2020 census)	<u>22,358</u>					
Per Capita Gross Debt	<u>\$1,358.90</u>					
Per Capita Net Debt	<u>\$1,254.24</u>					
3 Year Average Property Valuation		<u>\$3,789,849,571.67</u>				
Net Debt as % of 3 Year Average Property Valuation		<u>0.74%</u>				
Utility Fund - Principal						
Utility Fund - Interest						
Bond Anticipation Notes - Principal			\$600,000.00			
Bond Anticipation Notes - Interest			\$404,551.00			
Bonds - Principal			\$2,195,000.00	\$1,105,000.00	\$1,115,000.00	\$8,960,000.00
Bonds - Interest			\$329,700.00	\$268,984.58	\$229,154.76	\$733,739.90
Loans & Other Debt - Principal						
Loans & Other Debt - Interest			\$102,000.00			
Total			\$3,631,251.00	\$1,373,984.58	\$1,344,154.76	\$9,693,739.90
Total Principal			\$2,795,000.00	\$1,105,000.00	\$1,115,000.00	\$8,960,000.00
Total Interest			\$836,251.00	\$268,984.58	\$229,154.76	\$733,739.90
% of Total Current Year Budget			10.49%			
<u>Description</u>	<u>Debt Not Listed Above</u>					
Total Guarantees - Governmental						
Total Guarantees - Other						
Total Capital/Equipment Leases						
Total Other						
<u>Bond Rating</u>	<u>Moody's</u>	<u>Standard & Poors</u>	<u>Fitch</u>			
Rating	Aa3					
Year of Last Rating	2021					
Mark "X" if Municipality has no bond rating	<input type="checkbox"/>					

USER FRIENDLY BUDGET SECTION - Notes

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