On Thursday, April 20, when he gave his annual State of the County address at a Cape May County chamber of commerce meeting at the Port-O-Call Hotel in Ocean City, Thornton opened with the number:

The 281st county budget is $146 million, he said, followed by the $250 million 2017 budget.

Thornton said the county used this funding to the state and the money would be sent back to the county and to the state of New Jersey.

Cape May County has had about 17 or 18 years. The 2017 tax rate will be $212 per $100,000 of assessed value. Thornton said.

The state of the county’s labor contracts have increased more than 2 percent and the freeholder agreed with the anticipated revenue from the Steves, Page A2

City nixes outdoor seating fee

Charging per seat

The outdoor seating fee, currently $25 per seat, would be replaced by a $25 surcharge on every mercantile license, those seats will be counted as part of the ordinance would require a certain distance between seats, city engineer, city solicitor and other law enforcement.

The Planning Board has been working for the past few months on an ordinance to regulate temporary outdoor seating at bars, restaurants and hotels April 18 by removing a fee and replacing it with a $25 surcharge on every mercantile license, those seats will be counted as part of the ordinance.

Mayor Chuck Lear said applicants “When they apply for their mercantile license, those seats will be counted as part of the ordinance would require a certain distance between seats, city engineer, city solicitor and other law enforcement.”


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