

**City of Alexandria, Virginia
 FY 2027 Proposed Operating Budget & CIP
 Budget Questions & Answers**

April 16, 2026

Question:

Please provide options for balancing the FY 2027 operating budget without the addition of Sunday parking meter hours.

Response:

On Tuesday, April 14, the City Council approved on first reading an ordinance related to Sunday parking metering and directed the City Manager to develop a proposal to address the potential operating revenue shortfall if the ordinance is not ultimately adopted. The table below outlines two options for addressing this potential revenue gap.

Revenue	Option A - Parking Meters to \$2.60, Citations to \$55	Option B - Parking Meters to \$2.75
Parking meters Sunday	(726,844)	(726,844)
Parking meters Mon-Sat	242,360	605,900
Parking citations	450,000	-
Revenue re-estimate (\$337,000 available in revenue re-estimates)	34,484	120,944
Net Change	-	-

Option A: This option eliminates Sunday parking meter hours, resulting in an estimated operating budget shortfall of \$726,844. To offset this gap, the following actions are recommended:

- Increase existing parking meter rates (Monday through Saturday) by \$0.10, from the proposed \$2.50 per hour to \$2.60 per hour, generating approximately \$242,360 in additional revenue;
- Increase parking citation fines by \$5, from the proposed \$50 to \$55, generating approximately \$450,000 in additional revenue; and
- Allocate \$34,484 in available revenue re-estimate funding to fully close the remaining gap.

Option B: This option eliminates Sunday parking meter hours, resulting in an estimated operating budget shortfall of \$726,844. To offset this gap, the following actions are recommended:

- Increase existing parking meter rates (Monday through Saturday) by \$0.25, from the proposed \$2.50 per hour to \$2.75 per hour, generating approximately \$605,900 in additional revenue;
- Allocate \$120,944 in available revenue re-estimate funding to fully close the remaining gap.

The City Council's discussion about these items will take place at the Preliminary Add/Delete work session on April 21, with final decisions and budget adoption scheduled for April 29.