

## **FY2026 Proposed Budget Utility/Fuel Expense Related Notes**

#2 Heating Oil, Bid #B24003 – The City’s current provider is Haffners Energy North Group. The bid rate remains constant through September 30, 2025 at \$2.999 per gallon for an estimated 10,000 gallons. Due to the current agreement expiring during FY26 and current fuel values, budget proposal uses \$3.12 per gallon times estimated annual usage which represents a 4.0% increase over current agreement pricing.

Diesel Fuel Off Road, Bid #B24004 – The City’s current provider is Haffners Energy North Group. The bid rate remains constant through September 30, 2025 at \$3.299 for an estimated 18,000 gallons. Due to the current agreement expiring during FY26 and current fuel values, budget proposal uses \$3.60 per gallon times estimated annual usage which represents a 9.0% increase over current agreement pricing.

Gasoline Unleaded & On Road Diesel – Fuel is no longer available at the State of NH fuel pumps located near the Spaulding Turnpike, Exit 9. This location was decommissioned this winter now that the NH Department of Transportation has relocated to Newington location. The State rates as of September 2024 were \$2.319 per gallon for unleaded fuel and \$2.609 per gallon for on road diesel per gallon. The pricing at the State of NH pumps is calculated based on the market indexed price on the day of delivery.

The City vehicles also carry an Irving fuel card and prices at Irving fluctuate as well. At the end of October 2024, prices were \$2.72 per gallon for regular unleaded and \$3.46 per gallon for on road diesel. The City now primarily utilizes Irving for purchases and will rely on the State of NH fuel pumps located outside the city for emergency needs. Due to the uncertainty of fluctuating prices, the proposed budget uses the rate of \$2.98 for regular unleaded and \$3.40 for diesel.

Electricity Supply & Delivery - The City has currently enrolled its municipal accounts through the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH). The budget proposal uses \$0.25 per kWh which also includes a variable charge for the delivery fees from Eversource.

Natural Gas, Bid #B21047 – The City’s current provider is Sprague Energy and currently has a fixed rate of \$0.5619 per Therm through September 30, 2025 for natural gas supply. Unitil Utilities also charges a rate of approximately \$0.58 (this fluctuates) for transportation fees for a grand total of \$1.14. The budget proposal uses \$1.14 per Therm times estimated usage.

Propane Bid #B12006 – The City’s current provider is DF Richard and is currently locked in at \$2.09 per gallon for estimated annual 50,000-gallon usage through May 1, 2025. Due to the current agreement expiring during the fiscal year FY25 and current fuel values fluctuating between \$2.15-\$2.50/gallon, the budget proposal uses \$2.40 per gallon times estimated usage.

Telecommunication Services, Bid #B21061 – The City’s current providers are RingCentral and Consolidated Communications. In addition, the city continues to utilize Verizon Wireless for mobile services. The proposed budget maintains existing monthly service plan fees and calling charges based upon current usage.