



# City of Franklin, Tennessee

## 2019 Approved Budget Summary

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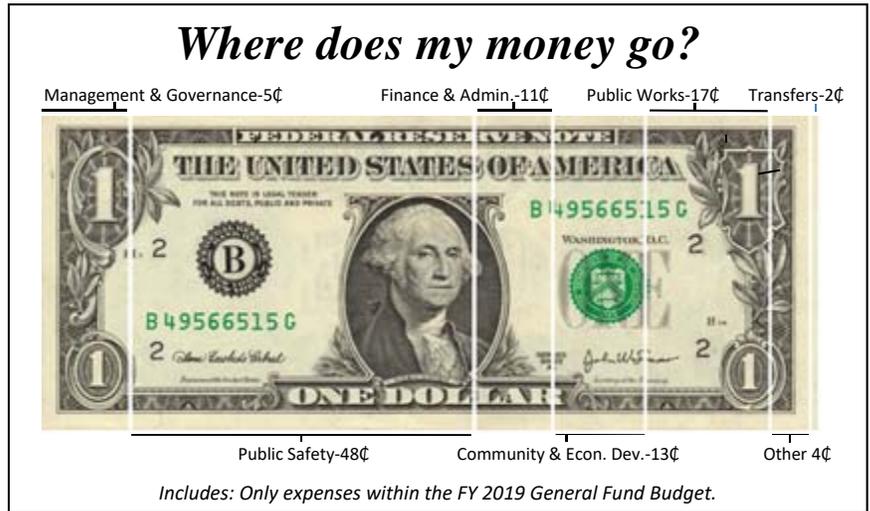
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The City is pleased to present this summary of the annual budget for the fiscal year which begins July 1, 2018 and ends on June 30, 2019. The budget is balanced, with revenues meeting expenditures.

### Highlights of 2018-19 Approved Budget

- Budget is balanced.
- Budget is in compliance with the Board of Mayor and Aldermen's debt and fund reserve policies, significantly exceeding the reserve requirements.
- The City property tax remains unchanged at \$0.4176 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The **Invest Franklin** dedicated funding for infrastructure/ transportation investment and support of City operations remains in place. The City of Franklin continues to maintain one of the lowest municipal property tax rates in the State of Tennessee.
- Overall, the approved budget has a net increase of 4.5 positions across all funds, 1.5 in the General Fund. This targeted group of new positions are in Engineering, Water Management, and Stormwater, all of which have been impacted by growth.
- The approved budget includes a general pay increase of 2.5% plus an additional performance-based pay increase of up to an additional 2.5%. It also includes full implementation of updates to the City's compensation plan approved by the Board in FY18. This adjustment to the compensation plan is accelerate by a full year compared to the original proposal.
- Health Insurance premiums for our City team members will remain at FY18 rates. There is no increase in premiums. In FY19, the City will also begin offering a high deductible health insurance option paired with a health savings account.
- Funding is provided for important investments in equipment replacements of \$3.5 million, technology enhancements of \$500,000, and facility improvements of \$500,000.
- The City's street maintenance program will increase by \$1 million for neighborhood street resurfacing, sealing, & sidewalks.
- A rate increase for residential garbage collection and recycling service is included in the approved budget. The increase from \$17.50 per month to \$19.00 per month. The FY19 Sanitation budget does not require a General Fund subsidy.



### Services Provided



#### Governance & Management



Board of Mayor & Alderman, City Administrator, Human Resources, Law, Communications, Capital Investment Planning, Project & Facilities Management and Revenue Management



#### Public Safety



Emergency Management, Criminal Investigations Patrol, Support Services, Fire Suppression, Fire Investigation, Fire Prevention & Dispatch



#### Finance & Administration



Finance, Information Technology, Purchasing, Municipal Court, Sanitation & Environmental Services, Transit, Water & Wastewater Management



#### Community & Economic Development



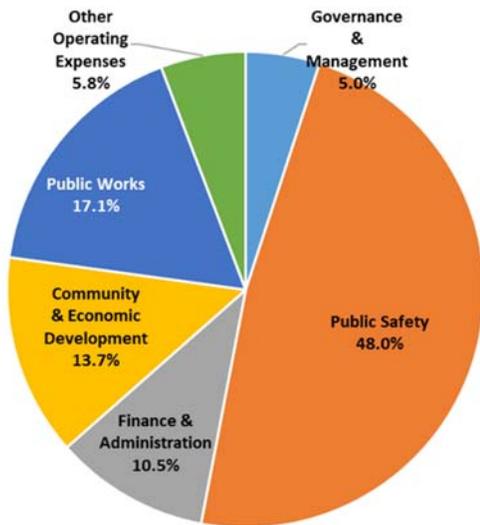
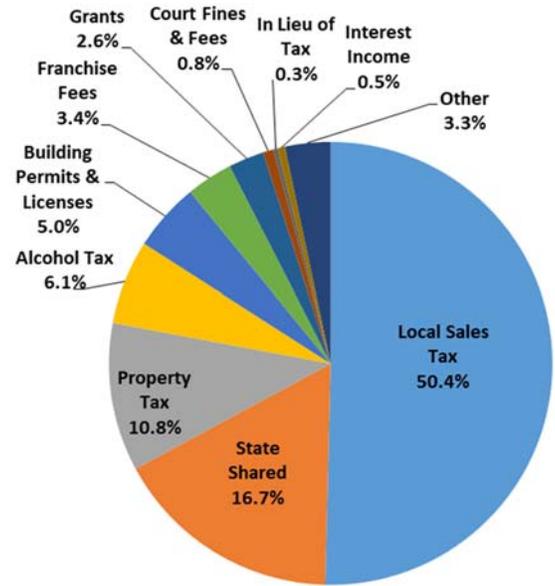
Building & Neighborhood Services, Planning & Sustainability, Engineering, Parks, Economic Development, Streets (including Road Maintenance, Traffic & Fleet Maintenance) and Stormwater Management



## Revenues

General Fund revenues for 2018-19 are projected at \$70.55 million, up 1.7% from the 2017-18 amended budget of \$69.4 million. Local sales taxes comprise the largest portion of all revenues, and are forecast to increase by a modest 4% to \$35.6 million in FY 2019. Property Taxes, the third largest portion of General Fund revenues will also increase a healthy 12% as a result of the growth in the community and new properties coming on the tax rolls. State Shared Taxes (intergovernmental revenues) are forecast to decrease as a result of the continued phase-out of the Hall Income Tax.

Although Franklin continues to be the fortunate recipient of a strong commercial base, the City should examine ways to diversify its revenue base in upcoming years. Nearly three of every four dollars which funds General Fund operations comes from consumption taxes, making the City more susceptible to economic downturns.



## Expenses

General Fund expenditures for the approved budget are \$70.55 million, up 1.7% from the amended budget for fiscal year 2017-18. Aside from the maintenance of existing City services, the following enhancements have been added in accordance with **FranklinForward**, the City's strategic plan.



### A Safe, Clean, and Livable City

Funding for the Franklin Police Department to purchase, deploy, and support 110 body-worn cameras (funded by reserves) for police officers. In addition, technology enhancements to link body cameras to in-car dash cameras is included • Replacement of over 30 police vehicles, each registering more than 100,000 miles on them (\$2 million) • Construction of Fire Station 7, included in the City Facilities Tax Fund • Replacement of Fire Tower #2 (\$1.4 million) • Replacement of cardiac monitors (\$228,000) • Fire Training Center addition, included in the City Facilities Tax Fund (\$180,000)



### Effective and Fiscally Sound City Government Providing High-quality Services

Additional and replacement vehicles/equipment in Sanitation, Streets, Water Management, Stormwater, and Building and Neighborhood Services • Additional \$1 million within the Street Aid Fund for neighborhood street resurfacing, sealing, and sidewalk repair/construction • Electronic bill presentment program for the City's utility billing services • Compost Facility office (\$25,000) • Sewer vac truck (\$350,000) • Architectural services for City Hall (carryover from FY18, \$250,000)



### Quality Life Experiences

Replacement of tennis courts at Jim Warren Park (\$425,000) • Begin implementation of recommendations for shared facility/field/open space use and improvements between the Franklin Special School District and the Franklin Parks Department • Architectural service for potential improvements at the Park at Harlinsdale Farm (\$100,000), focusing on potential grant and/or public-private partnership opportunities



### Sustainable Growth and Economic Prosperity

Pilot program to work w/development community to support development of attainable/work force housing (\$100,000) • Enhanced Franklin Transit fixed route system with 30-minute pick-up frequency for all stops & additional funding for the 91X commuter bus service to Nashville • Additional support for economic development initiatives of Williamson Inc. (\$10,000)