

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 and eCheck. Fee charged.
- 3. By Mail:** Mail both the tax payment stub and the check or money order to Mecklenburg County Tax Collector, PO Box 71063, Charlotte NC 28272-1063. 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) OR West Service Area Center at 4150 Wilkinson Blvd. 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.

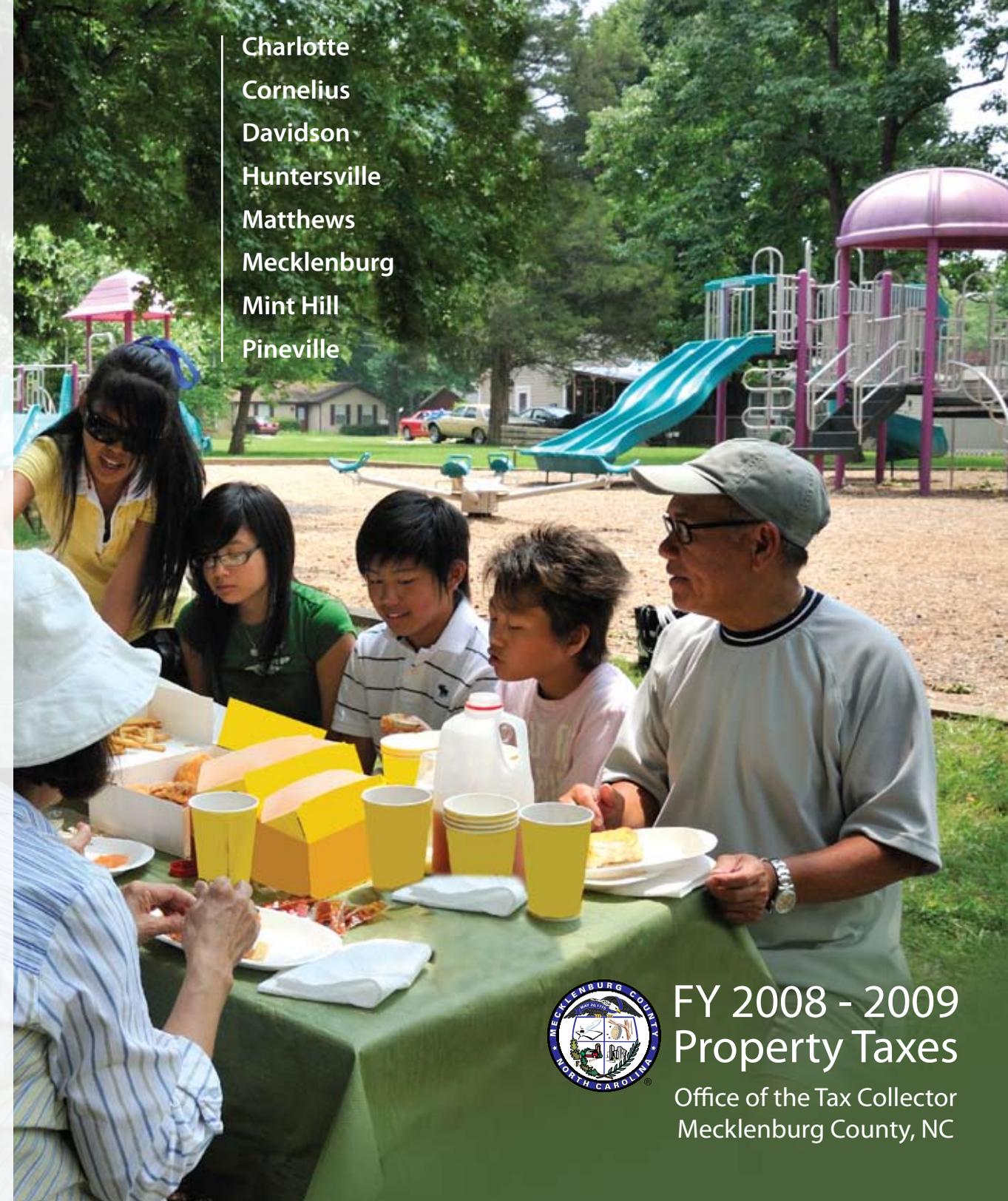
What are the tax deadlines?

Property tax payments (except registered motor vehicles) are due September 1, 2008 and must be paid by January 5, 2009. If mailed, payments must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service (not by meter) on or before January 5, 2009 to avoid interest charges. Taxpayers whose payment is received on or after January 6, 2009 will be charged 2% interest for January and an additional 3/4% interest for each month thereafter until paid. Unpaid taxes (except registered motor vehicles) as of January 6, 2009 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

Charlotte
Cornelius
Davidson
Huntersville
Matthews
Mecklenburg
Mint Hill
Pineville



FY 2008 - 2009
Property Taxes

Office of the Tax Collector
Mecklenburg County, NC

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), business personal property, 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 \$1,258.05 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 including Matthews (effective July 1, 2008) pay a County solid waste fee of \$15 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.

Electronic Payments

Fast
Easy
Secure



Mecklenburg County, NC
Property and Vehicle Taxes

Pay online at
<http://paytax.charmeck.org>
Or call 1-877-533-0072

After authorization of your payment, you will be given a confirmation number that you should keep for your records.
There will be a nominal fee charged for this service.

PAYMENT SERVICES PROVIDED BY:

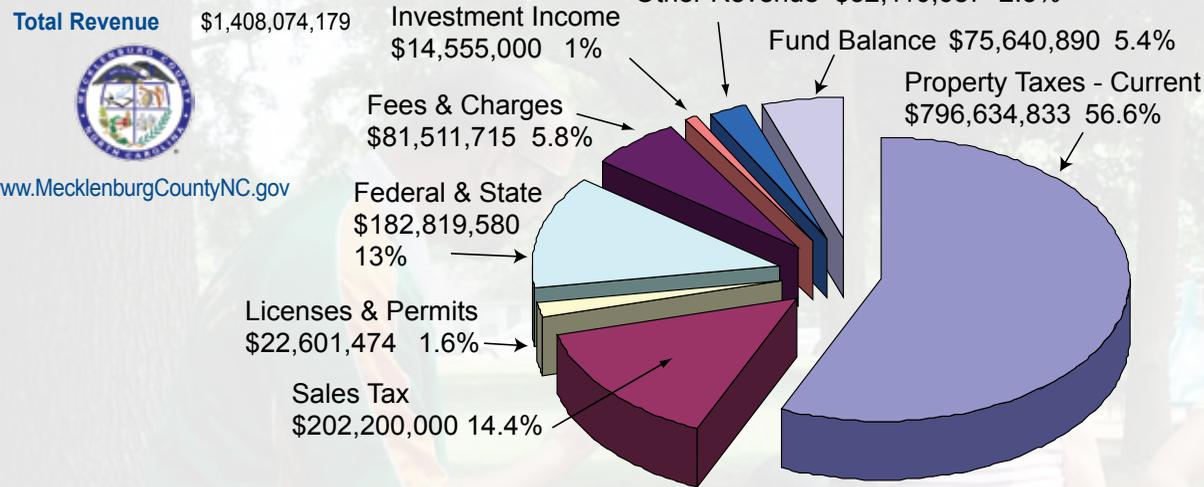
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FY 2008-2009 Mecklenburg County Budget in Brief

FY 2008-2009 City of Charlotte Budget in Brief

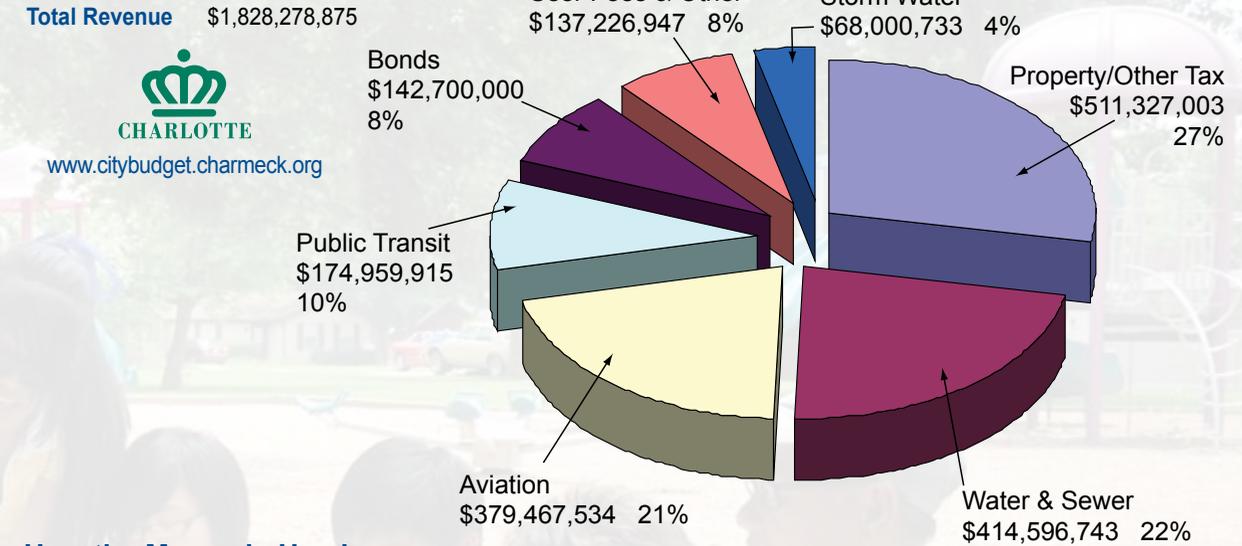
Where the Money Comes From

(County Dollars)

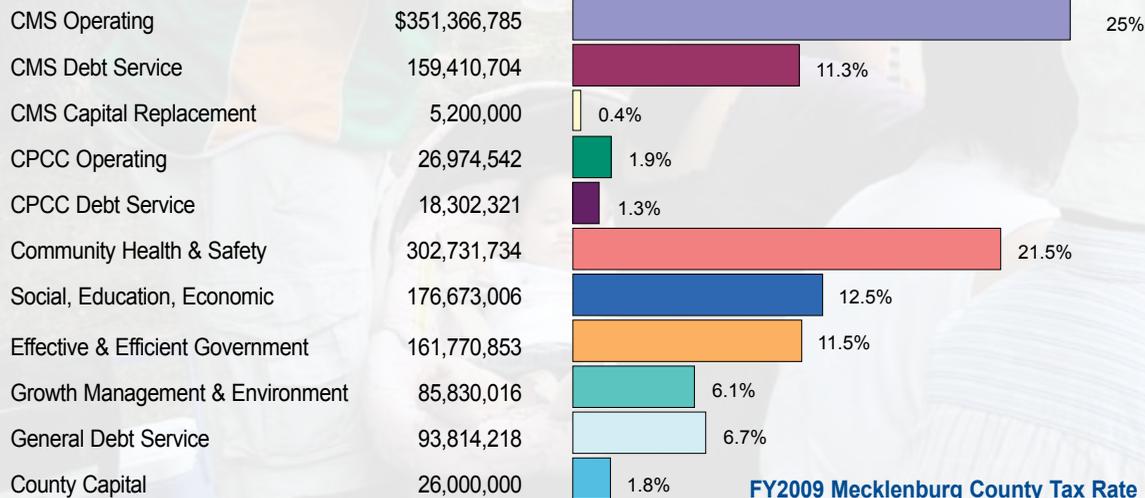


Where the Money Comes From

(Sources of Revenue)

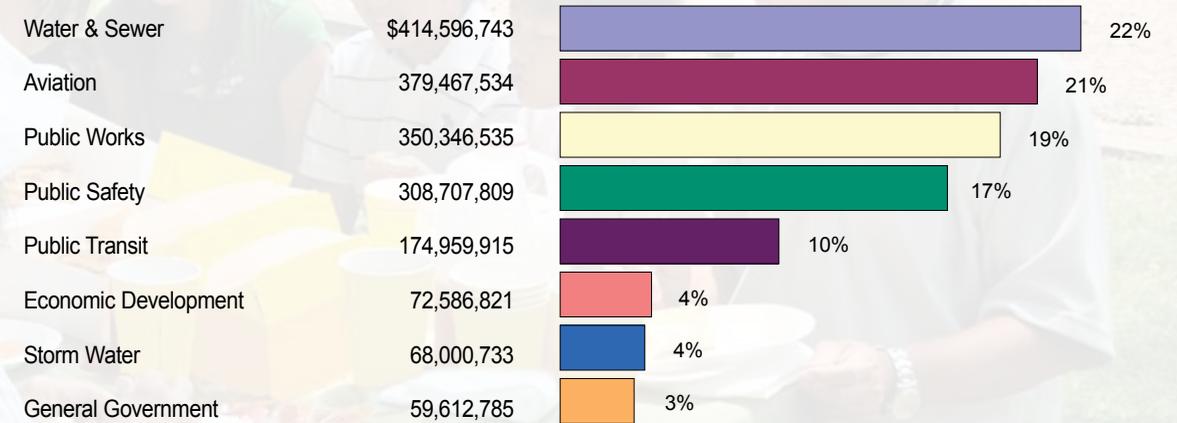


How the Money is Used



FY2009 Mecklenburg County Tax Rate
 \$0.8387 per \$100 of assessed value
 (\$1.0175 combined with Law Enforcement Services District Tax for Unincorporated Areas).

How the Money is Used



Total \$1,828,278,875

FY2009 City of Charlotte Tax Rate
 is \$0.4586 per \$100 of assessed value
 (\$1.2973 combined with Mecklenburg County rate)

Tax Rate Breakdown

General Fund	\$0.3698
Debt Payments	\$0.0737
Pay-As-You-Go	<u>\$0.0151</u>
Total City Tax Rate	\$0.4586

Municipal Tax Districts

District 1 Tax Rate	\$0.0174
District 2 Tax Rate	\$0.0413
District 3 Tax Rate	\$0.056
District 4 Tax Rate	\$0.0668
District 5 Tax Rate	\$0.0300

(To determine the total tax rate for districts 2 and 3, add the rate for district 1).



For more details about the FY09 budget go to
www.MecklenburgCountyNC.gov

FY 2008-2009 Town of Cornelius Budget in Brief

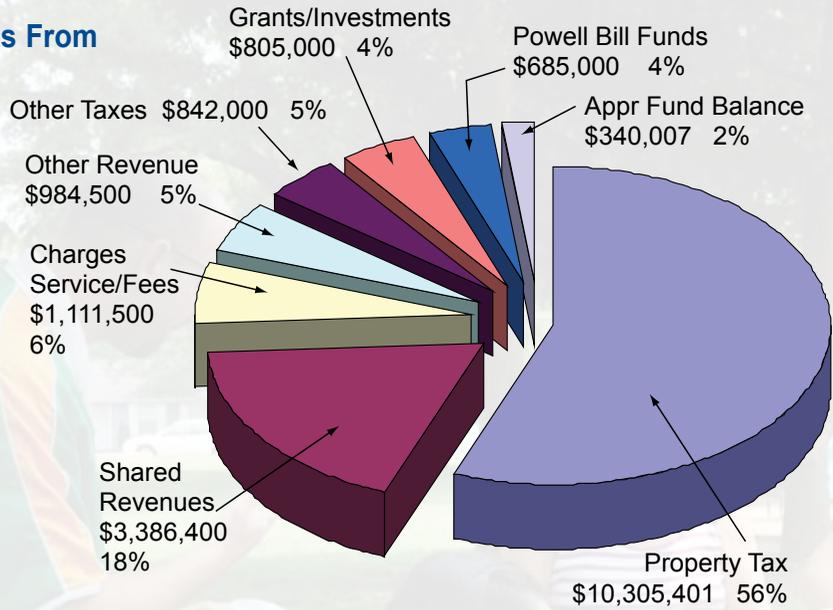
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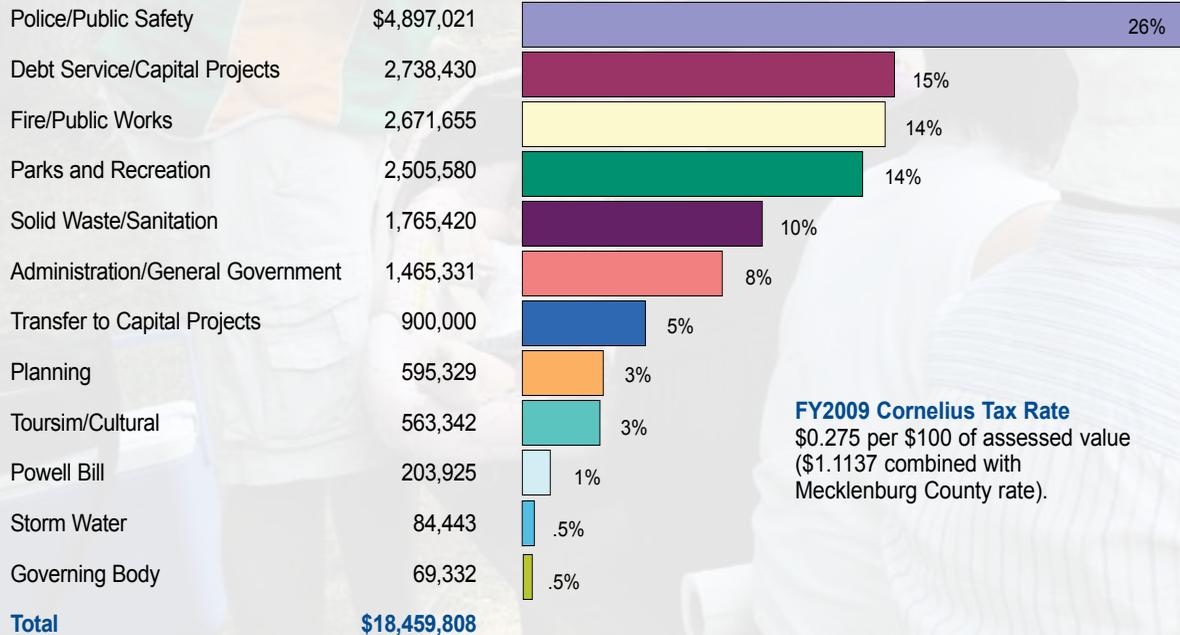
Total Revenue \$18,459,808



www.cornelius.org



How the Money is Used



FY2009 Cornelius Tax Rate
 \$0.275 per \$100 of assessed value
 (\$1.1137 combined with Mecklenburg County rate).

FY 2008-2009 Town of Pineville Budget in Brief

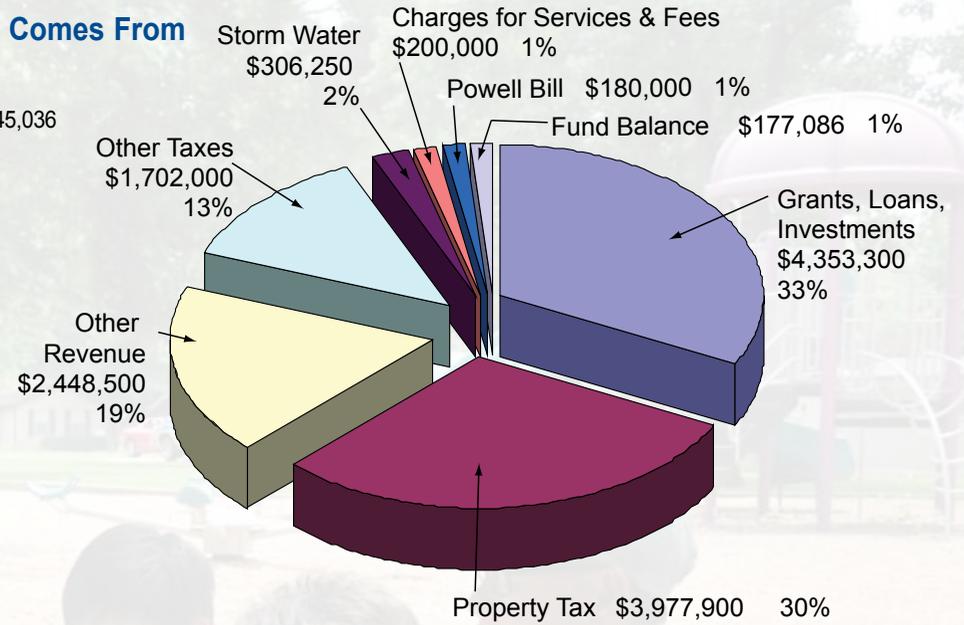
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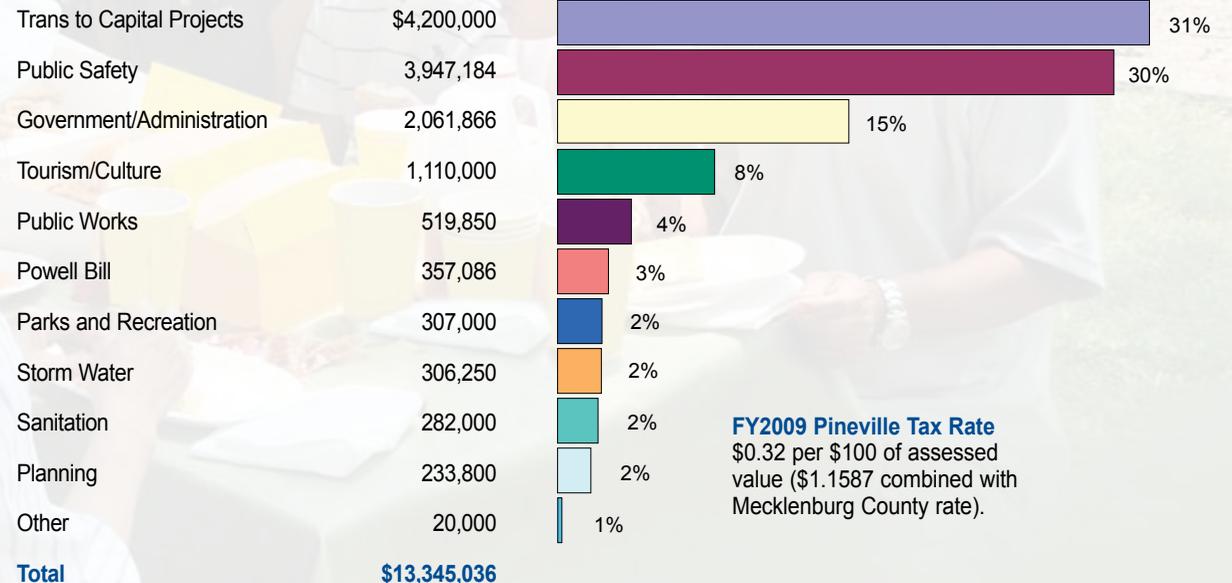
Total Revenue \$13,345,036



www.pinevilenc.net



How the Money is Used



FY2009 Pineville Tax Rate
 \$0.32 per \$100 of assessed value
 (\$1.1587 combined with Mecklenburg County rate).

FY 2008-2009 Town of Mint Hill Budget in Brief

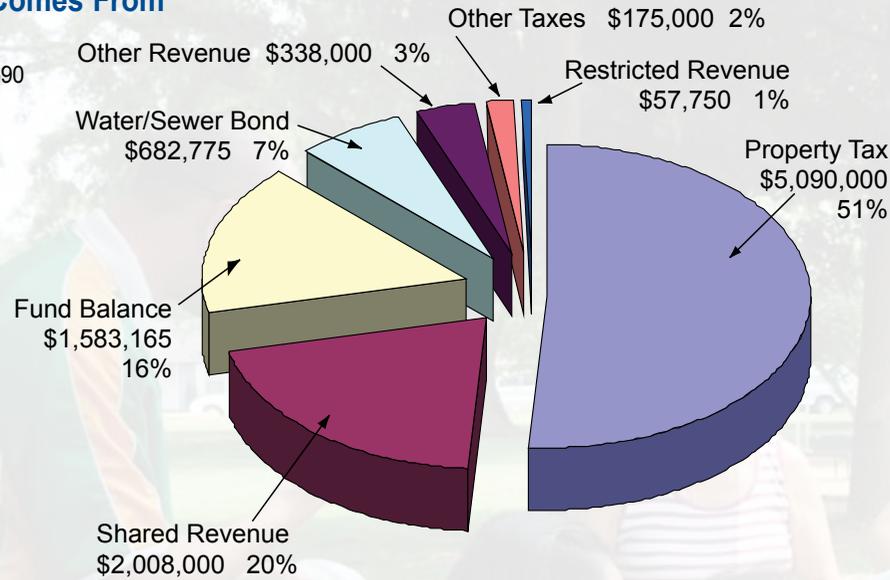
Where the Money Comes From

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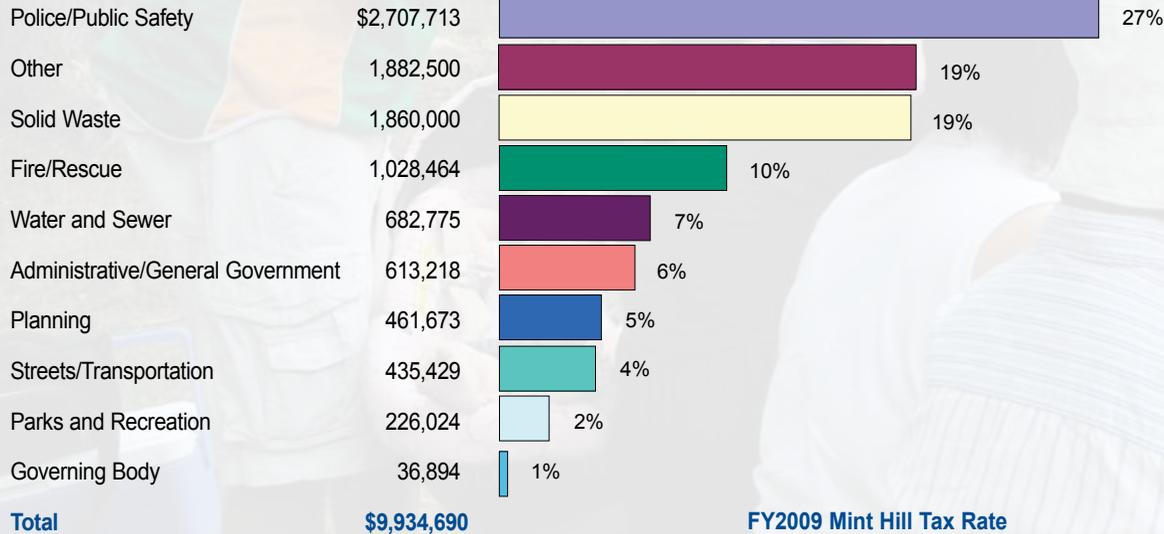
Total Revenue \$9,934,690



www.minthill.com



How the Money is Used



FY2009 Mint Hill Tax Rate
 \$0.275 per \$100 of assessed value
 (\$1.1137 combined with Mecklenburg County rate)

FY 2008-2009 Town of Davidson Budget in Brief

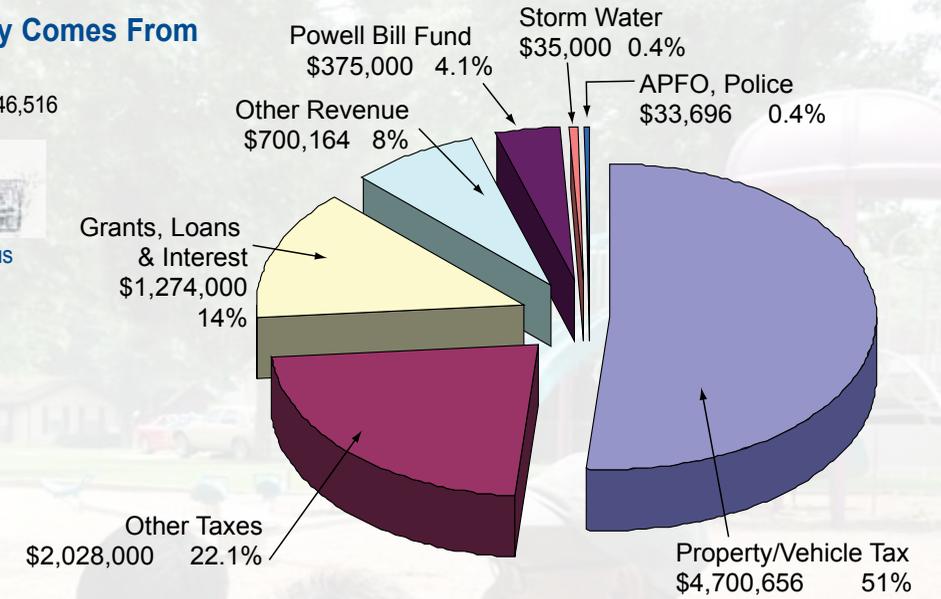
Where the Money Comes From

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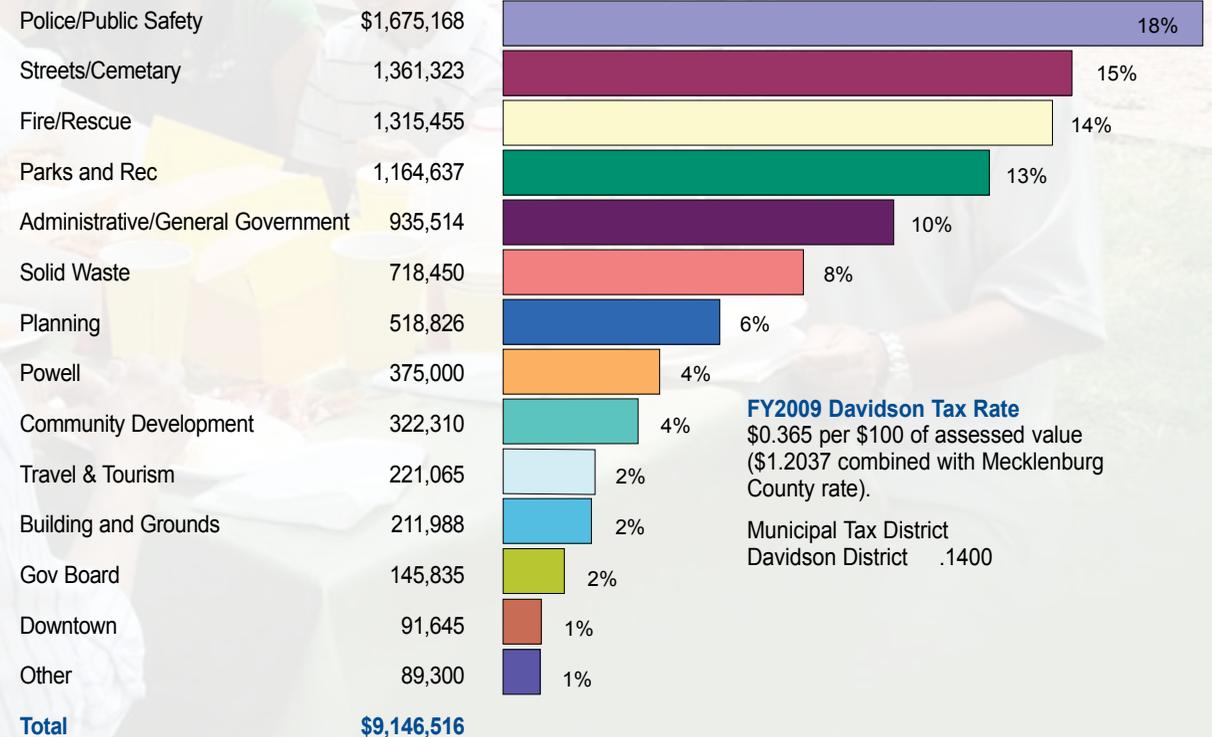
Total Revenue \$9,146,516



www.ci.davidson.nc.us



How the Money is Used



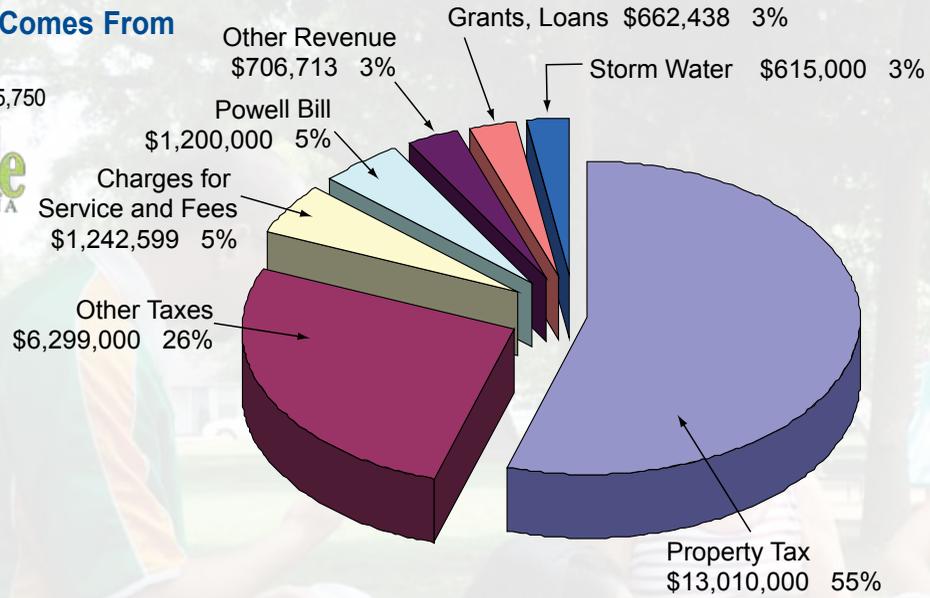
FY2009 Davidson Tax Rate
 \$0.365 per \$100 of assessed value
 (\$1.2037 combined with Mecklenburg County rate).

Municipal Tax District
 Davidson District .1400

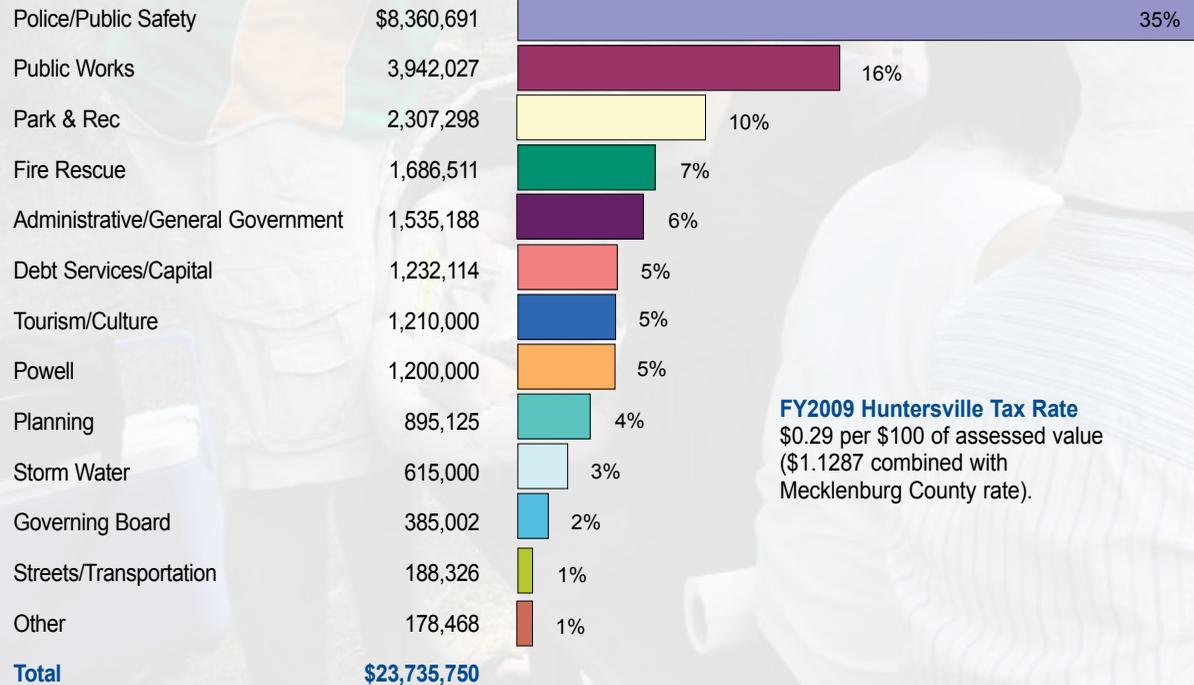
2008-2009 Town of Huntersville Budget in Brief

Where the Money Comes From (Sources of Revenue)

Total Revenue \$23,735,750



How the Money is Used

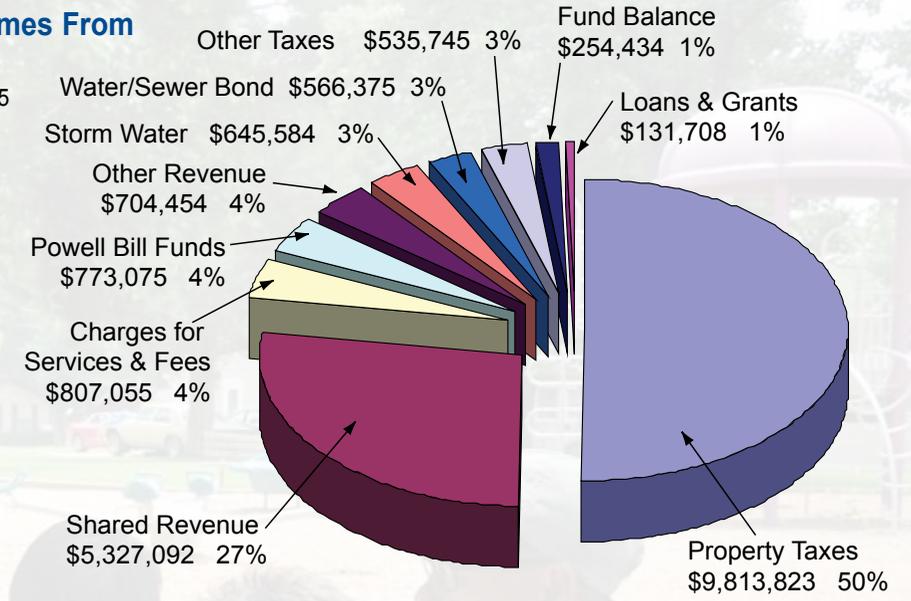


FY2009 Huntersville Tax Rate
\$0.29 per \$100 of assessed value
(\$1.1287 combined with Mecklenburg County rate).

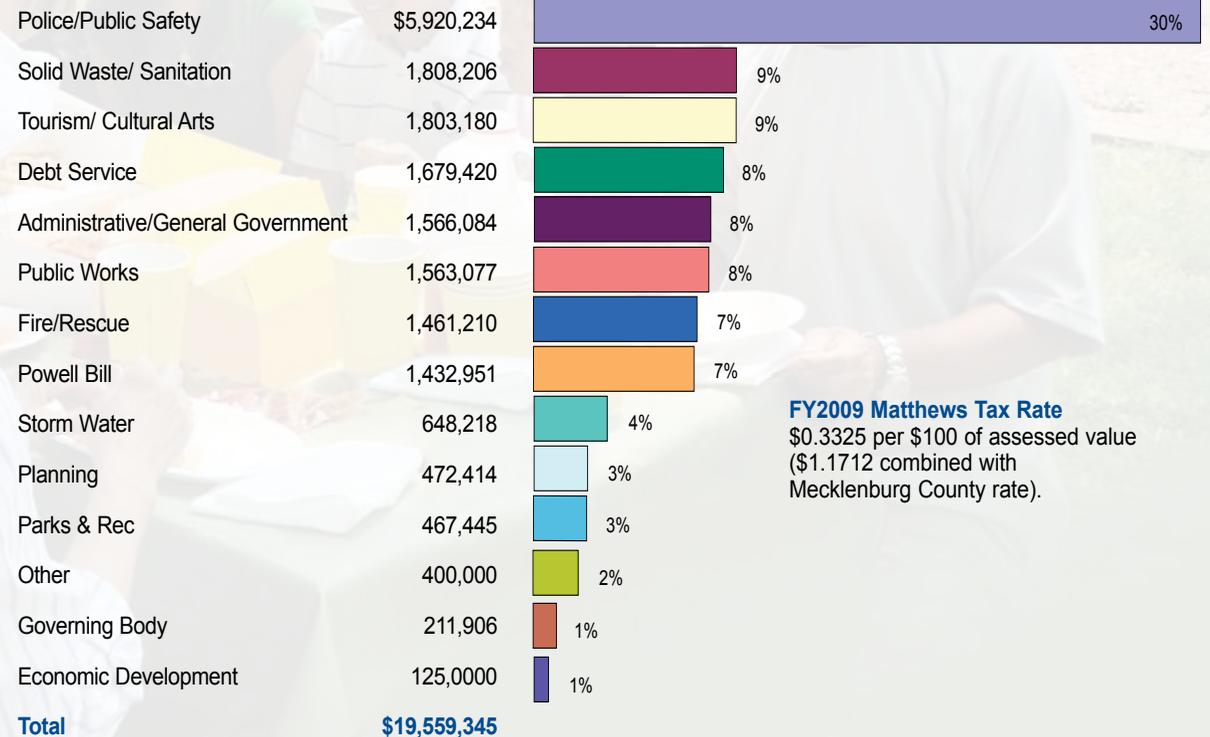
2008-2009 Town of Matthews Budget in Brief

Where the Money Comes From (Sources of Revenue)

Total Revenue \$19,559,345



How the Money is Used



FY2009 Matthews Tax Rate
\$0.3325 per \$100 of assessed value
(\$1.1712 combined with Mecklenburg County rate).