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COMMON COUNCIL AGENDA
MEETING ON OCTOBER 19, 2026
7:00 PM

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Public Hearing for Additional Appropriations
3. Public Questions or Comments Pertaining to Agenda Items Only
4. Minutes of previous meeting – October 5th
5. Proposed Ordinances and Resolutions
    a. Proposed Ordinance 1824, Additional Appropriations – 3rd Reading
    b. Proposed Ordinance 1825, Zoning Map Amendment – 2nd Reading
    c. Proposed Ordinance 1826, 2027 Budget – 2nd & 3rd Readings
    d. Proposed Ordinance 1827, Right of Way Utility Permitting Fees – 2nd Reading
    e. Proposed Ordinance 1820, Employee Salaries for 2027 – ALL Readings
    f. Proposed Ordinance 1821, Elected Salaries for 2027 – 1st Reading
    g. Proposed Ordinance 1828, Utility Budgets for 2027 – 1st Reading
    h. Proposed Resolution 26-681, Outdoor Fitness Court Grant
    i. Proposed Ordinance 1829, Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment to include Electronic Information Processing Facility, Limited as permitted & Special Exception uses as well as Development Standards

5. Department Reports
    a. Fire
    b. Police
    c. Code Enforcement
    d. Streets

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   e. Parks
   f. Information Technology
   g. Water
   h. Wastewater
6. City Attorney
7. Clerk-Treasurer
8. Council Members
   a. Power Chairs & E-Bikes
   b. Leashing of dogs
9. Mayor
10. Audience and/or Public Comments
11. Adjourn

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the City of Butler, DeKalb County, Indiana that the proper legal officers, at their regular meeting place at 215 South Broadway, at 7:00 p.m. on the 19th day of October 2026 will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year.

Reason: Unexpected Fire Truck Repairs & An Increase in Diesel Fuel Prices

	Amount to be Considered
Public Safety Local Income Tax (2240)	
2240.19.42200 Fire: Garage & Motor	15,000
Total	$15,000

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance. The Department of Local Government Finance will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.

Angela M. Eck
Clerk-Treasurer
City of Butler

October 5, 2026
Common Council

Present:

Mike Hartman, Mayor
Tracey Hawkins, Council District 1
Darren Alloway, Council District 3
Gale Ryan, Council District 4
Gerald Eldridge, Council as Large
Angela Eck, Clerk-Treasurer
Gavyn Aden, Wastewater Superintendent
Andy Cintron, Water Superintendent
Ron Mausteller, Fire Chief
Donald Stuckey, City Attorney
Matt Traster, Police Chief

Absent:

Kristie Laub, Council District 2, Council President
Braxton Minkey, IT Specialist
Stuart Mutzfeld, Code Enforcement
Kris Tadsen, Street Superintendent

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Mayor Hartman opened the regular session of the Common Council at 7 pm at 215 South Broadway.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Hartman opened the Public Hearing for the Proposed 2027 Budget. He asked for comments or questions from the audience. Hearing none, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:02 pm.

Mayor Hartman asked for comments or questions from the audience pertaining to the agenda items.

Mr. Hottman from 618 Independence brought up concerns about a possible increase in construction traffic once the new subdivision construction began. He is requesting temporary signage stating no construction traffic be installed on his street while construction is occurring.

Mayor Hartman stated that he has a valid point and that he will address this once construction begins. Mayor Hartman stated that the builders and contractors will need to be educated as to where construction traffic will be allowed.

The minutes from the September 19th meeting were presented. Council Member Alloway made a motion to approve the minutes with an amendment to the time of Trick or Treat to read 5 to 7 pm. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed **Ordinance 1823, Updating the Trip Fee for Non-Payment Turn-Offs**, was presented for its third reading. Council Member Alloway made a motion to approve Ordinance 1823 on its third reading and Council Member Eldridge seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed **Ordinance 1824, Additional Appropriations**, was presented for its second reading. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve Ordinance 1824 and Council Member Alloway seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Clerk-Treasurer Eck stated that a Public Hearing will be held for this proposed ordinance at the October 19th meeting.

Proposed **Ordinance 1825, Zoning Map Amendment**, was presented for its first reading. County Planner Chris Gaumer stated that this is to amend the zoning for 5.5 acres located

south of Independence Street from multi-family to single family residential. The wetlands will remain untouched. Council Member Alloway made a motion to approve Ordinance 1825 on its first reading and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed **Ordinance 1826, Proposed 2027 Budget**, was presented for its first reading. Council Member Ryan made a motion to approve Ordinance 1826 on its first reading and Council Member Eldridge seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed **Ordinance 1827, Right of Way Utility Permitting Fees**, was presented for its first reading. These permits will be handled by Chris Gaumer and DeKalb County Development Services. Council Member Alloway made a motion to approve Ordinance 1827 on its first reading and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Police Chief Matt Traster reported that the mural on the west side of the Police Department has been lit pink in observance of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Council Member Ryan stated that the street and parking work done on East Green looks very nice. Mayor Hartman responded that if this concept works out well, it will also be used on West Oak as well.

Council Member Alloway brought to everyone's attention that comments on Facebook are portraying the mayor and other elected officials in a poor light and that it is sometimes very difficult to not respond. There was discussion. Police Chief Traster stated that the individuals making these comments like hiding behind their keyboards.

Council Member Eldridge voiced concerns about recycling bins that are being left in the street or curb after pickup. Clerk-Treasurer Eck stated that she has observed the GFL crew just give the carts a shove to get them out of the street. They are not walking them back to where they came from. Mayor Hartman stated that he will address this concern with GFL.

Council Member Hawkins voiced concerns about motorcycle kickstands damaging the newly paved streets and parking places during hot weather.

Mayor Hartman reported the following:

*Collins Tavern has been sold to Jeff Deacon from Fort Wayne. He expects to open something in the storefront by March. He also purchased the liquor license.

*Janus has hired back approximately 20 of the workers they permanently laid off in the summer.

*The motorcycle shop on East Main has been purchased by Casey Stine. She plans on converting all of it into commercial spaces. Mayor Hartman also provided her with a grant application for the Redevelopment Commission Façade Grant Program.

*The Service Steel Framing property was purchased by C & B Industries. They are steel fabricators for warehouse spaces.

*The construction of AutoZone is proceeding as expected and they plan on being open after the first of the year.

*The Food Center did not sell at the Sherriff's Auction. They are still trying to reach an agreement with potential grocery stores.

*He and other elected officials from DeKalb and Steuben counties met with I&M about the Lulu Sorenson project. There are still a lot of unanswered questions. There are no financial advantages to DeKalb and Steuben counties on this project. I&M agreed to hold a Town Hall meeting. Mayor Hartman hopes that they can get the decision delayed longer so that everyone has an opportunity to voice their concerns.

*Jason Dietsch has purchased another building in town to expand his motor home business.

Mr. Hottman asked Mayor Hartman what is happening with the Bohn Aluminum property.

Mayor Hartman stated that the property has been abandoned for 18 years and he has been working for several years to get it cleaned up. The owner has now lowered the price they will take for it to $150,000. The City will consider purchasing it if the price is below

$50,000. A Teardown Order has been issued for it and other various tickets are accumulating quickly on it.

Council Member Eldridge made a motion to adjourn at 7:42 pm and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor

Common Council

Angela M. Eck
Clerk-Treasurer

ORDINANCE 1824

AN ORDINANCE FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Butler, DeKalb County, Indiana that the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to the laws of the governing same:

Reason: Unexpected Fire Truck Repairs & An Increase in Diesel Fuel Prices

		Amount to be Considered	Amount Appropriated
Public Safety Local Income Tax (2240)			
2240.19.42200	Fire: Garage & Motor	15,000	_____
	Total		_____

THIS ORDINANCE passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Butler, DeKalb County, Indiana, at a regular session held on the ____day of _____, 2026.

_____
Mike Hartman, Mayor

First Reading: 9/21/26

Yes Votes: 5 No Votes: 0

Attest: Angela M. Eck
Angela M. Eck, Clerk-Treasurer

Second Reading: 10/5/26

Yes Votes: 4 No Votes: 0

Attest: Angela M. Eck
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Third Reading: _____

Yes Votes: ____ No Votes: ____

Attest: _____
Angela M. Eck, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2026.

_____
Mike Hartman, Mayor

ORDINANCE: UDO – 1825

ZONE MAP AMENDMENT
LOCATED BETWEEN BASKET FACTORY ROAD, W MAIN ST., & HIGH ST., BUTLER, INDIANA
TO THE CITY OF BUTLER COMMON COUNCIL

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the State of Indiana granted powers to the counties to adopt ordinances and zone maps for their jurisdiction according to IC 36-7-4-600 series; and

WHEREAS, City of Butler, Indiana has adopted the City of Butler, Indiana Zoning Ordinance which became effective on March 14, 2005, and has had subsequent amendments; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the State of Indiana granted powers to counties to amend the zone maps according to IC 36-7-4-608, and Section 8.13 of the City of Butler, Indiana Zoning Ordinance allows for the amendment of said Ordinance; and

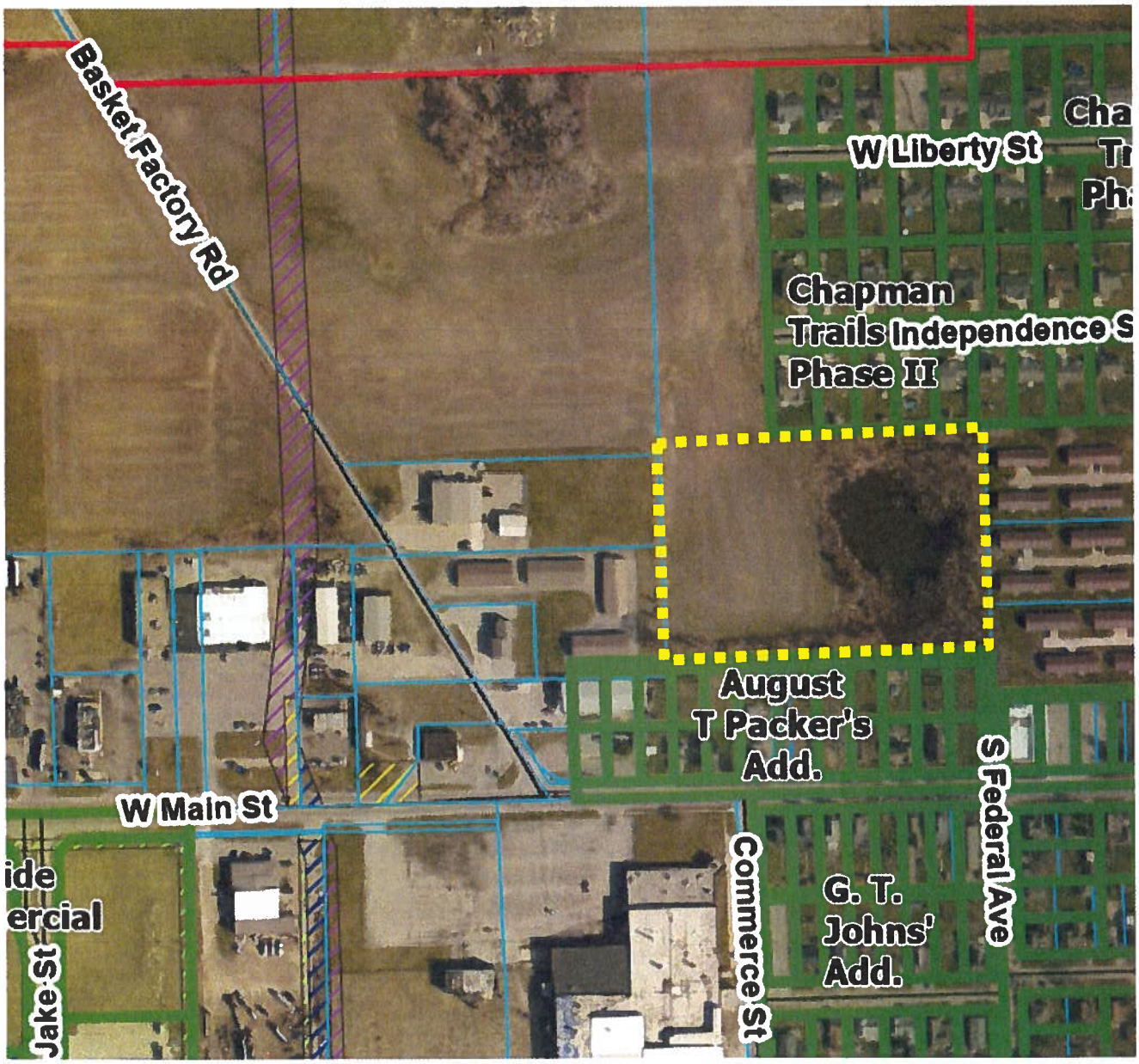
WHEREAS, The City of Butler, Indiana Plan Commission, in accordance with law, held a public hearing on September 24, 2026 and considered the zone map amendment petition for, approximately 5.5 acres from MFR, Multi-Family Residential to SFR, Single Family Residential. All properties for this certification are generally located between Basket Factory Road, W Main St., & High St., Butler, Indiana. The Plan Commission voted to certify a favorable recommendation to the City of Butler Common Council; and

WHEREAS, Said certification has been duly considered by the City of Butler Common Council and the Zone Map Amendment is deemed to be in the public interest; now therefore, be it

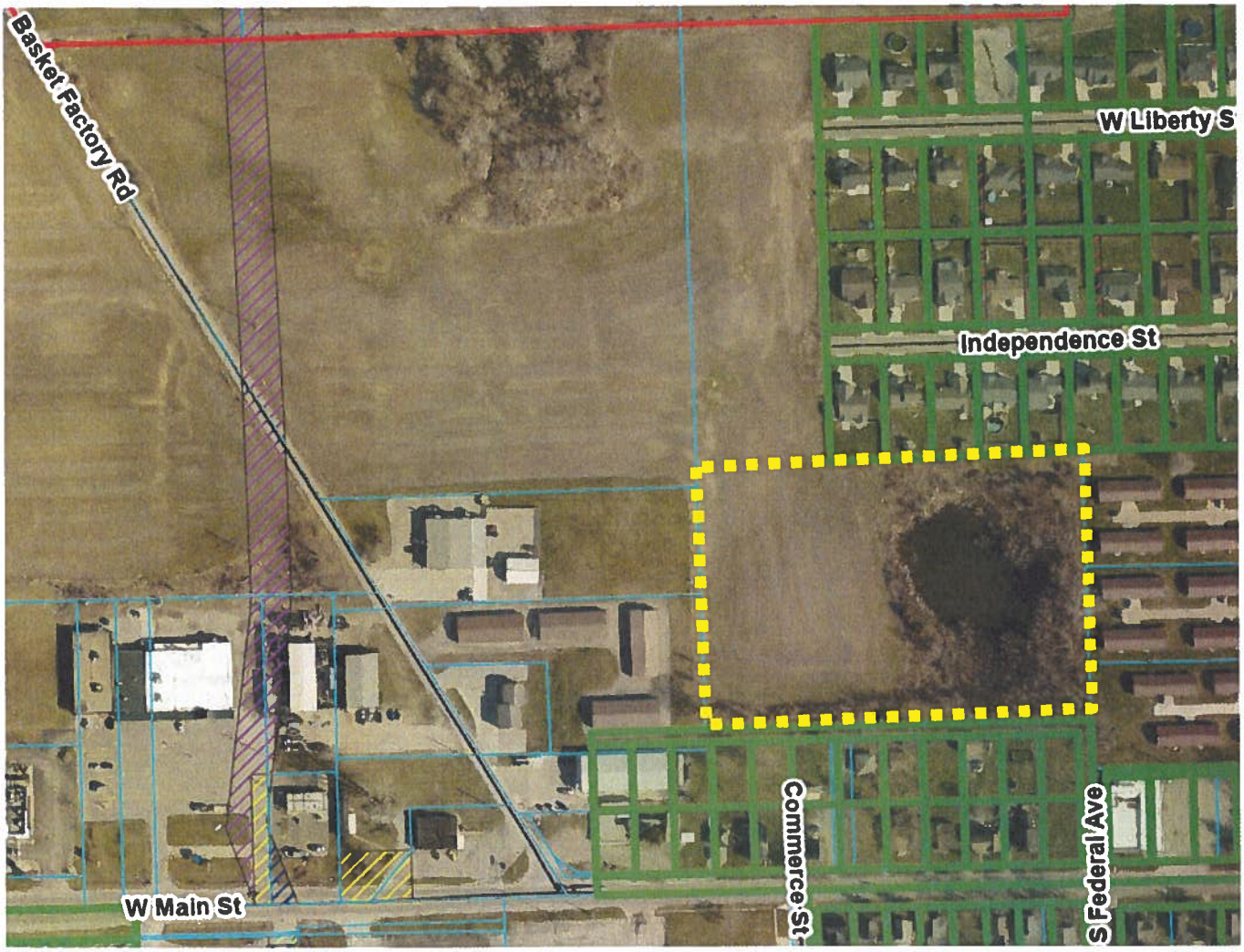
ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Butler, Indiana that the District Zone Map adopted as a part of the City of Butler, Indiana Zoning Ordinance, as amended, is hereby amended to include:

SECTION 1: To change the zoning classifications of approximately 5.5 acres from MFR, Multi-Family Residential to SFR, Single Family Residential. The properties are generally located between Basket Factory Road, W Main St., & High St., Butler; and

LOCATION MAP:



Yellow Outline: Subject Area



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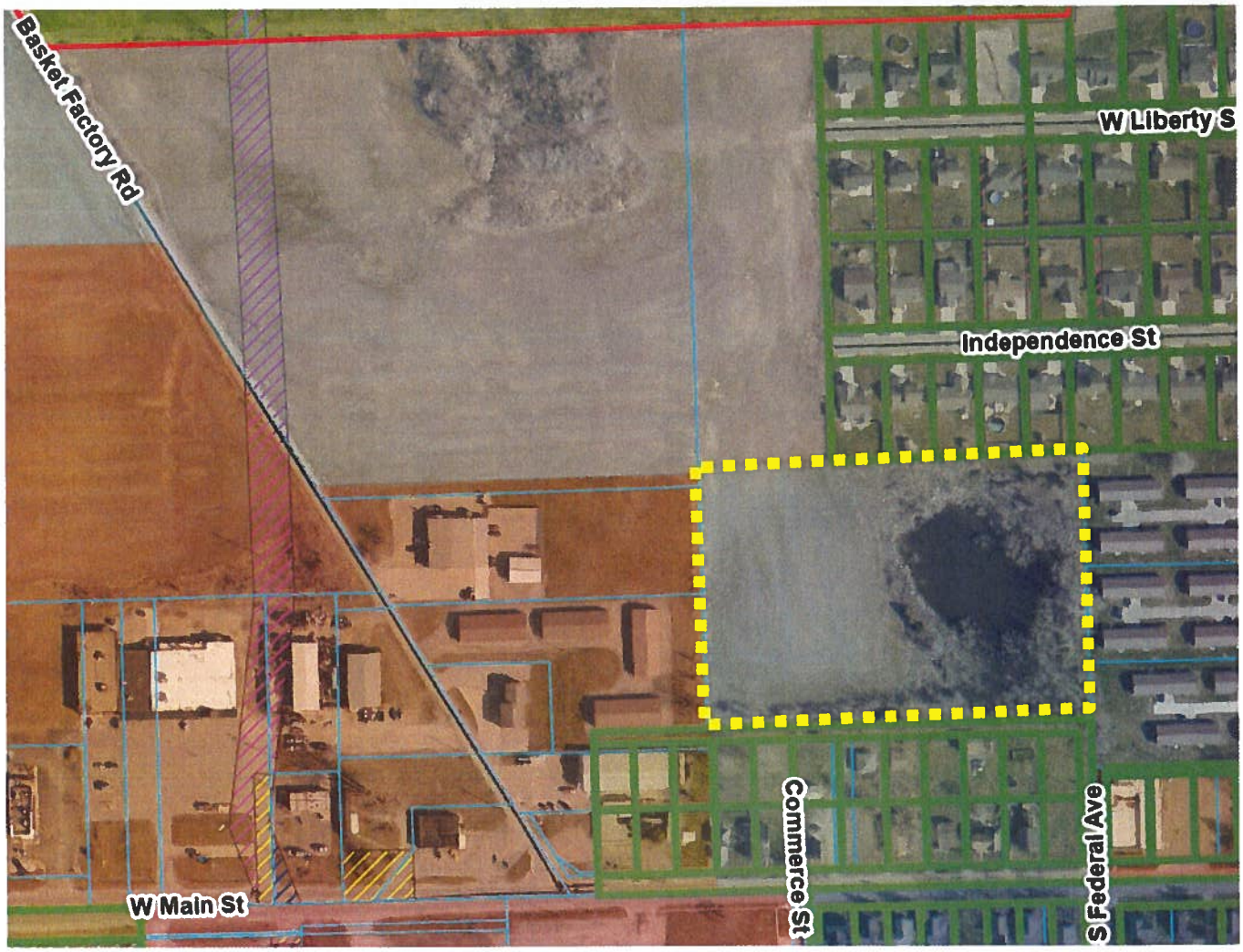
EXISTING ZONING MAP:



Orange: GB, General Business
Light Blue: MFR, Multi-Family Residential (existing zoning)
Light Gray: SFR, Single Family Residential (proposed zoning)
Dark Blue: OTR, Old Town Residential
Red: HI, Heavy Industrial
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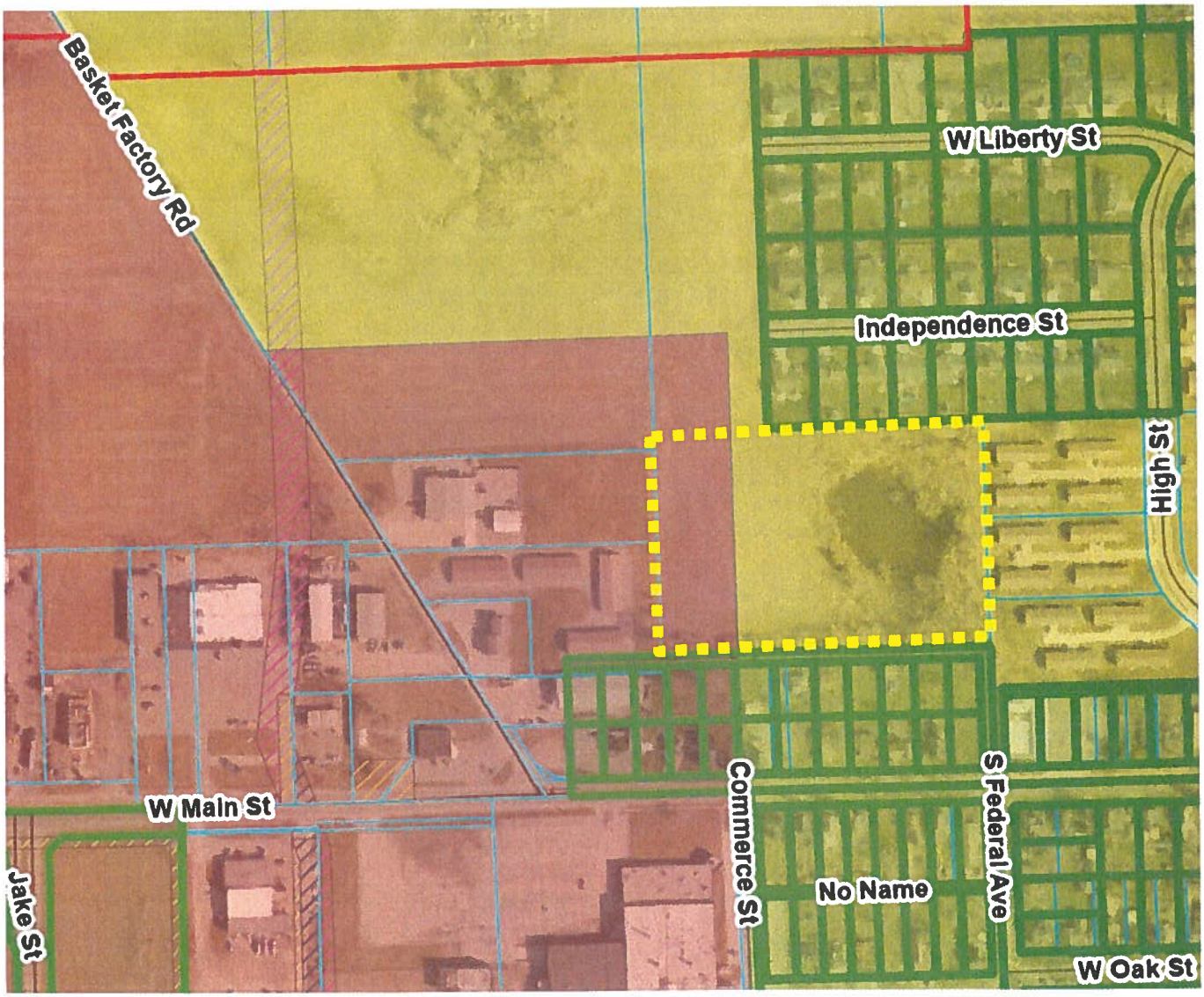
FUTURE LAND USE MAP:



Red: Commercial Use
Yellow: Residential Use
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SECTION 2: That this amendment shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption by the Common Council of the City of Butler, Indiana.

A CITY OF BUTLER PLAN COMMISSION
CERTIFICATION OF A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ZONE MAP
TO THE CITY OF BUTLER COMMON COUNCIL

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the State of Indiana granted powers to the counties to adopt zoning ordinances and zone maps for their jurisdiction according to IC 36-7-4-600 series; and

WHEREAS, City of Butler, Indiana Common Council adopted the City of Butler, Indiana Zoning Ordinance which became effective on March 14, 2005; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the State of Indiana granted powers to counties to amend the zone ordinance map according to IC 36-7-4-608, and Section 8.13 of the City of Butler, Indiana Zoning Ordinance allows for the amendment of said Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, The City of Butler, Indiana Plan Commission, in accordance with law, held a public hearing on September 24, 2026 and considered the zone map amendment petition for, approximately 5.5 acres from MFR, Multi-Family Residential to SFR, Single Family Residential. All properties for this certification are generally located between Basket Factory Road, W Main St., & High St., Butler, Indiana; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That in accordance with IC 36-7-4-605, the City of Butler, Indiana Plan Commission certifies with a 7 favorable, X unfavorable, X no recommendation for the attached zone ordinance map amendment(s) to the City of Butler, Indiana Common Council.

Certified this 24 day of September 2026.

CITY OF BUTLER, INDIANA PLAN COMMISSION:

Signed
City of Butler, Indiana Plan Commission Official

Gregory A Reed
Print

Signed
City of Butler, Indiana Plan Commission Official

Stephanie Bohm
Print

Attest, City Planner

CHRIS GAUMER
Print

DULY PASSED, ORDAINED AND ADOPTED on this _____day of _____2026, by the Common Council of the City of Butler, Indiana
by a vote of, _____ in adopting and/or _____ in rejecting and/or _____ in amending, the Plan Commission recommendation.

First Reading: 10/5/26

Yes Votes: 4 No Votes: 0

Attest: Angela M. Eck
Angela M. Eck, Clerk-Treasurer

Second Reading: _____

Yes Votes: ____ No Votes: ____

Attest: _____
Angela M. Eck, Clerk-Treasurer

Third Reading: _____

Yes Votes: ____ No Votes: ____

Attest: _____
Angela M. Eck, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2026.

_____
Mike Hartman, Mayor

If adopting, the Ordinance takes effect immediately.
If rejecting, the Commissioners shall state their reason to the Plan Commission.
If amending, the Commissioners shall send an amendment back to the Plan Commission.

Prepared by: Christopher Gaumer "I affirm under the penalties of perjury, that I have taken reasonable care to redact each social security number in this document, unless required by law." Christopher Gaumer

CITY OF BUTLER PLAN COMMISSION CASE NUMBER: 26-02

This staff report is prepared by the City Planner to provide information to the Plan Commission to assist them in making a decision on this application. It may also be useful to members of the public interested in this application.

SUMMARY FACTS:

APPLICANT:	Kiracofe Homes, LLC
SUBJECT SITE:	Basket Factory Rd, Butler
REQUEST:	Zone Map Amendment
EXISTING ZONING:	MFR, Multi-Family Residential
PROPOSED ZONING:	SFR, Single Family Residential
SURROUNDING LAND USES AND ZONING:	North: Single Family Residential (SFR) South: Single Family Residential (SFR) East: Multi-Family Residential (MFR) West: Storage Units & Auto Repair Shop (GB)

ANALYSIS:

The information provided in this staff report has been included for the purpose of reviewing the proposed zone map amendment (rezoning). Since the rezoning process does not require a site plan, there may be additional requirements placed on the property through the Technical Review, Development Plan and/or Subdivision process to address development regulations, if required.

The request is to rezone approximately 5.5 acres from MFR, Multi-Family Residential to SFR, Single Family Residential. The property is located off Basket Factory Rd. See Location Map.

The purpose of the rezone is for this property and the adjacent parcel to be under the same zoning district to be able to develop the properties into a 38 lot, single family residential subdivision. See existing zoning map.

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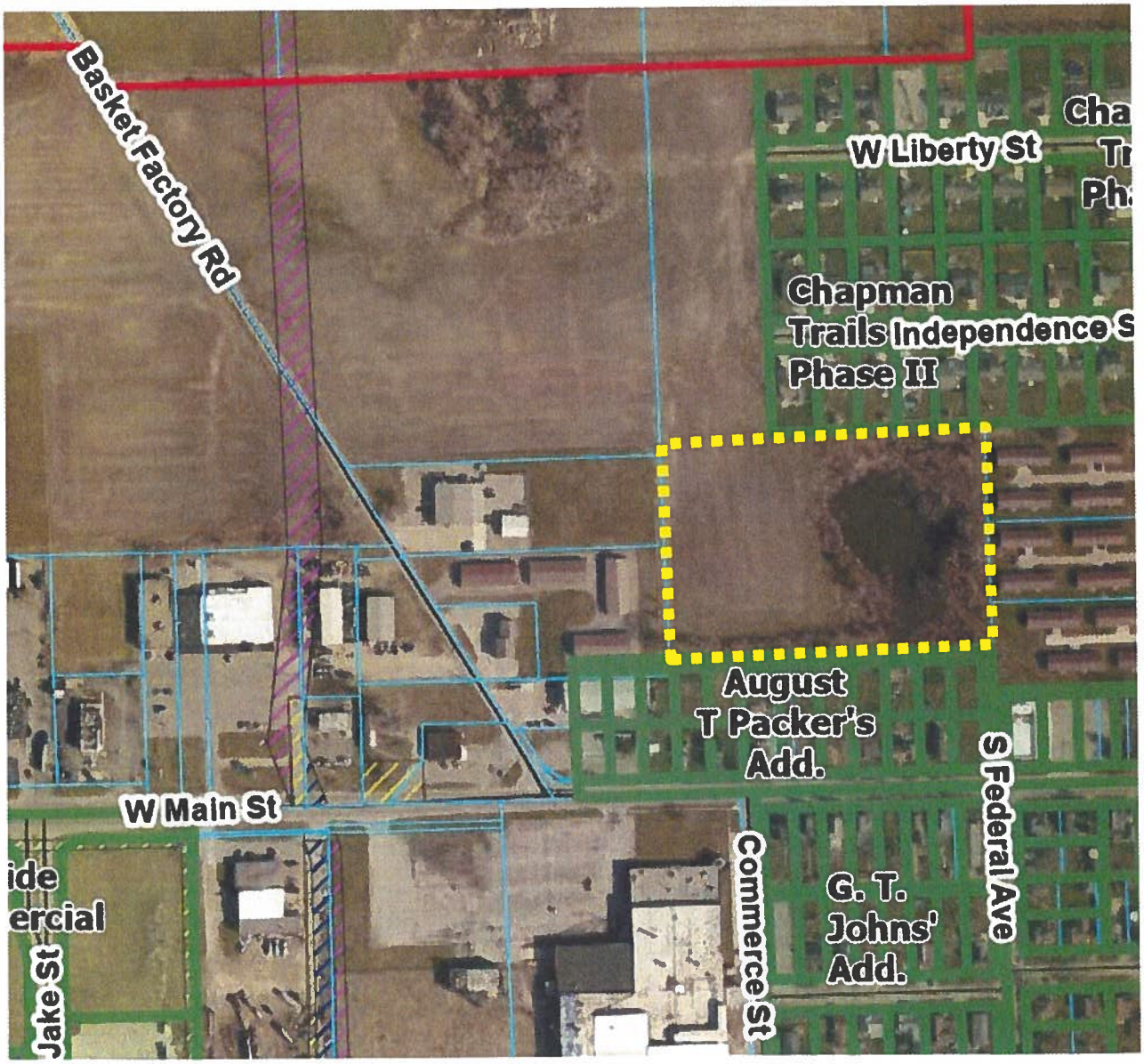

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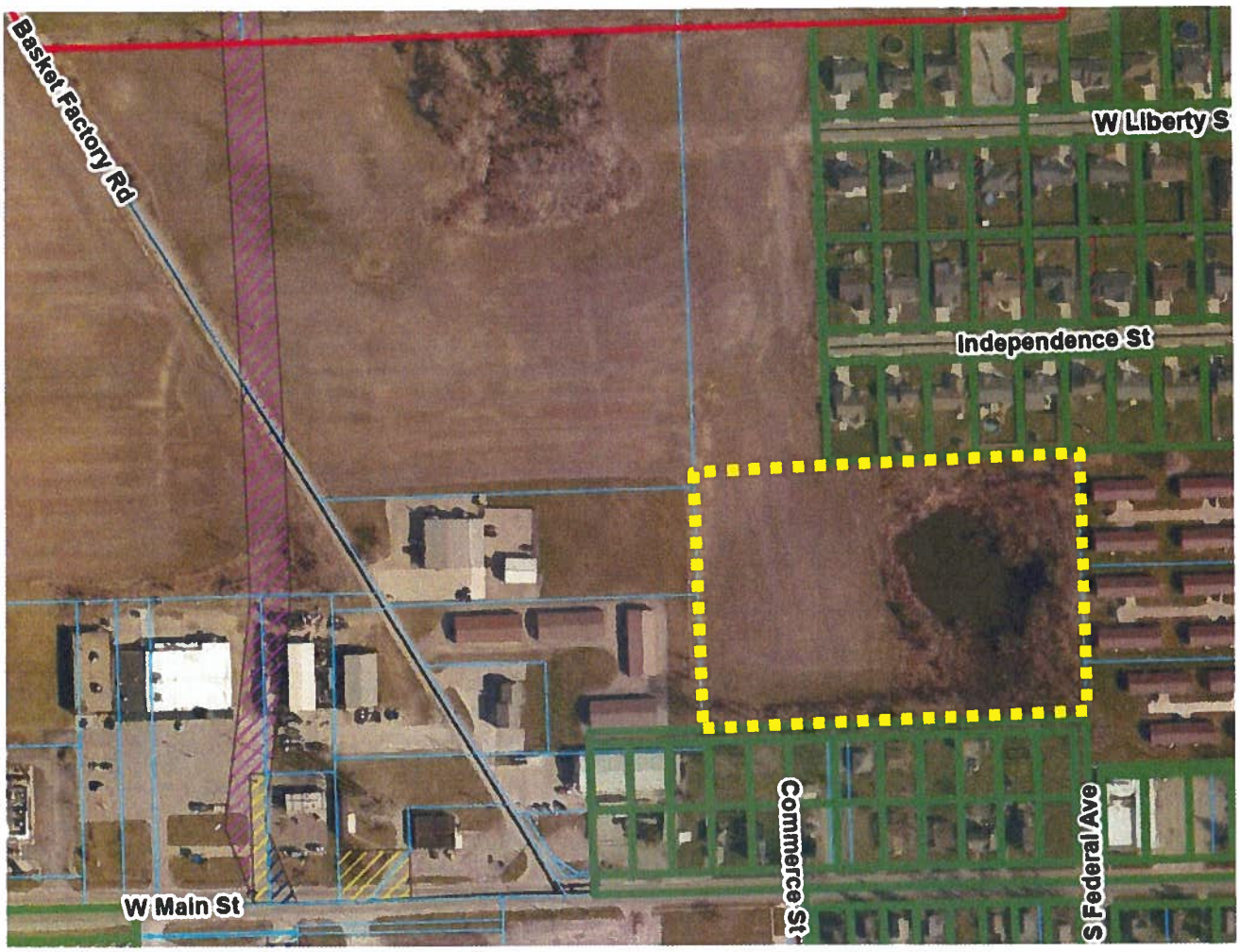

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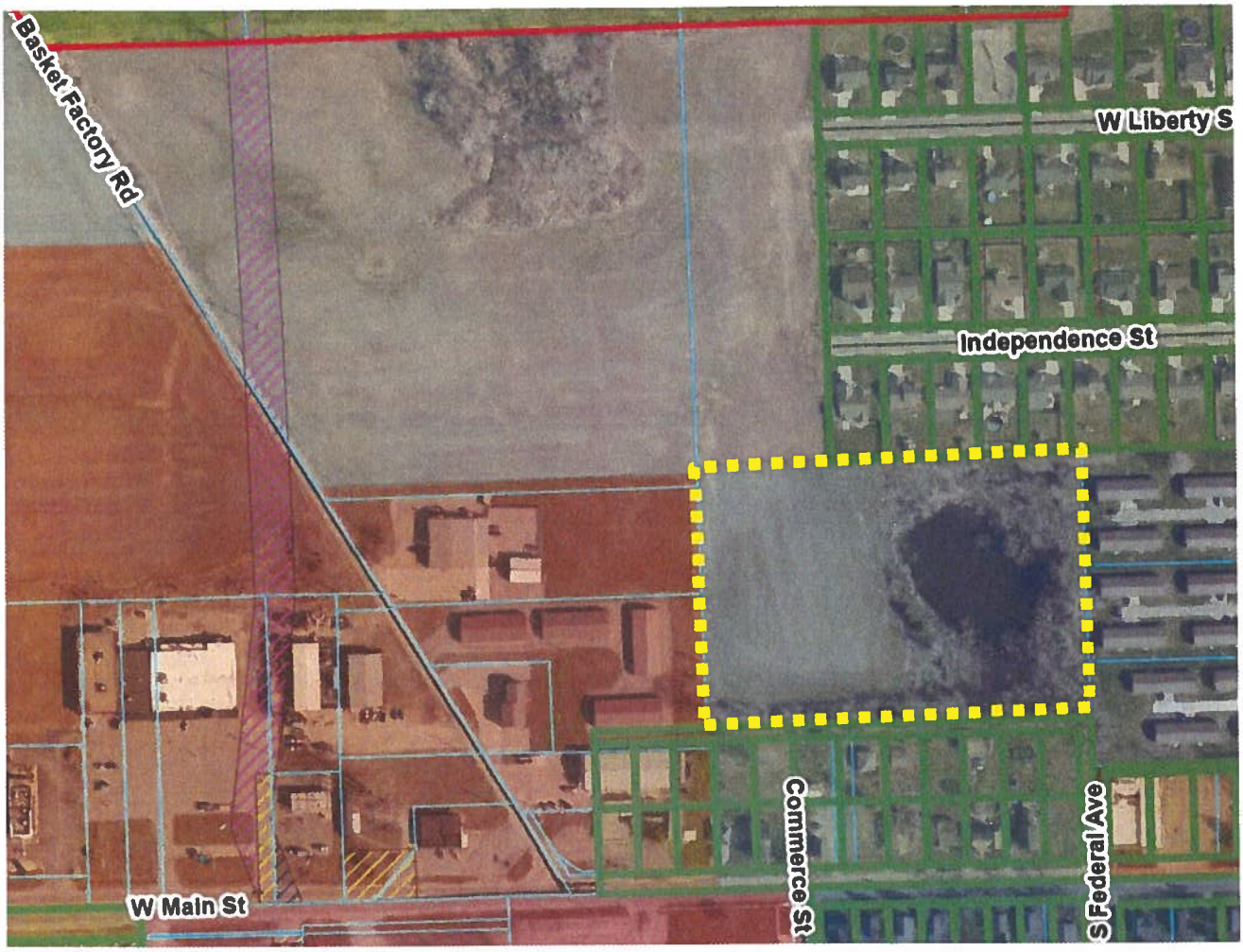

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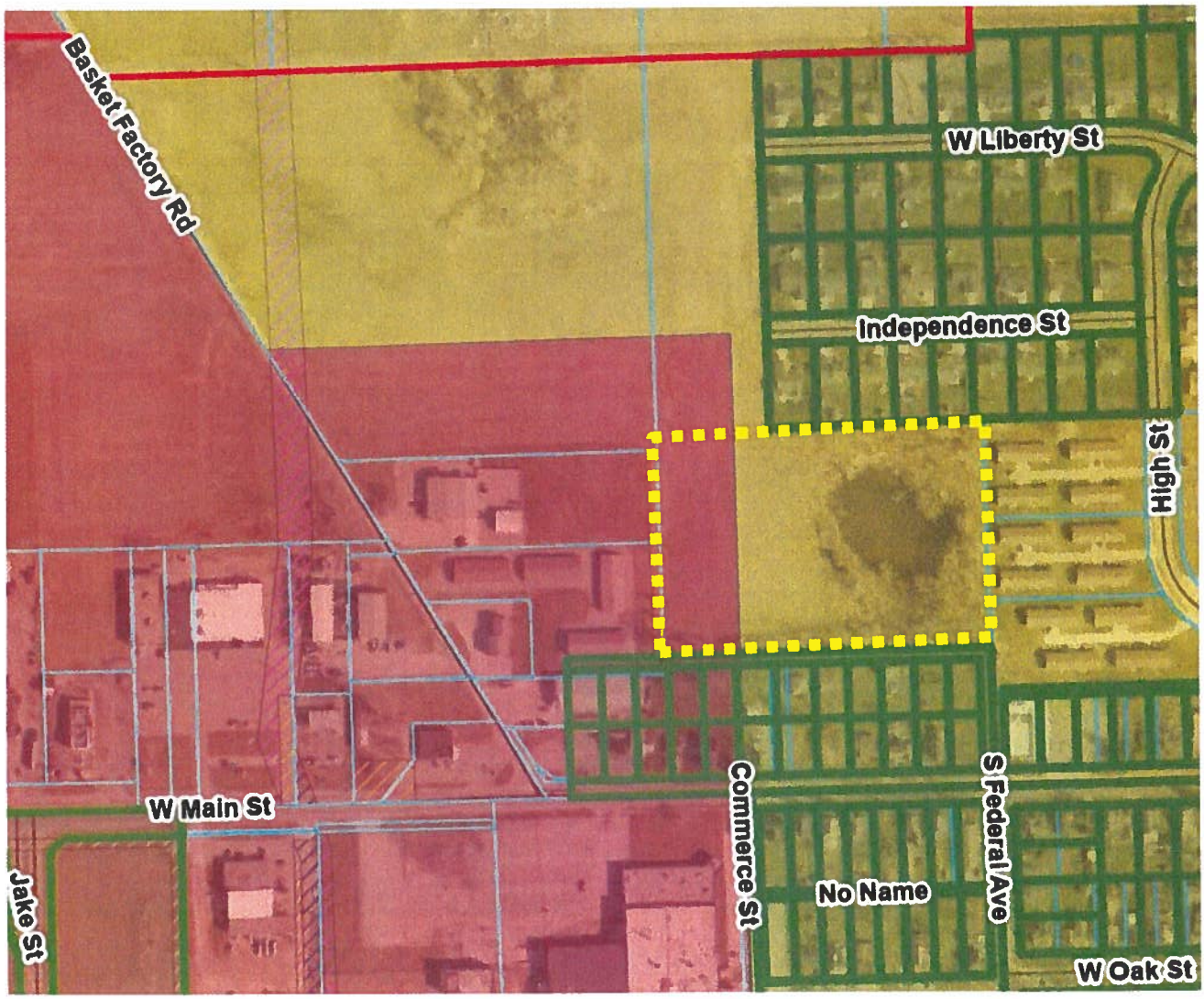

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Differences between the MFR, Multi-Family Residential (Existing) and the SFR, Single Family Residential (Proposed) Zoning Districts:

MFR (Multi-family Residential) District: intended to provide areas for mixed density neighborhoods comprised of two-family and multifamily units. The provisions that regulate this district should protect, promote and maintain areas of Butler for existing and future housing growth.

Permitted uses within the MFR zoning district include the following (page 18 of the ZO).

Residential Permitted Uses

- Dwelling, manufactured home.
- Dwelling, multi-family.
- Dwelling, two-family
- Dwelling unit (upper floors)
- Group home
- Residential facility for developmentally disabled (small)
- Residential facility for the mentally ill
- Retirement community

Institutional Permitted Uses

- Community center Government Operation (non-Office)
- Park, public
- Pool, public

Institutional Permitted Uses

- Child care home
- Home Occupation

SFR (Single Family Residential) District: intended to provide areas for single-family homes and neighborhoods. The provisions that regulate this district should protect, promote and maintain areas in Butler for existing and future housing growth.

Permitted uses within the SFR zoning district include the following (page 16 of the ZO).

Residential Permitted Uses

- Dwelling, manufactured home.
- Group home
- Residential facility for developmentally disabled (small)
- Residential facility for the mentally ill

Institutional Permitted Uses

- Park, public
- Pool, public

Institutional Permitted Uses

- Child care home
- Home Occupation

Zoning Ordinance Requirements

When considering a zone map amendment, City of Butler Plan Commission and the City Council are obligated — under Section 8.12 (D) of the City of Butler Zoning Ordinance — to pay reasonable regard to the following:

a. The Comprehensive Plan;

b. Current conditions and the character of current structures and uses in each district;

c. The most desirable use for which the land in each district is adapted;

d. The conservation of property values throughout the jurisdiction; and

e. Responsible development and growth

ZONING ORDINANCE & STATUTORY MATTERS TO CONSIDER:

1. Is the change in zoning paying reasonable regard to the Comprehensive Plan?
   The subject area has a Future Land Use (FLU) designation of Residential & Commercial. The proposed zoning district is compatible with this FLU designation
2. Is the change in zoning paying reasonable regard to the current conditions and the character of current structures and uses in each district?
   The existing development surrounding the properties are residential and comemrcial in use. This change in zoning will be consistent with the surrounding properties and the current conditions and character of current structures and land uses in the area.
3. Is the change in zoning paying reasonable regard to the most desirable use for which the land in each district is adapted?
   The proposed zoning district is desirable for this property and the area.
4. Is the change in zoning paying reasonable regard to the conservation of property values throughout the jurisdiction?
   The property values of the area should not be disturbed negatively.
5. Is the change in zoning paying reasonable regard to responsible development and growth?
   In changing the zoning of the property to SFR, Single Family Residential, the Plan Commission will be promoting the desired use of the land while promoting responsible development and growth.

PLANNING STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS:

Staff is recommending a favorable recommendation to the City Council for the requested Zone Map Amendment. Should there be any conditions or commitments made by the Plan Commission and adopted by the City Council, they shall be written and recorded in the Office of the DeKalb County Recorder.

ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES

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Ordinance / [redacted] Number: 1826

Be it ordained/resolved by the **BUTLER CIVIL CITY** that for the expenses of **BUTLER CIVIL CITY , DeKalb County** for the year ending December 31, **2027** the sums herein specified are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided for by law. In addition, for the purposes of raising revenue to meet the necessary expenses of **BUTLER CIVIL CITY , DeKalb County**, the property tax levies and property tax rates as herein specified are included herein. Budget Form 4-B for all funds must be completed and submitted in the manner prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance.

This ordinance/resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the **BUTLER CIVIL CITY**.

Name of Adopting Entity / Fiscal Body	Type of Adopting Entity / Fiscal Body	Date of Adoption
City of Butler Common Council	Common Council and Mayor	10/19/2026

Estimated Maximum Property Tax Levy

The data below represents the current estimate of the maximum amount of property taxes that can be raised for funds that are subject to a maximum property tax levy.

Property Tax Max Levy Type	Estimated Maximum Property Tax Levy	Total Property Tax Levies	Status
Civil	$1,677,492	$1,677,492	At Estimated Maximum Levy
Fire Territory	$343,752	$343,752	At Estimated Maximum Levy

Funds

Property Tax Max Levy Type	Fund Code	Fund Name	Adopted Budget	Adopted Tax Levy	Adopted Tax Rate
Not Eligible	0005	CASINO/RIVERBOAT	$12,000	$0	$0.0000
Not Eligible	0061	RAINY DAY	$0	$0	$0.0000
Civil	0101	GENERAL	$2,327,074	$1,213,115	$0.8904
Not Eligible	0254	LOCAL INCOME TAX	$299,410	$0	$0.0000
Civil	0342	POLICE PENSION	$25,000	$0	$0.0000
Not Eligible	0706	LOCAL ROAD & STREET	$0	$0	$0.0000
Civil	0708	MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY	$589,500	$250,000	$0.1835
Civil	1301	PARK & RECREATION	$225,250	$79,689	$0.0585
Not Eligible	2301	CONSTRUCTION	$0	$0	$0.0000

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Not Eligible	2379	CUMULATIVE CAPITAL IMP (CIG TAX)	$0	$0	$0.0000
Civil	2391	CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT	$109,700	$90,000	$0.0561
Not Eligible	2411	ECONOMIC DEV INCOME TAX CEDIT	$408,000	$0	$0.0000
Civil	2430	REDEVELOPMENT - GENERAL	$85,542	$44,688	$0.0328
Fire Territory	8604	SPECIAL FIRE PROTECTION TERRITORY GENERAL	$477,295	$343,752	$0.0739
Outside Maximum Levy	8692	SPECIAL FIRE PROTECTION TERRITORY EQUIPMENT REPLACE	$147,000	$220,000	$0.0473
			$4,705,771	**$2,241,244**	**1.3425**

Home-Rule Funds (Not Reviewed by DLGF)

Fund Code	Fund Name	Adopted Budget
9503	Park Equipment	$150,000
9533	LECE	$5,000
9536	Clerks Record Perpetuation	$10,000
		$165,000

Name		Signature
Tracey Hawkins	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
Kristie Laub	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
Darren Alloway	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
Gale Ryan	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
Gerald Eldridge	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	

ATTEST

Name	Title	Signature
Angela M Eck	Clerk-Treasurer	

MAYOR ACTION (For City use only)

Name		Signature	Date

ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES

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Mike Hartman	Approve ☐ Veto ☐		

In accordance with IC 6-1.1-17-16(k), we state our intent to isssue debt after December 1 and before January 1 Yes ☐ No ☒

In accordance with IC 6-1.1-17-16(k), we state our intent to file a shortfall appeal after December 1 and before December 31 Yes ☐ No ☒

First Reading: Oct. 5, 2026 Yes = 4 No = ∅
Angela M. Eck

Second Reading: Oct. 19, 2026 Yes = No =

ORDINANCE NUMBER 1827

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR REGULATED PUBLIC UTILITIES TO PETITION THE CITY OF BUTLER TO AUTHORIZE A PERMIT TO WORK IN STREET RIGHT-OF-WAYS AND TO CROSS-CUT STREETS

WHEREAS, public utilities doing business in the City of Butler are permitted to seek permission from the City to run utility lines along and under City's street rights-of-way; and,

WHEREAS, the City wishes to establish a new permit application, process, fee and penalty:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BUTLER, INDIANA, COMMON COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Permit Required. Before working in any street right-of-way, a Utility shall obtain a permit from the City of Butler Planning Director.

1-1. It shall be unlawful for any Utility to locate, repair, or maintain utilities within a Butler City street right-of-way without first securing a permit.

1-2. An application for a permit to locate utilities or work in a street right-of-way shall be made in writing to the Butler City Planning Director.

1-3. A permit is required to bury necessary cable, pedestals, and attachments thereto or underground conduits for all (aerial) necessary wires, poles, fixtures, attachments and similar devices as will be necessary and proper to be done over, under, along and adjacent to any Butler City street right-of-way.

1-4. Said permit application shall be accompanied by an application fee in the amount of:

a. $50.00 for any work done within the street right-of-way.

b. $75.00 per bore or push under a street or bore or push parallel to a street.

c. $500.00 for each cut on a paved or sealed street.

d. $25.00 per 500' on any overhead wires with each new pole location preapproved by the Butler City Street Superintendent.

Section 2: Application.

2-1. Application must state the following:

2-1-1. The street that work is to be done in or along.

2-1-2. The two (2) street intersections that the work will lie between.

2-1-3. Exact location of work: distance, direction, starting point, &/or approximate footage from both intersections & direction work is to take place. (Distance of burying cable and to all street bores, etc.)

2-1-4. The purpose of such work.

2-1-5. Which side of the street the work is to be performed on.

2-1-6. A specific list of the exact service work that is being performed.

Section 3: Chart and plans.

3-1. Plans must be attached to the application which show the exact location, depth of bore, distance to be buried, and type of street surface to be cut, if any. The footage from the nearest intersection must be listed for each street bore.

3-2. A depth chart showing vertical information.

Section 4: If the permit is issued by the Butler City Planning Director

4-1. If this application for permit is granted, applicant shall agree to replace the disturbed portion of the street within the right-of-way to its original condition and to backfill any trench or opening by thoroughly tamping the

backfill in layers not to exceed four (4) inches in depth, and to maintain the surface which has been disturbed in a smooth and uniform condition for at least six (6) months after work is completed.

4-2. Applicant agrees to accept all responsibility for any injury or damage to persons and property resulting directly or indirectly from the work contemplated in their application.

4-3. Applicant must agree to notify the Butler City Street Department, in writing, 48 hours in advance of the time of beginning the work covered by any permit.

4-4. Changes cannot be made from the approved plan and permit without written approval from the Butler City Street Superintendent and Planning Director.

4-5. It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to construct improvements in the street right-of-way of the City of Butler without obtaining a permit. Failure to obtain a permit may result in a stop work order.

Section 5: Terms and conditions of the permits. The following are the standard terms and conditions for permits under this code:

1. APPLICANT shall notify the Butler City Street Department at least 48 hours prior to commencing utility project construction within the right-of-way.

2. APPLICANT must allow field inspection by the Butler City Street Department.

3. APPLICANT must notify the Butler City Street Department and Planning Director, in writing, of the completion of the utility project within one (1) week after the project covered by the permit is completed.

4. APPLICANT must provide to the Butler City Street Department a complete set of "as-built" drawings and maps after the utility project is completed showing all construction within the right-of-way.

5. Any damage to any street, drainage tile, public or private, and/or to any drainage system caused by the utility project construction shall be fully repaired at APPLICANT'S expense to the satisfaction of the Butler City Street Department and/or Wastewater Department.

6. Any damage to any street or street right-of-way caused by the removal of utility devices shall be fully repaired at APPLICANT'S expense to the satisfaction of the Butler City Street Department.

7. APPLICANT shall leave no debris of any type within any right-of-way. Failure to remove will result in the City's removal at APPLICANT'S cost.

8. In consideration of this permit, the APPLICANT agrees to indemnify and to hold harmless the City of Butler and the City of Butler Street Department from any and all claims by third parties, and defend the City of Butler and the Street Department from any and all injury and loss caused by reason of the conduct of APPLICANT (including its officers, agents, or employees) as a result of this utility project including attorney fees and court costs.

9. The APPLICANT must complete the utility project construction within one (1) year after the date of the permit being issued unless extended by the Street Department Superintendent in writing, and failure to complete within one (1) year without extension voids the permit.

10. The APPLICANT shall provide the City of Butler, at the request of the Street Department Superintendent, evidence of liability insurance in minimum amounts as the City of Butler may reasonably require.

11. The APPLICANT shall pay to the City of Butler prior to commencing any work any applicable permit fees as may be required by City of Butler Ordinance.

12. Any permit issued shall not be assigned nor subcontracted by the APPLICANT without the prior written approval of the City of Butler Street Department.

13. The APPLICANT shall have a copy of the work permit on the work site at all times.

14. All fees are non-refundable.

Section 6: Inspection by City of Butler Street Department.

6-1. Before any work under the permit may be started, the Butler City Street Department shall inspect the premises where the construction is to take place.

Section 7: Permit Application. Permit applications must be completed and may be submitted to the Butler City Planning Director by mailing to:

Chris Gaumer
301 South Union Street
Auburn, IN 46706

or by email to: plancommission@co.dekalb.in.us

Section 8: Penalties. Any unpermitted utility work will be subject to a $1,000.00 fine and will be charged an additional $500.00 per day until the issue is remedied or permitted. All penalties shall be paid within 14 days.

Section 9: Fees for Damages. If the City is required to perform work within the right-of-way due to damage caused by the Applicant, the Applicant shall be responsible for all reasonable costs of the work to correct and to restore the street and the street right-of-way to its original condition and the reasonable cost of collection including without limitation, attorney fees and court costs.

Section 10: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage by the City of Butler Common Council and publication according to law.

Section 11: Codification. This Butler City Ordinance Number 1827 shall be codified in the Butler City Code as Section 91.07.

THIS ORDINANCE passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Butler, DeKalb County, Indiana, at a regular session held on the ____day of _____, 2026.

_____
Mike Hartman, Mayor

First Reading: 10/5/26

Yes Votes: 4 No Votes: 0

Attest: Angela M. Eck
Angela M. Eck, Clerk-Treasurer

Second Reading: _____ Yes Votes: ____ No Votes: ____

Attest: _____
Angela M. Eck, Clerk-Treasurer

Third Reading: _____ Yes Votes: ____ No Votes: ____

Attest: _____
Angela M. Eck, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2026.

_____
Mike Hartman, Mayor

DJSW\BUTLER CITY\PERMIT TO WORK ORDINANCE

Ordinance 1820

AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES OF EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF BUTLER, INDIANA, FOR THE YEAR 2027

Section 1 : BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Butler, DeKalb County, Indiana, that from and after the first day of January 2027, the employees of the City of Butler, Indiana shall receive the following pay rates in twenty-six pay periods per year unless otherwise stated.

Department	Job Position	Pay Range	Fund or Department
Clerk-Treasurer	AP/AR Clerk	up to $23.00/hour	All
	Utility Billing Clerk	up to $25.00/hour	Water, Wastewater, Garbage
Court	Traffic Violations Clerks	up to $23.00/hour	Court
Police Department	Police Chief (salaried)	up to $3170 / pay period	Police
	Assistant Chief	up to $2980 / pay period	Police
	Detective	up to $2860 / pay period	Police
	Probationary Patrolman	up to $2288 / pay period	Police
	1st Class Patrolman up to 5 years of service	up to $2530 / pay period	Police
	1st Class Patrolman 5 plus to 10 years of service	up to $2610 / pay period	Police
	1st Class Patrolman 10 plus to 15 years of service	up to $2688 /pay period	Police
	1st Class Patrolman 15 plus to 20 years of service	up to $2774 / pay period	Police
	* Rate increases for years of service shall take effect on the officer's anniversary date		
	Police Clerk - Full-Time	Up to $21.00 per hour	Police
	2nd & 3rd Shift Incentive	$1.00 / shift	paid in December
	Holiday Incentive	Double Time	paid bi-weekly
	Longevity/year of service	$1.75/week/year	included in bi-weekly salary
	Clothing Allowance	$1000/year/officer	paid in Mar. & Sep.
Survivor of Retired Officer other than 1977 Police Pension		up to 22,184	Police Pension
Code Enforcement	Code Enforcement Officer	up to $19.00/ hour	Code Enforcement
IT	IT Specialist	up to $915 / pay period	General
		up to $458 / pay period	Water
		up to $458 / pay period	Wastewater
Street / Park / Cemetery	Street Superintendent	up to $2730 / pay period	all
	Laborers	up to $33.00 / hour	all
Utilities	Wastewater Superintendent	up to $2798 / pay period	Wastewater
	Water Superintendent	up to $2798 / pay period	Water
	Laborers	up to $33.00 / hour	all
Summer Help		up to $17.00 / hour	all

Ordinance 1820

Fire Department	Fire Chief	up to $3170 / pay period	Fire
	1st Class Firefighter up to 5 yrs of service	up to $2530 / pay period	Fire
	1st Class Firefighter 5 plus to 10 yrs of service	up to $2610 / pay period	Fire
	1st Class Firefighter 10 plus to 15 yrs of service	up to $2688 /pay period	Fire
	1st Class Firefighter 15 plus to 20 yrs of service	up to $2774 / pay period	Fire
	Probationary Firefighter	up to $2288 / pay period	Fire
	**Rate increases for years of service shall take effect on the firefighter's anniversary date*		
	Holiday Incentive	Double Time	paid bi-weekly
	Full-time Longevity / years of service	$1.75 / week / year	paid bi-weekly
	Paid PT FF Clothing Allowance	$300/year/PT FF	paid in March
	Paid FT FF Clothing Allowance	$800/year/FT FF	City purchases each item
	Assistant Chief	up to $3000 / year	Fire
	Division Chief	up to $2500 / year	Fire
	First Captain	up to $2000 / year	Fire
	1st and 2nd Lieutenant	up to $1700 / year	Fire
	Secretary/Treasurer	up to $1250 / year	Fire
	Paid Part-time Firefighter	up to $19 / hour	Fire
	Advanced Volunteer Firefighter	up to $475 / year	Fire
	1st Class/FF 2 Volunteer Firefighter	up to $375 / year	Fire
	2nd Class/FF 1 Volunteer Firefighter	up to $275 / year	Fire
	Recruit	up to $175 / year	Fire
	Volunteer Car & Clothing Allowance	$500 / year	Fire
	In addition, each firefighter will receive additional pay based on a point-system as approved by the membership of the department.		

Section 2: The wages of all laborers shall be determined by the applicable Department Heads, within the hourly rates specified above.

Section 3a: In November of each year, each full-time employee, other than police and FT fire, shall receive $1.75 for each week worked times the number of years they have been employed.

Section 3b: In November of each year, each part-time employee shall receive $1.00 for each week worked times the number of years they have been employed.

Section 3c: In November of each year, each volunteer firefighter that has met the requirements for longevity pay shall also receive a longevity pay check. See Attachment A for specific instructions for calculating this pay.

Section 4: The City shall provide uniforms for superintendents, supervisors, managers, equipment operators, laborers and lab technicians.

Section 5: The City shall contribute the 3% contribution on behalf of each city employee who is a member of the Public Employee Retirement Fund. The City shall also contribute the 6% contribution on behalf of each police officer and firefighter who is a member of the 1977 Police and Firefighters Fund.

Section 6: The following positions are salaried positions: Water Superintendent, Wastewater Superintendent, Street Superintendent, City Planner, Police Chief, Fire Chief and IT Specialist.

Section 7: Raises shall not be given by any department head to any employee without prior written approval from the mayor and clerk-treasurer.

THIS ORDINANCE PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Butler, DeKalb County, Indiana, at a regular meeting held in Butler City Hall, on the _____ day of _____, 2026.

_____

Mike Hartman, Mayor

Ordinance 1820

First Reading: _____ Yes Votes: ____ No Votes: ____

Attest:

_____

Angela M. Eck, Clerk-Treasurer

Second Reading: _____ Yes Votes: ____ No Votes: ____

Attest:

_____

Angela M. Eck, Clerk-Treasurer

Third Reading: _____ Yes Votes: ____ No Votes: ____

Attest:

_____

Angela M. Eck, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2026

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Mike Hartman, Mayor

ORDINANCE 1821

AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS FOR THE YEAR 2027

An Ordinance Fixing Salaries from the General Fund, The Butler/Wilmington Fire Territory Operating Fund and the Utility Funds for elected and appointed officers and fixing additional compensation for City officials who perform services for the City of Butler, Indiana, other than governmental, which services are connected with the operation of the City Court, Water Utility, Waste Water Utility, and Storm Water Utility municipally owned by the City of Butler.

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Butler, Indiana that:

Section 1: From and after the first day of January 2027, the following stated officers of the City of Butler, Indiana shall receive the following total salaries, divided into 12 pays, paid monthly.

City Judge

General Fund	$30,000
	$30,000

Council Member (5 members)

General Fund	$5,500 per member
	$27,500

Member of Board of Public Works and Safety

General Fund	$920
Water Works	$920
Waste Water	$920
	$2,760

Plan Commission President

General Fund	$120
	$120

Plan Commission Secretary

General Fund	$120
	$120

Plan Commission & BZA Members for Each Meeting Attended

General Fund	$50 per meeting

Redevelopment Commission Members for Each Meeting Attended

Redevelopment Fund	$50 per meeting

Section 2: From and after the first day of January 2027, the Mayor shall receive the following total salary, divided into 26 pays, paid bi-weekly.

Full-time Mayor

General Fund:	$41,000
Water Works:	$12,500
Waste Water:	$12,500
	$66,000

Section 3: From and after the first day of January 2027, the Clerk-Treasurer shall receive the following total salary, divided into 26 pays, paid bi-weekly.

Full-time Clerk-Treasurer

General Fund:	$24,235
Butler/Wilmington Fire Territory Operating Fund:	$6,895
Garbage Fund:	$1,000
Water Works:	$13,100
Waste Water:	$15,800
	$61,030

Section 4: From and after the first day of January 2027, the City Attorney shall receive the following total retainer, divided into 12 pays, paid monthly.

City Attorney

General Fund	$20,753
Water Works	$3,895
Waste Water	$7,280
	$31,928

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE FEES, the City Attorney shall charge and receive the sum of $175 per hour for all special work. The term "special work" shall include work done for the Board of Zoning Appeals, the Plan Commission, the Redevelopment Commission, the Utility Department and any other boards, departments, personnel or agencies of the City of Butler, including any grants or real estate transactions, as well as litigation, hearings and prep work or activities that would lead to this. In addition, the City Attorney may charge $175 per hour for work on bonds or financing agreements up to $250,000. All bond issues or financing agreements in excess of $250,000 shall be paid at an hourly rate charged by bond counsel. Such hourly rate is to be negotiated individually for each bond issue.

THIS ORDINANCE PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Butler, DeKalb County, Indiana, at a regular meeting held in Butler City Hall, on this _____ day of _____, 2026.

_____
Mike Hartman, Mayor

First Reading: _____ Yes votes_____ No votes_____
Attest:

_____
Angela M. Eck, Clerk-Treasurer

Second Reading: _____ Yes votes_____ No votes_____
Attest:

_____
Angela M. Eck, Clerk-Treasurer

Third Reading: _____ Yes votes_____ No votes_____
Attest:

_____
Angela M. Eck, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2026.

_____
Mike Hartman, Mayor

ORDINANCE 1828

2027 WATER UTILITY, WASTEWATER UTILITY & GARBAGE COLLECTION BUDGETS

WHEREAS, it has been determined that each City of Butler Utility should have an adopted budget for each calendar year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Butler, DeKalb County, Indiana that the following sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to the laws of the governing same:

Water Utility (Fund 6101)

Employee Benefits	120,000.00
Salaries & Wages	150,000.00
Clerical	40,000.00
Official Salaries	31,000.00
Chemicals	3,000.00
Materials & Supply	65,000.00
Lab Supply	11,000.00
Office Supply	10,000.00
Garage & Motor	10,000.00
Water Main Breaks	25,000.00
Professional Services	300,000.00
Training/Memberships	2,000.00
Software	8,800.00
IT Services	12,500.00
Testing	8,000.00
Rentals & Uniforms	7,000.00
Office Rent	6,000.00
natural gas	4,000.00
Electric	19,000.00
Phone/internet	10,000.00

Ipad	800.00
Storm Sewer	720.00
Water	2,800.00
Insurance	8,000.00
Misc. Expenses	1,000.00
Equipment	50,000.00
IT Equipment	4,000.00
Storage Building	19,000.00
CIP Plan	82,800.00
Valves	25,000.00
Transfer to Bond & Interest	228,800.00
Transfer to Debt Service Res.	2,014.00
Sales Tax	56,000.00
Refunds	250.00
WATER UTILITY TOTAL	$1,323,484.00

Wastewater Utility (Fund 6201)

Employee Benefits	115,000.00
Salaries & Wages	225,000.00
Clerical	40,000.00
Official Salaries	31,000.00
Chemicals	175,000.00
Materials & Supply	30,000.00
Lab Supplies	35,000.00
Office Supply	12,000.00
Garage & Motor	17,500.00
Professional Services	135,000.00
Training/Memberships	1,000.00
Software	7,500.00
IT Services	28,000.00
Testing	75,000.00
Insurance	30,000.00
TB Rent	18,000.00
Utilities	155,000.00
Natural Gas	18,000.00
Electric	120,000.00

Phone/internet	7,000.00
Ipad	2,300.00
Storm Sewer	1,400.00
Water	3,600.00
Misc. Expenses	1,000.00
Rentals & Uniforms	10,000.00
Equipment	150,000.00
IT Equipment	3,500.00
Storage Building	9,500.00
Sewer Lining	150,000.00
Transfer to Bond & Interest	839,964.00
WASTEWATER UTILITY TOTAL	$2,446,264.00

Garbage Collection (Fund 6604)

Salaries & Wages	9,984.00
Employee Benefits	760.00
Office Supply	4,500.00
Professional Services	250,500.00
Print & Advertising	2,500.00
TOTAL	$ 268,244.00

THIS ORDINANCE passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Butler, DeKalb County, Indiana, at a regular session held on the ____day of _____, 2026.

_____
Mike Hartman, Mayor

First Reading: _____

Yes Votes: ____ No Votes: ____

Attest: _____
Angela M. Eck, Clerk-Treasurer

Second Reading: _____ Yes Votes: ____ No Votes: ____

Attest: _____
Angela M. Eck, Clerk-Treasurer

Third Reading: _____ Yes Votes: ____ No Votes: ____

Attest: _____
Angela M. Eck, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2026.

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Mike Hartman, Mayor

Water Utility
2027 Budget Worksheet

Fund 6101	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	3 year ave	2026 Budgeted	Jan 1 to Jun 30, 2026	2027 Proposed Budget
Employee Benefits	69,096.14	39,879.59	49,939.75	52,971.83	100,000.00	47,910.81	120,000.00
Salaries & Wages	106,296.21	78,181.82	94,631.45	93,036.49	145,725.00	56,326.09	150,000.00
Clerical	25,666.19	29,203.89	31,845.91	28,905.33	34,000.00	14,620.86	40,000.00
Official Salaries	21,761.09	22,121.95	31,010.11	24,964.38	31,500.00	14,682.78	31,000.00
Chemicals	3,917.00	2,414.17	4,236.77	3,522.65	7,000.00	1,160.47	3,000.00
Materials & Supply	48,796.43	29,474.89	80,140.82	52,804.05	75,000.00	29,313.90	65,000.00
Lab Supply						5,280.13	11,000.00
Office Supply	18,603.14	9,242.67	11,259.06	13,034.96	10,000.00	4,593.82	10,000.00
Garage & Motor	20,444.60	5,919.43	11,567.96	12,644.00	15,000.00	3,980.32	10,000.00
Water Main Breaks						60,471.15	25,000.00
Professional Services	116,140.97	28,981.66	62,942.67	69,355.10	200,000.00	32,849.97	300,000.00
Training/Memberships						1,395.44	2,000.00
Software	5,246.16	6,448.79	8,277.16	6,657.37	8,800.00	7,107.15	8,800.00
IT Services	12,687.10	13,701.79	12,254.05	12,880.98	12,500.00	5,975.94	12,500.00
Testing	2,100.00	4,394.70	3,986.80	3,493.83	10,000.00	3,554.00	8,000.00
Rentals & Uniforms	5,528.93	5,481.39	5,846.95	5,619.09	7,000.00	2,831.10	7,000.00
Office Rent	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00
Utilities	27,398.52	22,558.14	24,236.16	24,730.94	30,000.00		
natural gas						2,359.72	4,000.00
electric						8,784.30	19,000.00
fax line						784.95	
phone/internet						5,875.82	10,000.00
ipad						348.94	800.00
storm sewer						360.00	720.00
water						1,235.72	2,800.00
Insurance	9,637.71	9,198.13	9,906.63	9,580.82	12,000.00	7,056.11	8,000.00
Misc. Expenses	921.93	701.21	660.45	761.20	1,000.00		1,000.00

Water Utility
2027 Budget Worksheet

Equipment	18,094.36	3,209.49	34,761.08	18,688.31	75,000.00	32,241.55	50,000.00
IT Equipment	3,563.34	6,168.47		3,243.94	7,000.00		4,000.00
Storage Building	18,999.96	18,999.96	18,999.96	18,999.96	19,000.00	9,499.98	19,000.00
CIP Plan							82,800.00
Valves						12,786.00	25,000.00
Hydrant Replacement					35,000.00		
Water Loss Program					30,000.00		

Transfer to Bond & Interest	202,376.00	286,068.00	285,960.00	258,134.67	286,000.00	143,766.00	228,800.00
Transfer to Debt Service Res.	16,112.00	24,168.00	24,168.00		24,200.00	12,084.00	2,014.00
Transfer to Improvements			693,721.37	231,240.46			
Sales Tax	46,261.25	49,083.55	53,584.08	49,642.96	56,000.00	24,768.09	56,000.00
Refunds		227.82	108.15		250.00		250.00
TOTAL	805,649.03	701,829.51	1,560,045.34	951,270.34	1,237,975.00	**557,005.11**	1,323,484.00

Planning for Additional Water Tower
Plan for meter replacement program for 2030

September 1, 2026

Waste Water Utility
2027 Budget Worksheet

Category	*Fund 6201*	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	3 year ave	2026 Budgeted	Jan 1 to Jun 30, 2026	2027 Proposed
1	Employee Benefits	104,837.84	85,629.88	66,482.63	85,650.12	95,000.00	39,617.36	115,000.00
	Salaries & Wages	237,298.68	231,609.48	186,766.37	218,558.18	225,000.00	94,355.93	225,000.00
	Clerical	26,763.02	28,942.95	33,119.19	29,608.39	40,000.00	14,545.50	40,000.00
	Official Salaries	26,611.65	28,422.52	36,915.42	30,649.86	40,000.00	17,621.70	31,000.00
2	Chemicals	155,279.02	158,305.17	154,521.50	156,035.23	175,000.00	72,478.50	175,000.00
	Materials & Supply	70,472.06	57,066.95	51,264.65	59,601.22	75,000.00	12,507.41	30,000.00
	Lab Supplies						14,661.00	35,000.00
	Office Supply	20,745.92	14,343.68	15,066.14	16,718.58	12,000.00	4,770.74	12,000.00
	Garage & Motor	17,768.00	15,633.89	13,212.21	15,538.03	20,000.00	5,701.04	17,500.00
3	Professional Services	97,492.92	91,793.21	170,882.77	120,056.30	238,500.00	62,021.39	135,000.00
	Training/Memberships						485.88	1,000.00
	Software	7,246.16	6,448.79	6,305.66	6,666.87	7,500.00	2,019.28	7,500.00
	IT Services	19,230.53	19,145.35	21,178.83	19,851.57	28,000.00	13,342.75	28,000.00
	Testing	127,309.70	133,973.61	98,569.78	119,951.03	100,000.00	31,121.20	75,000.00
	Insurance	20,846.48	19,920.31	23,720.48	21,495.76	30,000.00	25,524.08	30,000.00
	TB Rent	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	9,000.00	18,000.00
	Utilities	112,880.70	107,930.23	134,918.65	118,576.53	150,000.00		155,000.00
	natural gas						11,555.09	18,000.00
	electric						56,416.91	120,000.00
	fax line						502.56	
	phone/internet						3,487.53	7,000.00
	ipad						1,096.94	2,300.00
	storm sewer						690.00	1,400.00
	water						1,820.98	3,600.00
	Misc. Expenses	2,527.08	1,166.29	960.00	1,551.12	1,000.00	1,814.01	1,000.00
	Rentals & Uniforms	10,998.63	12,803.43	8,912.00	10,904.69	10,000.00	4,325.23	10,000.00
4	Equipment	165,231.00	82,254.04	49,669.00	99,051.35	300,000.00		150,000.00
	IT Equipment	3,563.32	1,057.18	-	1,540.17	5,000.00		3,500.00
	Storage Building	9,499.92	9,499.92	9,499.92	9,499.92	9,500.00	4,749.96	9,500.00

Waste Water Utility
2027 Budget Worksheet

	CIP Plan							
	Sewer Lining							150,000.00
none	Transfer to Bond & Interest	731,248.00	839,718.00	837,990.00	802,985.33	845,000.00	419,550.00	839,964.00
	Transfer to Debt Service Res.	96,128.00	102,780.00	102,780.00	100,562.67	55,000.00	51,390.00	
	Transfer to Improvements			652,249.34	217,416.45			
	Refunds	1,307.58	485.00	299.49	697.36		33.15	
	TOTAL	2,083,286.21	2,066,929.88	2,693,284.03	2,281,166.71	2,479,500.00	**977,206.12**	2,446,264.00

August 17, 2026

Garbage Collection
2027 Budget Worksheet

Fund 6604	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	3 year ave	2026 Budgeted	Jan 1 to Jun 30, 2026	2027 Proposed Budget
Salaries & Wages	6,010.80	6,681.40	8,459.98	7,050.73	9,600.00		9,984.00
Employee Benefits	457.65	507.11	639.23	534.66	725.00		760.00
Office Supply	3,668.82	3,871.64	4,636.48	4,058.98	1,500.00		4,500.00
Professional Services	168,192.06	225,454.27	236,897.85	210,181.39	243,085.20		250,500.00
Print & Advertising		15.19			2,500.00		2,500.00
Refunds	16.60		24.32		20.00		20.00
TOTAL	178,329.33	236,529.61	250,657.86	221,825.76	257,430.20	-	268,264.00

September 23, 2026

RESOLUTION 26-681

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT & ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR AN OUTDOOR FITNESS COURT AS PART OF THE 2027 NATIONAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN

WHEREAS, the City of Butler has submitted a Grant Application to the National Fitness Campaign (NFC) for participation in the 2027 initiative to install and activate outdoor Fitness Courts in over 1,000 municipalities and schools across the country, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Butler will accept a $35,000 National Grant from the NFC Grant Committee and Statewide Partners, and endeavors to provide a local funding confirmation in the amount of $185,000 in compliance with the attached Grant Program Requirements to promote and implement free-to-the-public outdoor Fitness Court, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Butler understands the scope of this project includes the installation of a concrete pad, as well as the assembly of the Fitness Court, both to be completed by separate vendors external to the National Fitness Campaign. Additional funding requirements for the concrete installation and the Fitness Court assembly can be found on the attached Grant Program Requirement document provided by the National Fitness Campaign.

WHEREAS, the City of Butler believes joining the National Fitness Campaign is an important step in building a healthier community, commits to funding/fundraising to participate in NFC's 2027 Campaign, and will earn local and regional recognition as a leader in providing accessible health and wellness infrastructure and programs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Butler, DeKalb County, Indiana will collaborate with the NFC to join the National Fitness Campaign, implement the outdoor Fitness Court program, and make fitness free for community residents and visitors.

This Resolution passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Butler, DeKalb County, Indiana, at a regular session held on the 19th day of October 2026.

_____
Mike Hartman, Mayor

Yes Votes: ____ No Votes: ____

Attest:

_____
Angela M. Eck, Clerk-Treasurer

ORDINANCE: UDO – 1829

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TEXT TO THE CITY OF BUTLER ZONING ORDINANCE FOR ELECTRONIC INFORMATION PROCESSING FACILITY, LIMITED ARTICLE 3: ZONING DISTRICTS; ARTICLE 6: DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS; ARTICLE 10: DEFINITIONS

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the State of Indiana granted powers to the counties to adopt ordinances and zone maps for their jurisdiction according to IC 36-7-4-600 series; and

WHEREAS, City of Butler, Indiana has adopted the City of Butler, Indiana Zoning Ordinance which became effective on March 14, 2005, and has had subsequent amendments; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the State of Indiana granted powers to counties to amend the zone maps according to IC 36-7-4-608, and Section 8.13 of the City of Butler, Indiana Zoning Ordinance allows for the amendment of said Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, The City of Butler, Indiana Plan Commission, in accordance with law, held a public hearing and considered the text amendment to the zoning ordinance for the addition of Electronic Information Process Facility, Limited as permitted and special exception uses, development standards, definitions and all other related sections, if applicable on September 24, 2026 and the amendment was continued until October 15, 2026; and

WHEREAS, The Plan Commission voted to certify a favorable recommendation to the City of Butler Common Council; and

WHEREAS, Said certification has been duly considered by the City of Butler Common Council and the Zoning Text Amendment is deemed to be in the public interest;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Butler, Indiana that the Zoning Text Amendment is adopted as a part of the City of Butler, Indiana Zoning Ordinance, as amended, is hereby amended to include:

SECTION 1: That the City of Butler Zoning Ordinance be amended according to the amendments, as follows:

TEXT TO REMAIN
TEXT TO BE ADDED
~~TEXT TO BE REMOVED~~

ARTICLE THREE - BUSINESS & INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS

3.1 - NB Neighborhood Business District Intent, Permitted Uses, and Special Exception Uses

Special Exception Uses: Business: General Business (pg. 27)

- Electronic Information Processing Facility, Limited, subject to Electronic Information Processing Facility Standards EI-01.

3.3 - GB - General Business District Intent, Permitted Uses, and Special Exception Uses

Business: General Business Permitted Uses (pg. 30)

- Boat sales
- Electronic Information Processing Facility, Limited
- Funeral home or mortuary
- Hotel/motel
- Print shop/copy center
- Self-storage facility
- Three-Dimensional Printing (3-D Printing) (Amended by Ord. # 1618, adopted August 3, 2015)
- Tool/equipment rental
- Tool/equipment sales

ARTICLE SIX – DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

6.33 - Number of Off-Street Parking Spaces Required by Land Use - PK-04 – pg 73

Business: General Business

- Boat sales, manufacturing housing sales: Two spaces plus 1 per employee
- Funeral Home or Mortuary: One space per 4 seats
- Hotel/Motel: One space per employee plus 1 space per rentable room
- Kennel: One space per 5 pet accommodation spaces
- Self-Storage Facility: One space per employee plus 1 visitor per 10 employees plus one space per 10 units

- Print Shop/Copy Center, Tool/Equipment Rental, Tool/Equipment Sales: One space per 300 sq ft
- Electronic Information Processing Facility, Limited: One space per employee on the largest shift plus one visitor space (if needed); minimum two spaces.

ARTICLE 6: DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

6.52 - Electronic Information Processing Facility Standards - EI-01 – This section applies to Electronic Information Processing Facilities, Limited, located in the NB Neighborhood Business District and GB General Business District.

A. Enclosed Operation. All servers, computers, storage equipment, networking equipment, and associated information-processing equipment shall be operated entirely within a fully enclosed principal building. Outdoor containers, trailers, modular server units, and similar exterior equipment shall not be used to house information-processing equipment.
B. Facility Scale.
    1. In the NB District, the use shall:
        a. Be located within a principal commercial building existing on the effective date of this section;
        b. Not be developed as a new purpose-built facility or multi-building campus; and c. Have a total planned or installed non-emergency electrical capacity not exceeding two megawatts.
    2. In the GB District, the use shall:
        a. Not be enveloped as a multi-building data-processing campus; and
        b. Have a total planned or installed non-emergency electrical capacity not exceeding fifteen megawatts.
    3. Electrical capacity shall be determined from the utility service agreement, utility will-serve letter, approved electrical plans, transformer capacity, or other documentation acceptable to the Electric Provider for the City.
    4. Adjacent parcels, buildings, equipment, or services under common or affiliated ownership or control shall be considered together when determining compliance with the electrical-capacity limitation.
    5. Emergency standby generation shall not be used to increase or supplement the electrical capacity otherwise permitted by this section.

C. Water and Cooling.

1. Once-through cooling systems, cooling towers, and evaporative cooling systems that routinely consume municipal water or groundwater for heat rejection are prohibited.
2. Process cooling shall use air-cooled, dry-cooled, sealed closed-loop, or other substantially non-consumptive cooling technology.
3. Continuous or routine consumptive use of municipal water or groundwater for equipment cooling or heat rejection is prohibited.
4. Water may be used for drinking water, restrooms, sanitation, fire suppression, initial filling of a sealed system, incidental cleaning, occasional maintenance, or an emergency condition.
5. The applicant shall provide the Water Superintendent with the anticipated average-day and peak-day water demand and a description of the proposed cooling system before issuing an Improvement Location Permit.

D. Emergency Standby Generation.

1. A combustion-powered generator may be installed as emergency standby equipment or use during load curtailment.
2. A generator shall not be operated for routine facility power.
3. Except for required testing and maintenance, a generator may be operated only during an actual interruption, load curtailment, or failure of utility electrical service.
4. Testing and maintenance shall:
    a. Be limited to the minimum duration required by applicable law, fire code, manufacturer specifications, or insurance requirements; b. Occur only between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, except when otherwise required by the Fire Marshal; c. Be recorded in an operating log maintained for at least three years and made available to the City upon request.

E. Mechanical and Electrical Equipment.

1. Exterior transformers, switchgear, dry coolers, condensers, generators, fuel tanks, and similar equipment shall be located behind or beside the principal building and shall not be located between the principal building and a public street.
2. Exterior equipment shall be screened from adjoining streets and residential property by walls, fencing, landscaping, equipment enclosures, or a combination thereof.

3. Mechanical and electrical equipment shall comply with Performance Standards PF-01, including the standards addressing noise, vibration, electrical disturbance, heat, glare, air pollution, and obnoxious characteristics.
4. No equipment shall create a persistent tonal, pulsating, humming, or low-frequency sound that constitutes a nuisance at an adjoining residential property.

F. Batteries and Fire Protection.
1. Uninterruptible power-supply batteries and battery energy-storage equipment shall be accessory to the principal information-processing use.
2. A stand-alone or grid-scale battery energy-storage facility is not authorized by this section.
3. Battery rooms, battery cabinets, fuel systems, generators, and fire-suppression systems shall be reviewed and approved by the Fire Marshal and shall comply with applicable building and fire codes.
4. The operator shall provide emergency contact information and an emergency-response plan to the Fire Department before commencing operations.

G. Required Application Information. In addition to the information ordinarily required for an Improvement Location Permit or Special Exception, the applicant shall submit:
1. A description of the proposed operations and number of employees;
2. A utility will-serve letter or equivalent documentation of electrical capacity;
3. Sealed electrical plans identifying the maximum planned electrical capacity;
4. A cooling-system and water-use narrative;
5. The number, capacity, fuel type, location, and testing schedule of standby generators;
6. The type, capacity, and location of battery systems;
7. A plan for screening exterior equipment; and
8. Any additional information is reasonably necessary for the Water Superintendent, Community Development Office, or Fire Marshal to determine compliance with this section.

H. Expansion or Alteration.
1. An increase in electrical capacity, addition of generators, material alteration of the cooling system, expansion into another building, or expansion onto another parcel constitutes an expansion of use and requires a new or amended Improvement Location Permit.

2. A facility exceeding the applicable electrical-capacity limitation or otherwise failing to satisfy this section is not an Electronic Information Processing Facility, Limited, and is not permitted in the NB or GB District.

ARTICLE TEN - DEFINITIONS

10.2 - Defined Words - Relevant Amendments

Business, General Business - Boat sales, electronic information processing facility, limited, funeral home or mortuary, hotel/motel, kennel, manufactured housing sales, print shop/copy center, self-storage facility, tool/equipment rental and tool/equipment sales.

Electronic Information Processing Facility, Limited - An indoor commercial facility primarily used for the operation of servers, computers, storage systems, networking equipment, and associated power and cooling equipment for the storage, processing, transmission, hosting, backup, retrieval, or management of electronic or digital information. The term includes a use commonly known as a data center, server farm, colocation facility, cloud-computing facility, enterprise server facility, or similar operation. The term does not include a telecommunications tower, electric generation plant, or stand- alone battery energy-storage facility unless such use is separately and expressly permitted by this Ordinance.

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SECTION 2: That this amendment shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption by the Common Council of the City of Butler, Indiana.

DULY PASSED, ORDAINED AND ADOPTED on this _____day of _____2026, by the Common Council of the City of Butler, Indiana by a vote of, _____ in adopting and/or _____ in rejecting and/or _____ in amending, the Plan Commission recommendation.

First Reading: _____ Yes Votes: ____ No Votes: ____

Attest:_____
Angela M. Eck, Clerk-Treasurer

Second Reading: _____ Yes Votes: ____ No Votes: ____

Attest:_____
Angela M. Eck, Clerk-Treasurer

Third Reading: _____ Yes Votes: ____ No Votes: ____

Attest:_____
Angela M. Eck, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2026.

_____
Mike Hartman, Mayor

If adopting, the Ordinance takes effect immediately.
If rejecting, the Council Members shall state their reason to the Plan Commission.
If amending, the Council Members shall send an amendment back to the Plan Commission.

Prepared by: Christopher Gaumer "I affirm under the penalties of perjury, that I have taken reasonable care to redact each social security number in this document, unless required by law." Christopher Gaumer