

CITY OF CHARLESTON BUDGET



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2017 BUDGET

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General Fund – the City's
general operating fund

BIG PICTURE

Total Expenditures - \$171 million

Public Safety Budget - \$87 million

Property Tax Revenue - \$71.8 million

Property Tax Calculation for Average Home in the City of Charleston

(within Charleston County)

| | <u>Without Homestead</u> | <u>With Homestead</u> |
|--|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Appraised Property Value | \$ 300,000 | \$ 300,000 |
| Less: Homestead Exemption (if applicable - age 65 or older, blind or disabled) | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ (50,000)</u> |
| Adjusted Appraised Property Value | \$ 300,000 | \$ 250,000 |
| Multiplied by the Primary Legal Residence Assessment Ratio | <u>0.04</u> | <u>0.04</u> |
| Total Assessment | \$ 12,000 | \$ 10,000 |
| Multiplied by the 2017 City of Charleston Millage Rate* | <u>0.0781</u> | <u>0.0781</u> |
| Total City of Charleston Property Tax due before Sales Tax Credit | \$ 937.20 | \$ 781.00 |
| Less: City of Charleston Sales Tax Credit (.00085 X \$300,000) | <u>\$ (255.00)</u> | <u>\$ (255.00)</u> |
| Total City of Charleston Tax Due | <u><u>\$ 682.20</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 526.00</u></u> |

*Note: Does not include the City of Charleston Drainage millage, the City of Charleston Public Safety Infrastructure millage, the County of Charleston Operating or Debt Service millage, the Charleston County School District or other entities.

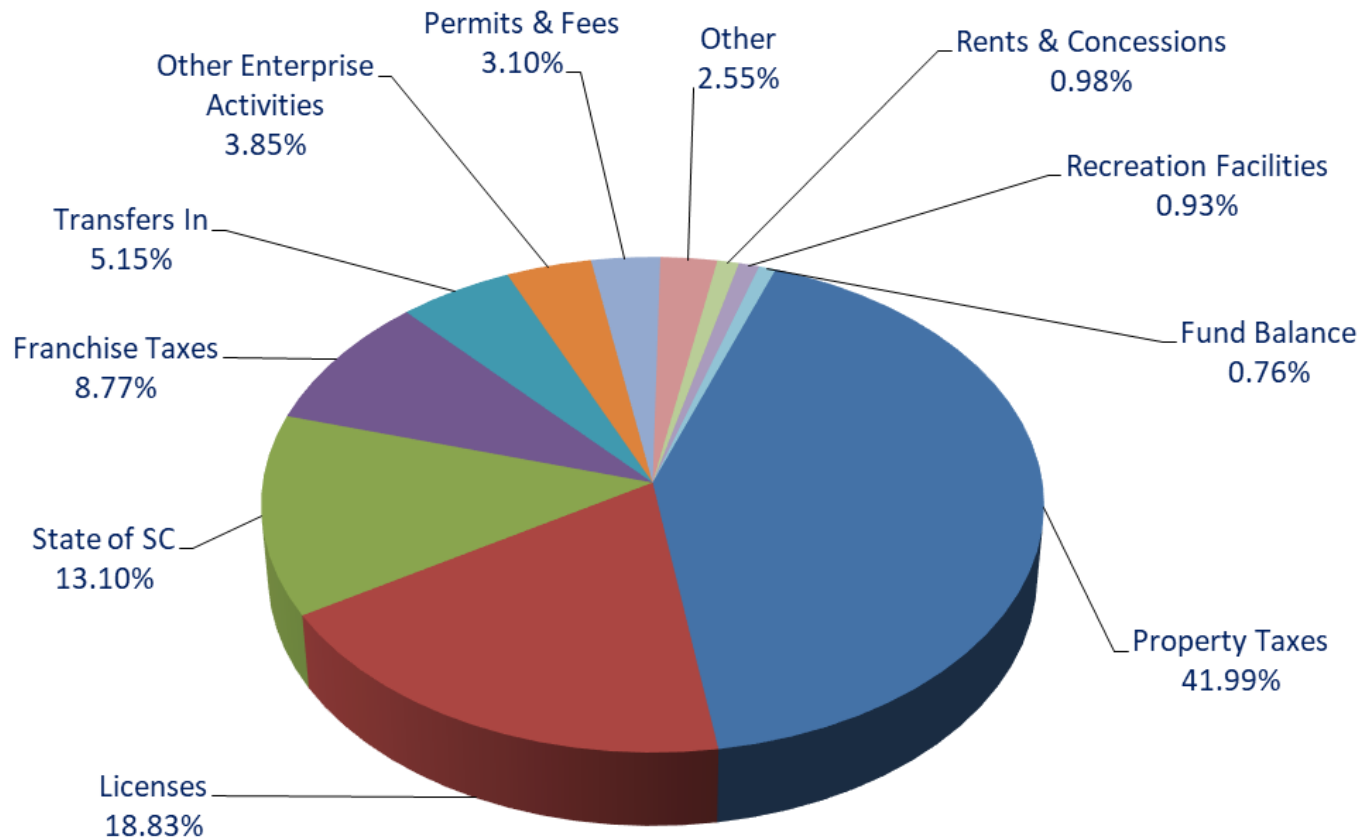
REVENUES

- Unlike other municipalities, the City has a diverse source of revenues.
 - Most municipalities depend on property taxes
- Property taxes are the single largest source of revenue, but only make up 41.99% of the City's revenue.
- Other major sources of revenues include licenses, revenue received from the State of South Carolina and franchise fees.

2017 REVENUE BUDGET

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| Property Taxes | 71,818,270 | 41.99% |
| Licenses | 32,211,026 | 18.83% |
| State of SC | 22,410,326 | 13.10% |
| Franchise Taxes | 14,995,800 | 8.77% |
| Transfers In | 8,811,557 | 5.15% |
| Other Enterprise Activities | 6,585,429 | 3.85% |
| Permits & Fees | 5,302,324 | 3.10% |
| Other | 4,363,654 | 2.55% |
| Rents & Concessions | 1,669,970 | 0.98% |
| Recreation Facilities | 1,583,912 | 0.93% |
| Fund Balance | 1,297,633 | 0.76% |
| | <u>171,049,901</u> | <u>100%</u> |

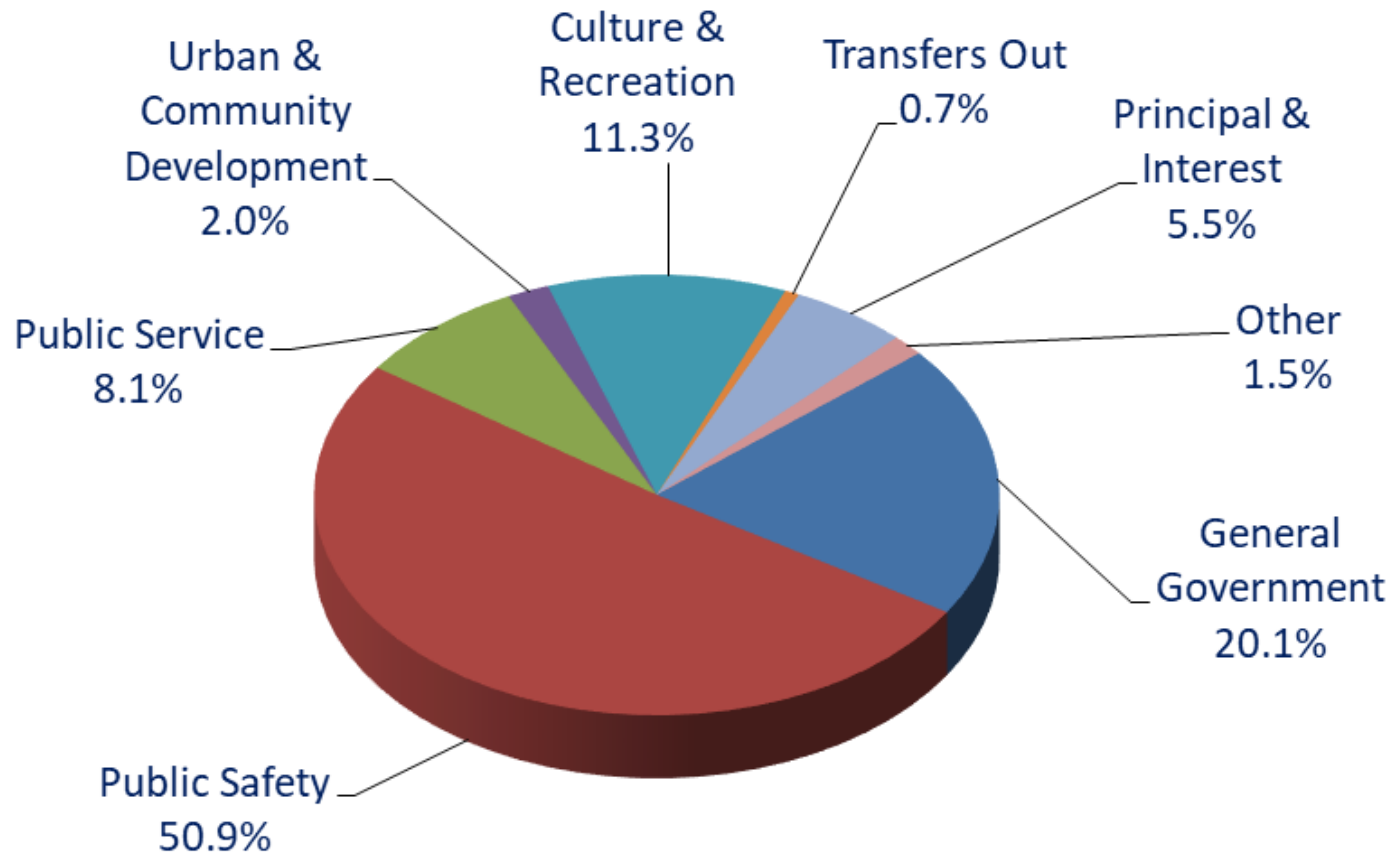
2017 REVENUE BUDGET



2017 EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION

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| General Government | \$ 34,296,368 | 20.1% |
| Public Safety | \$ 86,984,631 | 50.9% |
| Public Service | \$ 13,842,659 | 8.1% |
| Urban & Community Development | \$ 3,347,988 | 2.0% |
| Culture & Recreation | \$ 19,298,406 | 11.3% |
| Transfers Out | \$ 1,179,612 | 0.7% |
| Principal & Interest | \$ 9,453,152 | 5.5% |
| Other | \$ 2,647,085 | 1.5% |
| Total Expenses | \$ 171,049,901 | 100.00% |

2017 EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION



RESTRICTED FUNDS

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SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Stormwater Utility Fee Fund –

- Funded by Stormwater Utility Fee collected for City by CWS.
- Day to day maintenance of stormwater system – ditches, culverts, catch basins, etc.
- Use of these revenues is restricted by ordinance.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, CONT.

Tourism Revenue Funds

- State Accommodations Tax Fund
- Municipal Accommodations Tax Fund
- Hospitality Fee Fund

Use of these revenues is restricted to tourism-related expenditures as specified by SC State Code of Laws.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS

- Drainage Fund – Large Drainage Projects such as Spring/Fishburne Drainage Improvements, Calhoun West Drainage Improvements, Market Street Drainage Improvements, Seawall/Battery renovations, etc.
- Capital Improvement Fund – Capital Projects such as Fire Stations, Recreation Facilities, Parks and other public facilities

Revenues come from many sources depending on the type of project:

- Bonds
- Grants
- Tourism Funds
- General Operating Funds
- State and Federal Funds
- Designated millage

Budget Exercise