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City of Franklin, Tennessee

2024 Budget Summary

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"Where Progress and History Give You a Unique Sense of Place"

The City is pleased to present this summary of the annual budget for the fiscal year which begins July 1, 2023 and ends on June 30, 2024.

Highlights of 2023-24 Budget

- The budget is balanced.
- The budget fully complies with the Board of Mayor and Aldermen’s debt and fund reserve policies.
- Essential service levels are maintained.
- The City property tax remains unchanged at \$0.3261 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The Invest Franklin dedicated funding for infrastructure/transportation investment and The City of Franklin has the lowest property tax rate of any city in Tennessee with a population over 50,000, and its rate is among the lowest of comparable cities nationally.
- A pay increase for City team members will be effective the first pay period of July 2023. The approved budget includes a general pay increase of 3% plus an additional performance-based pay increase of up to an additional 2.5%.
- The budget includes three new positions in the General Fund. The new positions are three new firefighters, one per shift. Several position reclassifications are included in the areas of Communications, Streets, Police, and Fire. There is one additional position in the City’s Water Management utility, although the total number of funded positions remains the same.
- Health insurance premiums for City team members are projected to remain unchanged for FY24.
- The FY24 budget includes a \$1 per month increase for residential trash and recycling collection (from \$22/month to \$23/month). Consistent with our five-year utility rate plan, water rate increases of 3% for both calendar year 2024 and 2025 are expected. Sewer rates are expected to increase 2.5% in 2024 and 2% in 2025.
- The budget incorporates performance measures and sustainability initiatives for every department. The connection to our



Services Provided

	Governance & Management		Public Safety		Finance & Administration		Public Works		Community & Economic Development
	Board of Mayor & Alderman, City Administrator, Human Resources, Law, Communications		Criminal Investigations, Patrol, Fire Suppression, Fire Investigation, Fire Prevention		Finance, Purchasing, Information Technology, Municipal Court, Project & Facilities Management, Revenue Management		Streets (including Road Maintenance, Traffic & Fleet Maintenance), Parks, Sanitation & Environmental Services, Water & Wastewater Management		Building & Neighborhood Services, Planning & Sustainability, Engineering, Parks, Economic Development, Transit, and Stormwater Management
	Emergency Management								



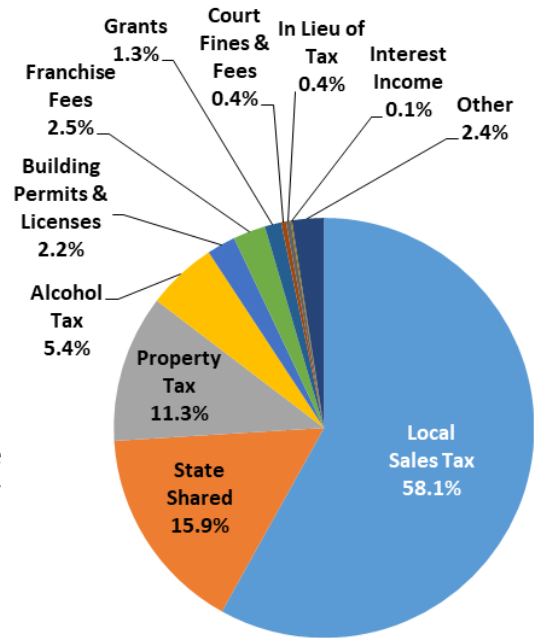


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Revenues

The 2023-24 (FY24) General Fund budget is \$102,534,136, which represents an increase of 3.4% compared to the current \$99,187,604 million budget for 2022-23 (FY23). The FY24 budget for all funds is \$218,138,422, which represents an increase of 0.5% compared to FY23. Approximately \$14.5 million of the all funds budget is dedicated to the planned use of cash reserves from various funds to support capital investment projects. The General Fund is shown at right.

Although revenues are only increasing by 3.4% overall in FY 2024, the largest revenue categories – local and state shared sales taxes – are forecast only to increase by 2%. We are intentionally cautious when approaching FY 2024 given the continued tremendous uncertainty in the global and national economy. Property taxes are increasing by a healthy 8.6% year over year due to the full repayment of all obligations pertaining to the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district in Cool Springs. While we are forecasting a 3% growth overall in the tax levy, the balance of the increase is resulting from that TIF district retirement.

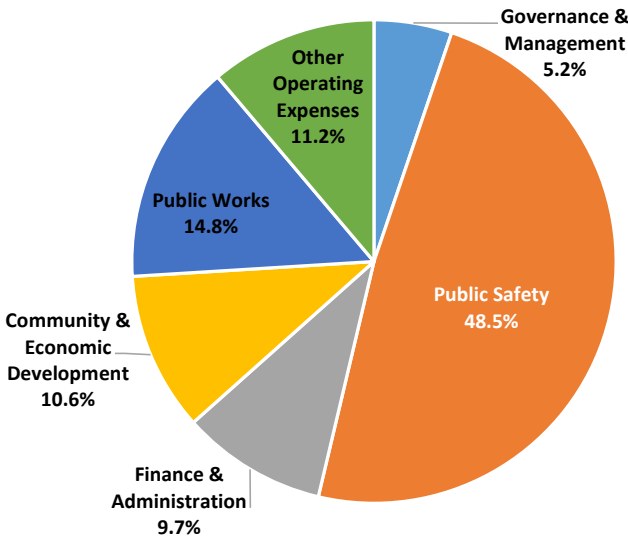


Expenses

The total available resources within the General Fund is \$102,534,136 for FY24, an increase of 3.4%. Of note:

- While the number of new positions is lower than years past, several reclassifications have been included to enhance efficiencies in various municipal operations. It is more notable that wage increases (3.5%-5.5%) have been proposed given a sizeable increase (\$1.9 million or 33%) in the annual retired contribution to the City’s closed pension system. The volatility of the marketplace over the last year has required the City to contribute more than it has in many years to maintain the system properly.
- Funding overall of \$3.1 million in Program Enhancement Requests in the General Fund including technology & security upgrades in numerous departments, design work for signalization projects at

South Margin/Lewisburg/5th Avenue and Donelson Creek/Lewisburg as well as signal repairs at Mack Hatcher & Lewisburg, consulting services regarding customer relations and survey work with the broader Development Community, new and replacement equipment for Police, Fire, Streets and Parks and 5% inflationary increases for funding the Chamber and all Outside Agencies.



Summary

Despite the challenges and uncertainty facing communities across the country, the City of Franklin is in excellent financial condition. Our reserves are at strong levels, our debt obligations are relatively low and manageable, and our tax rates are among the lowest in America. Continued strong financial management and strategic investment will position the City of Franklin to succeed and thrive. This budget is compliant with all policies and developed accordance with **FranklinForward**, the City’s strategic plan. The four themes of the plan are:

- A Safe, Clean, and Livable City**
- Effective & Fiscally Sound City Government Providing High-quality Services**
- Quality Life Experiences**
- Sustainable Growth and Economic Prosperity**

