

**To:** President and Members of the Munster Town Council

**From:** Wendy Mis, IAMC  
Clerk-Treasurer

**Copy to:** Patricia L. Abbott, IAMC, MMC, Controller  
Dustin Anderson, Town Manager

**Date:** October 18, 2021

**Re:** Ordinance 1844, 2022 Budget

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At the October 4, 2021 meeting, the Council conducted the public hearing and had first reading on the ordinance for the 2022 budget.

Because the final, certified budget can never be higher than what was advertised, the budget estimates we advertised for 2022 are purposely overstated. The amounts in the ordinance are within the advertised amounts. It is anticipated that the final, certified budget will be less than what will be adopted, and the Town Council is ultimately responsible for finding that balance between providing adequate service and not exceeding statutory spending limits.

State statute requires that town budgets be submitted to the DLGF electronically. This is done through their Gateway website and will allow the public to access the information. Ordinance 1844 has been drafted to match the submittal that will be made through Gateway after budget adoption.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

By motion and roll-call vote, adopt introduced Ordinance 1844 on second reading as presented.