#### How do I pay my taxes?

There are five ways to pay your real estate and personal property taxes. A convenience fee is charged for the Internet and phone options that require a credit/debit card or eCheck. This fee is charged and retained by a private company to process the payment transactions. Mecklenburg County does not receive any portion of this fee. Please use Bill Number as reference when paying tax bills.

1. By Internet: Visit http://paytax.charmeck.org and use your credit/debit card or choose

eCheck to have payment deducted from your checking account. Fee charged.

2. By Phone: Call toll-free 1-877-533-0072 and use your credit/debit card. Fee charged.

3. By Mail: Mail both the tax payment stub and the check or money order to

Mecklenburg County Tax Collector, PO Box 32247, Charlotte NC 28232-2247. Make checks/money orders payable to Mecklenburg County Tax Collector.

4. In Person: Robert L. (Bob) Walton Plaza at 700 East Stonewall Street. Monday-Friday

between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (CASH, CHECK, or MONEY ORDER ONLY.)

5. Online Banking: Many financial institutions offer online banking/bill payment services. Fees

for this service vary by institution. Mecklenburg County does not receive any portion of the fees associated with this service. Please use the Bill

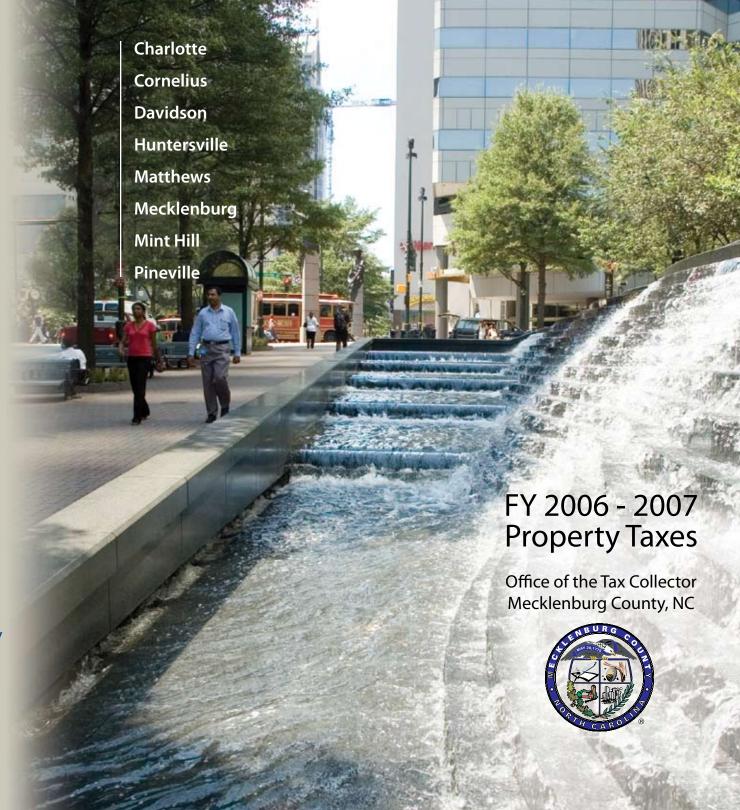
Number as reference when paying tax bills.

#### What are the tax deadlines?

Property tax payments (except registered motor vehicles) are due September 1, 2006 and must be paid by January 5, 2007. If mailed, payments must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service (not by meter) on or before January 5, 2007 to avoid interest charges. Taxpayers whose payment is received after January 5, 2007 will be charged 2% interest for the month of January and an additional 3/4% interest for every month until paid. All unpaid taxes (except registered motor vehicles) as of January 5, 2007 will be advertised in a local newspaper as being delinquent and an additional fee for advertising will be added. All delinquent taxes are subject to garnishment, levy (seizure), and foreclosure. A \$25.00 fee or 10% of the check, whichever is greater, with a maximum of \$1,000.00 will be added for returned checks.

#### Still have questions?

- Visit our web site at http://tax.charmeck.org or email us at taxmeck@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov
- Contact the CharMeck Call Center by dialing 311 if calling within Mecklenburg County or 704-336-7600 for calls originating outside of Mecklenburg County.
- To learn more about Mecklenburg County and the services provided, log on to www.MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.



#### What do property taxes pay for?

When you call the police or fire department, play in a park, send your children to public school, check out a book at the library, or eat at an inspected restaurant, you are using services paid for by your property taxes. Your taxes also pay for services to help people move from welfare to work, protect children and senior citizens from abuse and neglect, protect our water and air from pollution, repair and build roads, and much more. Property taxes are the largest source of revenue to fund these services that you count on every day. For more information about Mecklenburg County's budget, the services funded by your property taxes, and links to the municipal web sites, visit www.MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

#### What property is taxed?

Property taxes are levied on real property (land and buildings), motor vehicles, boats, trailers, and income-producing personal property. You pay taxes to Mecklenburg County and the municipality in which you live. If you live in Charlotte, Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville, Matthews, Mint Hill, or Pineville, you receive one tax bill for both county and municipal taxes. Property owners in unincorporated Mecklenburg County pay additional taxes for their share of police services through the Law Enforcement Service District Tax.

#### How much will I pay in taxes?

The amount of property tax you pay is based on the assessed value of your property. The Tax Assessor determines the value of all taxable property by the first of each year. The tax you pay is based on that value and the tax rate established by the elected city, county, or town officials. (Multiply the tax rate by each \$100 of assessed value). For example, the tax bill for a home assessed at \$150,000 in value is \$1,228.35 for County taxes and \$687.90 for Charlotte taxes.

#### What is the solid waste fee on my tax bill?

Owners of residential properties within Mecklenburg County (except Matthews) pay a County solid waste fee of \$12 per residence, which funds recycling and waste reduction programs. Residential properties within the City of Charlotte are subject to both a County and City solid waste fee. The City fee, which funds the disposal cost of trash collected in Charlotte, is \$45 per single-family residence and \$27 per multiple-family residence.

### How do I change my address on my tax bill?

To change your mailing address for real estate tax bills, please contact the CharMeck 311 Call Center by dialing 311 if calling within Mecklenburg County and 704-336-7600 for calls originating outside of Mecklenburg County or log on to http://tax.charmeck.org and click on Office of the Tax Collector. For all registered motor vehicle tax bills, contact the Division of Motor Vehicles which is linked to the Tax Collector's web site. Address information for registered motor vehicle tax bills comes directly from the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Please change your address with their offices, and they will send the corrected information to the Tax Assessor's Office the next time you renew your license tag.

#### FY 2006-2007 Mecklenburg County Budget by Board Priorities

How the Money is Used (in millions)

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	Program Category by Priority Level	Cour	nty Funding	To	tal Funding	County Funding as % of Budge
	Adult Abuse, Neglect Prevention/Protection	\$	1.54	\$	2.28	.16%
	Adult Mental Illness Prevention/Protection		14.65		21.66	1.6%
	Aging in Place Services Building Safety (LUE)		7.29 1.78		11.44 27.53	.78% .19%
	Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Funding - Operations		322.6		326.2	34.68%
	Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Funding - Operations  Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Funding - Debt		89.2		129.2	9.59%
	Child Abuse, Neglect Prevention/Protection		23.03		45.30	2.5%
	CPCC Education Funding - Debt		14.60		15.71	1.6%
	Debt Service		65.68		99.04	7%
	Economic/Financial Assistance		68.86		128.75	7.4%
	Substance Abuse Prevention/Treatment		6.22		11.65	.66%
	Total Priority 1	\$	615.55	\$	818.89	66.16%
	Air Quality Child Montal Illnoon Provention/Treatment		0.00		2.08	0%
	Child Mental Illness Prevention/Treatment Communicable Illness Prevention/Treatment		6.15 2.23		17.30 3.07	.67% .24%
	CPCC Education Funding - Operations		23.47		23.47	2.52%
	Financial Management		29.86		43.69	3.21%
	IT Resource Management		14.21		16.02	1.52%
	Jails & Detention Facilities		36.40		64.21	3.91%
	Land Quality		0.00		16.29	0%
	Water Quality		1.07		9.14	.12%
_	Total Priority 2	\$	113.39	\$	195.27	<u>12.19%</u>
	Disability Prevention/Treatment		9.04		28.04	1%
	Diversity/Minority Affairs		.22		.22	.005%
	Domestic Violence Protection/Prevention		2.59		2.80	.3%
	Egov/Tech Investments		14.19 .66		14.52 .80	1.53% .005%
	Homelessness Services Legal Counsel		3.07		3.25	.33%
	Library Services		28.06		28.53	3.02%
	Non-Communicable Illness Prevention/Treatment		36.02		44.45	3.9%
	Personal Responsibility/Self-Sufficiency		6.18		8.45	.66%
	Transportation		1.16		44.32	.13%
	Total Priority 3	\$	101.19	\$	175.38	10.88%
	Community Violence Protection/Prevention		13.42		27.56	1.44%
	Court Services Coordination		3.31		5.90	.36%
	Employee Resource Management		11.99		13.40	1.30%
	Greenway Planning & Development Land, Property, Records		.05 (2.85)		.04 12.77	.0% (.30)%
	Park, Fields, & Recreation Centers		18.69		19.27	(.30) <i>%</i> 2%
	Property & Asset Management		33.03		33.56	3.55%
	Voting Services		1.32		2.26	.14%
	Total Priority 4	\$	78.96	\$	114.76	8.49%
	Economic Development		.80		.80	.001%
	Historical Preservation		.24		.32	.0605%
	Nature Preserves & Open Space		2.32		2.47	.249%
	Parks, Fields, & Recreation		.03		.03	.03025%
	Public/Employee Communications		5.53		6.75	.594%
	Real Estate Purchasing Recreation & Leisure Programs		.05 5.89		.05 7.12	.03025% .633%
	Regional Planning		1.24		1.24	.132%
	Total Priority 5	\$	16.10	\$	18.78	1.73%
	Advisory Committee		.02		.02	.0181%
	Aquatic Services		1.17		2.30	.1256%
	Athletic Services		1.14		1.41	.1233%
	Morgue & Medical Examiner		.55		1.05	.0363%
	Partnership/Underwriting Development		.12		.38	.0182%
	Personal Responsibility/Self-Sufficiency		1.28	_	1.46	.1385%
-	Total Priority 6	\$	4.28	\$	6.62	.46%
	County Education Services Job Training/Employment Assistance		.72 .07		.72 .16	.08% .005%
	Personal Injury Prevention/Protection		.07		.06	.005%
	Total Priority 7	\$	. <b>85</b>	\$	.94	.003%
	Total Funding	\$	930.35	\$	1,330.65	100%
	rotal Fulluling	φ	<b>330.33</b>	•	1,330.00	100%

## FY 2006-2007 Mecklenburg County Budget in Brief

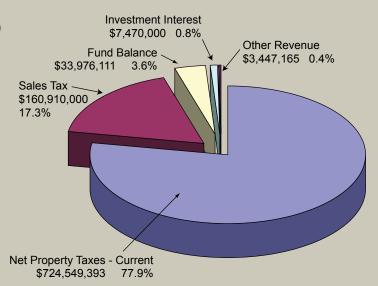
#### Where the Money Comes From

(County Dollars)

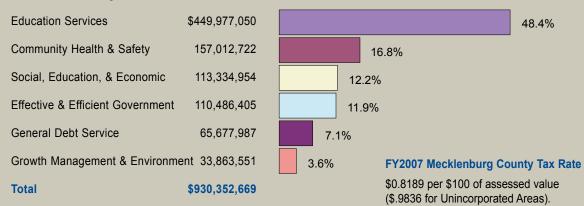
**Total Revenue** \$930,352,669



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#### **How the Money is Used**



Note: The County's total budget for FY2006-2007 is \$1.33 billion. In addition to \$930,352,669 in County dollars, this budget includes \$400,298,893 in funding from federal, state, charges for services, licenses and permits, and other revenue.

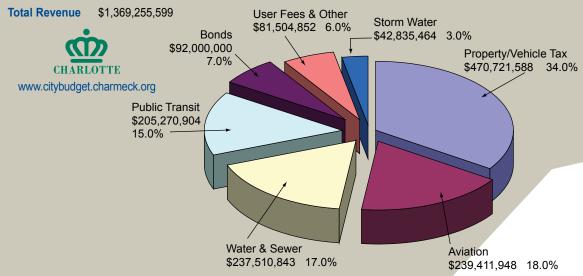


For more details about the FY07 budget go to www.MecklenburgCountyNC.gov

### FY 2006-2007 City of Charlotte Budget in Brief

#### Where the Money Comes From

(Sources of Revenue)



#### **How the Money is Used**

Public Safety	\$267,342,228		20.0%
Aviation	239,411,948		18.0%
Water and Sewer	237,510,843		17.0%
Public Works	229,587,887		17.0%
Public Transit	205,270,904	15.0	%
General Government	86,932,537	6.0%	
Economic Development	60,363,788	4.0%	
Storm Water	42,835,464	3.0%	

Total \$1,369,255,599

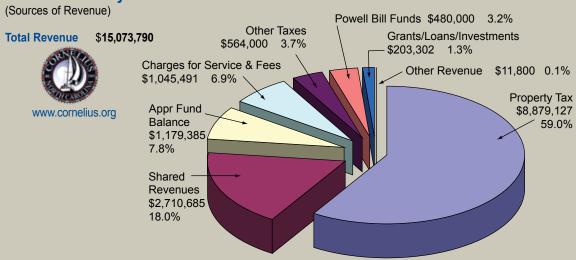
#### FY2007 City of Charlotte Tax Rate

is \$0.4586 per \$100 of as	sessed value	Municipal Tax Districts			
(\$1.2775 combined with N	Mecklenburg County rate)	District 1 Tax Rate	\$.0174		
Tax Rate Breakdown		District 2 Tax Rate	\$.0298		
General Fund	\$0.3698	District 3 Tax Rate	\$.0445		
Debt Payments	\$0.0737	District 4 Tax Rate	\$.0668		
Pay-As-You-Go	<u>\$0.0151</u>	District 5 Tax Rate	\$.0300		
TOTAL TO BUT					

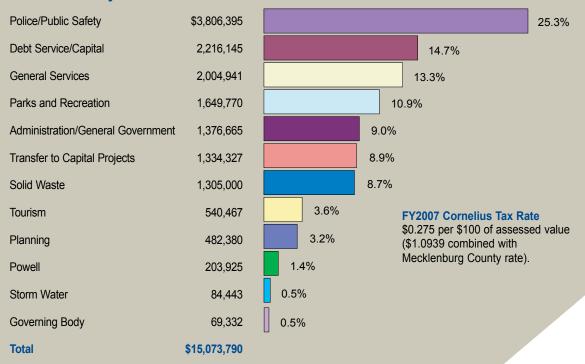
Total City Tax Rate \$0.4586 (To determine the total tax rate for districts 2 and 3, add the rate for district 1).

# FY 2006-2007 Town of Cornelius Budget in Brief

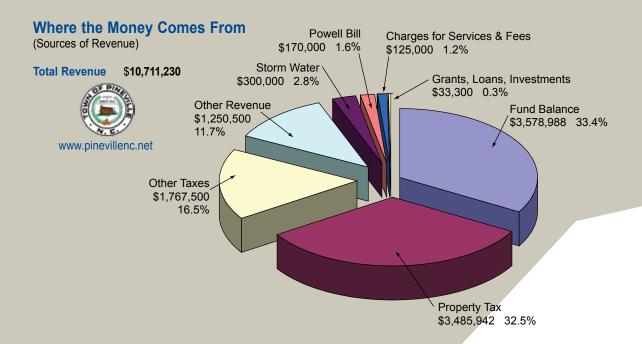
#### **Where the Money Comes From**



#### **How the Money is Used**



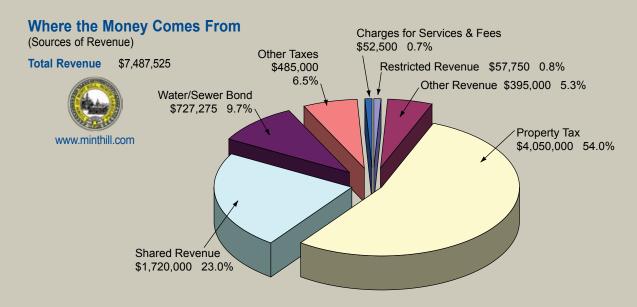
## FY 2006-2007 Town of Pineville Budget in Brief



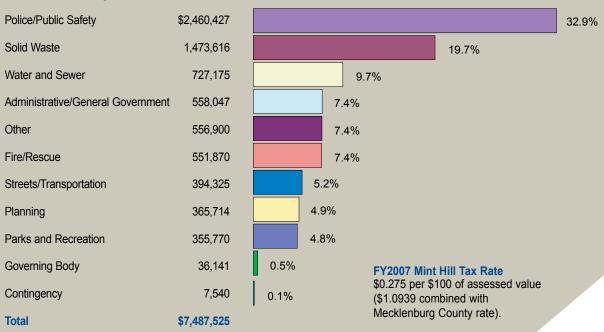
#### **How the Money is Used**

Public Safety	\$3,899,943		36.4%
Tourism/Culture	2,020,000	19.0%	
Trans to Capital Projects	1,503,012	14.0%	
Government/ Administration	1,197,439	11.2%	
Public Works	530,754	5.0%	
Parks and Recreation	439,850	4.1%	
Storm Water	431,000	4.0%	
Powell Bill	260,000	2.4% FY2007 Pineville Tax Rate	
Sanitation	250,000	2.3% \$0.30 per \$100 of assessed value (\$1.1189 combined with	
Planning	164,232	1.5% Mecklenburg County rate).	
Other	15,000	0.1%	
Total	\$10,711,230		

## FY 2006-2007 Town of Mint Hill Budget in Brief



#### **How the Money is Used**

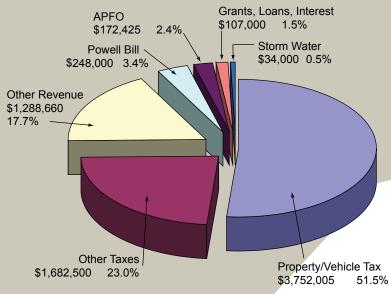


# FY 2006-2007 Town of Davidson Budget in Brief

#### **Where the Money Comes From**



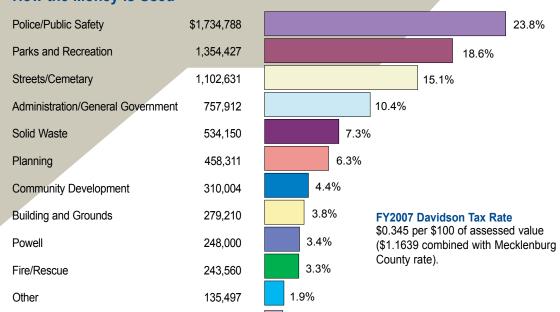
(Sources of Revenue)



### **How the Money is Used**

Governing Board

**Total** 



1.7%

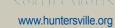
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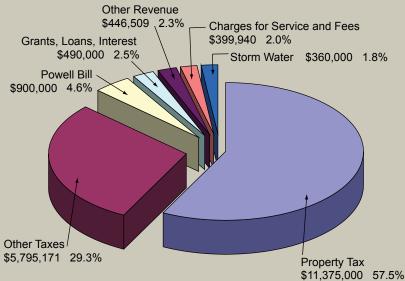
\$7,284,590

# 2006-2007 Town of Huntersville Budget in Brief

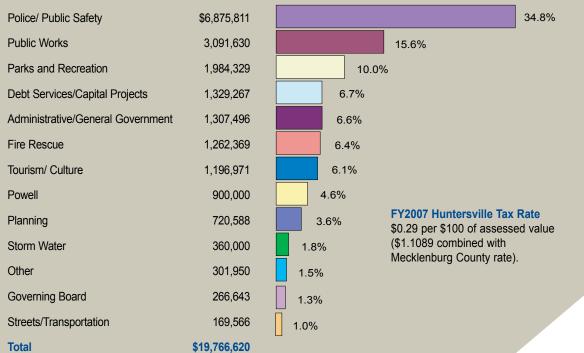
#### **Where the Money Comes From**

(Sources of Revenue) **Total Revenue** \$19,766,620





#### **How the Money is Used**



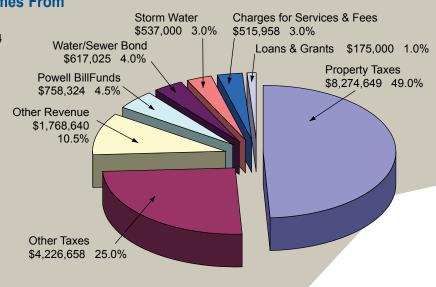
# 2006-2007 Town of Matthews Budget in Brief

#### Where the Money Comes From

**Total Revenue** \$16,873,254

(Sources of Revenue)





#### How the Money is Used

Total

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	Police/Public Safety	\$5,360,414				31.8%		
	Debt Service	1,928,260				11.4%		
	Solid Waste/ Sanitation	1,554,900	9.2%			0.2%		
	Public Works	1,536,945		9.1%				
	Tourism/Cultural Arts	al Arts 1,339,604		7.9%				
	Administration/General Government	1,248,359			7.4%	<b>%</b>		
	Fire/ Rescue	1,149,576			6.8%			
	Powell Bill	1,098,763			6.5%			
	Storm Water	536,654		3.2	%	FY2007 Matthews Tax Rate		
	Parks and Recreation	449,998		2.7%	6	\$0.3075 per \$100 of assessed value (\$1.1264 combined with		
	Planning	446,450		2.6%	6	Mecklenburg County rate).		
	Governing Body	173,331	1	1.1%				
	Other	50,000	0.3%					

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