

Citizen's Guide to the City of DeLand's Budget Fiscal Year 2012



A Message to the Citizens of the City of DeLand

The budget incorporates the City of DeLand's Strategic Plan and builds on the City Commission established goals.

We take great pride in continuing to earn the confidence of our citizens as stewards of their hard-earned tax dollars.

UNDERSTANDING THE BUDGET

HOW IS THE BUDGET ADOPTED?

The budget process begins in February when City Departments begin preparing budget requests for submission to the Finance Director and City Manager. In July, several public workshops are held by the City Commission to review the details of the proposed budget. Finally, in September, two public hearings are held to finalize and adopt the budget. Public participation and input are not only welcome but encouraged throughout the budget process.

TAX FACTS

A “property tax” is also known as an “ad valorem tax” and is based on the assessed value of property. The ad valorem tax rate is expressed as a “mill”, which is equal to \$0.001. The “millage rate” is the rate at which the tax is charged for each \$1,000 of assessed value. The City of DeLand levies two ad valorem taxes: (1) General Operating of 6.6409 mills: and (2) Debt Service of 0.3166 mills. Approximately 33% of the property located in the City is exempt from property tax including schools, government facilities, senior living facilities and churches.

Based on the current millage rates, an owner of a \$100,000 home with a \$25,000 homestead exemption would pay \$522 in ad valorem taxes to the City of DeLand each year.

City of DeLand Property Tax Rates (Operating and Debt Millage Rates)

5 Year History

FISCAL YEAR	MILLAGE RATE
2012	6.9575
2011	6.2846
2010	6.2394
2009	5.25118
2008	4.75549

WHAT DOES MY PROPERTY TAX PAY FOR?

Property taxes account for 35.08% of every General Fund dollar received. This, along with other local, state and federal dollars, provides the total General Fund funding. The total General Fund budget is \$22,261,023.

Each dollar spent in the General Fund is spent on:

<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>		49¢
Police	32¢	
Fire	17¢	
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>		18¢
Mayor/Commission	<1¢	
City Manager	2¢	
City Clerk	1¢	
Finance	2¢	
Administrative Services	6¢	
Information Technology	4¢	
Human Resources	2¢	
Legal	1¢	
<u>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</u>		4¢
Admin/Economic Dev	1¢	
Planning	2¢	
Licenses and Enforcement	1¢	
<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>		13¢
Administration	1¢	
Streets	6¢	
Trees	2¢	
Urban Beautification	2¢	
Vehicle Maintenance	1¢	
<u>PARKS & RECREATION</u>		9¢
Administration	1¢	
Recreation	1¢	
Parks	5¢	
Trailer Park	<1¢	
Museum	<1¢	
Activities Center	1¢	
Stadium	<1¢	
Special Events	<1¢	
Chisholm Center	1¢	
<u>CONTINGENCY</u>		2¢
<u>TRANSFERS</u>		5¢

SERVICES NOT FUNDED BY PROPERTY TAX

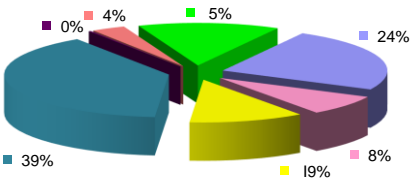
Many other services and activities are conducted outside the General Fund and are **NOT** funded by property taxes. These services and activities are typically funded through user fees such as water and sewer or refuse collection. Some of the other major funds are:

FUND	BUDGET
Water & Sewer Fund	\$ 16,344,908
Water & Wastewater Trust Fund	\$ 1,360,300
Airport Fund	\$ 2,256,024
Refuse Fund	\$ 2,590,000
Stormwater Fund	\$ 1,284,851
Permits & Inspections Fund	\$ 907,634

CITY WIDE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2012 \$ 55,869,509

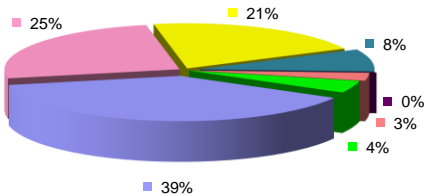
WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM?

- Taxes
- Permits, Fees & Special Assessments
- Intergovernmental Revenue
- Charges for Services
- Judgments, Fines and Forfeits
- Miscellaneous Revenue
- Other Sources



WHERE THE MONEY GOES?

- Personal Services
- Capital Outlay
- Grants & Aids
- Transfers
- Operating Expenses
- Debt Service
- Contingency



WHO ARE THE MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS AND HOW CAN I CONTACT THEM?

Mayor/Commissioner

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City Manager	Michael P. Pleus
Assistant City Manager	Dale V.M. Arrington
City Clerk- Auditor	Julie A. Hennessy
City Attorney	Darren J. Elkind
Finance Director	Kevin T. Lewis
Police Chief	William E. Ridgway
Public Works Director	C. Heath Frederick
Parks and Recreation Director	Richard S. Hall
Fire Chief	John E. McDaniel
Public Services Director	Keith D. Riger
Utilities Director	James V. Ailes

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