FY 15-16 Budget Ordinance

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CHINA GROVE, NORTH CAROLINA:

The following anticipated fund revenues, departmental expenditures, and interfund transfers are approved and appropriated for the Town of China Grove operations for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016.

SECTION 1 - General Fund

Revenues:

Property Taxes	$1,691,900
Sales Tax	$ 725,000
Franchise Tax	$ 291,600
SRO Reimbursement	$ 88,000
Fire Tax	$ 14,700
Farmers Day	$ 23,500
Transfer from SRU for Debt Service	$ 447,700
Transfer from Fund Balance	$ 290,500
Proceeds from borrowing	$ 500,000
Other Revenue	$ 148,800
TOTAL ESTIMATED GENERAL FUND REVENUES	$4,221,700

Expenditures:

Governing Body	$ 71,300
Administration	$ 374,800
Police	$ 995,300
Fire	$1,180,000
Community Development and Planning	$ 41,600
Public Works	$ 622,200
Parks and Recreation	$ 81,000
Debt Service	$ 828,200
Farmers Day	$ 27,300
Transfers	$ 00
TOTAL ESTIMATED GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	$4,221,700

SECTION 2 - Highway Fund

Revenues:

Powell Bill Allocation	$ 119,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED HIGHWAY FUND REVENUES	$ 119,000

Expenditures:

Street Department	$ 119,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED HIGHWAY FUND EXPENDITURES	$ 119,000

SECTION 3 - Ad Valorem Taxes

An Ad Valorem tax rate of $0.58 per one hundred ($100) valuation of taxable property, as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2015 is hereby levied and established as the official tax rate for the Town of China Grove for fiscal year 2015 - 2016. The rate is based upon a total projected valuation of $ 297,155,000 and an estimated collection rate of 96.85%. The purpose of the Ad Valorem tax levy is to raise sufficient revenue to assist in financing necessary municipal government operations in China Grove.

SECTION 4 - Documentation

Copies of this ordinance will be kept on file at Town Hall and shall be furnished to the Town Clerk and Finance Officer to provide direction in the collection of revenues and disbursement of Town funds.

SECTION 5 - Special Authorization, Budget Officer

A. The Town Manager shall serve as Budget Officer.

B. The Budget Officer shall be authorized to reallocate departmental appropriations among the various expenditures within each department.

C. The Budget Officer is authorized to effect interdepartmental transfers of minor budget amendments not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the appropriated funds for the department's allocation, which is being reduced. Notification of all such transfers or amendments shall be made to the Town Council at their next regular meeting of that body following the transfers.

SECTION 6 - Restrictions

A. Interfund transfers of moneys shall be accomplished only by authorization from the Town Council.

B. The utilization of any contingency appropriation, in any amount, shall be accomplished only by the authorization from the Town Council. Approval of a contingency appropriation shall be deemed a budget amendment, which transfers funds from the contingency appropriation to the appropriate object of expenditure.

SECTION 7 - Budget Amendments

The North Carolina Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act authorizes the Town Council to amend the budget ordinance at any time during the fiscal year, so long as it complies with North Carolina General Statutes. The Town Council must approve all budget amendments, except where the Budget Officer is authorized to make limited transfers. Please review sections 5 and 6, which outline special authorizations and restrictions related to budget amendments.

SECTION 8 – Debt Limit Policy

The general obligation debt of the Town of China Grove will not exceed eight percent (8%) of the assessed valuation of the taxable property of the Town. Capital projects financed through the issuance of bonds shall be financed for a period not to exceed the expected useful life of the project. The Town of China Grove shall not knowingly enter into any contracts creating significant un-funded liabilities.

SECTION 9 - Utilization of Budget and Budget Ordinance

This ordinance and the budget documents shall be the basis for the financial plan of the Town of China Grove during the 2015 - 2016 Fiscal Year. The Budget Officer shall administer the budget. The accounting system shall establish records, which are in consonance with this budget and this ordinance and the appropriate statutes of the State of North Carolina.

Adopted this 16th day of June, 2015

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Don Bringle, Mayor Attest: Amanda Eller, Town Clerk