

The City of Cayce prides itself on being diligent and transparent when using public funds for the operations of our City. Further, we strive to provide the very best services with very little impact to our citizens. Our staff always works hard to continue providing friendly, cost-effective, innovative and exceptional services.

We are grateful for our team, our Cayce businesses and each of our Cayce residents!

PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF THE BUDGET IS AT 5:00 PM ON JUNE 26

General Fund Revenue:

primarily comes from four sources:

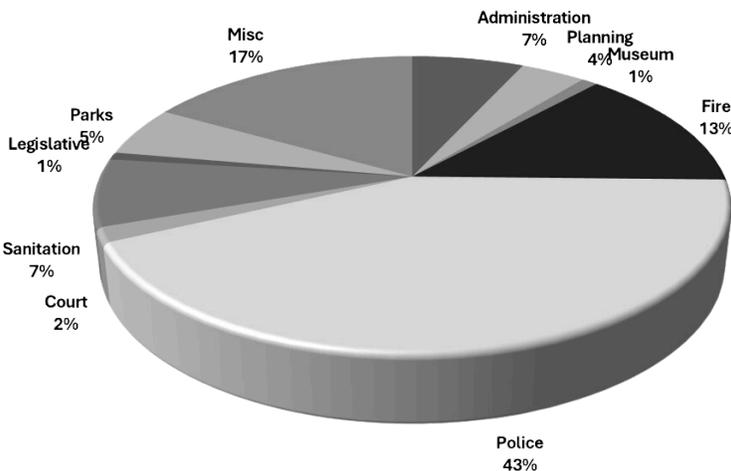
- Property Taxes
- Business Licenses
- Hospitality Taxes
- Grants

Utility Fund Revenue:

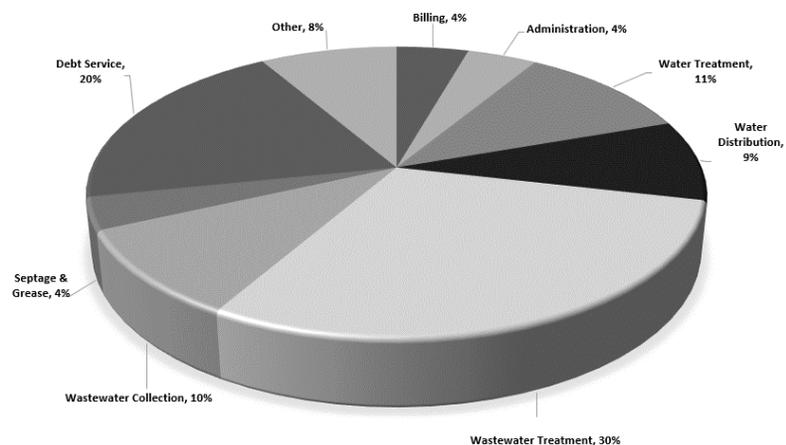
primarily comes from four sources:

- Water Sales
- Sewer Sales
- Capacity Charges
- Septage & Grease Disposal Fees

General Fund Expenditures:



Utility Fund Expenditures:



When you look at your property tax bill this year, note that the portion of your payment that comes to the City only represents 14.04% - we do a lot with that and work hard to offset those low taxes with other sources of revenue.



We are the **ONLY** full-service City in Lexington County. In Cayce, we have an award-winning Wastewater Treatment Plant; Water Treatment Plant; Utility Support; 586+ acres of City Property; Riverwalk; Parks and Trails; Cayce Historical Museum; Sanitation & Recycling; Police; Fire; Dispatch, Animal Services; Yard & White Goods Pick-Up; Municipal Court; 12,000 Year History Park; Business Licensing; Code Enforcement and Planning.



6th Largest Wastewater Treatment Plant in SC

Cayce Utilities includes a 9.6 million gallon per day water treatment plant, **225 miles of waterlines**, and 5 water tanks serving **8,150 customers**. It also includes a **25 million gallon per day wastewater plant** (the 6th largest in the state), **285 miles of sewer lines**, and 76 sewer pump stations serving **13,140 sewer customers**.



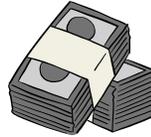
Under 5 Minutes
average response time for our Cayce Fire Department



6 City Parks
and the City's portion of 20+ miles of Riverwalk and Trails are maintained by our Parks Department



Appx 5,500 Tons
of household waste picked up by our Sanitation Department



Nearly \$1 Million
in grant funding received by the City

While this year's budget does have recommendations from staff for increases, we will still have some of the lowest taxes and fees in the region. These recommendations are a direct reflection of increased costs and inflation.

EXAMPLES

Operating expense increases since 2019:

- Gas - 33%
- Water Treatment Chemicals - 150%
- Wastewater Treatment Chemicals - 85%
- Hydrants/Pipes - 100%
- Meters/Reading Equipment - 40%
- Sludge Disposal - 264%
- Consumer Price Index (CPI) - 21%

Staff is proposing:

- increasing millage, which would equate to **\$6.67 per month** on a \$250,000 owner-occupied home
- increasing water and sewer rates, which would equate to **less than \$9 per month** for a household using 3,750 gallons per month (or 7,500 bi-monthly per your bill)

*Even with the proposed millage increase, **Cayce would still have the second lowest tax.**

Lexington	Cayce	West Columbia	Springdale	Batesburg	Swansea
\$493.92	\$661.10	\$728.41	\$810.36	\$995.00	\$1,450.26

*based on a \$250,000 owner-occupied home

*And, even with the proposed water and sewer increase, **Cayce would still have the second lowest water and sewer bill in the region.**

	West Columbia	Cayce	Columbia	Lexington	Lexington Joint Municipal
Water & Sewer Bill	\$39.70	\$54.66	\$60.83	\$75.30	\$91.20

*based on 5,000 gallons per month comparisons

Making these increases *now* will allow the City to meet current operational needs, retain our incredible staff, ensure we keep our high credit rating (a savings to you in the long-run), avoid a loss of quality services, and continue to pay off our loans.

We have not raised water and sewer rates since 2019. We have not raised sanitation fees since 2017. Our team has done a great job of balancing our budgets in spite of rising costs and we welcome your input.



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