

The Path to Our City's Budget: Oak Harbor's 2027-2028 Process

PHASE 1: PLANNING & GOAL SETTING (January - August)

**January:
Council Sets
Priorities**
The process kicks off with the City Council discussing key goals and priorities.

**February-August:
Financial Education**
Council members receive financial primers to prepare for budget decisions.

**July-September:
Capital Plan
Discussions**
Long-term capital improvement projects and plans are reviewed.

**September:
First Public Input &
Mayor's Proposal**
A public hearing is held on revenue, and the Mayor presents a preliminary budget.

**September-October:
Department Presentations**
City departments present their individual budget needs and proposals.

**PHASE 2:
DRAFTING THE
BUDGET**
(July - October)

**PHASE 3:
FINAL REVIEW
& ADOPTION**
(November - December)

**November:
Key Public
Hearings**
The public can comment on the preliminary budget and the property tax levy.

**By December 1:
Final Budget
Adopted**
After a final hearing, the City Council officially adopts the biennial budget.

**OAK HARBOR
2027-2028
BUDGET ADOPTED**

