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CITY OF SAVANNAH

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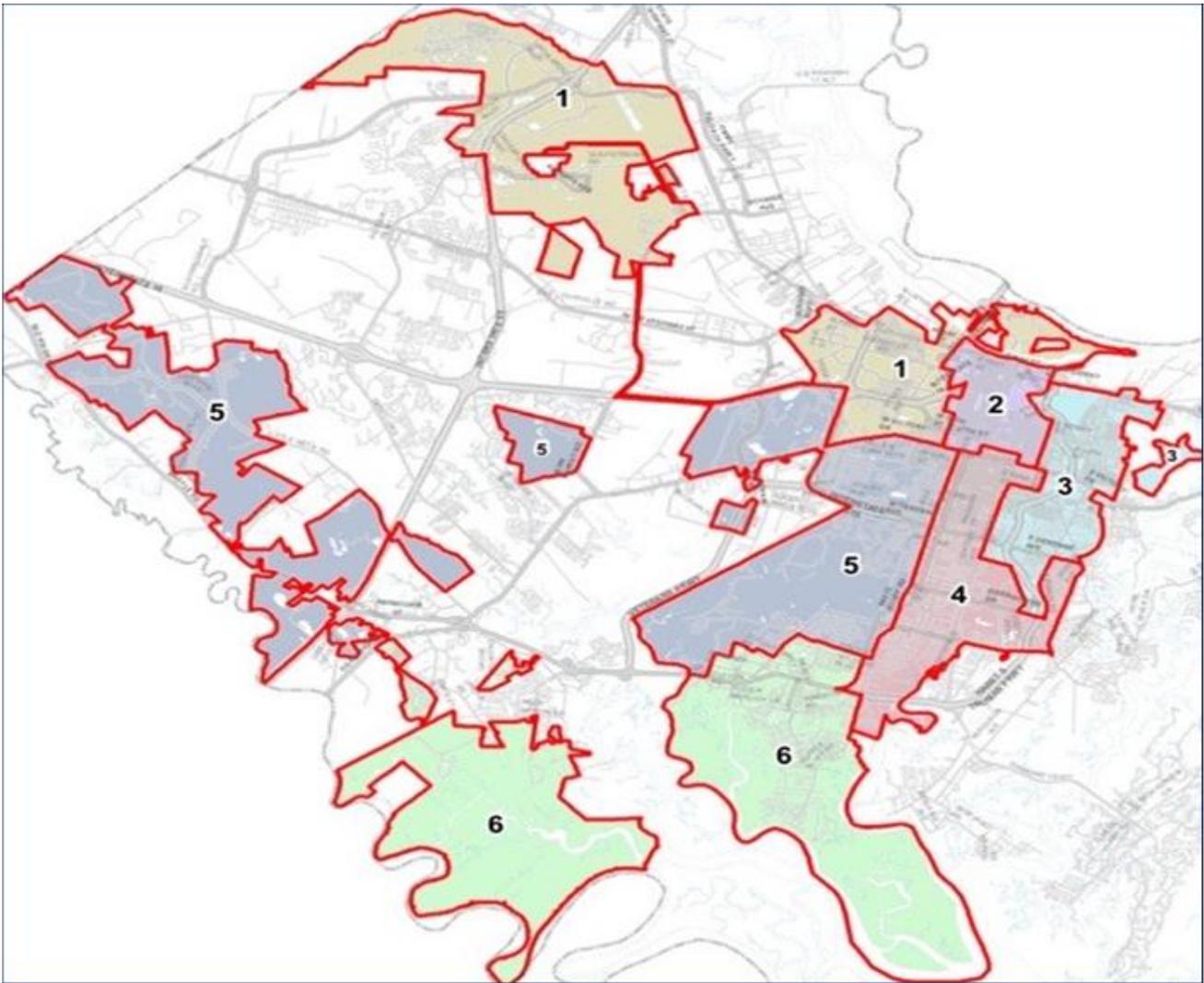
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# City Manager's Message

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November 7, 2025

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

It is my privilege to present the Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget for the City of Savannah.

This year's budget carries a unifying theme — "Securing Our Future." This is the first budget built from the foundation of our new strategic plan, Savannah GPS. Our new strategic plan ensures that our community and organization are heading in the right direction.

## Setting Our Course with Savannah GPS

Savannah now has a clearly defined roadmap, built by and for the people of Savannah. Adopted earlier this year, Savannah GPS charts our direction for the next several years through a shared vision and mission, framed inside six strategic goals. Together, they define what success looks like for our community.

Through thousands of conversations, surveys, and neighborhood meetings, our residents told us where they wanted Savannah to go. We listened. This plan, and this budget, reflect those priorities. Savannah GPS isn't just a document. It's our compass. It guides our decisions from major infrastructure investments to daily service delivery.

This FY 2026 budget is our first opportunity to implement the vision of Savannah GPS. Each department has developed an annual work plan connected directly to its six goals, ensuring that our projects and resources move the needle where it matters most. As we advance this work, we will measure and report our progress. We will hold ourselves accountable to outcomes that strengthen safety, opportunity, and quality of life across all neighborhoods.

Savannah GPS sets the course, and this budget is the engine that moves us on that course.

### Our Mission Statement:

Savannah will be a safe, environmentally healthy, and economically thriving community for all.

### Our Core Values:

Equity | Communication | Community Engagement | Innovation | Execution | Transparency | Accountability | Partnerships (including Regional Partnerships)

Savannah GPS translates the voices of our residents into clear direction and measurable goals. Each of the six strategic goals shape how we allocate resources and evaluate performance:

1. Increase Public Safety and Our Collective Sense of Security
2. Invest in Equitable Community Development & Resiliency
3. Expand Economic Access, Opportunity & Vitality for All
4. Develop a World-Class Livable Environment & Infrastructure
5. Improve Quality of Life by Raising Municipal Service Standards
6. Always Be a High-Performing Government.

## Fiscal Overview & Budget Highlights

The FY26 Proposed Operating Budget of **\$656 million** delivers high-quality and enhanced services to residents while investing in initiatives that strengthen and secure the community's well-being and operational resilience.

The FY26 Budget:

- ❖ Maintains the City's lowest millage rate since 1987 at **11.749 mills**.
- ❖ Contributes **\$16.1 million** to the Pension Fund.
- ❖ Proposes a General Fund budget of **\$311 million**, balanced with no tax increase and no planned draw from reserve funds.
- ❖ **Maintains reserves at 19 percent**, covering approximately 60 days of general operating costs, consistent with the City's Policy.
- ❖ Contributes **\$25 million** for comprehensive medical benefits for employees, dependents, and retirees under age 65; up \$5 million from the 2025 adopted budget.
- ❖ Introduces the **Stormwater Utility Fee**, in efforts to support a broader initiative to enhance stormwater management and address critical infrastructure needs.
- ❖ Includes **\$204 million** of capital improvement investments.

2026 Fund Appropriations*	
General Fund	\$311,422,054
Special Revenue Fund	\$79,659,341
Internal Services Fund	\$49,955,017
Debt Services Fund	\$5,334,505
Capital Improvement Fund	\$204,392,505
Enterprise Funds	
Water & Sewer	\$110,869,240
I&D Water Fund	\$14,840,716
Civic Center Fund	\$5,144,075
Parking Services Fund	\$28,698,240
Sanitation Fund	\$46,404,199
Stormwater Fund	\$4,000,000

\*Includes interfund transfers and bond issuances in the Capital Improvement Fund

### Advancing Savannah GPS – Plan of Action

#### 1. Increase Public Safety and Our Collective Sense of Security

We are committing resources to:

- Invest \$198,000 to improve coordination between law enforcement and the community by enhancing our transparency, responsiveness and safety through technology upgrades including the continuation of FUSUS; **a real-time intelligence and video integration platform** and the acquisition of new fingerprint scanners.
- Invest \$20 million to modernize public safety facilities and equipment to rehabilitate both the Savannah Fire Headquarters and the Savannah Police (SPD) Administration Facilities and update the SPD weaponry arsenal.
- Add (30) Fire personnel to staff and support operations at the newly built **New Hampstead Fire Station**, and both a Fire Prevention Inspector, and Plans Reviewer to strengthen community risk reduction and streamline the review process for new and existing developments ensuring safety compliance and efficient permitting.

#### 2. Invest in Equitable Community Development & Resiliency

Key actions include:

- \$3 million – Continued **support for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund**.
- Approximately \$1.7 million in grants to support non-profit organizations and promote creativity and community engagement.

- **\$850,000 in Homelessness Support Grants** to assist providers offering Day Center services, housing and case management services.
- \$260,000 to operate Jenkins High Pool on behalf of Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools, providing recreational swimming, swim lessons, and swim team programs that promote community health, safety, and youth development.

### 3. Expand Economic Access, Opportunity & Vitality for All Citizens

This budget advances this vision by investing in entrepreneurship, job training, and the redevelopment of key economic assets that will sustain long-term growth and opportunity for all residents. Key investments include:

- \$3.5 million – **Savannah Waterfront Redevelopment** constitutes a continued investment in the transformation of Savannah's waterfront into a vibrant, accessible, economic and cultural destination that supports tourism, local business growth, and public access to the riverfront.
- \$20 million – **Historic Waterworks Building Redevelopment** to restore and establish an adaptive reuse of an iconic historic asset in the Canal District, preserving Savannah's heritage while promoting economic revitalization.
- \$236,942 – Education and Workforce Investments that fund Emerge Job Training Scholarships and **workforce programs** that prepare residents for in-demand careers.

These efforts ensure that Savannah's economy remains dynamic and accessible.

### 4. Develop World-Class Livable Environment & Infrastructure

Capital and operating investments will focus on:

- Street, sidewalk and public-space maintenance and enhancements including \$6.2 million in capital investments focused on improving walkability, reducing traffic speeds in neighborhoods and a multi-modal approach to mobility.
- **Stormwater/flood control** system investments of \$4 million to implement upgrades to reduce flooding risks and protect neighborhoods and natural resources supported by a proposed Stormwater Utility.
- Water and Sewer Infrastructure investments with the overhaul of the Georgetown Water Treatment Facility. This \$42 million investment will improve efficiency, capacity and environmental protection to meet current and future growth demands within the service basin. Other major investments are proposed to maintain, modernize, address large-scale repairs, and enhance operational efficiency.

### 5. Improve Quality of Life by Raising Municipal Service Standards

Enhancing recreation amenities, investing in infrastructure maintenance, and modernizing community assets are the objectives of some key investments proposed such as a:

- \$3 million - **Recreation Improvement Projects** to upgrade and modernize parks, community centers, and gym facilities creating safe, engaging, and inclusive spaces that promote recreation, wellness, and community connection.
- \$1.5 million – Parking Facilities Maintenance funding to address maintenance and operational needs across parking garages and lots, ensuring safety, reliability, and long-term functionality.

- \$2 million – Deferred Facility Maintenance and HVAC Repairs to address deferred maintenance projects across municipal buildings and to replace and repair HVAC systems, ensuring safe, efficient, and comfortable public facilities.
- \$350,000 - **Restoration of the historic Ellis Fountain** enhancing downtown's public realm and cultural character with synchronized lighting and interactive water feature.
- \$180,000 - Traffic Notification System along East President Street, General McIntosh Boulevard, and the northbound Truman Parkway to alert drivers when the President Street railroad crossing is blocked, improving traffic flow, safety, and commuter experience.

## 6. Always Be a High-Performing Government

- Implementing a 3 percent general wage increase for unified and managerial pay plans and a 2.5 percent increase for the public safety pay plan, ensuring competitive compensation and continued **retention of skilled employees**.
- \$111,000 to support a Data Security and Governance Analyst to continue the City's **commitment to data-driven decision making**.
- Continued funding for the Comprehensive Paid Internship Program, which provides meaningful, hands-on experience for students and emerging professionals while developing the next generation of civic leaders.
- \$60,000 investment to continue Team Savannah's Fitness Reimbursement Program promoting employee health and wellness and increasing the employee stipend pay from \$32 to \$125 per week, demonstrating the City's commitment to employee well-being and recognition.

Through investments in people, transparency, and continuous improvement, we are building an organization that exemplifies excellence in public service.

### *Water, Sewer and Stormwater Infrastructure Security*

Savannah prides itself on producing some of the best water in the country. Over the course of the next several years, we will invest heavily in the City's water and sewer infrastructure. This budget allocates \$477.8 million in projects over the next five years to ensure our excellent service continues. Included in this amount is **a new sewer treatment plant** located in Georgetown that will replace the existing treatment plant and increase the treatment capacity at that location from 2.45 million gallons per day (MGD) to 4.0 MGD.

The City also plans to expand the Travis Field treatment plant that will increase the treatment capacity at that location from 4.0 MGD to 8.0 MGD. These two new facilities will help the City meet the growing service demands for sewage treatment in the south and southwest areas of the City. This ambitious five-year capital plan will be financed through a combination of small incremental rate increases, connection fees for new users and strategic borrowings. The financing plan forecasts an investment of \$442 million over the next five years. The first year of the plan calls for \$137 million in 2026. The water and sewer system enjoys a favorable credit rating of AA+ from Standard and Poor's and Aa1 from Moody's. The forecasted rate increase in 2026 for the City's median user is 5.7 percent.

In addition to the sewer treatment facilities mentioned previously, the City is currently under way with work to expand and modernize its surface water treatment plant to expand capacity to 65 MGD from the current capacity of 57 MGD.

This project is funded through a **\$146 million package** from the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) authorized by the State in early 2025 under a **new Regional Water Partnership Agreement**. Half of this amount will be forgiven, and the remaining balance will be repaid at zero interest. The funding package contains favorable financing terms for the City of Savannah and its rate payers. It is anticipated that the new GEFA loan will add about \$2 million of new debt service for the surface water customer base annually.

### *Securing Our Information Technology Infrastructure*

In today's digital environment, the City of Savannah's ability to deliver reliable and efficient services, both internally and externally, depends on the strength and security of the information technology infrastructure. As **cyber threats become more sophisticated and elaborate**, it is essential that the City invest in robust systems, and proactive cybersecurity measures to safeguard sensitive data and protect critical operations. Maintaining secure, resilient, and responsive IT infrastructure not only ensures the continuity of public services but also upholds public trust in the City's ability to manage information responsibly.

The FY26 budget continues our **commitment to strengthening cybersecurity defenses**, updating legacy systems, and providing staff with the tools and training necessary to respond to evolving digital risk. To advance these goals, this budget includes the addition of three new positions within the Innovation and Technology Services Department: a Data Security and Governance Analyst, a Network Technician, and a Bi-Directional Amplifier Inspector.

The addition of a Data Security and Governance Analyst represents a proactive investment in the City's digital resilience. This role will focus on protecting sensitive information, **enabling the secure and ethical use of artificial intelligence powered tools, and implementing modern governance frameworks** using technologies like Microsoft Purview. This new role will drive a cultural and operational shift toward structured data stewardship, minimizing risk, ensuring data-driven decision-making, and safeguarding the City's digital assets for the future.

Further strengthening the City's technology infrastructure security includes the addition of a Network Technician, as the City's network is the backbone for all digital services. This role will ensure that architectural decisions, security frameworks, and technology deployments are guided by expert oversight and aligned with long-term goals for resiliency, scalability, and compliance.

The inclusion of a Bi-Directional Amplifier (BDA) Inspector will enhance the City's information technology infrastructure security by ensuring reliable and uninterrupted communication capabilities within facilities. Reliable communication is a foundational element of resilient IT and public safety systems, supporting coordinated incident response, minimizing downtime, and protecting both personnel and assets. By maintaining compliance with public safety communication standards and ensuring system integrity, this role contributes directly to the City's overall technology resilience and emergency preparedness.

### *Fiscal Discipline*

This proposed budget maintains reserves, manages debt, and preserves flexibility, because securing our future means safeguarding against downside risk as well as pursuing areas of opportunity.

In today's uncertain economic climate, marked by inflationary pressures, rising service costs, tariffs, the unpredictability at the Federal level, and evolving community needs, the **City of Savannah is firmly committed to sound fiscal discipline**.

As of December 31, 2024, the City of Savannah's General Fund **unassigned fund reserves** stood at \$59,598,399 or **19.9 percent** of the total General Fund expenditures and transfer-outs for the year. This level of reserves compares favorably with established policy guidelines and reflects the City's prudent financial management.

These reserves provide a critical safeguard against potential economic downturns, ensuring the City's continued ability to deliver essential services and maintain stability in the face of future fiscal challenges.

### **Budget Challenges and Opportunities**

The FY26 budget reflects a disciplined approach to fiscal stewardship amid rising operational costs and more modest revenue growth. In July 2025, City Council voted to **adopt a rollback millage rate of 11.749 mills**, following an 8.81 percent increase in the City's taxable property values compared to FY2024. Of this increase, 4.01 percentage points stemmed from higher property valuations, while 4.80 percentage points resulted in new development and growth across the community. By selecting the rollback rate, Council prioritized relief for property owners while preserving core services. As a result, FY2026 General Fund property tax revenues are projected to remain flat relative to FY25, amid escalating service delivery costs.

While the **City's sales tax revenues have remained stable** at approximately \$66 million annually from 2022 to 2024, projections for FY 25 and FY26 suggest a slight decline to \$65.5 million. This consistency reflects a resilient local economy, yet underscores a critical challenge: sales tax growth is no longer outpacing with the rising cost of operations. Given that sales taxes comprise roughly 21 percent of the General Fund, even modest fluctuations in this revenue stream have outsized implications for budget planning.

Capital planning presents additional challenges. During the development of the FY26-FY30 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), departments submitted \$253.4 million in proposed project requests. Of this, \$204.4 million is included in the FY26 capital budget – representing a 161 percent increase over the prior year's \$78 million allocation. This surge is largely attributable to major investments in the Civic Center, public buildings, and water and sewer infrastructure.

The City will continue to evaluate unfunded projects (currently totaling \$49 million), periodize critical investments that align with City Council vision in Savannah GPS, and defer non-essential initiatives where appropriate.

Savannah GPS provides us the opportunity to align the budget with the vision of City Council and our community. To meet the goals of Savannah GPS, we will need new work programs, restructuring of old programs, and reallocation of programs whose mission may have changed. This opportunity will require a phased financial plan that works strategically and responsibly within our financial constraints.

### **Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST 8)**

On Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, City of Savannah and Chatham County voters overwhelmingly confirmed their support for the continuation of one of the greatest community development tools in the history of municipal government - the 1-penny sales tax known as SPLOST. Since 1985, SPLOST has funded over \$750 million worth of capital improvement projects in Savannah, fundamentally improving the built environment Savannahians live in today.

SPLOST 8 will fund \$268 million worth of critical capital improvement projects over the next six years. Almost 40 percent of SPLOST is paid for by visitors to our community, but all of the proceeds directly

benefit the citizens of Chatham. SPLOST takes significant pressure off the general fund and helps properly fund capital needs without increasing property tax rates.

#### SPLOST 8 Investments

- \$91 million in Transportation and Mobility
- \$72 million in Community Development
- \$68.3 million in Stormwater Improvements
- \$15.7 million in Park and Recreation
- \$11 million in Public Safety
- \$10 million in Municipal Investments

### 2026 Capital Improvement Plan

The 2026 Budget includes resources toward critical infrastructure, community development, and public facility improvements, all aligned to the strategic plan.

- Civic Center Improvements: Approximately \$40 million from SPLOST 7 Tier V collections is budgeted to support the renovation of the Johnny Mercer Theatre and partial restoration of the Oglethorpe Square plan. Another \$40 million will be allocated from SPLOST 8.
- Traffic Management, Streets & Sidewalks: Approximately \$6.18 million, funded primarily by SPLOST 7, will support mobility enhancements citywide. Planned projects include an early warning system for the President Street railroad crossing, along with sidewalk installation and repair, street resurfacing, and traffic calming initiatives. An additional \$24 million from SPLOST 8 will be invested in the Highlands/Benton Blvd. Expansions and improvements.
- Traffic Management/Community Development: \$4 million from SPLOST 8 Tier I will be invested in the removal of the I-16 Flyover returning an approximate seven acres of land back to the City for development, reconnecting, and revitalizing neighborhoods that have long been cut off by the flyover.

Other major funding highlights of the Capital Improvements Plan include:

- Community Development & Recreation: A total of **\$10.6 million** dedicated to projects that **enhance neighborhood interconnectivity** and mobility, expand housing solutions, and foster economic development opportunities across the City.
- Squares, Monuments, Parks & Cemeteries: Approximately \$635,000 will fund improvement projects that preserve and enhance the City's historic greenspaces, hardscapes, and fountains, supporting both neighborhood revitalization and economic growth.
- Drainage Improvements: \$2.25 million allocated for **new drainage projects**, including \$1.4 million for neighborhood drainage improvements funded by the Stormwater Utility. These efforts also continue the multi-year rehabilitation of the City's storm sewer system.
- Public Buildings: The Public Buildings category, totaling \$64.7 million, represents a much needed investment in new construction and facility rehabilitation. Projects include upgrades and new construction for general administration, parking garages, public safety, and community centers.
- Water & Sewer Improvements: This category remains a major component of the City's capital plan, with \$73.6 million, or 36 percent of FY26 investments, allocated to ensure regulatory compliance, expand capacity, and modernize water and sewer infrastructure.

- Other Projects: The \$6.4 million allocated to this category addresses a range of strategic priorities, including modernization of the water metering system, fuel site upgrades for Sanitation, and expansion of electric vehicle charging infrastructure in City parking facilities.

This capital plan is fundamentally about making smart investments now to reduce future burdens and enable the City to respond to evolving needs.

### **Fiscal Year 2026 Utility Rates**

Enterprise Fund revenue projections are derived from fees established for distinct service lines and are paid by the citizens who utilize those services. In most cases, the revenue generated from these fees are sufficient to fully fund the operational and capital expenditures associated with each service line. City Council formally reviews and adopts the fee schedules on an annual basis to ensure that rates remain consistent with the cost-of-service delivery and the City's long-term financial objectives.

The following rate changes for the Sanitation and Water and Sewer Utilities are:

**Sanitation Services** - The residential refuse rate for 2025 was \$40.77 per month. For 2026, the new proposed rate is \$42.81, which is an increase of five percent or \$24.48 per year. It is recommended the commercial disposal fee be increased from \$5.42/Cubic Yards (CY) to \$5.69/CY and that commercial collection rates are raised from an average of \$5.22/CY to \$5.48/CY. Both the commercial disposal fee and commercial collection rates are proposed to increase five percent in 2026.

**Water Services** - The proposed water service rates for 2026 are higher than those for 2025. While the base charge remains unchanged, the increase applies only to the consumption charges. The recommended increase for inside city rates is +\$0.03/centum cubic feet (CCF), and for outside city rates, the increase is +\$0.05.

**Sewer Services** - The proposed sewer service rates for 2026 are higher than those for 2025. While the base charge remains unchanged, the increase applies only to the consumption charges. The increase for inside city rates is +\$.40/CCF; and for outside city rates, the increase is +\$.60/CCF.

### **Securing the Stormwater Infrastructure**

For the first time, the FY26 Budget introduces a **Stormwater Utility Fee**. The fee is intended to ensure the long-term sustainability of the City's stormwater management operations. This fee will provide a stable and equitable funding source to support the operation, maintenance, and capital improvement of stormwater infrastructure. Revenues generated through the Stormwater Utility Fund will be used exclusively for activities such as drainage system maintenance, flood prevention, and compliance of state and federal environmental regulations.

The Stormwater Utility Fee will be assessed based on the amount of impervious surface area on each property, reflecting each parcel's contribution to stormwater runoff. Establishing this fee aligns with best practices adopted by many municipalities and ensures that the cost of managing stormwater is distributed fairly among property owners.

By providing a revenue source independent of the General Fund's revenues, this new revenue source provides financial stability that protects the City from unexpected costs related to flooding, system failures, and regulatory noncompliance, while supporting investments in water quality and resilience. The Stormwater Utility Fee strengthens both the City's fiscal foundation and the safety of our community.

## Securing/Strengthening the Livelihoods of Our Employees

Here at the City of Savannah, we recognize that our employees are the foundation of the high-quality public services we provide to our community. Securing and strengthening employee livelihoods remains a top priority in the FY26 budget. This includes strategic investments in competitive compensation, comprehensive benefits, and workplace wellness initiatives. The FY26 budget allocates \$4.7 million to implement a 2.7 percent cost-of-living adjustment for all employees effective January 1, 2026, and an additional \$2.5 million for a general wage increase beginning July 1, 2026. It is important to note that the 2.7 percent adjustment is based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) 12-month change from July 2024 to July 2025, ensuring that employee compensation keeps pace with inflation. This adjustment follows significant efforts in 2025 to align the City's pay rates at or above the market, recognizing and rewarding the dedication and contributions of our workforce.

In addition to maintaining competitive compensation, the budget provides \$25 million to sustain comprehensive medical benefits for employees, their dependents, and retirees under age 65, an increase of \$5 million over the 2025 adopted budget.

### Looking Ahead

As we implement Savannah GPS through this budget, our focus remains on partnerships between government and residents, businesses and neighborhoods, and generations today and tomorrow. "Securing Our Future" means taking the long view: building infrastructure that lasts, strengthening systems that serve equitably, and planning for challenges we can anticipate because we have chosen to chart our course together.

This budget is both a reflection of where we are and a declaration of where we're going. With Savannah GPS, we know our direction. With this budget, we begin the journey guided by data, grounded in community, and inspired by the people we serve.

### Gratitude and Commitment

As we present this budget, I want to recognize the countless people who make Savannah the exceptional community it is, from residents who shaped the Savannah GPS plan to city employees who deliver services with dedication and care.

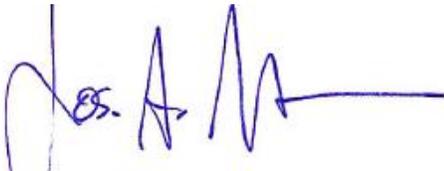
This document reflects collaboration: between elected leaders who set policy direction, professional staff who execute it, and community members whose engagement ensures we stay on course. Together, we've built a framework that balances immediate needs with long-term vision, ensuring that Savannah's growth is intentional and inclusive.

To the Mayor and City Council, thank you for your leadership and commitment to transparency. To the City of Savannah workforce, who we affectionately call Team Savannah, thank you for your tireless service and professionalism—you are the heart of this city.

The FY 2026 Budget, rooted in community vision and guided by Savannah GPS, is more than a financial statement, it is our shared promise to **Secure Our Future**. By aligning our resources with strategic goals, weaving equity and resilience into our decisions, and committing to high operational performance, we are laying the groundwork for a stronger, more inclusive, and more vibrant city.

Together, we are charting a clear path forward. One guided by data, defined by accountability, and inspired by the people we serve. Let us move forward together with purpose, collaboration and optimism.

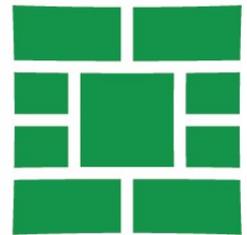
Respectfully submitted,



Joseph A. "Jay" Melder  
City Manager

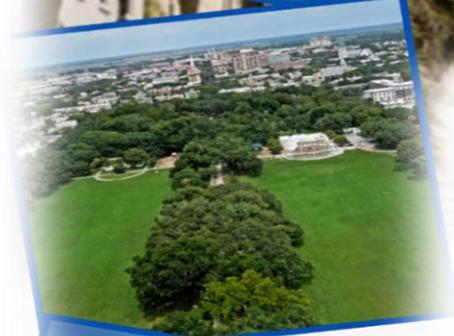


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# Savannah at a Glance

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Savannah, the largest city and county seat of Chatham County, was established in 1733 as the first colonial and state capital of Georgia. Renowned as America's first planned city, Savannah draws millions of visitors each year who come to admire its stunning architecture and historic structures. The City's iconic City Hall, designed by local architect Hyman Witcover in 1904, is a notable highlight. Today, Savannah's downtown area stands as one of the largest National Historic Landmark Districts in the United States, a designation it received in 1966.

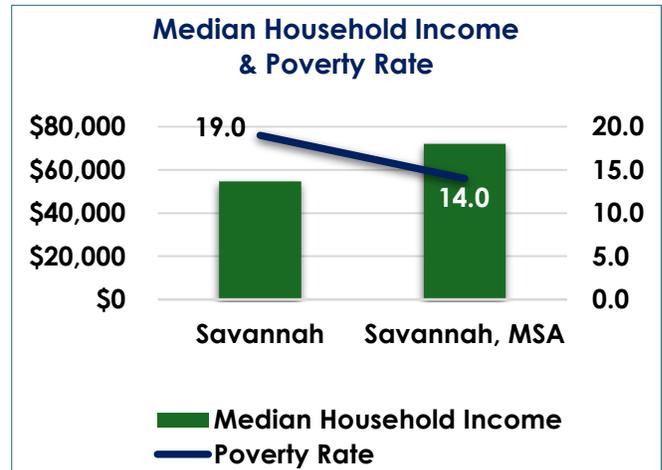
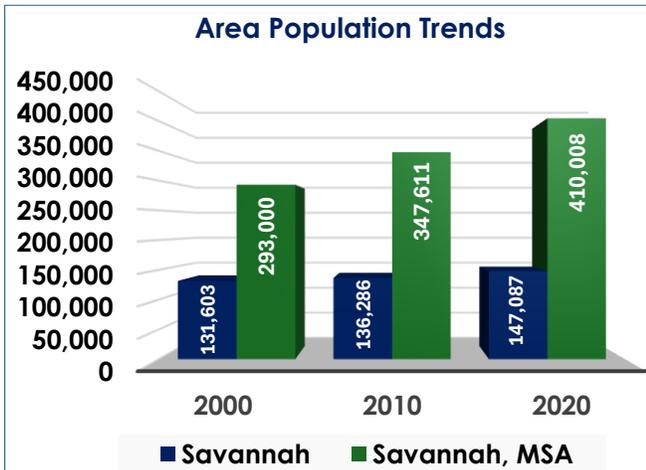
The City of Savannah municipal government was incorporated on December 23, 1789, with its first budget passed in May 1790. Savannah operates under a council-manager system, where the City Council enacts policies, and a professional City Manager implements these policies through various programs and budget management.

Since 1978, the City Council has functioned under a district system, consisting of six geographical districts. The Council is made up of six district Council members, two at-large Council members representing the entire city, and the Mayor.

The City of Savannah (103 square miles) is located in Chatham County, which lies south of the Savannah River, the boundary between South Carolina and Georgia.

## Population Trends<sup>1</sup>

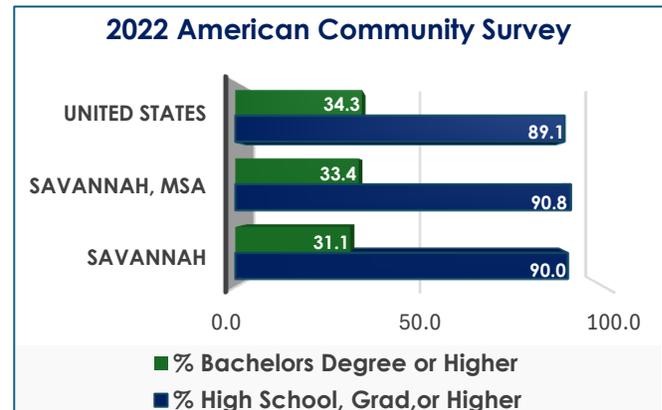
The numbers below are from the U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census demonstrating population trends in Savannah and the Savannah Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). The City's population grew by 13 percent from the 2010 census to the most recent census in 2021. The MSA grew by 14.13 percent in the same period. Savannah currently has a population of 148,808.



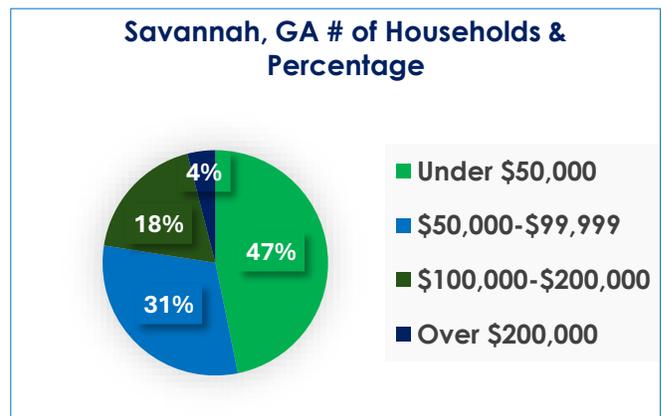
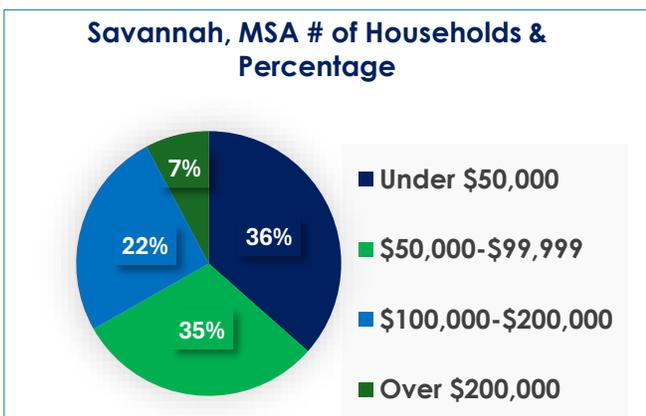
## Educational Attainment

The Savannah region has educational resources that result in a highly skilled workforce.

- Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD)** is recognized as the #1 Art School in the U.S. for 2025.
- Savannah Technical College** is consistently highly ranked, particularly for military members, veterans, and their families.
- Savannah State University** is the first public HBCU in the state.
- Georgia Southern University** has been named a Military Friendly Gold School for several recent years.
- Savannah Arts Academy** is the #1 public high school in Savannah-Chatham County.



## Household Income



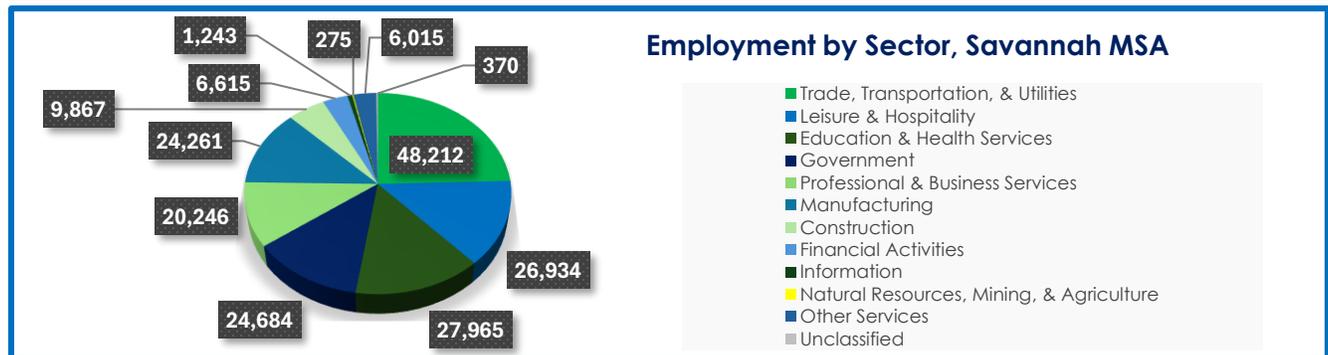
<sup>1</sup> U.S. Census Bureau July 1, 2020 estimate

## Economy<sup>1</sup>

The City is a major tourist destination which feeds service and retail industries, and the location on the Atlantic Ocean provides the opportunity to operate on a global scale with access to the third busiest port in the nation. The City's economy is also supported by growth in manufacturing, construction, and health services.

The Savannah MSA workforce increased by 1.6 percent to 207,300 workers from 2023 to 2024. Over 78,000 students are enrolled in the 17 higher learning institutions, and military members often choose to stay in the area after military service.

City of Savannah Principal Employers <sup>1</sup>		
Employers	Product/Service/Other	# of Employees
Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation	Jet Aircraft/Aerospace	13,115
Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield	Equipment	6,579
Savannah-Chatham Board of Education	Federal civilian personnel	5,650
St. Joseph's/Candler Health System	Education	4,963
Memorial Health University Medical Center	Health Services	4,300
Georgia Southern University (Armstrong)	Health Services	2,707
Chatham County	Education	2,345
Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD)	Government	2,280
City of Savannah	Education	2,254
Colonial Group	Government	2,249
	Oil & Gas	2,249
<b>Total</b>		<b>46,442</b>



City of Savannah Major Taxpayers <sup>2</sup>			
Taxpayer	Business Type	2024 Taxable Assessed Value	% of Total Taxable Assessed Value
Georgia Power Company	Electric utility	101,667,424	1.1
CommuteAir LLC	Commercial airline	72,696,400	0.8
Savannah Health Services LLC	Healthcare provider	69,724,000	0.8
Rolls Royce North America	Aerospace parts manufacturer	48,685,466	0.5
Oglethorpe Mall LLC	Retail shopping mall	38,003,920	0.4
Memorial Health Hospital	Hospital	37,145,752	0.4
5670 Savannah LLC	Distribution center	34,408,124	0.4
S.O. Savannah One LLC	Distribution center	27,966,918	0.3
Gulfstream Aerospace Corp	Airplane manufacturer	27,307,014	0.3
Southwest Airlines	Commercial airline	21,186,490	0.2
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$478,791,508</b>	<b>5.2</b>

<sup>1</sup> [Savannah 2025 Economic Trends, Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce](#)

<sup>2</sup> [2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report \(ACFR\), City of Savannah](#)

## Parks, Recreation, and Community Centers



Athletic Fields (25)	Basketball Courts (33)	Splashpads & Swimming Pools (16)	Pickleball Court Overlays (7)	Golden Age Centers (2)	Parks & Squares (132)
Community Centers (14)	Dog Parks (3)			Playgrounds (63)	Tennis Courts (35)

## Public Safety



Savannah Police		Savannah Fire	
Police Precincts (5)	Sworn Police Personnel (386)	Fire Stations (16)	Fire Personnel (369)
Police Vehicles (555)	Police Motorcycles (6)	Fire Engine Companies (16)	Fire Truck Companies (6)

# Annual Events

<b>January</b>	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade
<b>February</b>	Savannah Black Heritage Festival
	Savannah Book Festival
<b>March</b>	Savannah Irish Festival
	Savannah Stopover Music Festival
<b>April</b>	St. Patrick's Day Celebrations & Parade
	NOGS Tour of Hidden Gardens
<b>May</b>	SCAD Sidewalk Arts Festival
	Savannah Music Festival
<b>June</b>	Asian Festival
	Savannah Scottish Games
	SCAD Fashion Week
<b>July</b>	River Street Seafood Fest
	Juneteenth Festivities
<b>August</b>	Savannah Waterfront Independence Day Celebration
<b>September</b>	VOICE Festival
	Hispanic Heritage Celebrations & Parade
	Peace in the Park
	Savannah 912 Day
<b>October</b>	Savannah Jazz Festival
	Greek Festival
	Picnic in the Park
	Oktoberfest
	Pride Festival
	SCAD Savannah Film Festival
<b>November</b>	Savannah State University Homecoming Parade
	City of Savannah Tree Lighting
	Boat Parade of Lights
<b>December</b>	Veterans Day Parade
	Shalom Y'all Jewish Food Festival
	Christmas on the River
<b>December</b>	Holiday Tour of Homes
	Lighted Christmas Parade

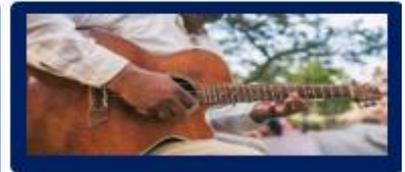


## City of Savannah, GA Accolades

- "Best Airports in the US" (#1) Condé Nast Traveler, 2025
- "Georgias Best Landmarks" (#2) Tripadvisor, 2025
- "Friendliest Cities in the South" (#2) Southern Living, 2025
- "Nations Best to Celebrate St. Patrick's Day" (#3) Patch, 2025
- "Savannah a Top City in The U.S. to Visit" (#3), Travel + Leisure, 2025

## City of Savannah Government Accolades, Awards and Honors

- Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (40 years), Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), 2024
- Distinguished Budget Presentation Award (41 years), Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), 2025
- Tree City USA (40 years), Arbor Day Foundation, 2025
- Georgia Recreation and Park Association (GRPA) Agency of the Year, 2025
- Best in Governance Awards – Resident Engagement, Polco, 2025
- Official Bee City USA, 2025
- Communicator Award for "General-Community, Distinction 2025



# Reader's Guide

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**City Manager's Message** outlines issues and assumptions related to the development of revenues and expenditures for various City funds to achieve community priorities and a service delivery focus in 2026.

**City of Savannah Overview** presents the City of Savannah's demographics, the structure of the City government, and components of the *Savannah GPS: Great Public Service Strategic Plan*.

**Financial Structure, Policies, and Synopses** define the governmental fund structure in which the City of Savannah conducts its financial reporting; reference fiscal policies and procedures implemented in the planning and management of the City's financial resources; and compile historic and projected financial data to render the annual budget in informative charts and tables. City-wide revenues and expenses are summarized and detailed for all budgeted funds including:

- **General Fund** accounts for all revenues and expenditures that are not accounted for in special purpose funds.
- **Hazardous Material Services Fund** accounts for revenues collected from area facilities that manufacture, use, or store hazardous materials. These funds support activities that protect life, property, and the environment from intentional or accidental release of hazardous materials in Chatham County.
- **Community Development Fund** accounts for the revenues derived primarily from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and other federal and state grants, which are used to address Savannah's distressed neighborhoods.
- **Grant Fund** accounts for revenues received from federal, state, or private sources, which are used for designated purposes.
- **Sanitation Fund** accounts for revenues collected to provide the following services: residential/commercial collection, refuse disposal, street sweeping, recycling, and litter services.
- **Civic Center Fund** accounts for revenues collected to provide a venue for a variety of cultural, business, social, and sporting events at the Civic Center and Enmarket Arena.
- **Water Fund** accounts for revenues collected to produce safe, fit-to-drink water, meeting the needs of the City of Savannah and other areas.
- **Sewer Fund** accounts for revenues collected to safely pump and treat wastewater to protect the quality of life for Savannah's residents.
- **Industrial & Domestic (I&D) Water Fund** accounts for revenues collected to provide treated water that meets the quality and quantity demands of industrial users.
- **Parking Fund** accounts for revenues collected to operate the City's parking management program, which consists of on-street parking, off-street parking, parking garages, and boat docks.
- **Internal Services Fund** accounts for the financing of goods and services provided by one department to another department on a cost reimbursement basis.

**Service Center** pages organize and present the operating budget by service center and then by department. Each Service Center section includes an overview of the center's revenue sources, expenditures, personnel, key business services, core responsibilities, and workload measures. Indicators that measure City staff workloads supporting *Savannah GPS: Great Public Service*, Strategic Plan, which define desired outcomes to benefit the community, may be found at the end of each Service Center overview.

Service Centers include:

- Governance
- Management Services
- Public Safety
- Information & Public Affairs
- Government Operations
- Water Resources
- Community Services
- Planning & Economic Development

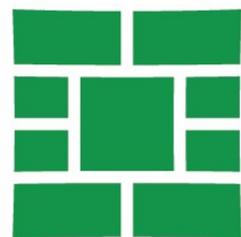
**Other Funds** include appropriations for non-operating funds that support various administrative purchases and intergovernmental agreements.

**Appendix** includes supplementary information and notable details of budget appropriations and calculations that support key operations for City staff and community initiatives.

**Capital Improvement Program** presents a five-year plan for maintenance and improvement of man-made infrastructure used for the delivery of essential public services. The first year of the plan is adopted for implementation.

**Rounding:** All numbers are subject to rounding. Currency amounts are rounded up or down to the nearest whole dollar. Percentages are rounded up or down to one decimal.

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CHIEF OF FIRE

CHIEF OF INFORMATION & PUBLIC AFFAIRS

CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER

CHIEF OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

CHIEF OF PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

CHIEF OF WATER RESOURCES

SAVANNAH POLICE DEPARTMENT

SAVANNAH FIRE DEPARTMENT

INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

FINANCIAL SERVICES

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY & ENGAGEMENT

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

SANITATION

WATER SUPPLY & TREATMENT

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

MANAGEMENT & BUDGET

RECREATION & LEISURE SERVICES

PLANNING & URBAN DESIGN

CODE COMPLIANCE

WATER RECLAMATION

RECORDER'S COURT

HUMAN RESOURCES

HUMAN SERVICES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PARK & TREE

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

POLICY & INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS<sup>1</sup>

REAL ESTATE SERVICES

HOUSING SERVICES

PARKING SERVICES

FLEET SERVICES

WATER RESOURCES PLANNING & ENGINEERING

INTERNAL AUDITING

CULTURAL RESOURCES

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

SEWER CONVEYANCE

RISK MANAGEMENT

INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS<sup>1</sup>

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES & SUSTAINABILITY

WATER DISTRIBUTION

SPECIAL EVENTS, FILM, & TOURISM

INDUSTRIAL & DOMESTIC WATER PLANT

PUBLIC SAFETY

GOVERNANCE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC WORKS

<sup>1</sup> Policy & Intergovernmental Affairs is a function of the Chief of Information & Public Affairs office. The Interagency Council on Homelessness is a County-wide partnership.

# Strategic Plan

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## Savannah GPS: A Roadmap for Our City's Future

On June 26, 2025, the Savannah City Council adopted the strategic planning initiative known as Savannah GPS: Great Public Service Strategic Plan. The name GPS reflects its purpose just as a Global Positioning System provides direction and guidance, this plan charts a clear course for Savannah's future. It outlines measurable priorities and actionable steps designed to ensure the city continues to grow, innovate, and thrive.

Developed through a collaborative and inclusive process, the strategic plan reflects extensive feedback from residents, businesses, and city employees collected through surveys, community meetings, and outreach programs. This engagement shaped the plan's six guiding goals, each focused on building a stronger, more equitable, and resilient Savannah:

- Increase Public Safety and Our Collective Sense of Security
- Invest in Equitable Community Development & Resiliency
- Expand Economic Access, Opportunity, & Vitality for All
- Develop World Class Livable Environment & Infrastructure
- Improve Quality of Life by Raising Municipal Service Standards
- Always Be a High-Performing Government

Together, these goals form Savannah's blueprint for progress, driving the City's investments, policies, and strategic initiatives toward a sustainable and inclusive future. As Savannah moves forward, we remain steadfast in our commitment to collaboration, innovation, and accountability, ensuring that Savannah GPS continues to guide our community toward excellence in public service.



# Strategic Priorities

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## Goal 1

**Increase Public Safety & Our Collective Sense of Security** - The City of Savannah will strive to enable Savannahians to live, work, and play in safe neighborhoods and have a strong sense of community safety through key investments in effective public safety initiatives.



## Goal 2

**Invest in Equitable Community Development & Resiliency** - The City of Savannah is dedicated to building strong neighborhoods, protecting housing, and promoting the well-being of all residents while celebrating our unique and diverse cultures and supporting individuals, families, and communities.



## Goal 3

**Expand Economic Access, Opportunity & Vitality for All** - The City of Savannah is dedicated to expanding economic security for all residents by ensuring everyone has fair access to economic opportunities. We strive to grow our local economy by supporting local businesses and entrepreneurs and spearheading programs, policies, and actions that create and protect good-paying jobs and make it easier to do business in the City of Savannah.



## Goal 4

**Develop World Class Livable Environment & Infrastructure** - The City of Savannah will make equitable investments in our infrastructure and built environment to create strong, resilient communities, support a thriving economy, and protect our environment.



## Goal 5

**Improve Quality of Life by Raising Municipal Service Standards** - The City of Savannah is committed to improving the quality of life for residents by raising the standard of upkeep and maintenance of public spaces and rights-of-way, and by providing high-quality residential services that promote healthy, vibrant and peaceful neighborhoods.



## Goal 6

**Always Be a High-Performing Government** - The City of Savannah will provide exceptional municipal services that are responsive, inclusive, and innovative. We will partner with citizens and businesses in the development of solutions for the community, practice sound fiscal management and do all things with integrity, transparency, and accountability.

# Financial Structure

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The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) establishes the financial reporting structure for government entities. The City of Savannah adheres to these guidelines for financial reporting and budgeting purposes. Financial transactions are budgeted within funds based on two categories: Governmental Funds and Proprietary Funds. The purpose of each fund is to record specific activities or attain certain objectives in accordance with special regulations or restrictions. The Official Code of Georgia states that a balanced budget must be adopted for governmental funds by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the preceding year for which appropriations and expenditures are set for the following year.

## Fund Structure

### Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are created by law, debt covenants, and by management's decision to enhance financial administration. Resources are accounted for as appropriations which are allocated to expenditures that carry out the fund's objectives in the following manner:

- **General Fund** accounts for resources traditionally associated with governments that are not required to be accounted for in another fund. This fund has a greater number of unrestricted revenue sources than any other fund and therefore is used to finance more activities than special purpose funds. It is often the chief operating fund of a municipal government.
- **Special Revenue Funds** account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources, excluding special assessments, expendable trusts, or major capital projects. These revenue sources are legally restricted for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects.

The City budgets the following Special Revenue Funds:

- Auto Rental Tax Fund
- Community Development Fund
- Grant Fund
- Hazardous Material Fund
- Hotel/Motel Tax Fund
- Per-Occupied Room Fund
- Recorder's Court Technology Fund
- **Debt Service Fund** accounts for the accumulation of resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to fund general long-term liability principal, interest, and related costs.
- **Capital Improvements Fund** accounts for financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for capital outlays including the acquisition, renovation, maintenance, or construction of major capital projects, such as buildings, parks, streets, bridges, and other City facilities, infrastructure, and equipment.

## **Proprietary Funds**

Proprietary Funds are used to account for the ongoing activities of the City which are similar to those often found in the private sector. All assets, liabilities, equities, revenues, expenses, and transfers relating to the City's business and business-like activities are accounted for through proprietary funds. The accounting objectives focus on the determination of operating income, changes in net assets, financial position, and cash flow.

- **Enterprise Funds** account for activities that are financed and operated similarly to the manner of private business enterprises, wherein the expenses (including depreciation) incurred in providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis are financed or recovered primarily through user fees. As such, the periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income derived from these self-supporting funds is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

The following Enterprise Funds are maintained by the City:

- Water & Sewer Fund
  - Industrial & Domestic Water Fund
  - Civic Center Fund
  - Parking Fund
  - Sanitation Fund
  - Stormwater Utility Fund<sup>1</sup>
- **Internal Service Funds** are frequently referred to as revolving funds and account for the financing of goods and services provided by one department or government agency to other departments or agencies on a cost-reimbursement basis. These departments are also permitted to supply services to outside agencies for a fee.

Departments within the City's Internal Services Fund include:

- Innovation & Technology Services
- Fleet Services
- Risk Management

## **Accounting Basis**

Governmental Funds are accounted for by using the most current financial resources measurement, incorporating the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this basis, revenues are recognized when they are susceptible to accrual or when they become measurable and available. Likewise, expenditures are recorded as liabilities as incurred, excluding general long-term liabilities principal and interest which are recognized when due. Revenues which are susceptible to accrual include: sales tax, property tax, service charges, grants, and investment income. Revenues generated from fines, forfeitures, penalties, and alcohol taxes are not susceptible to accrual as they are neither measurable nor available prior to receipt.

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<sup>1</sup> The Stormwater Utility Fund is included for the first time as part of the FY26 Proposed Budget contingent upon Council approval of the Stormwater Utility Fee.

The Proprietary Funds, including the Enterprise and Internal Services Funds, are accounted for on an accrual or “flow of economic resources” basis. Revenues are recognized when they are earned, and expenses are recognized when they are incurred or the economic asset is used.

The City also reports various fiduciary funds which do not adopt budgets. Fiduciary funds are those in which the government acts as a trustee, such as the collecting and tracking of Worker's Compensation or Social Security payroll taxes that are deposited with the State. These funds are accounted for on a basis consistent with the fund's measurement focus. The Pension Trust Fund and the Old Pension Trust Fund are accounted for on an accrual basis. The Recorder's Court Fund, Retiree Benefits Fund, and the Flexible Benefits Plan Fund are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

## **Budgetary Basis**

In accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), Governmental Funds are budgeted in alignment with the financial accounting basis applied to actual revenues and expenses with footnotes to provide clarification and special considerations where appropriate. City Council adopts annual budgets for the City's General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Funds, and Capital Improvement Fund. A five-year plan for the Capital Improvement Fund is included for planning and forecasting purposes, however only the first-year contributions to the Capital Improvement Fund are adopted concurrently with the operating budget.

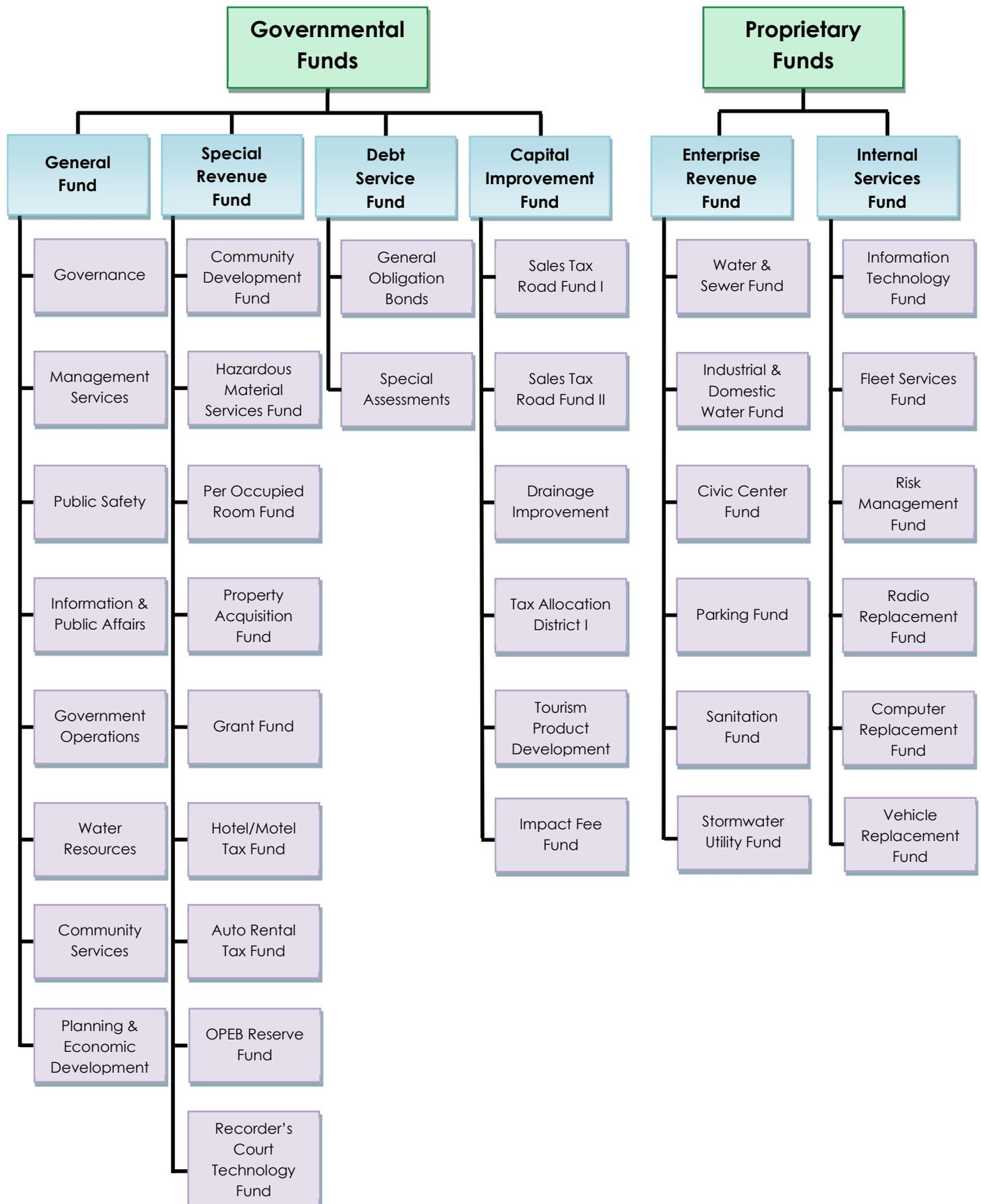
Budgets for Proprietary Funds are developed for planning purposes and are not consistent with GAAP. The major differences used for budgeting Proprietary Funds are as follows:

1. Debt repayments are budgeted as expenditures rather than as a reduction in liabilities.
2. Depreciation expense on fixed assets is not included in the budget as an expense.
3. Contributions of capital from external entities such as private developers are not budgeted.

The legal level of control at which expenditures may not exceed the budget is set at the Service Center level. Any change in the appropriation level above the legal level of control must be approved by City Council. Changes below the legal level of control require approval by the City Manager or the Senior Budget Director.

Appropriations lapse at year-end with two exceptions: 1) in the Capital Improvement Fund, appropriations are carried forward until project completion; and 2) encumbered appropriations do not lapse but are carried forward to the ensuing budget year as budgetary amendments, as noted in the adopted Budget Resolution.

# Budgetary Fund Structure



# Budgetary Fund Matrix

The Budgetary Fund Matrix below is a visual representation of the City's operational units and how they align with the major operational funds.

Service Center/Business Unit	Governmental Funds				Proprietary Funds	
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Fund	Capital Improvement Fund	Enterprise Revenue Fund	Internal Services Fund
<b>Governance</b>						
Mayor & City Council						
Office of the Clerk of Council						
Office of the City Attorney						
<b>Management Services</b>						
Office of the City Manager						
Office of the Assistant City Manager						
Office of the Chief Operating Officer						
Office of Financial Services						
Office of Human Resources						
Office of Management & Budget						
Internal Auditing						
Risk Management						
Real Estate Services						
<b>Public Safety</b>						
Savannah Police						
Savannah Fire						
<b>Information &amp; Public Affairs</b>						
Office of the Chief of Information & Public Affairs						
Office of Marketing & Communications						
Innovation & Technology Services						
Recorder's Court						
<b>Government Operations</b>						
Office of the Chief of Government Operations						
Code Compliance						

Service Center/Business Unit	Governmental Funds				Proprietary Funds	
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Fund	Capital Improvement Fund	Enterprise Revenue Fund	Internal Services Fund
<b>Government Operations (continued)</b>						
Sanitation					■	
Park & Tree	■	■				
Fleet Services						■
<b>Water Resources</b>						
Office of the Chief of Water Resources					■	
Stormwater Management	■					
Water Resources Planning & Engineering					■	
Water Distribution					■	
Sewer Conveyance					■	
Water Reclamation					■	
Water Supply & Treatment					■	
Industrial & Domestic Water Plant					■	
<b>Community Services</b>						
Office of the Chief of Community Services	■					
Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement	■					
Cultural Resources	■					
Human Services	■	■				
Housing Services	■	■				
Recreation & Leisure Services	■					
<b>Planning &amp; Economic Development</b>						
Office of the Chief of Planning & Economic Development	■					
Development Services	■					
Planning & Urban Design	■					
Economic Development	■					
Parking Services					■	
Transportation Services	■					
Special Events, Film, & Tourism	■					
Environmental Services & Sustainability	■					

# Financial Policies

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## Overview

The City's Annual Operating Budget is a fiscal plan that presents the programs and services to be provided to the community and describes the resources needed to perform those activities. The overall goal of the budget is to establish and maintain effective management of the City's financial resources. Revenues that support municipal services are derived from four sources: current revenue charges, increases in existing revenue charges, new revenue sources, and unallocated reserves carried forward from prior years. Various policies and processes are used to guide maintenance of the City's financial resources.

Under the City's organizational plan, the Mayor and City Council are entrusted with policymaking in response to the needs of the community. Administrative or executive authority is vested in the City Manager to develop, implement, and execute programs and policies established by the Mayor and City Council. The annual budget is prepared under the direction and guidance of the City Manager. State law and local ordinances also impact the development of the annual budget.

## Policies

The City of Savannah's Council-Manager form of government was adopted in 1954. Under this organizational plan, the legislative responsibility for municipal government is entrusted to the City Council. The Savannah City Council, consisting of the Mayor and eight alderpersons, levies taxes, enacts ordinances, adopts the annual budget, and performs many other legislative functions. The City Council is also responsible for setting priorities through the City's strategic planning process.

The City Manager is appointed by the City Council to manage the government by developing, implementing, and executing programs and policies established by the City Council. The City Manager recommends the annual budget and work programs and advises the City Council on policy and legislative matters.

The various policies used to guide the maintenance and use of the City's financial resources are described as follows:

### **Financial Accounting Policies**

In developing and evaluating the City's accounting system, consideration is given to the effective implementation of financial accounting policies, specifically to the adequacy of internal controls. Internal accounting controls are designed to provide reasonable, though not absolute, safeguards against asset loss through unauthorized use or disposition, financial records reliability for statement preparation, and accountable asset inventory and management.

The internal audit function is the responsibility of the Internal Auditing Department which is organized separately from and operates independently of the Office of Financial Services, although both departments report to the Chief Operating Officer as of September 2024<sup>1</sup>. The Internal Auditing Department operates a full program of routine and special internal audits.

**Single Audit:** As a recipient of federal and state assistance, the City is responsible for ensuring that an adequate internal control structure is in place to maintain compliance with applicable laws

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<sup>1</sup> Prior to September 2024, the Internal Auditing Department reported to the Assistant City Manager

and regulations related to those programs. This internal control structure is subject to periodic evaluation by the Internal Auditing Departmental staff as well as by management.

**Budgetary Controls:** The City also maintains budgetary controls to ensure compliance with legal provisions. The Office of Management & Budget monitors expenses and revenues, adjusts line-item budgets as needed, and prepares various reports for the City Manager and Executive Team.

**Cash Management/Investment Policy Scope:** The City's cash management and investment policy includes all City funds except pension funds, which are guided by a separate policy adopted by the Pension Board. Investment in funds is the responsibility of the Accounting Services Division within the Office of Financial Services.

**Investment Policy Objectives:** The primary investment policy objective is the safety of principal. Secondary objectives include adequate liquidity to provide cash as needed and a rate of return on investments.

**Allowable Investments:** It is the policy of the City of Savannah to limit investments to:

- United States Treasury Bills, Notes, and Bonds
- Certificates of Deposit
- State of Georgia Investment Pool
- City of Savannah Special Assessment Bonds
- Repurchase Agreements

**Risk Controls:** To ensure liquidity and reduce market risks, investments have maturity dates on or prior to the date cash is projected to be required to meet disbursement needs.

**Collateralization is used for:**

- Secure Certificates of Deposit
- Secure Repurchase Agreements
- Secure Demand Deposits

**Investment Fund:** The Investment Fund is an agency fund that owns all City investments except the Pension Fund and Special Assessment Bonds. Accrued interest is distributed to funds participating in the Investment Fund Pool based on their average equity balance for the month. The fund also contains a combined cash account from which all disbursements are made and to which all receipts are deposited.

### **Revenue Policies**

The City's revenue programs are administered by the Revenue Administration Division. Revenue programs strictly adhere to principles that balance the City's need for revenue and the community's capacity to provide the necessary financial resources. Revenue policies that guide the City are outlined below:

- To fulfill funding needs without excessive dependence on property taxes, the City will attempt to enlarge the revenue base by seeking new revenue sources. Efforts will be made to work individually as well as with statewide groups to encourage the State of Georgia to adopt legislation that will enhance local government revenues.
- The City will implement user fees in all areas where feasible and productive, as well as set fees at levels related to the costs of providing the services. Moreover, user fees will be

reviewed annually as part of the budget process and will be adjusted accordingly to maintain or move incrementally closer to full coverage.

- As deemed appropriate, the City will establish self-supporting enterprise funds where the relationship between operating costs and revenues will be clearly identified.
- The City will limit the designation of General Fund revenues for specified purposes to maximize flexibility in budgeting and utilize revenues more efficiently.
- The City will maintain effective collection systems and implement aggressive enforcement strategies to maximize revenues from available sources.
- Revenues will be projected conservatively to ensure that actual revenues at the fund level will consistently equal or exceed budgeted revenues.

### **Debt Policies**

The City of Savannah is authorized to issue general obligation bonds equivalent to 10 percent of assessed taxable values within the City. Bonded indebtedness is well within this limit. As of December 31, 2024, the City had outstanding general obligation bonded debt totaling \$1,605,000. To maintain this favorable position and the current AA+ bond rating designated by Standard & Poor's, the following debt policies are in place:

- Total long-term debt and major contractual obligations will not exceed 8 percent of the assessed valuation.
- Long-term borrowing will be restricted to capital improvements that are too costly to be financed from current revenues.
- Proceeds from long-term debt will not be used for current ongoing operations.
- Bonds will be retired within a period not to exceed the expected useful life of the capital project.
- Additional major obligations should only be undertaken with new dedicated streams of revenue to support them.
- When feasible, special assessment revenue or other self-supporting bonds will be used instead of general obligation bonds.
- The use of any revenue anticipation borrowing will be avoided. If such borrowing becomes necessary, the debt will be retired in full within the same fiscal year as it is incurred.
- Good communication with bond rating agencies and full disclosure on every financial report, as well as bond official statements, are included in standard operating procedures.

### **Capital Expenditure Policies**

Preparation for the City's capital budget is guided by the following policies:

- A five-year program for capital infrastructure improvements is updated annually. The program identifies anticipated funding sources and allocates those funds to capital projects over five years. Funding allocations for each year are determined by the priorities established by the City Council, the available funding, and the need to address critical infrastructure projects.
- Capital projects financed through the issuance of bonds will be financed for a period not to exceed the useful life of the project.

- The City will coordinate the development of the capital budget with the associated with the operating budget. Future operating costs associated with new capital projects will be included in the operating budget forecasts.
- The City will preserve its assets at a level adequate to protect capital investment while minimizing future maintenance and replacement costs.
- The City will establish an appropriate distribution of bonded debt and cash financing for funding capital projects.

### **Operating Budget Policies**

Preparation of the City's operating budget is guided by the following policies:

- All governmental funds are required to balance. As such, total anticipated revenues must equal the sum of budgeted expenditures for each fund for the budget to be considered balanced.
- All requests for allocations are considered in conjunction with measurable performance criteria and the Strategic Priority they primarily support. Expenditures are approved or rejected based on planned levels of performance. Therefore, it is necessary for each activity within a fund to prepare a performance plan consisting of goals, objectives, and activities.
- Expenditure budgets for enterprise operations (i.e., Water, Sewer, Stormwater, I&D Water, Sanitation, Parking Services, and Civic Center) must be funded either exclusively or primarily by user fee revenues. Self-sufficiency remains a long-range objective for these funds.
- Allocations from the General Fund are based on a long-range financial plan, which includes an unassigned fund reserve. At the end of 2024, the unassigned fund reserve totaled \$59,598,399. This reserve protects the City against catastrophic revenue losses and major emergency expenditures, contributing to the City's favorable bond rating.
- Sales Tax is a significant General Fund revenue, but much more volatile than other revenue sources such as Property Tax. The Sales Tax Stabilization Fund was proactively created as a mechanism to prevent reserve drawings required due to that volatility, stabilizing revenue availability by reserving annual reserves above trend to balance years when Sales Tax collections fall significantly below trend.

Guidelines for managing the Sales Tax Stabilization Fund are as follows:

- Each year, an amount up to the excess that actual sales tax receipts exceed the projected sales tax revenue will be set aside in the Sales Tax Stabilization Fund.
- Additions to the Sales Tax Stabilization Fund will continue until the balance in the fund equals 25 percent of the budgeted revenue for sales taxes. The 2026 sales tax revenue budget is \$65,500,000; thus, the maximum growth target is currently \$16,375,000.
- Funds will be withdrawn from the Sales Tax Stabilization Fund in an amount up to the deficiency, if any, between actual sales tax revenue and the projected sales tax revenue included in the originally adopted General Fund budget or updated sales tax revenue projection at year's end. The Sales Tax Stabilization Fund may also be used for expenses related to major emergencies or natural disasters.
- Ongoing expenses are never funded by a non-recurring or one-time revenue source. Future and current funding sources are identified for all new programs, services, and expansions.

# Budget Process

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The annual budget is a fiscal plan that presents the programs and services to be provided to the community and describes the resources needed to perform those activities. Key policies which guide this process are described in the following section.

## Budget Preparation

The City's budget process is conducted within the framework of City Council's Strategic Priorities, financial management policies, and fiscal forecasts. Information contained in these documents allows the Council an opportunity to review policies and goals intended to address long-term concerns and issues of the City and evaluate City services. The major steps in the budget preparation process are:

1. The City Council meets to set strategic priorities and results for each fiscal year.
2. City of Savannah staff create work plans to meet strategic priority areas with equity and efficiencies in mind. City Departments submit Service Enhancement Proposals to recommend the enhancement of a current activity, establish a new activity, and/or obtain equipment associated with an activity to achieve departmental goals and the continuation/enhancement of performance indicators.
3. The Office of Management & Budget (OMB) prepares the Financial Trends & Indicators Report, which identifies positive and negative financial trends impacting the City. Fiscal resources are presented resulting from needs analysis, service delivery priorities, and contingency planning. OMB also prepares a five-year financial plan. These reports are used as the financial framework for budget preparation.
4. The City Manager and Executive Leadership Team meet to review current staffing levels. Broad-based changes are recommended, vetted, and incorporated into the base budget.
5. With direction and guidance from the City Manager, OMB develops base budget expenditure levels for departments and City-wide revenue projections for the upcoming fiscal year. These proposals are reviewed and modified as necessary throughout the budget process to present a balanced budget proposal to the City Manager.
6. A five-year capital plan is prepared and presented to City Council. The first year of the plan is incorporated into the service program and budget document.
7. The City Manager meets with departments to review proposed work plans, staffing levels, department goals, performance indicators, and expenditures for the upcoming year to provide guidance and direction. The City Manager also conducts budget meetings with the Executive Leadership Team to guide decision-making during the budget process. Feedback from all budget discussions is used to prepare the City Manager's proposed budget recommendation to City Council.
8. The City Council conducts a series of workshops and public hearings before making a final decision on the City Manager's budget recommendations. After careful and thorough consideration, the Mayor and City Council adopt the service program and budget by December 31<sup>st</sup> annually for the ensuing fiscal year.

## Budget Execution

On January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, the Adopted Budget is implemented. Concurrently, an analysis of the previous year's actual expenditure is conducted. During this analysis, problem areas are identified and reconciled in comparison to prior year projections. Problem areas that have an impact on the current fiscal year are closely monitored. Moreover, throughout the year, expenditures, revenues, and performance data are monitored to ensure the successful implementation of the City's spending plan.

## Budget Amendment

The Budget is a policy document. As conditions change or circumstances are altered, the budget policy allows for amendments. Because the Budget is a resolution adopted by the Mayor and City Council, the amendment process is similar to that used to amend other resolutions; a majority positive vote by City Council is required. The legal level of control is set at the service center level. Budget amendments that exceed service center totals must be approved by City Council.

## Budget Preparation Schedule

A comprehensive budget preparation schedule has been established to ensure timely preparation of the budget and facilitate the City Manager's proposed budget for City Council review and adoption within the mandated time frame. The following is the detailed schedule:

ACTIVITY	DATE
OMB communicates the 2026 budget development guidelines; Business units begin by establishing their work plans and identifying efficiencies within work processes that best align with strategic priorities.	<b>Mar. 10 - Apr. 15</b>
Business units submit operating budget and service enhancement requests; OMB begins zero-based budgeting analyses and review revenue estimates and fee changes.	<b>Apr. 15 - Jun. 20</b>
OMB launches the budget priority survey and Speak Out Savannah events to gather community input on key City services for budget consideration.	<b>May 7 - Sep. 14</b>
OMB begins fiscal analysis and forecasting and prepares a preliminary operating budget plan for the current year and upcoming year.	<b>Jun. 30 - Jul. 18</b>
The City Manager and Executive Team conduct Budget Review Team meetings to discuss departmental budget requests, efficiencies identified, KPIs, and service enhancement requests.	<b>Aug. 5 - Aug. 29</b>
The City Manager meets with the Executive Team to discuss budget highlights, unresolved issues, and service enhancement requests.	<b>Sep. 16 - Oct. 1</b>
FY26 Proposed Budget hearings are advertised to the public, and the FY26 Proposed Budget is distributed to City Council and public.	<b>Nov. 2 - Nov. 7</b>
The City Council holds a budget workshop on the Proposed Budget.	<b>Nov. 17</b>
First Proposed Budget Hearing for public comment.	<b>Nov. 25</b>
Second and Final Public Budget Hearing/Adopt Proposed Budget.	<b>Dec. 11</b>

# Trend Analysis and Financial Projections

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## *National, Statewide, and Local Economic Outlook*

### **National Economy**

According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF)<sup>1</sup>, the United States economy is projected to grow at a moderate rate of around 2.0 percent in GDP<sup>2</sup> in 2025. Notably, the first quarter is expected to benefit from substantial growth in imports and exports from Asia and Europe, driven by accelerated purchasing in anticipation of higher U.S. tariffs. By stockpiling imports, many U.S. companies were able to secure goods before the duties took effect, enabling them to avoid or delay price increases. At present, the impact of these tariffs appears to be less disruptive than initially anticipated. In 2026, the agency projects U.S. GDP growth to be 2.1 percent; the supporting factors include lower effective tariffs and growth in artificial intelligence investments.

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) projects U.S. inflation at 3.1 percent for 2025 and 2.4 percent for 2026<sup>3</sup>. The anticipated increase in inflation for 2025 is primarily attributed to higher tariffs, which are expected to exert upward pressure on the cost of goods. However, these inflationary effects are projected to be temporary, with the rate expected to decline in 2026.

The U.S. unemployment rate remained relatively low at 4.3 percent in August 2025, a marginal increase from 4.2 percent in the second quarter<sup>4</sup>. This low rate reflects several underlying factors, including structural shifts in the labor force—such as an aging population, slower labor force entry rates, and a more stable job market. Although unemployment remains low, the pace of job gains has moderated, indicating the need to closely monitor potential risks within the economy. Contributing factors to the unemployment rate include ongoing economic uncertainties, the impact of tariffs on imported goods, and advancements in technology such as Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Quantum Intelligence (QI), which are reshaping labor demand and skill requirements. While technology and automation drive demand for specialized skills in areas like data analysis and cybersecurity, they also contribute to job displacement and evolving hiring patterns. Additionally, immigration policy changes—such as increased enforcement and mass deportations—have had a negative effect on employment levels. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) projects the unemployment rate to rise to 4.5 percent by the end of 2025 before decline to 4.2 percent by the end of 2026.

In line with market expectations, the Federal Reserve cut interest rates by 0.25 percent in September 2025 for the first time since December 2024, bringing the target range of 4 percent to 4.25 percent<sup>5</sup>. Interest rates are expected to decline gradually into 2026. The Federal Reserve projects the federal funds rate to be around 3.5 percent to 3.7 percent by the end of 2025 and decline to 3.3 percent to 3.5 percent by the end of 2026.

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<sup>1</sup> IMF (2025, October), [World Economic Outlook, October 2025: Global Economy in Flux, Prospects Remain Dim](#)

<sup>2</sup> GDP (Gross Domestic Product), the total value of all finished goods and services made in a country in a certain time, usually one year.

<sup>3</sup> CBO (2025, September), [CBO's Current View of the Economy From 2025 to 2028 | Congressional Budget Office](#)

<sup>4</sup> Bureau of Labor Statistics (2025, September), [The Employment Situation - August 2025](#)

<sup>5</sup> Federal Reserve. Retrieved from [Federal Reserve Board - Federal Reserve issues FOMC statement](#)

## State of Georgia Economy

The State of Georgia's economy is projected to grow by 2.4 percent in 2025, which is a decreased rate from 3.1 percent in 2024 but higher than the projected national GDP at 1.6 percent according to the University of Georgia's Selig Center for Economic Growth<sup>1</sup>. Georgia's unemployment rate was 3.4 percent<sup>2</sup> in August 2025. In October, the Georgia Department of Labor announced it was mobilizing resources to support federal employees impacted by the ongoing government shutdown. Georgia's economic advantages, including its industry mix, supportive demographics, and strong logistics infrastructure, will continue to fuel its growth. Georgia's economic development in 2025<sup>3</sup> is characterized by record-breaking investment, with over \$26.3 billion in new business expansion commitments since July 2024 that are expected to create 23,200 new jobs announced for fiscal year 2025. The state's aerospace and defense industries, homebuilding, and healthcare are expected to see strong performance. Ongoing manufacturing and logistics development such as the Hyundai EV factory also supports regional growth. An ICE<sup>4</sup> raid in September 2025 at the Hyundai plant construction site in Bryan County, Georgia, has resulted in project delays, strained diplomatic relations, and economic uncertainty, but Hyundai has reaffirmed its commitment to investing in the state. The raid, which detained approximately 475 workers, revealed a complex intersection of federal immigration enforcement and Georgia's aggressive pursuit of foreign investment in its electric vehicle (EV) industry.

## The Savannah Area Economy

The Savannah area economy considers three counties (Bryan, Chatham, and Effingham) in the overall outlook for the Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). This economy consists of a diverse range of industries and services, including tourism, education, manufacturing, transportation, healthcare, construction, land development, and retail. According to local economist at the Georgia Southern University, Dr. Michael Toma, Ph.D.<sup>5</sup>, the Savannah MSA economy in 2025 is showing signs of cooling, with a net loss of 1,000 jobs by the end of the second quarter in 2025 bringing the total to 201,100. Tourism-related revenue trends are mixed. Hotel/Motel taxes have shown a slightly declining trend compared to 2024 numbers, which is reflected in the 2025 projections which are slightly below 2024 actuals. Retail sales are variable, but still 2.1 percent higher in quarter two of 2025 compared to the previous year. Auto Rental Taxes are showing a fairly consistent increasing trend.

International trade volatility from changing tariff policies continues to exert pressure on the regional logistics industry. Port activity, as measured by shipping container units handled, decreased by 0.6 percent during the quarter, reducing the year-over-year gain to 3 percent. The logistics, goods-producing, construction, and manufacturing sectors have all lost jobs. Although those losses were minor in manufacturing sector, the recently announced closure of the International Paper facility in Savannah is expected to have a further impact on manufacturing employment, with 800 workers in Metro Savannah and an additional 300 in Liberty County scheduled for release by the end of the third quarter of 2025.

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<sup>1</sup> University of Georgia, Terry College of Business (2025) "The 2025 Georgia Economic Outlook"

<sup>2</sup> Georgia Department of Labor (GDOL). [Georgia's Unemployment Rate Holds Steady at 3.4% in August | Georgia Department of Labor](#)

<sup>3</sup> Governor Brian P. Kemp Office of the Governor

<sup>4</sup> U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

<sup>5</sup> Georgia Southern University Coastal Empire Economic Monitor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, 2025, [Coastal Empire Economic Monitor, 2nd Quarter, 2025](#)

### Financial Foundation Principles

The City of Savannah aims to achieve optimal management of its financial resources through a comprehensive financial planning strategy. This is supported by established financial policies and processes that facilitate informed decision-making.

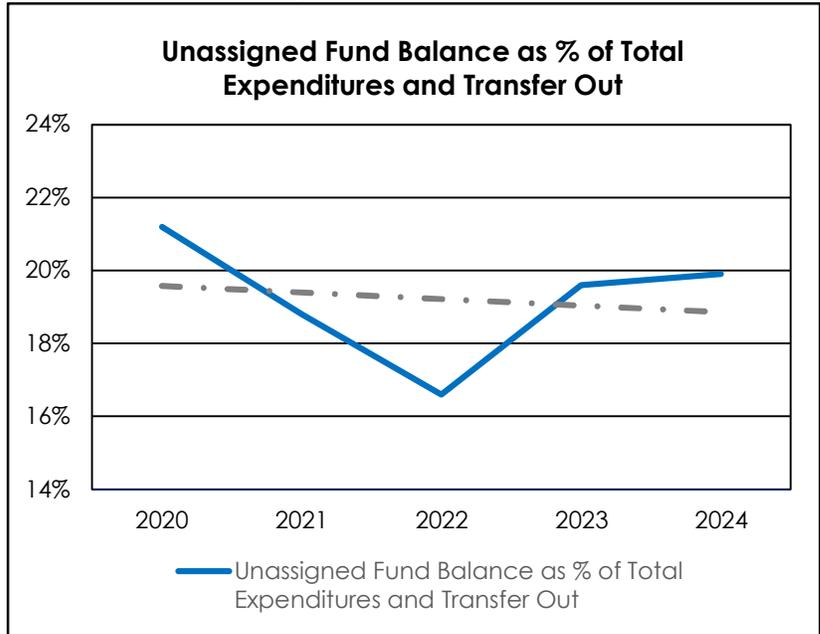
Although the economic environment can change quickly with lasting effects, a snapshot of the City's financial future allows City leadership to identify challenges early and provide information to the City Council to assist in policy making which is critical in addressing potential problems proactively.

The Office of Management & Budget updates the Financial Trends & Indicators report, which considers demographic and financial trends for the City of Savannah. The Five-Year Forecast is also updated using a five-year planning period that looks ahead to project future revenues and expenditures.

Adoption of policies that will stimulate economic growth, enhance the attractiveness of the City, and address quality of life issues is an integral part of the financial planning process. The following data present key fiscal and economic indicators to examine trends which may affect the City's financial health.

### Unassigned Fund Balance

Unassigned fund reserves protect the City against catastrophic revenue losses and major emergency expenditures. Additionally, the amount of the City's fund balance or reserves provides an indication of the ability to withstand financial emergencies and contributes to the City's favorable credit rating. The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) recommends that governments maintain a minimum unrestricted fund balance in the General Fund of no less than two months of regular General Fund operating revenues or expenditures. For budgetary and planning purposes, the City's financial policy dictates that the unassigned fund balance be maintained between 15 percent and 20 percent of total General Fund expenditures and transfers out. The unassigned fund balance for the General Fund at the end of 2024 was \$59,598,399 or 19.9 percent of total General Fund expenditures and transfers out, which aligns with the City's policy. There is no planned draw from the unrestricted fund balance in 2025 to cover expenditures, nor is there a plan to draw from unrestricted fund balance in the 2026 Budget.



The unassigned fund balance for the General Fund at the end of 2024 was \$59,598,399 or 19.9 percent of total General Fund expenditures and transfers out, which aligns with the City's policy. There is no planned draw from the unrestricted fund balance in 2025 to cover expenditures, nor is there a plan to draw from unrestricted fund balance in the 2026 Budget.

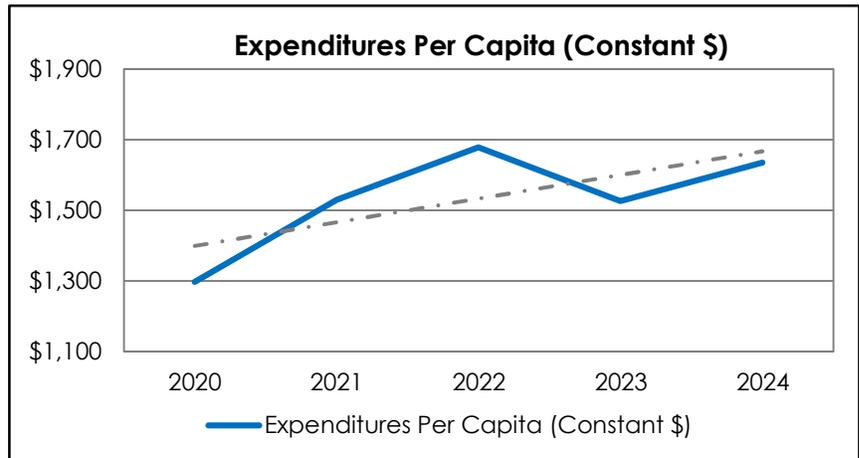
In addition to the unassigned fund balance in the General Fund, the City also maintains Sales Tax Stabilization Fund reserves. These reserves were funded from higher than anticipated local option sales tax revenue in previous years and are used to fund sales tax revenue deficits, if needed. At the end of 2024, the Sales Tax Stabilization Fund reserves totaled \$8,747,000. There is no planned

draw from the sales tax stabilization reserves in 2025 to cover expenditures nor is there a plan to draw from this to balance the 2026 Budget.

### Expenditures Per Capita

The City of Savannah is dedicated to delivering essential services to residents, businesses, and visitors. Expenditures are carefully managed and adjusted in response to population growth, changing service demands, and evolving economic conditions. As shown in the constant-dollar expenditures per capita chart, these factors contributed to volatility between 2020 and 2024.

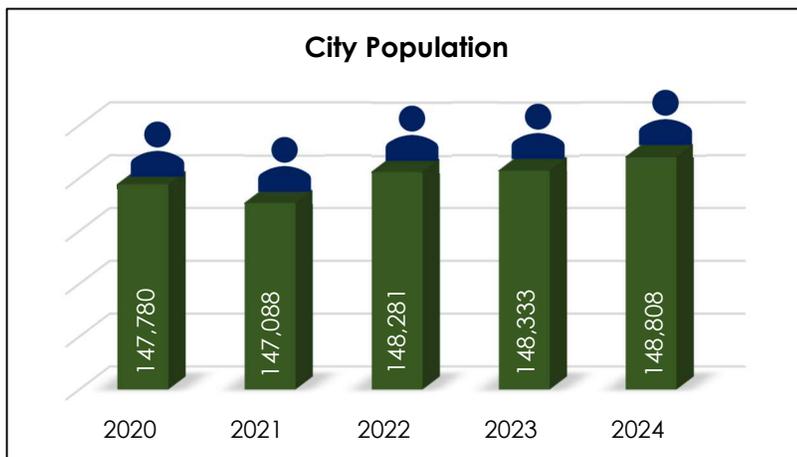
In 2020, per capita expenditures were \$1,298, reflecting reductions that resulted from the COVID-19-induced recession. As the economy recovered and inflation rose, per capita expenditures increased to \$1,530 in 2021 and \$1,679 in 2022. The 29.4 percent increase in per capita expenditures from 2020 to 2022 was driven by higher contributions to the Capital



Improvement Program and increased federal grant transfers, primarily from the American Rescue Plan Act. In 2023, while the City's population remained stable compared to 2022, expenditures decreased by 8.9 percent, resulting in a per capita amount of \$1,526. This decline was largely attributed to reduced federal grant funding, including the expiration of American Rescue Plan Act support. In 2024, the City's expenditure per capita grew to \$1,635, as the population grew to 148,808 and expenditures grew also.

Over the past five years, the Consumer Price Index has increased, leading to higher costs. The City's spending usually changes as revenue goes up or down. However, some increases in spending can be controlled through careful budgeting.

### City Population



Population growth and demographic changes both influence governmental revenues and the demand for services. According to the U.S. Census Bureau<sup>1</sup>, the City of Savannah's 2024 population estimate was 148,808, an increase of 1,028 residents since 2020.

<sup>1</sup> United States Census Bureau, 2025

# General Fund Financial Outlook

## General Fund

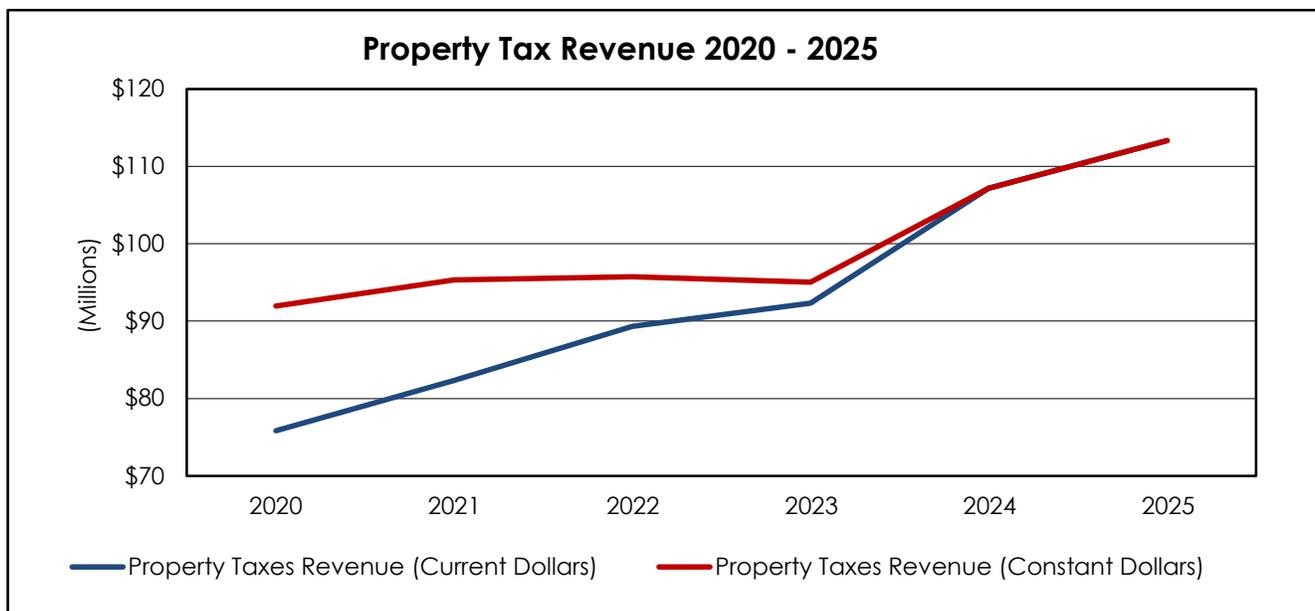
By adhering to the City's financial policies, analyzing historical trends, and projecting five years ahead to anticipate future challenges, the City's legislative and administrative authorities have collaboratively implemented necessary financial and policy adjustments. The City benefits from a diverse financial base, reducing reliance on any single revenue stream to support service delivery. This balanced revenue mix has enabled the City to withstand economic downturns. To sustain its positive financial position, the City must continue to engage in sound financial planning and prudent decision making.

## Property Taxes

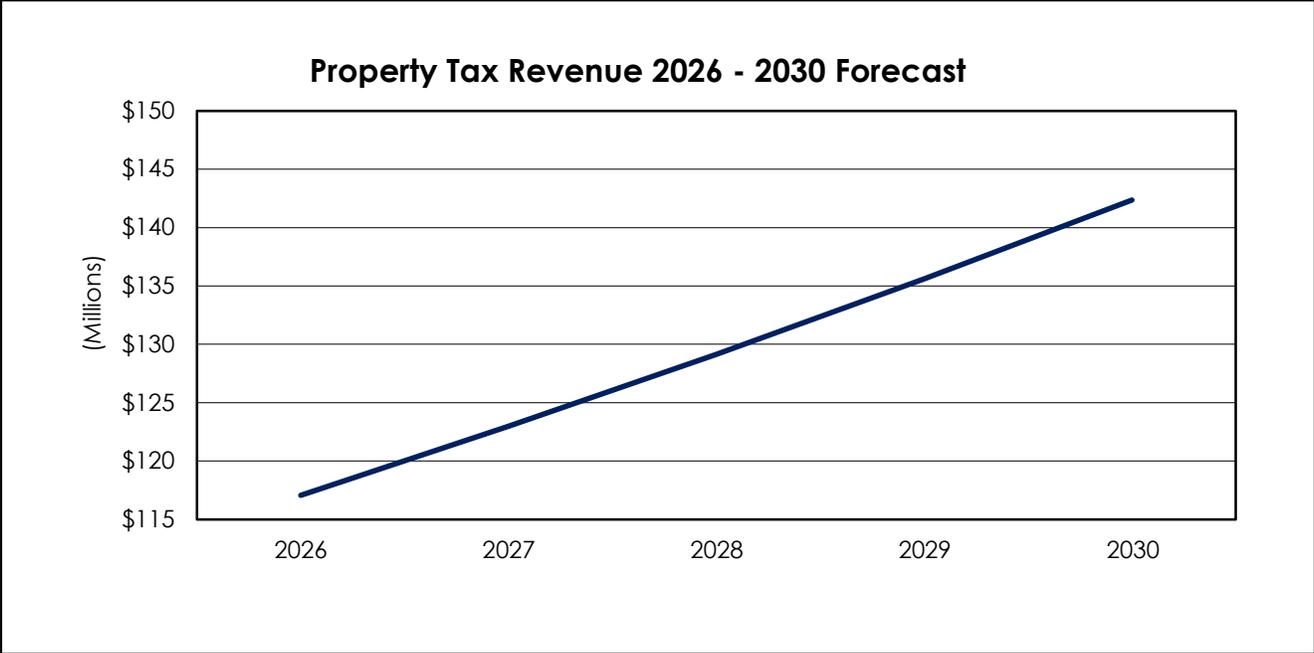
Property taxes are the single most significant source of revenue for the City and make up 37.6 percent of the City's General Fund revenue in FY26. Adjustments to the millage rate are reviewed each year in consideration of the City's ability to remain financially sound and competitive in attracting new residents and businesses, in addition to retaining current residents and businesses.

In 2020, the City's property tax revenue totaled \$75.9 million, reflecting a 0.4 percent decrease from the previous year due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Revenue collections rebounded strongly, increasing by a steady 8.5 percent to \$82.3 million in 2021 and further to \$89.3 million in 2022. This upward trend was primarily the result of improved delinquent property tax collections, higher assessed values in the tax digest, and an overall economic recovery from the pandemic. In 2023, revenue growth moderated slightly. However, by 2024, collections exceeded \$100 million, marking a substantial 16.1 percent increase over the prior year. This increase was largely attributable to higher assessed property values.

The millage rate remained at a historically low level of 12.20 mills from 2022 through 2024. In July 2025, the City Council adopted a further reduced rate of 11.75 mills. While maintaining the 11.75 millage rate in 2026, the revenue forecast includes growth in the tax digest driving a 5 percent increase in total property tax revenue. The graph below illustrates sustained growth in property tax revenues since 2020, even as millage rates have remained flat or been lowered.



The following graph presents the five-year forecast for property tax revenue. Revenue is expected to rise, driven by projected growth in the tax digest, including new development within annexed properties. Projections also assume the continuation of the Freeport Tax Exemption.



# What Does a Property Owner Pay?

The tax rate, or millage, is set annually by the governing authority of the taxing jurisdiction. A tax rate of one mill represents a tax of one dollar per \$1,000 of assessed value. Property in the State of Georgia is assessed at 40 percent of the fair market value unless otherwise specified by law. For example, the assessed value of property that is worth \$100,000 is \$40,000. In the City of Savannah, where the adopted millage rate is 11.749 mills for the year 2025, the property tax would be \$470.00. This is \$11.75 for every \$1,000 of assessed value (or \$11.75 multiplied by 40).

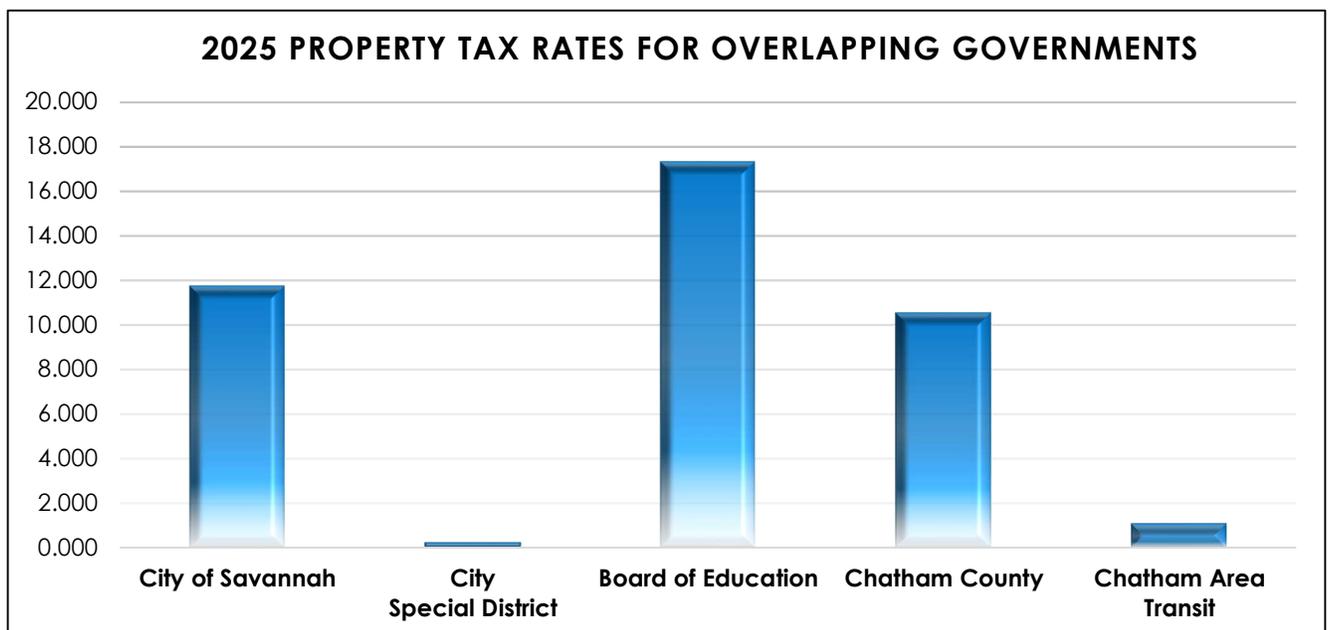


The 2026 budget was developed using a millage rate assumption of 11.749 mills, which remains the same as the 2025 adopted rate approved by the City Council in July 2025. The chart below shows the budgeted millage rates used in the development of the 2025 and 2026 budgets.

Year	Property Value	Assessed Value	Millage	City Property Tax
2025	\$100,000	\$40,000	12.20 per \$1,000	\$488.00
2026	\$100,000	\$40,000	11.75 per \$1,000	\$470.00

Property tax revenue derives from the interplay between growth in taxable property valuations and the property tax rate, which is established annually during the City's budget process.

The graph<sup>1</sup> below shows the City of Savannah direct and overlapping property tax rates for year 2025. Overlapping rates are those of taxing jurisdictions that apply to property owners within the City of Savannah. There are other tax considerations for residents living within the unincorporated Chatham County limits.

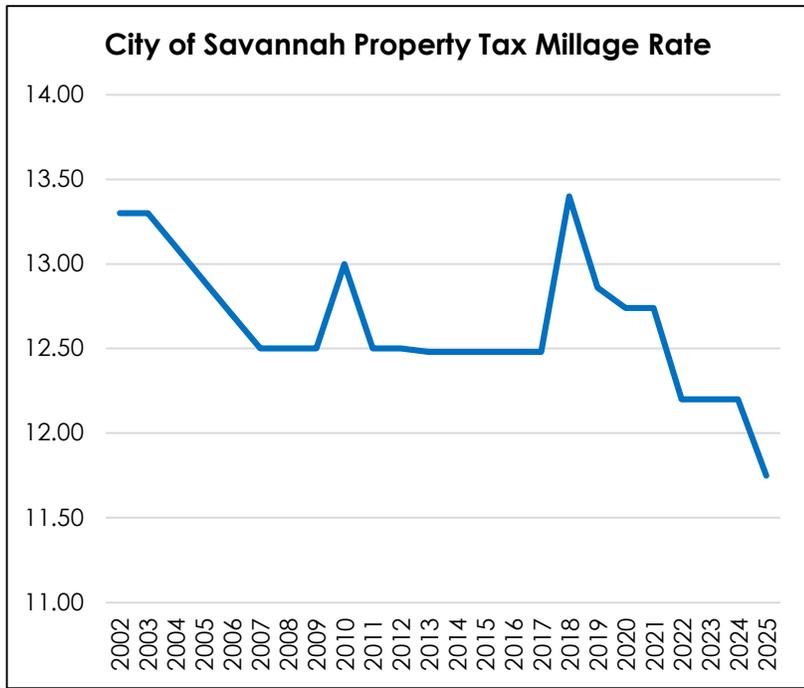


<sup>1</sup> In 2003, the City of Savannah created a special district called the "Water Transportation District." Only properties located within this district are subject to this millage levy.

The tables<sup>1</sup> below show the City of Savannah's adopted millage rates and total assessed property values per the Chatham County Tax Assessor's Office for the years 2002-2025; property values are reassessed annually. The following graph illustrates the adjustment of the tax rate to provide essential and expanded services within the City of Savannah.

Property Tax Rates for Overlapping Governments Savannah, Georgia 2011-2025 per \$1,000 of Assessed Value							
Year	City of Savannah	City Special District	Board of Education	Chatham County	Chatham Area Transit	State of Georgia	Total <sup>2</sup>
2011	12.500	0.200	14.631	11.109	0.859	0.250	39.349
2012	12.500	0.200	14.631	11.109	0.859	0.200	39.299
2013	12.480	0.200	15.881	11.908	1.000	0.150	41.419
2014	12.480	0.200	15.881	11.543	1.000	0.100	41.004
2015	12.480	0.200	16.631	11.543	1.000	0.050	41.704
2016	12.480	0.200	16.631	11.543	1.000	0.000	41.654
2017	12.480	0.200	16.631	11.543	1.150	0.000	41.804
2018	13.400	0.200	18.881	11.543	1.150	0.000	44.974
2019	12.856	0.200	18.881	11.543	1.150	0.000	44.430
2020	12.739	0.200	18.881	11.543	1.150	0.000	44.313
2021	12.739	0.200	18.131	11.543	1.150	0.000	43.563
2022	12.200	0.200	17.631	10.518	1.056	0.000	41.405
2023	12.200	0.200	17.631	10.518	1.056	0.000	41.405
2024	12.200	0.200	17.481	10.518	1.056	0.000	41.255
2025	11.749	0.200	71.331	10.518	1.056	0.000	40.654

City of Savannah Property Tax Rates & Total Assessed Values			
Year	Tax Rate	Assessed Value (in thousands)	% Change
2002	13.30	2,899,254	5.8
2003	13.30	3,027,851	4.4
2004	13.10	3,288,480	8.6
2005	12.90	3,593,557	9.3
2006	12.70	4,102,072	14.2
2007	12.50	4,610,615	12.4
2008	12.50	4,986,597	8.2
2009	12.50	5,010,250	0.5
2010	13.00	4,768,480	(4.8)
2011	12.50	4,539,928	(4.8)
2012	12.50	4,535,627	(0.1)
2013	12.48	4,603,176	1.5
2014	12.48	4,751,473	3.2
2015	12.48	5,098,015	7.3
2016	12.48	5,121,455	0.5
2017	12.48	5,404,508	5.5
2018	13.40	5,640,929	4.4
2019	12.86	5,968,804	5.8
2020	12.74	6,142,815	2.9
2021	12.74	6,545,931	6.6
2022	12.20	7,368,704	12.6
2023	12.20	8,299,473	12.6
2024	12.20	9,209,230	11.0
2025	11.75	10,020,880	8.8



<sup>1</sup> City of Savannah 2025 Tax Digest-See Appendix  
<sup>2</sup> The total excludes the City Special District.

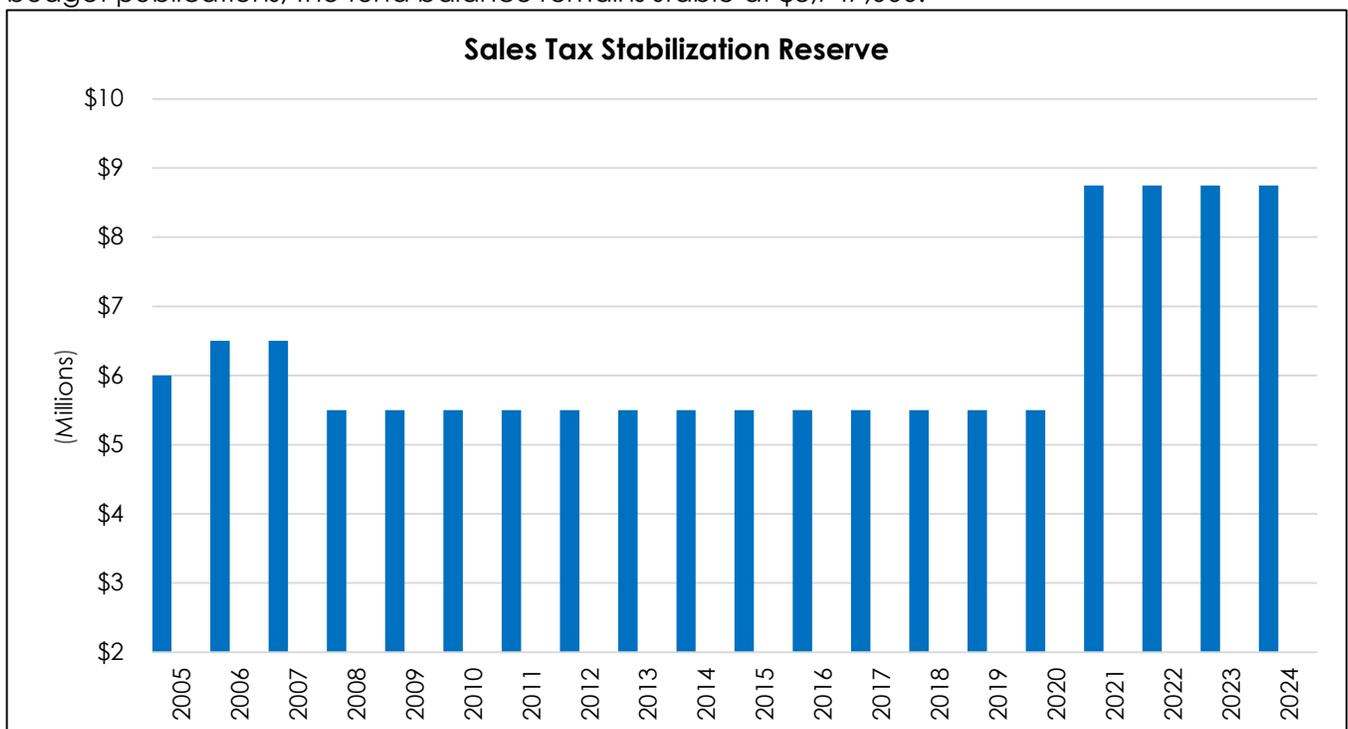
## Sales Tax

The General Fund's second major revenue source is sales tax. In Savannah, a seven percent sales tax is levied. Of this amount, four percent goes directly to the state, one percent goes to Chatham County as the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST), one percent goes to the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System as the Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST), and one percent is shared among Chatham County, Savannah, and the other municipalities in the County as the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST). Overall, sales tax is used to reduce the amount of property taxes needed to fund the budgets for government. Notably, voters will determine the continuation of the SPLOST during the November 2025 election.

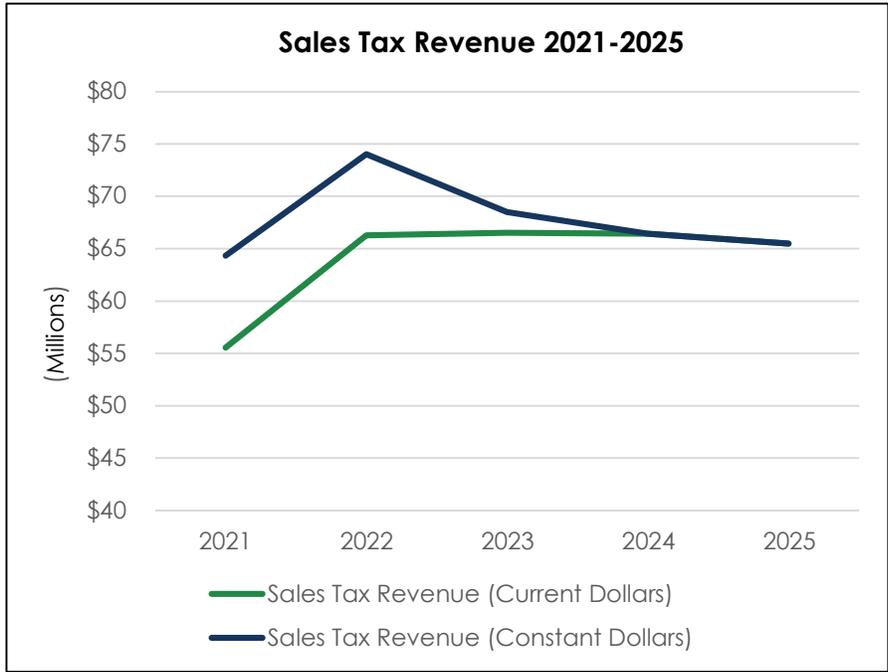
In 2012, the City of Savannah received 67.21 percent of the LOST allocation. Following a renegotiated agreement in 2013, the City's share was reduced to 58 percent, and from 2014 to 2022, it remained at 57 percent. Under the most recent LOST agreement adopted in 2022, effective January 1, 2023, the City's allocation declined to 54.2 percent, followed by a further decrease to 53.6 percent in 2024. As of January 1, 2025, the allocation was reduced to 52.2 percent, representing a 1.4 percent drop from the prior year. Incremental fluctuations are scheduled through fiscal year 2028, at which point the City's share will reach 50.2 percent. For 2026, the allocation is set at 50.1 percent.

Conversely, Chatham County's share of LOST revenue is set to increase under the agreement, reaching 31 percent by 2028. The revised agreement also assigns Chatham County full responsibility for the costs associated with incarcerating and housing individuals at the Chatham County Detention Center who are arrested by officials from Chatham County and surrounding municipalities, including the City of Savannah.

As revenue from sales tax is highly elastic and directly impacted by the performance of the economy, the City maintains a Sales Tax Stabilization Fund. The City's Sales Tax Stabilization Fund reserves are funded in years with higher than anticipated LOST revenue and can be used to fund sales tax revenue deficits. No draw on the sales tax stabilization reserve is necessary in 2025 nor planned in the 2026 budget. After correcting accounting errors in years 2021-2023 in previous book budget publications, the fund balance remains stable at \$8,747,000.

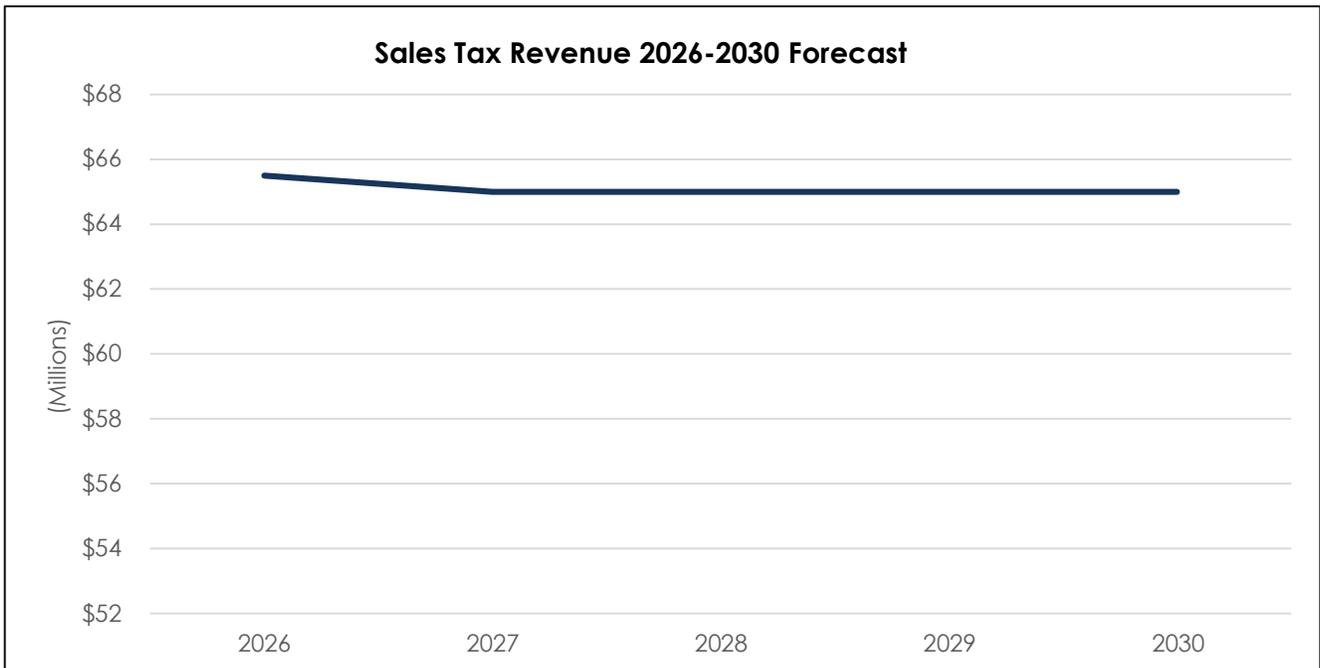


Sales tax revenue over a five-year period is shown with projected figures for 2025 in the graph to the right. From 2021 to 2025, sales tax revenue increased in nominal terms but showed signs of decline in real value after peaking in 2022. Sales tax current dollar revenue is expected to grow from \$55.6M in 2021 to \$66.5M in 2025, but remained relatively flat from 2023 onward, due to the LOST agreement adopted in 2022, which reduces the City of Savannah's LOST collection percentage. Constant dollar revenue peaked in 2022 at \$71M, then declined each year to \$65.5M in 2025. This indicates a loss of purchasing power and a flattening of actual revenue growth, due to inflation, economic slowdown, and reduced consumer activity. Overall, while the revenue appears stable in nominal terms, the real value is shrinking, which may impact budget planning.



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The five-year sales tax forecast includes zero growth assumption as the City LOST collection allocation continues to decrease, and a leveling out of consumer spending. This is a conservative budgeting approach to avoid overestimating available funds as the allocation changes. This forecast also requires tight expenditure controls.



# Five-Year Forecast

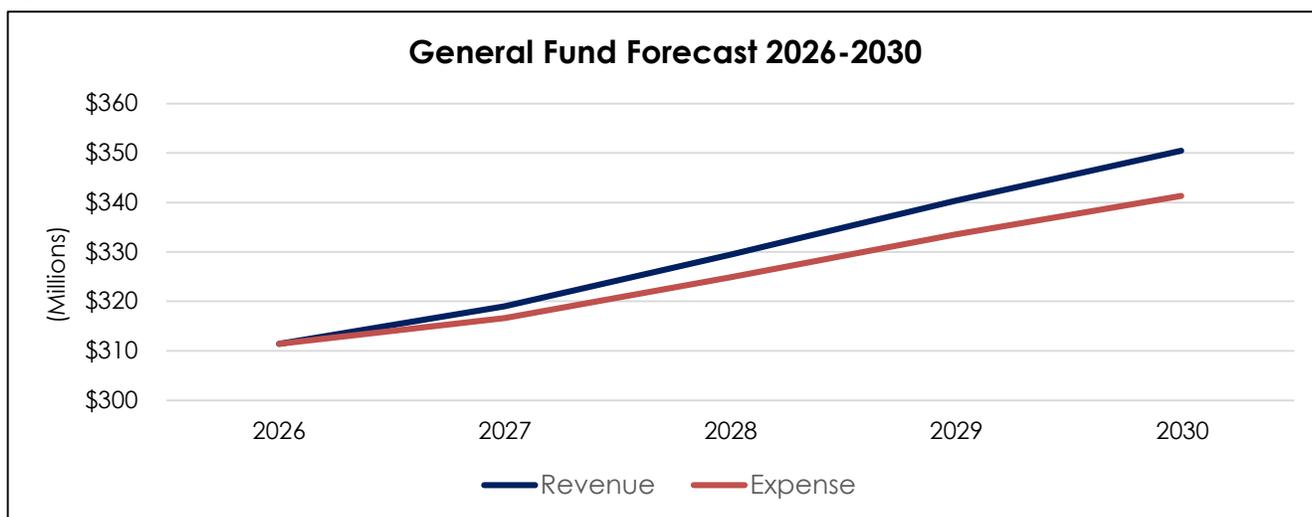
The City of Savannah's General Fund is projected to enter 2026 on strong financial footing, with revenues estimated to reach a record of \$311.4 million. This figure represents a nearly four percent increase over the FY25 projections, and is primarily driven by robust performance in property tax, sales tax, and hotel/motel tax revenue, which together account for approximately 64.5 percent of the total General Fund revenues.

This financial forecast covering 2026-2030 anticipates modest revenue growth averaging two percent annually, reflecting a cautious approach amid signs of a softening economic environment. While revenues are expected to consistently outpace expenditures by a narrow margin, approximately 1.3 percent annually, maintaining this balance will require careful management, especially as external risks and inflationary pressure continue to impact costs.

The City's reliance on property and sales tax as core revenue streams poses both strengths and vulnerabilities. While these taxes offer relatively stable growth in a strong market, they are also sensitive to macroeconomics downturns and housing market fluctuations. The City's proactive introduction of a Stormwater Utility Fee in July 2026 is a strategic step toward diversifying revenue sources. This fee is expected to generate \$4 million in the second half of 2026, which will be directly allocated to supporting stormwater infrastructure enhancements.

On the expenditure side, the City continues to invest heavily in its human capital. In 2026 compensation measures will include a 2.7 percent cost of living adjustment (COLA) for all employees, a three percent general wage increase for the unified and managerial pay plans, and a 2.5 percent increase for the public safety pay plan. These efforts build upon earlier initiatives such as the \$15/hour minimum wage, tenure-based pay realignments, and the 2025 implementation of the classification and compensation study. While these actions are necessary to maintain workforce competitiveness, they also contribute to rising baseline expenses, particularly when combined with commodity cost inflation and higher contractual services due to population and service area growth.

Additionally, the General Fund is proposed to contribute \$10.9 million to the Capital Improvement Plan, including \$1.4 million specifically for drainage improvements in all six districts, aligning with the City's infrastructure priorities and environmental resilience goals; and a direct result of the investments the City will be able to make with the revenue generated from the Stormwater Utility Fee.



The City of Savannah's General Fund forecast for 2026–2030 presents a cautiously optimistic financial outlook. With revenue growth projected to modestly exceed expenses and strategic investments underway in infrastructure and personnel, the City is positioned for stability. However, the narrowing surplus margin and external economic uncertainties necessitate continued fiscal discipline and vigilant financial oversight to ensure long-term sustainability. The City's measured approach, marked by incremental revenue diversification, proactive compensation planning, and infrastructure investment demonstrates a commitment to both operational excellence and resilience in the face of evolving challenges.

	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>2030</b>
<b>Revenues</b>	\$311,422,054	\$319,026,240	\$329,451,384	\$340,337,947	\$350,471,169
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$311,422,054	\$316,645,565	\$324,858,753	\$333,540,422	\$341,375,721

# Utility Enterprise Rates

## Sanitation Rates

The residential refuse rate for 2025 was \$40.77 per month. For 2026, the new proposed rate is \$42.81, which is an increase of five percent or \$24.48 per year. This rate includes curbside refuse collection, curbside recycling service, bulk item service, and collection of yard waste. It is recommended the commercial disposal fee be increased from \$5.42/CY to \$5.69/CY and that commercial collection rates are raised from an average of \$5.22/CY to \$5.48/CY. Both the commercial disposal fee and commercial collection rates are proposed to increase five percent in 2026.

Sanitation Rates	2025	2026
<b>Residential Service</b>		
Base Charge (monthly)	\$40.77	\$42.81
<b>Commercial Disposal Fee</b>		
(per CY)	\$5.42	\$5.69
<b>Commercial Collection Fee (\$/CY)</b>		
River Street	\$7.49	\$7.86
Downtown Lanes	\$7.00	\$7.35
2-15 CY	\$4.75	\$4.99
16-47 CY	\$4.19	\$4.40
48-95 CY	\$3.72	\$3.90
96+ CY	\$2.92	\$3.07

## Future Rates

The plan for future rate adjustments was calculated to accomplish these three objectives; keep residential rates as low as possible and competitive with rates charged by private providers outside of the City; provide funding for current operation and the proposed capital plan; and keep the overall Sanitation Fund subsidy/services fee required from the General Fund at minimal levels. The following table summarizes the rates required for the next several years to achieve the key objectives.

**Sanitation Future Rate Projection Table**

	2027	2028	2029	2030
<b>Residential Service</b>				
Base Charge (monthly)	\$44.95	\$47.19	\$49.55	\$52.03
<b>Commercial Disposal Fee</b>				
(per CY)	\$5.98	\$6.27	\$6.59	\$6.92
<b>Commercial Collection Fee (per CY)</b>				
River Street	\$8.26	\$8.67	\$9.10	\$9.56
Downtown Lanes	\$7.72	\$8.10	\$8.51	\$8.93
2-15 CY	\$5.24	\$5.50	\$5.77	\$6.06
16-47 CY	\$4.62	\$4.85	\$5.10	\$5.35
48-95 CY	\$4.10	\$4.30	\$4.52	\$4.74
96+ CY	\$3.22	\$3.38	\$3.55	\$3.73

### **Water Rates**

The proposed water service rates for 2026 are higher than those for 2025. While the base charge remains unchanged, the increase applies only to the consumption charges. The recommended increase for inside city rates is +\$0.03/CCF, and for outside city rates, the increase is +\$0.05. Future rate increases for water are projected for each year in the five-year plan for 2026 through 2030 and are summarized later in this section. The 2025 and 2026 proposed water rate schedules are as follows:

<b>Water Rates</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
<b>Water, Inside City (bi-monthly)</b>		
Base Charge	\$11.06	\$11.06
<b>Consumption Charges</b>		
First 15 CCFs	\$1.43	\$1.46
Over 15 CCFs	\$1.61	\$1.64
<b>Water, Outside City (bi-monthly)</b>		
Base Charge	\$16.59	\$16.59
<b>Consumption Charges</b>		
First 15 CCFs	\$2.14	\$2.19
Over 15 CCFs	\$2.41	\$2.46

### **Sewer Rates**

The proposed sewer service rates for 2026 are higher than those for 2025. While the base charge remains unchanged, the increase applies only to the consumption charges. The increase for inside city rates is +\$.40/CCF; and for outside city rates, the increase is +\$0.60/CCF. Future rate increases for sewer are projected for each year in the five-year plan for 2026 through 2030 and are summarized later in this section. The 2025 and 2026 proposed sewer rate schedules are as follows:

<b>Sewer Rates</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
<b>Sewer, Inside City (bi-monthly)</b>		
Base Charge	\$8.80	\$8.80
<b>Consumption Charges</b>		
First 15 CCFs	\$4.78	\$5.18
Over 15 CCFs	\$5.16	\$5.56
<b>Sewer, Outside City (bi-monthly)</b>		
Base Charge	\$13.20	\$13.20
<b>Consumption Charges</b>		
First 15 CCFs	\$7.17	\$7.77
Over 15 CCFs	\$7.74	\$8.34

Water and sewer rates are projected five years into the future. Rate increases are projected to be necessary to fund anticipated increases in the operation and maintenance costs of the system, debt service, and to fund the Water and Sewer System 2026 through 2030 five-year capital improvement/capital maintenance plan. The projected monthly dollar and percentage increases in the combined water and sewer bills for three different usage levels are as follows:

**Water and Sewer Rate Change History and Projection Table**

Year	Monthly Increase in Combined Bill			Percentage Increase in Combined Bill		
	15CCF <sup>1</sup>	25CCF	35CCF	15CCF <sup>1</sup>	25CCF	35CCF
2014 (actual)	\$1.50	\$2.50	\$3.50	4.08	4.35	4.48
2015 (actual)	\$1.50	\$2.50	\$3.50	3.92	4.17	4.29
2016 (actual)	\$1.50	\$2.50	\$3.50	3.77	4.00	4.11
2017 (actual)	\$1.65	\$2.75	\$3.85	4.00	4.23	4.34
2018 (actual)	\$1.12	\$1.87	\$2.62	2.62	2.77	2.84
2019 (actual)	\$1.95	\$3.25	\$4.55	4.43	4.67	4.78
2020 (actual)	\$1.95	\$3.25	\$4.55	4.24	4.46	4.56
2021 (actual)	-	-	-	-	-	-
2022 (actual)	\$1.95	\$3.25	\$4.55	4.07	4.27	4.36
2023 (actual)	\$1.95	\$3.25	\$4.55	3.91	4.10	4.18
2024 (actual)	\$1.95	\$3.25	\$4.55	3.76	3.93	4.01
2025 (actual)	\$2.70	\$4.50	\$6.30	5.02	5.24	5.34
<b>2026</b>	\$3.22	\$5.38	\$7.53	5.71	5.95	6.06
<b>2027</b>	\$3.75	\$6.25	\$8.75	6.28	6.53	6.64
<b>2028</b>	\$4.72	\$7.88	\$11.03	7.44	7.72	7.85
<b>2029</b>	\$5.85	\$9.75	\$13.65	8.58	8.88	9.01
<b>2030</b>	\$5.85	\$9.75	\$13.65	7.90	8.15	8.26
<b>Average (last 5 year actuals)</b>	<b>\$1.71</b>	<b>\$2.85</b>	<b>\$3.99</b>	<b>3.35</b>	<b>3.51</b>	<b>3.58</b>

<sup>1</sup>Fifteen CCF is the usage of the system's median customer; meaning half of the customers used more and half used less.

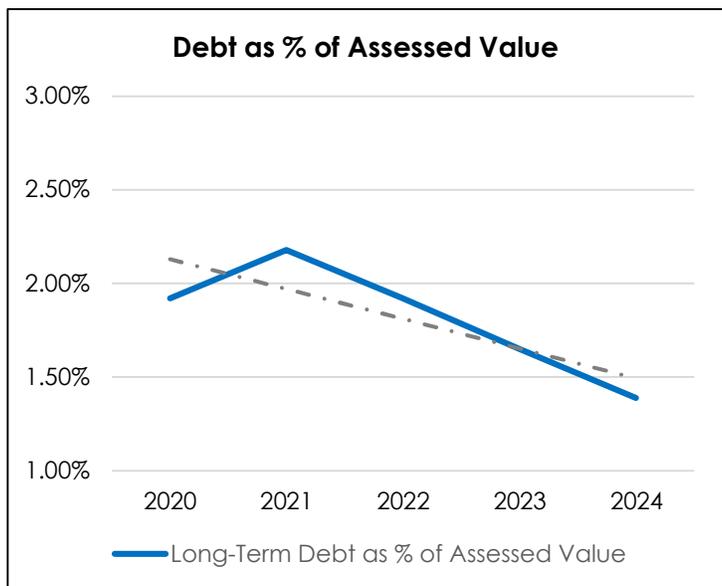
# Debt Service

## Legal Debt Margin

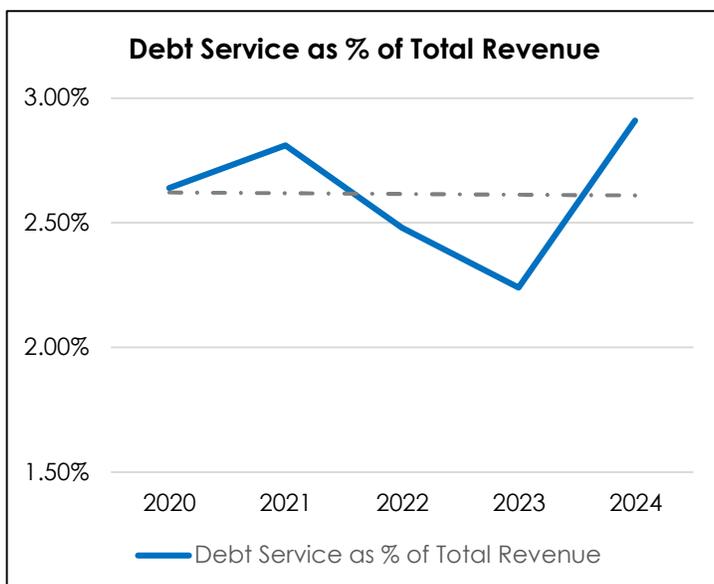
State statutes limit the amount of general obligation bonded debt a governmental entity may issue to a maximum of 10 percent of its total assessed valuation. The 2024 debt limitation for the City was \$920,922,991. As of December 31, 2024, the City had outstanding general obligation bonded debt totaling \$1,605,000 which is below the 10 percent policy ceiling. Although the City has capacity to increase bonded debt, increasing debt service reduces operational flexibility by increasing guaranteed expenditure requirements, and the decision is carefully considered before obligations are incurred.

## Debt as a Percent of Assessed Value

The chart illustrates the City's debt as a percentage of the total assessed value of taxable property. This includes general obligation bonds, contractual obligations from governmental activities, and debt associated with the Civic Center and Sanitation Funds, as these funds are subsidized by the General Fund. In 2021, the City's contractual obligations increased by 47 percent, rising from \$57 million to \$84 million, which led to a sharp increase in debt-to-assessed-value ratio to 2.18 percent. From 2022 to 2024, the City saw a decline in long-term debt and contractual obligations, decreasing to 1.39 percent of assessed value by 2024. This downward trend correlates positively with an increase in the assessed value of taxable property, indicating an improvement in the City's overall financial health.



## Debt Service as a Percent of Total Revenue



This indicator evaluates debt service and major contractual payment obligations as a percentage of total General Fund revenues. It includes debt service for the General Fund, as well as for the Civic Center and Sanitation Funds, which are historically subsidized by the General Fund. From 2020 to 2024, the debt service ratio remained consistently below 3 percent. During this five-year period, total General Fund revenues increased by approximately 46.5 percent, rising from \$186.3 million to \$273 million. The most significant year-over-year growth occurred between 2020 and 2021. Although revenue growth

moderated in subsequent years, it remained consistently positive. Throughout the period, the debt service ratio as a percentage of total revenue remained low, ranging from 2.24 percent to 2.91 percent of total General Fund revenues.

### Bond Ratings

A bond rating is a measure of a City's ability to repay its debt; as such it is considered a measure of the City's overall financial strength. The City's bond rating is the primary factor in deciding the interest rate that will be paid on debt. The City of Savannah's policy states: Good communication with bond rating agencies will be maintained and full disclosure on every financial report, as well as bond prospectus, will continue.

The City's general obligation bonds ratings are further evidence of its financial strength. Such rankings mean the City's bonds are considered to be of good investment quality. The City's bond ratings as of December 31, 2024:

General Obligation Credit Rating:		Rating Score
Standard and Poor's		AA+
Moody's Investors Service		Aa1
Water and Sewer Debt Credit Rating:		
Standard and Poor's		AA+
Moody's Investors Service		Aa1

### Debt Issues

In 2025, the City issued two bond offerings within the Parking Fund, totaling \$70 million, \$35 million each for the construction of the Forsyth and Eastern Wharf Parking Garages. In 2026, an additional \$137 million in new debt is planned to support upgrades to the City's sewer infrastructure. The debt service for these issuances will not affect the General Fund, as it will be repaid through dedicated revenue sources in the respective funds.

Tables on the following pages summarize outstanding debt issues and annual debt service requirements. Included are the City's obligations for the General, Water & Sewer, Sanitation, and Parking Funds. Fund revenues provide the resources to pay the debt service expenditures for each fund.

### Summary of Outstanding Debt

Issue <sup>1</sup>	Purpose	Original Amount	Issue Date	Final Maturity	Amount Outstanding at 12/31/2025	2026 Debt Service Requirement
<b>General Fund Supported Obligations</b>						
DSA Series 2015	Tax Allocation District improvements	\$19,950,000	7/1/2015	8/1/2035	\$11,030,000	\$1,392,637
DSA Series 2016	Streetscape improvements for downtown corridors	\$8,000,000	8/30/2016	8/1/2029	\$3,395,000	\$893,919
DSA Series 2017	Road improvements to Gwinnett Street	\$6,585,000	8/31/2017	8/1/2030	\$3,485,000	\$748,292

<sup>1</sup> DSA - Downtown Savannah Authority contractual obligation. RRDA - Resource Recovery Development Authority contractual obligation. SEDA-Savannah Economic Development Authority

Issue <sup>1</sup>	Purpose	Original Amount	Issue Date	Final Maturity	Amount Outstanding at 12/31/2025	2026 Debt Service Requirement
DSA Series 2018	West River Street Improvements and Riverwalk Extension	\$14,095,000	2/22/2018	8/1/2038	\$10,550,000	\$1,003,481
DSA Series 2019	Refunding DSA 2009 Series which funded infrastructure improvements	\$8,440,000	4/22/2019	8/1/2032	\$8,290,000	\$1,317,975
SEDA Series 2021	Road Improvements on Veterans Parkway	\$26,720,000	1/26/2021	12/1/2040	\$24,455,000	\$1,992,450
SEDA Series 2022	Road Improvements on Veterans Parkway	\$6,095,000	5/24/2022	12/1/2040	\$5,510,000	\$451,015
SEDA Series 2023	Road Improvements on Veterans Parkway	\$2,565,000	10/19/2023	12/1/2038	\$2,335,000	\$245,349
<b><u>SPLOST VII Fund Supported Obligations</u></b>						
General Obligation Series 2018	Streetscape Improvements for downtown corridors	\$2,000,000	8/31/2017	8/1/2026	\$425,000	\$438,940
<b><u>Water and Sewer Revenue Obligations</u></b>						
Series 2014	Refund Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds Series 2003 and certain maturities of the Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds Series 2009B	\$17,690,000	5/19/2014	12/1/2029	\$4,255,000	\$1,147,650
Series 2016	Refund Water and Sewer loans received through GEFA	\$21,255,000	1/6/2016	8/1/2029	\$5,430,000	\$1,542,555
<b><u>Sanitation Fund Supported Obligations</u></b>						
RRDA Series 2018	Expand the Dean Forest Landfill Facility	\$11,085,000	8/2/2018	8/1/2029	\$4,830,000	\$1,297,968
<b><u>Civic Center Fund Supported Obligations</u></b>						
DSA Series 2019	Civic Center Arena Construction	\$45,120,000	12/19/2019	8/1/2049	\$41,295,000	\$2,129,733
<b><u>Parking Service Fund Supported Obligations</u></b>						
DSA Series 2015	Whitaker Street Garage	\$25,055,000	7/1/2015	8/1/2032	\$14,715,000	\$2,292,768
DSA Series 2016	West River Street Garage	\$33,060,000	11/17/2016	8/1/2046	\$29,445,000	\$2,084,504
DSA Series 2018	Eastern Wharf Garage	\$30,205,000	9/19/2018	8/1/2039	\$25,160,000	\$2,364,429
DSA Series 2019	West River Street Garage	\$9,685,000	9/19/2019	8/1/2049	\$9,425,000	\$556,295
DSA Series 2020	Arena Garage	\$8,605,000	12/9/2020	8/1/2035	\$6,825,000	\$764,690
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$296,210,000</b>			<b>\$210,855,000</b>	<b>\$22,664,650</b>

**ANNUAL BOND MATURITY AND INTEREST REQUIREMENTS**  
**For Direct General Obligation, Revenue Bonds and Contractual Obligations 2026-2049**  
**As of December 31, 2025**

Year	General Obligation Bonds		Revenue Bonds <sup>1</sup>		Tax Supported Contractual Obligations <sup>2</sup>		Non-Tax Supported Contractual Obligations <sup>3</sup>		Total
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	
2026	\$425,000	\$13,940	\$2,460,000	\$ 230,205	\$5,910,000	\$2,135,118	\$7,075,000	\$4,415,387	\$22,664,650
2027			\$2,520,000	\$168,511	\$6,075,000	\$1,933,748	\$7,430,000	\$4,192,840	\$22,320,099
2028			\$2,575,000	\$104,949	\$6,250,000	\$1,725,662	\$7,795,000	\$3,958,158	\$22,408,769
2029			\$2,130,000	\$41,595	\$6,420,000	\$1,524,979	\$8,180,000	\$3,710,421	\$22,006,995
2030					\$5,715,000	\$1,315,586	\$7,270,000	\$3,450,901	\$17,751,487
2031					\$5,125,000	\$1,117,452	\$7,535,000	\$3,219,820	\$16,997,272
2032					\$5,270,000	\$945,360	\$7,805,000	\$2,974,879	\$16,995,239
2033					\$4,300,000	\$783,195	\$5,575,000	\$2,715,780	\$13,373,975
2034					\$4,435,000	\$644,597	\$5,760,000	\$2,532,685	\$13,372,282
2035					\$4,585,000	\$499,940	\$5,960,000	\$2,341,507	\$13,386,447
2036					\$3,325,000	\$367,978	\$5,395,000	\$2,142,283	\$11,230,261
2037					\$3,410,000	\$281,213	\$5,585,000	\$1,951,091	\$11,227,304
2038					\$3,500,000	\$192,017	\$5,780,000	\$1,750,485	\$11,222,502
2039					\$2,340,000	\$100,223	\$5,990,000	\$1,542,118	\$9,972,341
2040					\$2,390,000	\$50,660	\$3,840,000	\$1,325,151	\$7,605,811
2041							\$3,975,000	\$1,191,509	\$5,166,509
2042							\$4,110,000	\$1,053,083	\$5,163,083
2043							\$4,260,000	\$908,880	\$5,168,880
2044							\$4,405,000	\$759,345	\$5,164,345
2045							\$4,565,000	\$604,635	\$5,169,635
2046							\$4,720,000	\$442,913	\$5,162,913
2047							\$2,805,000	\$275,565	\$3,080,565
2048							\$2,895,000	\$186,563	\$3,081,563
2049							\$2,985,000	\$94,710	\$3,079,710

<sup>1</sup> Revenue Bonds shown include the Water and Sewer Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2014 and Series 2016.

<sup>2</sup> Tax Supported Contractual Obligations include the Downtown Savannah Authority Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2014, Series 2015, Series 2016, Series 2017, Series, 2018, Series 2019, Series 2021, and Series 2022; and the Savannah Economic Development Authority Revenue Bond Series 2021, Series 2022, and Series 2023.

<sup>3</sup> Non-tax Supported Contractual Obligations include the Downtown Savannah Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2015, Series 2016, Series 2018, Series 2019, Series 2020 and the RRDA Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 2018.

# All Funds Summary

The tables below provide a summary of 2024 actual, 2025 projected, and 2026 proposed revenues and expenditures.

After accounting for draws from and contributions to fund balances, City-wide adopted revenues for 2026 total \$656,144,020. This is an increase of \$20.2 million or 3.2 percent more than the 2025 projected amount.

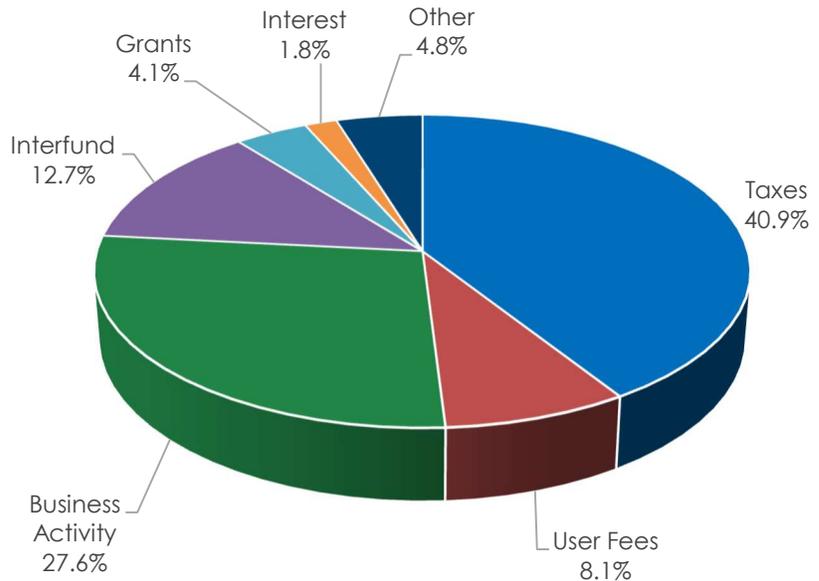
Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026	%Change 2025 - 2026
Taxes	252,733,398	259,409,513	266,092,871	2.6
User Fees	50,789,838	51,672,612	52,765,605	2.1
Business Activity	159,341,222	171,959,422	179,560,414	4.4
Interfund	61,320,750	70,624,570	82,519,521	16.8
Grants	17,907,645	30,871,526	26,633,765	(13.7)
Interest Earned	19,091,517	14,971,391	11,629,468	(22.3)
Other Revenues	41,180,975	26,131,699	31,791,876	21.7
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$602,365,345</b>	<b>\$625,640,733</b>	<b>\$650,993,520</b>	<b>4.1</b>
Draw/(Contributions)	1,096,269	10,288,315	5,150,500	(49.9)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$603,461,614</b>	<b>\$635,929,048</b>	<b>\$656,144,020</b>	<b>3.2</b>

Total planned expenses for 2026 are \$656,144,020. This is an increase of \$20.2 million or 3.2 percent more than the 2025 projected amount.

Expenditures by Type	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026	%Change 2025 - 2026
Personnel Services	204,811,511	229,703,436	243,980,722	6.2
Outside Services	89,760,219	102,037,259	99,534,739	(2.5)
Commodities	25,102,598	30,228,710	30,065,819	(0.5)
Internal Services	60,409,300	68,656,157	74,185,608	8.1
Capital Outlay	16,709,553	22,066,744	23,237,372	5.3
Debt Service	14,782,184	15,179,680	18,787,425	23.8
Interfund Transfers	136,413,623	109,593,503	104,994,287	(4.2)
Other Expenses	55,472,626	58,463,559	61,358,048	5.0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$603,461,614</b>	<b>\$635,929,048</b>	<b>\$656,144,020</b>	<b>3.2</b>

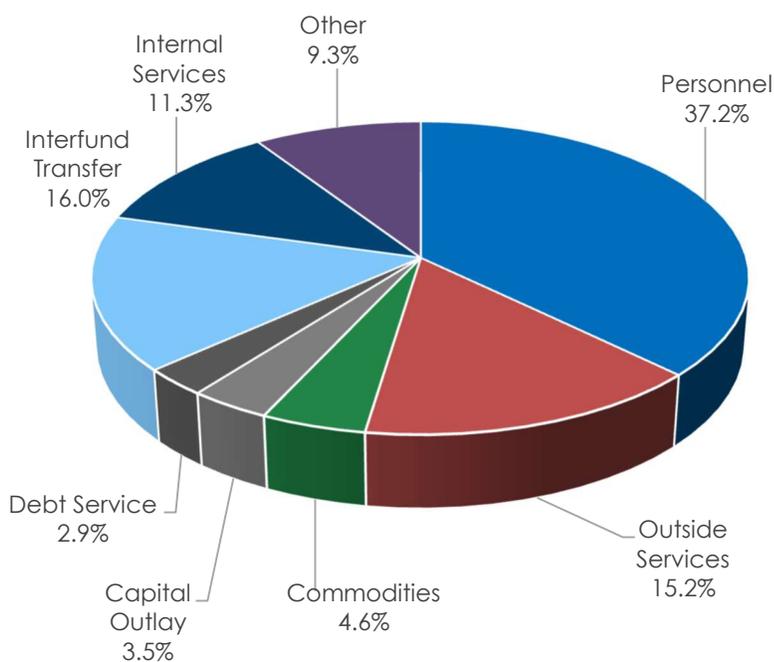
# All Funds Revenue

The graph presents a breakdown by category of total revenues for 2026. Taxes include Property, Sales, and Other Taxes. User Fees are comprised of Recreation Service, Inspection & Development, License & Permit, Fine & Penalty, Grant-supported Program, and Miscellaneous Service Fees. The Business Activity category represents Civic Center, Industrial & Domestic Water, Parking Services, Sanitation, Water, Sewer, Stormwater, and Miscellaneous Enterprise revenues. Draws from reserve balances are not shown in the graph as these are not true revenues generated through activities in the current year.



# All Funds Expenses

The graph presents total expenditures by major category for 2026, prior to adjusting for transfers between funds. Within the total funds budgeted, Personnel Services is the largest expenditure category. This category supports employee salaries and a comprehensive benefits program. Funding for Outside Services, Commodities, and Capital Outlay are used to provide direct services to citizens.



# Revenue Overview

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The City of Savannah is a multi-faceted municipal operation, and its revenue sources reflect the many lines of business that make up City operations. For fiscal year 2026, total city-wide revenue is proposed at \$656,144,020, representing an increase of \$20.2 million, or 3.2 percent more than the 2025 revenue projections. Nearly every major revenue category is expected to show growth when compared to 2025. City revenue sources are divided into the following categories:

**Taxes** represent the largest stream of revenue for the City, totaling \$266.1 million in the 2026 proposed budget, an increase of \$6.7 million, or 2.6 percent over the 2025 projections. This critical funding source aids in supporting the City's operations, maintenance, and debt service obligations, along with providing a stable foundation for sustaining long-term financial health. With a property tax rate of \$11.75 per \$1,000 of valuation, property tax revenue is anticipated at \$117.1 million. Additional tax revenue includes \$65.5 million from sales tax, \$48.4 million from hotel/motel occupancy tax, and \$35.1 million from taxes assessed on alcoholic beverages, vehicle rentals, and other taxes, as mandated through state laws and local ordinances.

**User Fees** represent 8.1 percent of the City's total revenue and are collected for specific non-enterprise services offered by the City. These fees include those associated with Recreation, Special Events, Licenses & Permits, and Inspection & Development activities. Although these services generate revenue, they are not fully self-supporting. Consequently, they are subsidized by other funding sources to keep user fees at levels that encourage equitable access while still supporting the financial sustainability of the programs.

**Business Activity Revenues** are generated through the City's enterprise fund operations and represent 27.6 percent of total revenues. These revenues come from services where the City operates more like a business, charging customers directly for service delivery. Revenues in this category include service payments such as residential and commercial water, sewer, and sanitation billing. The 2026 proposed budget includes a new enterprise fund for Stormwater Services, with projected revenues of approximately \$4 million. Business activity revenues are used exclusively to fund the services provided, with utility rates determined based on the amount of revenue required to support operations and achieve targeted service delivery outcomes.

**Interfund Revenues** are funds transferred to one City fund from another City fund. Revenues from the operating funds to Internal Service funds represent both the cost of annual services provided by Innovation & Technology and Fleet Services, as well as long-term asset management and replacement planning.

**Grant Revenues** are derived primarily from federal and state grants and total 4.1 percent of 2026 budgeted revenues. Although some programs are ongoing or renewable, many grant awards are for one-time or start-up investments, making this revenue source variable year-to-year.

**Interest Earned** revenue comes from City investments and is budgeted to decrease by 22.3 percent in 2026 compared to 2025 projections. Given the inherent volatility of investment returns, the City employs conservative budgeting practices to estimate this revenue annually, ensuring fiscal stability despite market fluctuations.

**Other Revenues** primarily consist of the distribution of Hotel/Motel and Auto Rental taxes within the appropriate funds as required by the Revenue Ordinance. The table on the next page shows total revenues by collection category.

# Revenue Details

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026	%Change 2025 - 2026
<b>Taxes</b>				
Property Taxes	107,160,863	113,336,850	117,081,464	3.3
Sales Tax	66,417,360	65,500,000	65,500,000	-
Other Taxes	79,155,175	80,572,663	83,511,407	3.6
<b>Taxes Total</b>	<b>\$252,733,398</b>	<b>\$259,409,513</b>	<b>\$266,092,871</b>	<b>2.6</b>
<b>User Fees</b>				
Special Events & Recreation Fees	865,335	998,700	991,531	(0.7)
Inspection & Development Fees	7,778,238	6,876,530	7,233,688	5.2
License & Permit Fees	28,118,967	28,565,921	29,804,241	4.3
Fines & Penalties	4,982,334	4,744,899	4,884,996	3.0
Grant Program Income	1,950,282	1,937,538	1,921,798	(0.8)
Other Services (General Fund)	5,002,075	4,691,464	5,625,338	19.9
Miscellaneous Services	2,092,607	3,857,560	2,304,013	(40.3)
<b>User Fees Total</b>	<b>\$50,789,838</b>	<b>\$51,672,612</b>	<b>\$52,765,605</b>	<b>2.1</b>
<b>Business Activities</b>				
Civic Center Services	2,418,076	1,688,000	1,252,000	(25.8)
Industrial & Domestic Services	12,125,887	14,426,745	14,519,596	0.6
Parking Services	19,890,833	22,906,717	23,900,975	4.3
Sanitation Services	27,908,431	30,640,905	31,431,976	2.6
Sewer Services	57,259,540	60,715,756	63,889,935	5.2
Stormwater Services	-	-	4,000,000	-
Water Services	39,606,504	41,631,299	40,615,932	(2.4)
Other Enterprise Services	131,951	(50,000)	(50,000)	-
<b>Business Activities Total</b>	<b>\$159,341,222</b>	<b>\$171,959,422</b>	<b>\$179,560,414</b>	<b>4.4</b>
<b>Interfund Revenue</b>	<b>\$61,320,750</b>	<b>\$70,624,570</b>	<b>\$82,519,521</b>	<b>16.8</b>
<b>Grant Revenue</b>	<b>\$17,907,645</b>	<b>\$30,871,526</b>	<b>\$26,633,765</b>	<b>(13.7)</b>
<b>Interest Earned</b>	<b>\$19,091,517</b>	<b>\$14,971,391</b>	<b>\$11,629,468</b>	<b>(22.3)</b>
<b>Other Revenues</b>	<b>\$41,180,975</b>	<b>\$26,131,699</b>	<b>\$31,791,876</b>	<b>21.7</b>
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<b>Draw/(Contribution)</b>	<b>\$1,096,269</b>	<b>\$10,288,315</b>	<b>\$5,150,500</b>	<b>(49.9)</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$603,461,614</b>	<b>\$635,929,048</b>	<b>\$656,144,020</b>	<b>3.2</b>

# Expenditure Overview

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City-wide proposed expenditures total \$656,144,020 in 2026, which is an increase of \$20.2 million or 3.2 percent above 2025 projections. The table on the next page shows total spending by fund category. The overall increase is mainly due to personnel expenses, which arise from the compensation management strategy. The personnel expense projection in 2026 was made based on key metrics, including the City's commitment to attract and retain talent, cost-of-living adjustments, a general wage increase, and an evaluation of an employee's salary against the market using a comparative ratio methodology.

**Personnel Services** represent 37.2 percent of City expenditures providing funding for employee salaries as well as the comprehensive benefits program for employees and their dependents. This category increased \$14,277,286 or 6.2 percent above 2025 projected expenditures.

The 2026 workforce budget is based on 2,704.52 full-time equivalent (FTE) permanent positions, representing an increase of 50.57 FTEs compared to the 2025 adopted budget. Workforce Recruitment and Retention initiatives include a 2.7 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for all employees, effective January 1, 2026, with a projected cost of approximately \$4.7 million. Additionally, \$2.5 million is allocated for uniformed public safety personnel on a compensation step plan, providing a 2.5 percent step increase, while all other employees will receive a 3.0 percent general wage increase (GWI) effective July 1, 2026, to help maintain market competitiveness.

The 2026 City contribution to medical insurance increased by \$5.0 million compared to the 2025 adopted budget to address rising claim costs while limiting the impact on active employees and retirees under 65. The retirees' premiums for Medicare Advantage increased by 20 percent for both "Low" and "High" plans in 2026, following a 26.1 percent premium increase at the contract's renewal. The Pension Fund contribution for 2026 is \$16,105,116, which is calculated to keep the fund solvent and ensure the City's continued ability to provide the earned benefit to our retirees.

**Special Revenue Fund** expenditures total \$79,659,341 for 2026. 2025 projections include exceptional grant contributions to capital investments such as the \$2.2 million dedicated to the Truman Linear Park Trail, temporarily raising expenditures slightly above trend while other funds remain relatively stable.

**Enterprise Fund** notably reflects the proposed Stormwater Services Fund expenses which include the contribution to the General Fund supporting operating enhancements such as new vector trucks and crews as well as capital investments in neighborhood drainage improvements.

**Internal Services Fund** expenditures are projected to increase by \$4.0 million, or 7.9 percent, primarily driven by increased Innovation and Technology Services overhead due largely to increasing annual license and maintenance (L&M) costs for existing software as well as personnel investments. The Vehicle Purchase Fund is also increasing with an additional \$2.6 million budgeted for 2026 vehicle purchases compared to 2025 projections.

# Expenditure Details

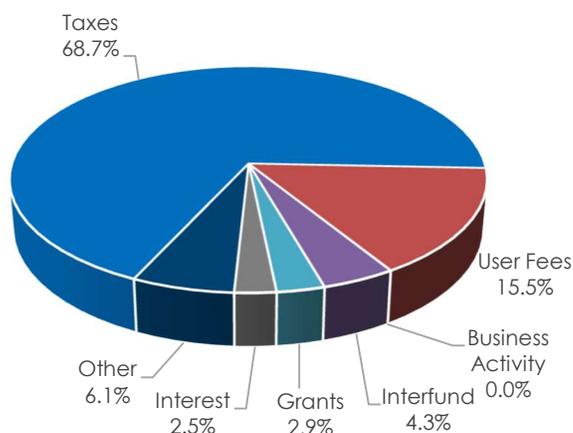
Expenditures by Fund	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026	%Change 2025 - 2026
<b>General Fund Total</b>	<b>\$296,125,698</b>	<b>\$299,987,672</b>	<b>\$311,422,054</b>	<b>3.8</b>
<b>Special Revenue Funds</b>				
Hazardous Material Services	905,097	774,936	864,742	11.6
Recorder's Court Technology	30,645	75,000	75,000	-
Community Development	8,701,356	10,293,839	8,790,149	(14.6)
Grant	11,942,188	18,818,030	15,958,845	(15.2)
Hotel/Motel Tax	47,442,693	47,000,000	48,410,000	3.0
Per Occupied Room	1,734,442	1,751,000	1,803,530	3.0
Motor Vehicle Rental	3,350,610	3,578,166	3,757,075	5.0
<b>Special Revenue Fund Total</b>	<b>\$74,107,031</b>	<b>\$82,290,971</b>	<b>\$79,659,341</b>	<b>(3.2)</b>
<b>Enterprise Funds</b>				
Sanitation Services	42,661,277	44,424,092	46,404,199	4.5
Civic Center Services	5,321,099	5,400,166	5,144,075	(4.7)
Water & Sewer Services	109,407,757	108,478,008	110,869,240	2.2
I&D Water Services	11,519,309	14,707,626	14,840,716	0.9
Parking Services	23,400,283	29,569,364	28,698,878	(2.9)
Stormwater Services	-	-	4,000,000	-
<b>Enterprise Fund Total</b>	<b>\$192,309,725</b>	<b>\$202,579,256</b>	<b>\$209,957,108</b>	<b>3.6</b>
<b>Internal Services Funds</b>				
Internal Services	20,895,234	23,940,757	26,124,045	9.1
Computer Purchase	1,005,200	2,130,626	1,557,629	(26.9)
Vehicle Purchase	18,995,933	24,637,899	27,236,343	10.5
Radio Purchase	22,793	361,867	187,500	(48.2)
<b>Internal Services Fund Total</b>	<b>\$40,919,160</b>	<b>\$51,071,149</b>	<b>\$55,105,517</b>	<b>7.9</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$603,461,614</b>	<b>\$635,929,048</b>	<b>\$656,144,020</b>	<b>3.2</b>

# General Fund Overview

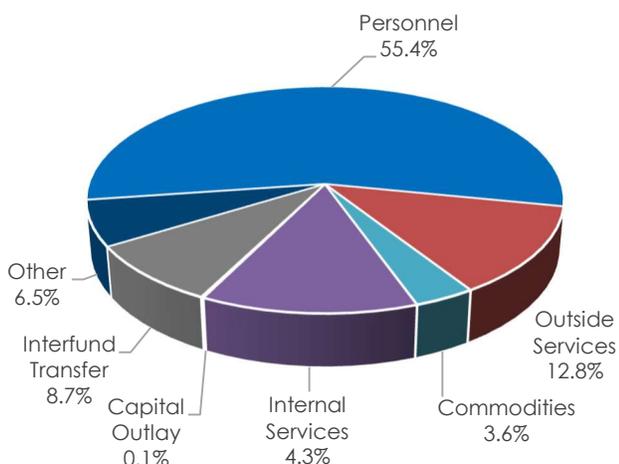
The General Fund is the primary operating fund for the City of Savannah. This fund accounts for revenues and expenditures for general governmental services. The FY26 proposed revenue and expense appropriations total \$311,422,054. The charts below give a broad overview of the major revenue streams and expense categories for the City's General Fund operating budget. Taxes are the most significant sources of revenue, and the primary expenditure category is Personnel Services, which includes salaries and comprehensive benefits for City employees.

## Where the Money Comes From

Category	Amount	% of Total Revenue
Taxes	213,925,796	68.7
User Fees	48,171,484	15.5
Business Activity	45,000	-
Interfund Revenue	13,683,896	4.3
Grants Revenue	8,892,128	2.9
Interest Earned	7,700,000	2.5
Other Revenues	19,003,750	6.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$311,422,054</b>	<b>100.0</b>



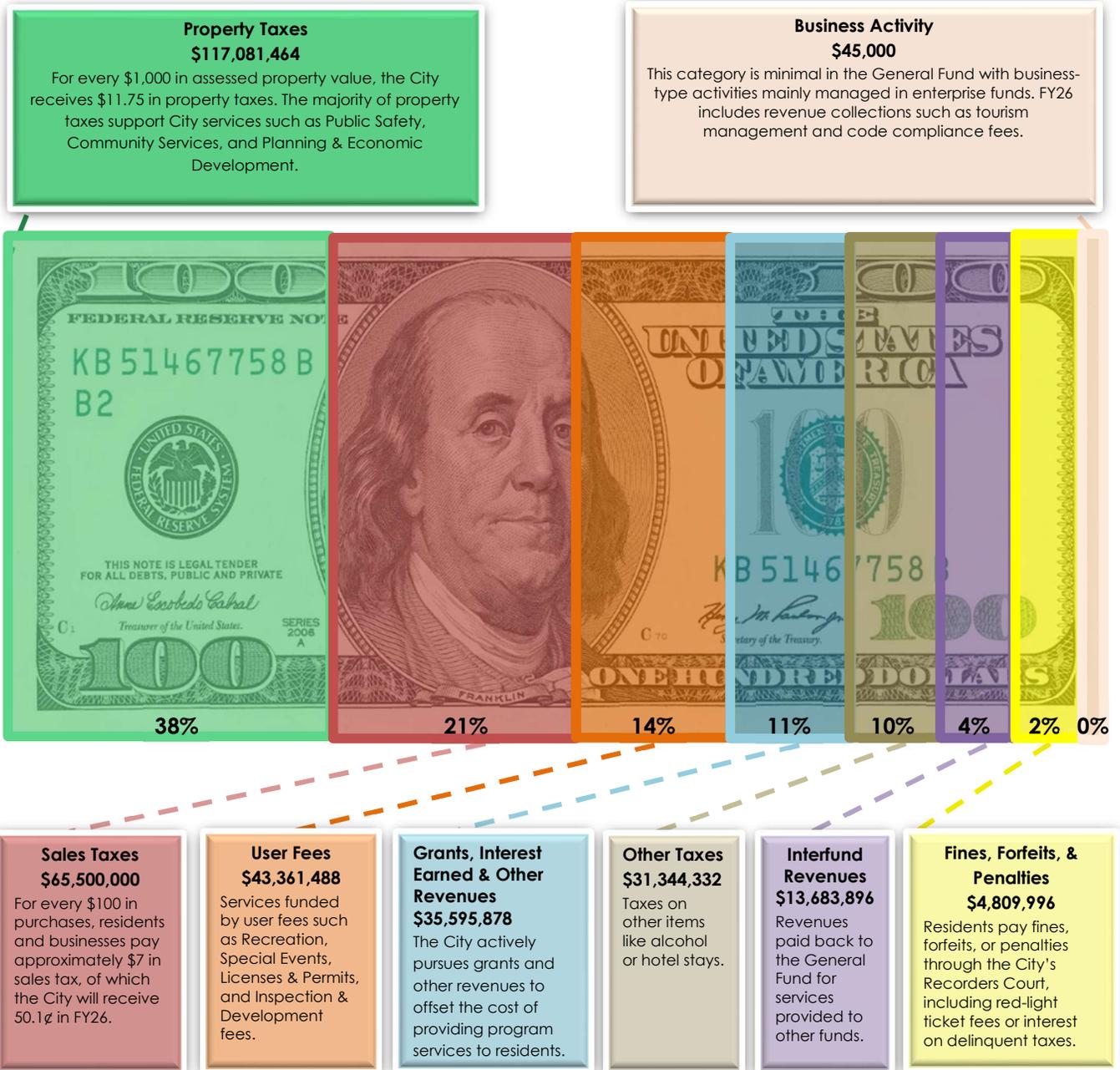
## Where the Money Goes



Category	Amount	% of Total Expenditure
Personnel Services	172,379,702	55.4
Outside Services	39,696,994	12.8
Commodities	11,344,336	3.6
Internal Services	40,172,855	12.9
Capital Outlay	453,369	0.1
Interfund Transfers	27,040,135	8.7
Other Expenses	20,334,663	6.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$311,422,054</b>	<b>100.0</b>

# General Fund Revenues

**Where do your tax dollars and fee payments go?** The City's General Fund revenue portfolio is quite diversified. About 69 percent of all annual revenues are from taxes such as Property Tax, Sales Tax, and Other Taxes. The remaining revenue sources include fees and charges from residents and businesses, charges to other funds for services provided, and outside funding, like grants.



**Total: \$311,422,054**

# General Fund Expenses



Service Center	Proposed 2026	% of General Fund
Governance	\$3,582,168	1.2
Management Services	\$31,857,083	10.2
Public Safety	\$133,619,196	42.9
Information & Public Affairs	\$7,685,417	2.5
Government Operations	\$34,100,222	10.9
Water Resources	\$13,548,891	4.4
Community Services	\$25,053,032	8.0
Planning & Economic Development	\$28,291,689	9.1
Interfund Transfers	\$19,832,516	6.4
Interdepartmental	\$13,851,840	4.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$311,422,054</b>	<b>100.0</b>

# Revenues by Source

General Fund revenue is proposed at \$311,422,054 for 2026. Property taxes are the largest and most stable revenue source, comprising 37.6 percent of total General Fund revenue. Sales tax revenue, a significant but highly volatile revenue source, is approximately 21 percent of FY26 General Fund revenue.

## Highlights

- **Property Taxes** – The 2026 General Fund budget proposes maintaining the millage rate at the 2025 rollback rate of 11.75 mills. Property tax revenue is projected to increase by 3.3 percent due to growth in the tax digest.
- **Sales Tax** – With consideration of economic trends, particularly related to consumer spending as well as the 2026 reduction of the City's share of LOST from 52.2 percent to 50.1 percent, the 2026 total sales tax revenue is proposed level with 2025 projections.
- **Interfund** – A Stormwater Utility Fee is proposed in 2026, estimated to garner four million in revenue with collections starting in July. Pending adoption, an interfund transfer from the Stormwater Utility Fund to the General Fund balances the expenses to be supported by the new revenue source, which is the primary driver of the 38.3 percent increase of the interfund revenue category compared to 2025 projections. If the Stormwater Utility is adopted, future budgets may assign expenses directly to the Stormwater Utility Fund.

<u>Revenue Source</u>	<u>Actual 2024</u>	<u>Projected 2025</u>	<u>Proposed 2026</u>	<u>%Change 2025-2026</u>
<b>Taxes</b>				
<b>Property Taxes</b>				
Real Property Taxes (Current)	87,939,649	91,958,484	94,993,114	3.3
Personal Property Taxes (Current)	8,466,934	8,872,681	9,165,479	3.3
Real Property Taxes (Delinquent)	6,006,277	8,000,000	8,264,000	3.3
Personal Property Taxes (Delinquent)	831,162	830,000	857,390	3.3
Mobile Home Taxes	22,982	25,828	26,680	3.3
Industrial Area Taxes	992,078	875,500	904,392	3.3
Vehicle Taxes	304,805	244,699	252,774	3.3
Intangible Taxes	1,652,054	1,639,091	1,693,181	3.3
Public Utility Taxes	2,150,558	2,221,715	2,295,031	3.3
Railroad Equipment Tax	41,286	42,070	43,458	3.3
Blighted Property Levy	118,040	118,040	121,935	3.3
Ferry SSD Tax	13,569	8,742	9,030	3.3
TAD Tax from City	(1,378,531)	(1,500,000)	(1,545,000)	3.0
Subtotal	\$107,160,863	\$113,336,850	\$117,081,464	3.3
<b>Sales Taxes</b>	\$66,417,360	\$65,500,000	\$65,500,000	-

<b>Revenue Source</b>	<b>Actual 2024</b>	<b>Projected 2025</b>	<b>Proposed 2026</b>	<b>%Change 2025-2026</b>
<b>Other Taxes</b>				
Beer Taxes	1,752,226	1,700,000	1,751,000	3.0
Liquor Taxes	583,220	566,500	583,495	3.0
Wine Taxes	562,386	545,900	562,277	3.0
Insurance Premium Tax	14,098,795	15,000,000	15,900,000	6.0
Mixed Drink Tax	3,314,940	3,314,000	3,413,420	3.0
Vehicle Title Fee	5,620,421	5,716,097	5,887,580	3.0
Energy Excise Tax	1,536,845	1,900,000	1,957,000	3.0
Execution Fees	485,614	700,000	721,000	3.0
Delinquent Taxes (Interest)	407,426	552,000	568,560	3.0
Subtotal	\$28,361,873	\$29,994,497	\$31,344,332	4.5
<b>Subtotal - Taxes</b>	<b>\$201,940,096</b>	<b>\$208,831,347</b>	<b>\$213,925,796</b>	<b>2.4</b>

### **User Fees**

#### **Special Events & Recreation Fees**

Grayson Stadium Rent	25,000	25,000	25,000	-
Tennis Fees	134,636	150,000	150,000	-
Athletic Fees	3,850	26,300	27,089	3.00
Softball Fees	5,917	5,000	3,000	(40.0)
Athletic Tournament Fees	56,027	63,000	50,000	(20.6)
Softball Tournament Fees	12,460	20,000	20,000	-
Ceramic Fees	(78)	-	-	-
Cultural Art Fees	199,414	200,000	206,000	3.0
Neighborhood Center Fees	195,781	195,000	195,000	-
Golden Age Registration Fee	4,256	13,000	5,000	(61.5)
Park & Square Event Fee	6,661	1,400	1,442	3.0
Film Permit Fees	221,411	300,000	309,000	3.0
Subtotal	\$865,335	\$998,700	\$991,531	(0.7)

#### **Fines & Penalties**

Recorder's Court Fines	2,259,497	2,196,925	2,262,833	3.0
Red Light Camera Fines	212,333	250,000	257,500	3.0
SPD Camera Fines	2,445,755	2,222,974	2,289,663	3.0
Subtotal	\$4,917,585	\$4,669,899	\$4,809,996	3.0

#### **Inspection & Development Fees**

Inspections Administrative Fees	99,142	51,000	52,530	3.0
Sign Inspection Fees	12,675	10,000	10,000	-
Zoning Hearing Fees	323,757	250,000	267,500	7.0
Building Inspection Fees	5,555,411	5,000,000	5,152,000	3.0
Electrical Inspection Fees	218,646	90,000	90,000	-
Plumbing Inspection Fees	50,629	45,000	46,350	3.0
Traffic Engineering Permit Fees	309,327	180,250	330,158	83.2
Expedited Plan Review Fee	-	-	1,000	100.0

<b>Revenue Source</b>	<b>Actual 2024</b>	<b>Projected 2025</b>	<b>Proposed 2026</b>	<b>%Change 2025-2026</b>
<b>Inspection &amp; Development Fees (continued)</b>				
Private Development Fees	822,501	890,000	916,900	3.0
Mechanical Inspection Fees	96,725	75,000	77,250	3.0
Fire Inspection Fees	289,425	285,280	290,000	1.7
Subtotal	\$7,778,238	\$6,876,530	\$7,233,688	5.2
<b>Licenses &amp; Permits</b>				
Business License Fees	19,076	42,000	43,260	3.0
Telcom Franchise Fee	205,212	366,206	377,192	3.0
Water & Sewer Franchise Fee	3,822,669	4,111,097	4,345,730	5.7
Electric Franchise Fee	11,517,846	12,000,000	12,360,000	3.0
Telephone Franchise Fee	118,556	(168,735)	100,000	159.3
Gas Franchise Fee	855,846	945,576	973,943	3.0
Cable Television Franchise Fee	1,244,128	1,081,700	1,114,151	3.0
Regular Business Licenses	6,290,549	5,648,470	5,817,924	3.0
Insurance Business License	86,700	86,000	88,580	3.0
Alcoholic Beverage License	2,428,951	2,982,743	3,072,225	3.0
Professional License Fee	255,975	275,000	283,250	3.0
Parking Franchise Fee	333,832	341,387	347,875	1.9
Bank License	478,833	463,077	476,969	3.0
Vacation Rental Registration Fee	460,794	391,400	403,142	3.0
Subtotal	\$28,118,967	\$28,565,921	\$29,804,241	4.3
<b>Fees for Other General Fund Services</b>				
Chatham Co Police Reimb	1,209,120	1,229,190	1,720,498	40.0
Cemetery Event Fees	91,356	90,000	101,275	12.5
Cemetery Lot Sales	481,269	500,000	829,043	65.8
Cemeteries – CIP	242,125	240,000	200,000	(16.7)
Public Information Fees	4,239	15,000	1,000	(93.3)
Fell Street Box-County Share	188,872	25,000	25,000	-
Alarm Registration Fees	66,516	66,000	67,980	3.0
Off-duty Police Fees	228,480	270,000	278,100	3.0
Accident Reporting Fees	83,658	83,041	85,532	3.0
Fire Protection Fees	377,686	200,000	300,930	50.5
Building Demolition Fees	70,499	40,000	41,200	3.0
Building Boarding-Up Fees	65,106	40,000	41,200	3.0
Fire Incident Report Fee	2,214	6,000	4,000	(33.3)
Code Enforcement Citations	81,055	75,000	50,000	(33.3)
Fire Equipment User Fee	67,870	35,702	50,550	41.6
Subtotal	\$3,260,065	\$2,914,933	\$3,796,308	30.2

<b>Revenue Source</b>	<b>Actual 2024</b>	<b>Projected 2025</b>	<b>Proposed 2026</b>	<b>%Change 2025-2026</b>
<b>Other User Fees</b>				
Miscellaneous Rents	441,444	824,000	848,720	3.0
Private Donations	1,055	14,000	-	(100.0)
Advertising Fees	1,500	4,000	1,500	(62.5)
Cashier Over/Short	546	100	100	-
Discounts	344,339	180,000	185,400	3.0
Miscellaneous	385,882	500,000	500,000	-
Subtotal	\$1,174,766	\$1,522,100	\$1,535,720	0.9
<b>Subtotal - User Fees</b>	<b>\$46,114,956</b>	<b>\$45,548,083</b>	<b>\$48,171,484</b>	<b>5.8</b>

### **Business Activity Revenues**

Tourism Management Fees	14,785	20,000	20,000	-
Motor Coach Permits	(20)	-	-	-
Lot Clearing Fees	81,198	75,000	75,000	-
Misc. Uncollected A/R	285,383	(50,000)	(50,000)	-
<b>Subtotal - Business Activity</b>	<b>\$381,346</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>	<b>-</b>

### **Interfund Revenues**

Services to Haz-mat Fund	33,645	43,822	42,859	(2.2)
Services to Coastal Workforce	70,699	70,305	105,260	49.7
Services to Community Dev Fund	637,991	783,136	492,690	(37.1)
Services to Sanitation Fund	1,522,983	2,139,180	2,672,220	24.9
Services to Water & Sewer Funds	3,734,439	4,623,783	3,614,482	(21.8)
Services to I&D Water Fund	310,398	426,192	477,681	12.1
Services to Civic Center Fund	104,454	124,956	131,025	4.9
Services to Parking Fund	468,459	560,700	751,249	34.0
Services to Internal Services Fund	885,742	1,074,583	1,347,634	25.4
Services to Tourism Product Development	44,511	50,292	48,796	(3.0)
Services to Stormwater	-	-	4,000,000	100.0
<b>Subtotal - Interfund Revenues</b>	<b>\$7,813,321</b>	<b>\$9,896,949</b>	<b>\$13,683,896</b>	<b>38.3</b>

### **Grants & Other Government Entity Revenues**

Payment in Lieu of Taxes	6,783,777	8,000,000	8,240,000	3.0
Adult Daycare	29,466	23,719	-	(100.0)
State Grant – Elderly	163,242	135,000	135,000	-
State Grant – CRDC	109,074	135,000	135,000	-
State Grant - Title B Elderly	193,013	135,000	135,000	-
Poverty Reduction Initiative	137,292	-	237,128	100.0
Homeowner Tax Relief	-	10,458	10,000	(4.4)
<b>Subtotal - Grants/Other Gov't</b>	<b>\$7,415,864</b>	<b>\$8,439,177</b>	<b>\$8,892,128</b>	<b>5.4</b>

<b><u>Revenue Source</u></b>	<b>Actual 2024</b>	<b>Projected 2025</b>	<b>Proposed 2026</b>	<b>%Change 2025-2026</b>
<b><u>Interest Earned</u></b>				
Sale of Surplus Property	1,839,152	200,000	300,000	50.0
General Investments	8,721,646	8,200,000	7,000,000	(14.6)
Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust	441,455	400,000	400,000	-
Interest Earned - Sewer	157,698	-	-	-
<b>Subtotal - Interest</b>	<b>\$11,159,951</b>	<b>\$8,800,000</b>	<b>\$7,700,000</b>	<b>(12.5)</b>
<b><u>Other Revenues</u></b>				
Contributions from Other Funds	27,797,130	18,427,116	19,003,750	3.1
<b>Subtotal - Other</b>	<b>\$27,797,130</b>	<b>\$18,427,116</b>	<b>\$19,003,750</b>	<b>3.1</b>
<b>Draw/(Contribution To)</b>	<b>(\$6,496,966)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total General Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$296,125,698</b>	<b>\$299,987,672</b>	<b>\$311,422,054</b>	<b>3.8</b>

# Expenditures by Type

The 2026 General Fund proposed expenditure budget is \$311,422,054. Highlights include:

- **Personnel Services** – The 2026 General Fund budget includes approximately \$3.4 million supporting the City-wide 2.7 percent COLA as well as an additional \$1.8 million to fund public safety step and general wage increases. Vacancy rates remain high and although there is a \$12.5 million salary savings assumption in 2026, salaries for the full 2026 General Fund workforce total \$18.3 million more than the 2025 projection. Approximately \$579 thousand of the 2026 increase in personnel expenses is for positions to be supported by the proposed Stormwater Utility.
- **Outside Services** – 2026 proposed outside services costs are almost flat with 2025 projections at an increase of only 0.4 percent. Due to rates being frozen for the next three years, electricity costs are proposed at a 3.5 percent increase in 2026, compared to the 15.8 percent variance projected in 2025, compared to 2024 actuals. The City continues to invest in professional development, with budgets for travel, training, and memberships increased by 21.8 percent.
- **Internal Services** – 2026 internal service charges for IT, Fleet, and Sanitation street cleaning and recycling operations are all increasing by approximately 16.0, 16.6, and 13.3 percent respectively for a total variance of \$4.2 million. Personnel costs are the most significant expense category for all operational funds, and salary increases are a primary driver for all three types of internal services previously listed. In addition, the annual software budget for 2026 is higher than 2025 projections by 18.0 percent or nearly \$1.3 million, primarily due to increases in existing software license costs rather than new software added to the portfolio.

The overall expenditure category appears to show a slight decrease in 2026 due to a one-time \$5 million contribution to the risk umbrella in the 2025 projection. Excepting the risk management umbrella contribution, 2026 internal service expenditures are 12.5 percent higher than 2025 projections. This does not include the 16.0 percent, \$1.7 million increase in costs to replace Fleet assets and accessories due to continuing Fleet expansions, which is a primary driver of the increase in the “Other Expenses” category.

Expenditure Area	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026	%Change 2025 - 2026
Personnel Services	148,746,006	166,084,591	172,379,702	3.8
Outside Services	35,429,237	39,535,434	39,696,994	0.4
Commodities	8,962,263	10,392,140	11,344,336	9.2
Internal Services	30,903,920	40,707,471	40,172,855	(1.3)
Capital Outlay	328,405	625,051	453,369	(27.5)
Interfund Transfers	59,021,759	26,328,589	27,040,135	2.7
Other Expenses	12,734,108	16,314,396	20,334,663	24.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$296,125,698</b>	<b>\$299,987,672</b>	<b>\$311,422,054</b>	<b>3.8</b>

# Expenditures by Service Center

General Fund expenditures by service center are shown below. Additional expense details and explanations of variances are included in the Service Center section of this document.

Expenditures by Service Center	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026	%Change 2025 - 2026
<b>Governance</b>				
City Attorney	1,402,508	1,689,171	1,729,580	2.4
Clerk of Council	572,930	516,646	602,485	16.6
Mayor & Aldermen	1,043,060	1,156,137	1,250,103	8.1
<b>Governance Subtotal</b>	<b>\$3,018,498</b>	<b>\$3,361,954</b>	<b>\$3,582,168</b>	<b>6.6</b>
<b>Management Services</b>				
Accounting Services	1,642,426	1,842,331	1,932,005	4.9
Capital Projects Management	1,407,897	1,489,581	1,684,830	13.1
City Manager	1,944,411	1,730,877	1,837,850	6.2
Facility Maintenance & Operations	8,438,242	8,410,052	9,439,917	12.2
Human Resources	3,179,764	3,613,375	3,852,103	6.6
Internal Auditing	412,454	369,875	444,967	20.3
Office of Management & Budget	1,255,431	1,526,557	1,803,921	18.2
Office of the ACM	-	375,934	663,727	76.6
Office of the COO	560,728	460,287	694,802	50.9
Procurement & Contracts	1,166,444	1,255,585	1,470,874	17.1
Property Acquisition & Disposition	485,385	543,448	578,081	6.4
Real Estate Administration	2,742,693	3,245,683	3,335,404	2.8
Revenue Administration	2,383,507	3,000,162	3,381,251	12.7
Risk Management	2,712,212	710,365	737,351	3.8
<b>Management Services Subtotal</b>	<b>\$28,331,594</b>	<b>\$28,574,112</b>	<b>\$31,857,083</b>	<b>11.5</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>				
Canine	682,294	871,990	1,036,814	18.9
Community Engagement	486	374,888	458,722	22.4
Counter Narcotics Team	1,209,124	1,229,190	1,720,498	40.0
Criminal Investigations	9,664,274	10,673,638	12,230,842	14.6
Information Management	1,814,981	1,903,247	2,069,511	8.7
Management Services	870,145	789,713	773,898	(2.0)
Mounted Patrol	706,157	718,072	948,391	32.1
Office of Police Chief	2,070,033	2,235,916	2,603,515	16.4
Patrol	33,755,226	39,331,937	43,439,110	10.4
Professional Standards & Training	784,101	777,161	964,967	24.2
Savannah Area Regional Intel Ctr	926,208	958,458	1,236,754	29.0
Savannah Impact	973,380	1,135,629	1,238,396	9.0
Strategic Investigative	3,246,566	3,512,445	4,401,324	25.3
Support Services	4,600,117	5,249,303	5,215,105	(0.7)
Traffic	2,534,550	2,683,604	3,477,622	29.6
Training & Recruitment	2,172,868	2,567,810	3,272,169	27.4
Emergency Planning	208,575	214,069	223,767	4.5
Fire Operations	31,625,192	33,843,863	37,833,563	11.8
Office of the Fire Chief	8,783,688	8,812,930	10,474,228	18.9
<b>Public Safety Subtotal</b>	<b>\$106,627,965</b>	<b>\$117,883,863</b>	<b>\$133,619,196</b>	<b>13.3</b>

<b>Expenditures by Service Center</b>	<b>Actual 2024</b>	<b>Projected 2025</b>	<b>Proposed 2026</b>	<b>%Change 2025 - 2026</b>
<b>Information &amp; Public Affairs</b>				
311 Action Center	362,848	408,771	456,528	11.7
Municipal Archives	463,632	522,803	540,368	3.4
Office of the CIPA	656,666	1,167,587	1,236,085	5.9
Marketing & Communications	1,585,949	1,710,577	1,743,379	1.9
Recorder's Court	3,158,732	3,406,981	3,709,057	8.9
<b>Information &amp; Public Affairs Subtotal</b>	<b>\$6,227,827</b>	<b>\$7,216,719</b>	<b>\$7,685,417</b>	<b>6.5</b>
<b>Government Operations</b>				
City Cemeteries	3,451,974	3,712,330	4,615,280	24.3
Code Compliance Administration	589,350	648,761	677,659	4.5
Code Enforcement	3,420,274	4,415,775	4,733,778	7.2
Greenscapes Maintenance	5,462,003	6,046,170	6,573,737	8.7
Historic Parks & Squares Maintenance	4,173,159	4,810,745	5,180,338	7.7
Neighborhood Parks Maintenance	3,998,809	4,716,166	5,398,177	14.5
Office of the CGO	414,536	431,947	526,905	22.0
Park & Tree Administration	723,190	903,777	832,697	(7.9)
Urban Forestry	4,034,012	5,164,633	5,561,651	7.7
<b>Government Operations Subtotal</b>	<b>\$26,267,307</b>	<b>\$30,850,304</b>	<b>\$34,100,222</b>	<b>10.5</b>
<b>Water Resources</b>				
Stormwater Management	7,331,812	9,950,651	13,548,891	36.2
<b>Water Resources Subtotal</b>	<b>\$7,331,812</b>	<b>\$9,950,651</b>	<b>\$13,548,891</b>	<b>36.2</b>
<b>Community Services</b>				
Aquatics Services	534,267	1,270,594	1,519,978	19.6
Athletic Services	1,494,388	1,505,728	1,772,084	17.7
Cultural Resources	1,956,732	2,417,285	2,400,860	(0.7)
Family & Community Services	340,195	426,803	460,375	7.9
Human Services Administration	2,435,447	3,000,774	2,851,834	(5.0)
Moses Jackson Advancement Center	494,362	522,343	575,200	10.1
Neighborhood Safety & Engagement	1,194,301	2,453,424	1,986,416	(19.0)
Office of the CCS	685,732	538,259	592,628	10.1
Pennsylvania Ave Recreation Center	637,262	692,470	746,494	7.8
Recreation & Leisure Administration	887,668	956,125	1,086,457	13.6
Recreation Maintenance	1,495,936	1,670,415	1,811,882	8.5
Recreation Services	4,342,685	4,459,268	6,241,679	40.0
Senior Services	2,152,796	2,089,845	2,507,450	20.0
Therapeutic Recreation	437,556	610,097	499,695	(18.1)
<b>Community Services Subtotal</b>	<b>\$19,089,327</b>	<b>\$22,613,430</b>	<b>\$25,053,032</b>	<b>10.8</b>
<b>Planning &amp; Economic Development</b>				
Development Services	4,922,477	5,436,536	5,632,827	3.6
Economic Development	697,122	853,118	970,900	13.8
Environmental Services & Sustainability	333,246	406,733	538,736	32.5
Office of the CPED	215,880	1,037,952	702,045	(32.4)
Planning & Urban Design	1,041,155	1,114,437	1,153,720	3.5
Special Events, Film & Tourism	2,153,730	2,184,973	2,065,399	(5.5)
Step-Up Program	137,313	(1,328)	237,128	(17,956.0)
Streets Maintenance	4,145,317	4,483,609	5,297,581	18.2
Traffic Engineering	1,088,596	1,410,629	1,610,766	14.2

Expenditures by Service Center	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026	%Change 2025 - 2026
<b>Planning &amp; Economic Development (continued)</b>				
Traffic Operations	7,911,231	9,421,773	10,082,587	7.0
<b>Planning &amp; Economic Development Subtotal</b>	<b>\$22,646,067</b>	<b>\$26,348,432</b>	<b>\$28,291,689</b>	<b>7.4</b>
<b>Interdepartmental</b>				
Contingencies	-	-	2,000,000	100.0
Convention & Visitors Bureau	13,569	-	-	-
Metro Planning Commission	2,017,031	2,357,929	2,478,301	5.1
Other Community Promotion	402,959	542,664	122,000	(77.5)
Other Dues & Memberships	246,952	250,541	253,000	1.0
Other Expenses <sup>1</sup>	13,140,496	15,984,523	(4,687,996)	(129.3)
Services From Civic Center Fund	135,000	135,000	135,000	-
Services From Sanitation Fund <sup>2</sup>	11,348,882	12,010,426	13,551,535	12.8
<b>Interdepartmental Subtotal</b>	<b>\$27,304,889</b>	<b>\$31,281,083</b>	<b>\$13,851,840</b>	<b>(55.7)</b>
<b>Interfund Transfers</b>				
Transfer to CDBG Fund	2,121,149	2,955,824	3,124,196	5.7
Transfer to CIP Fund	41,711,001	13,288,865	10,891,073	(18.0)
Transfer to Debt Service Fund	4,890,249	5,329,375	5,334,505	0.1
Transfer to Haz-mat Fund	558,013	333,060	482,742	44.9
<b>Interfund Transfers Subtotal</b>	<b>\$49,280,412</b>	<b>\$21,907,124</b>	<b>\$19,832,516</b>	<b>(9.5)</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$296,125,698</b>	<b>\$299,987,672</b>	<b>\$311,422,054</b>	<b>3.8</b>

<sup>1</sup> The Other Expenses Interdepartmental accounting unit includes an overall General Fund vacancy savings assumption of approximately \$12.5 million in FY26. Actual and projected vacancy savings are shown directly in departmental personal cost lines.

<sup>2</sup> The Street Cleaning and Recycling & Litter programs are fully subsidized by the General Fund.

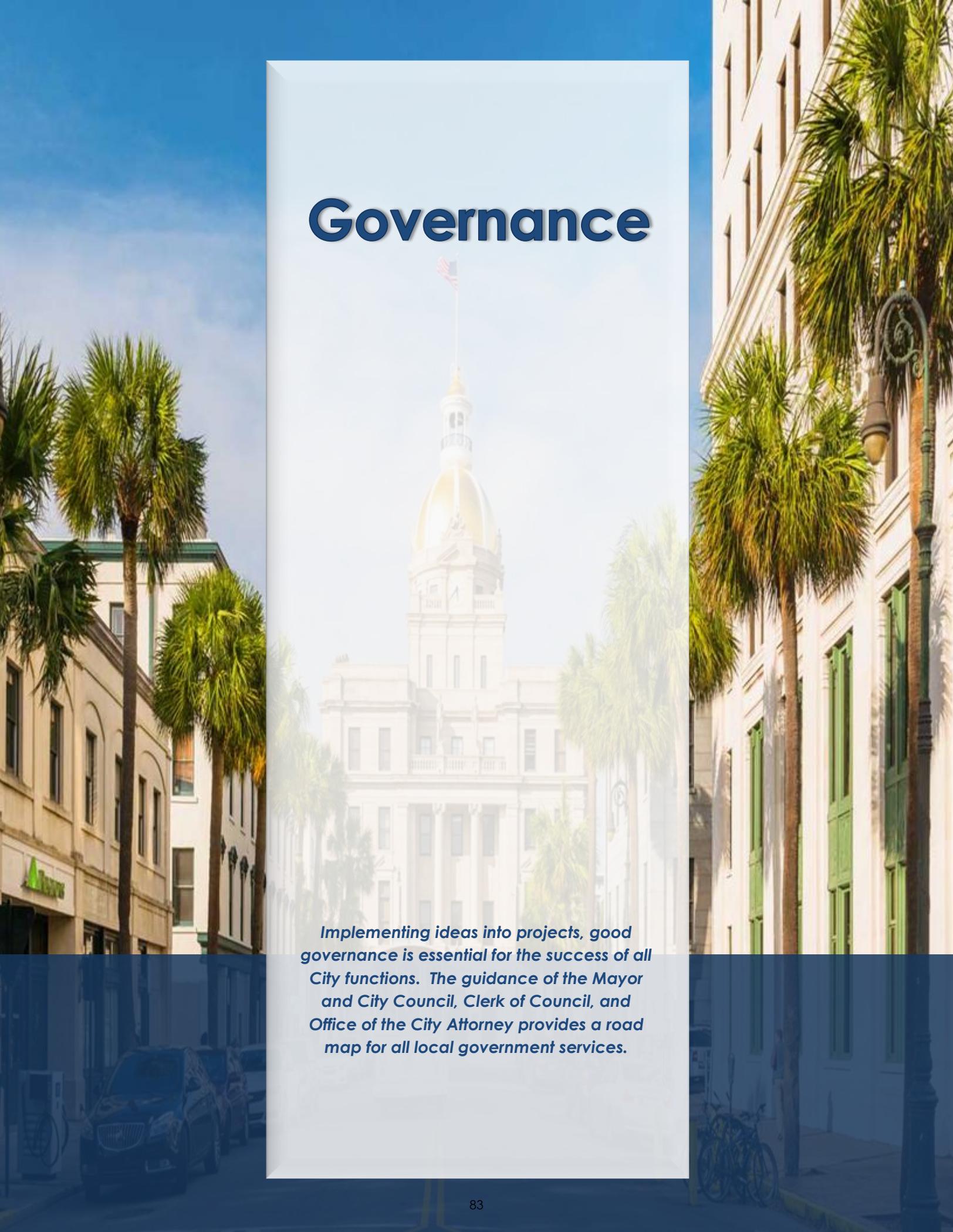
# 2026 Permanent Authorized Positions

The FY26 operating budget includes funding for 2,704.52 full-time equivalent positions. A summary of the personnel changes by service center is shown on the following pages. Changes in authorized positions are described on the service center pages.

	2024 Permanent	2025 Permanent	2026 Permanent	2025-2026 Change
<b>Governance</b>				
Mayor & City Council	12.00	12.00	12.00	-
Clerk of Council	4.00	4.00	4.00	-
City Attorney	4.00	4.00	5.00	1.00
<b>Governance Total</b>	<b>20.00</b>	<b>20.00</b>	<b>21.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>
<b>Management Services</b>				
Office of the City Manager	13.00	12.00	12.00	-
Office of the Assistant City Manager	-	-	4.00	4.00
Office of the Chief Operating Officer	3.00	4.00	4.00	-
Office of Financial Services	54.00	55.00	61.00	6.00
Office of Human Resources	26.00	26.00	26.00	-
Office of Management & Budget	12.00	15.00	15.00	-
Internal Auditing	3.00	3.00	3.00	-
Risk Management	6.00	6.00	6.00	-
Real Estate Services	58.25	58.25	60.25	2.00
<b>Management Services Total</b>	<b>175.25</b>	<b>179.25</b>	<b>191.25</b>	<b>12.00</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>				
Police	624.62	628.49	609.89	(18.60)
Fire	338.00	337.00	369.00	32.00
<b>Public Safety Total</b>	<b>962.62</b>	<b>965.49</b>	<b>978.89</b>	<b>13.40</b>
<b>Information &amp; Public Affairs</b>				
Office of the Chief of Information & Public Affairs	8.00	9.00	9.00	-
Office of Marketing & Communications	20.00	20.00	20.00	-
Innovation & Technology Services	37.60	41.00	44.00	3.00
Recorder's Court	32.00	32.00	33.00	1.00
<b>Information &amp; Public Affairs Total</b>	<b>97.60</b>	<b>102.00</b>	<b>106.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>
<b>Government Operations</b>				
Office of the Chief of Government Operations	3.00	3.00	3.00	-
Code Compliance	44.00	44.00	49.00	5.00
Sanitation	225.00	232.00	234.00	2.00
Park & Tree	203.63	203.63	203.63	-
Fleet Services	46.00	46.00	45.00	(1.00)
<b>Government Operations Total</b>	<b>521.63</b>	<b>528.63</b>	<b>534.63</b>	<b>6.00</b>

	2024 Permanent	2025 Permanent	2026 Permanent	2025-2026 Change
<b>Water Resources</b>				
Office of the Chief of Water Resources	6.00	10.00	10.00	-
Industrial & Domestic Water Plant	40.00	40.00	40.00	-
Stormwater Management	49.00	49.00	66.00	17.00
Water Reclamation	75.00	74.00	74.00	-
Water Resources Planning & Engineering	22.00	25.00	31.00	6.00
Water Supply & Treatment	26.00	28.00	28.00	-
Water Distribution	97.00	100.00	94.00	(6.00)
Sewer Conveyance	70.00	76.00	76.00	-
<b>Water Resources Total</b>	<b>385.00</b>	<b>402.00</b>	<b>419.00</b>	<b>17.00</b>
<b>Community Services</b>				
Office of the Chief of Community Services	5.00	5.00	4.00	(1.00)
Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement	7.00	10.00	10.00	-
Cultural Resources	13.50	13.50	14.35	0.85
Human Services	32.63	29.63	29.63	-
Housing Services	28.00	30.00	31.00	1.00
Recreation & Leisure Services	149.45	154.76	152.27	(2.49)
<b>Community Services Total</b>	<b>235.58</b>	<b>242.89</b>	<b>241.25</b>	<b>(1.64)</b>
<b>Planning &amp; Economic Development</b>				
Office of the Chief of Planning & Economic Development	3.00	3.00	4.00	1.00
Development Services	48.00	48.00	49.00	1.00
Planning & Urban Design	8.00	8.00	8.00	-
Economic Development	7.00	7.00	8.00	1.00
Parking Services	62.60	61.70	62.50	0.80
Transportation Services	67.00	67.00	67.00	-
Environmental Services & Sustainability	4.00	4.00	4.00	-
Special Events, Film & Tourism	15.00	15.00	10.00	(5.00)
<b>Planning &amp; Economic Development Total</b>	<b>214.60</b>	<b>213.70</b>	<b>212.50</b>	<b>(1.20)</b>
<b>City-Wide Total</b>	<b>2,612.28</b>	<b>2,653.96</b>	<b>2,704.52</b>	<b>50.56</b>

# Governance

A street-level view of a city with palm trees and a large white building with a golden dome in the background. The building has a prominent dome and a clock tower. The street is lined with palm trees and a classic street lamp. The sky is clear and blue.

*Implementing ideas into projects, good governance is essential for the success of all City functions. The guidance of the Mayor and City Council, Clerk of Council, and Office of the City Attorney provides a road map for all local government services.*



### **Governance Service Center Overview**

The [Mayor and City Council](#) set policies and enact ordinances that govern various City functions and activities. The Mayor and City Council facilitate communication among the public, City staff, and committees, as well as federal and state agencies.

The [City Clerk](#), appointed by the Mayor and City Council according to the City Charter, serves as the legal custodian of the City's official records and as the Chief Elections Officer for the City. The City Clerk administers Council meetings and affixes the City Seal on all official documents. The City Clerk's Office promotes public trust in local government by providing objective, accurate, responsive oversight and administration of City records, City Council proceedings, elections, and board/commission programs.

The [City Attorney](#), also appointed by the Mayor and City Council under the City Charter, serves as the legal advisor for the City. Primary services to the municipality include presenting and defending the City's legal interests and rights before all courts and supporting the legislative and administrative processes (ordinances, opinions, litigation, contracts, legal research, and liens).

## FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
General Fund	3,018,498	3,361,954	3,582,168
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$3,018,498</b>	<b>\$3,361,954</b>	<b>\$3,582,168</b>

### Expenditure by Type

Personnel Services	2,003,484	2,214,672	2,486,827
Outside Services	847,178	953,125	842,038
Commodities	41,967	57,375	65,595
Internal Services	113,680	128,286	178,588
Other Expenditures	12,189	8,496	9,120
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$3,018,498</b>	<b>\$3,361,954</b>	<b>\$3,582,168</b>

### Expenditure by Office

Mayor & Council	1,043,060	1,156,137	1,250,103
Office of the Clerk of Council	572,930	516,646	602,485
Office of the City Attorney	1,402,508	1,689,171	1,729,580
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$3,018,498</b>	<b>\$3,361,954</b>	<b>\$3,582,168</b>

## Authorized Positions

Governance	2025 FTE	2026 FTE	2025-2026 Difference
Mayor & Council	12.00	12.00	-
Office of the Clerk of Council	4.00	4.00	-
Office of the City Attorney <sup>1</sup>	4.00	5.00	1.00
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>20.00</b>	<b>21.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>

<sup>1</sup> During FY25, the City Attorney's Office added a Law Clerk Associate position.



# Management Services

*The mission of the City of Savannah is to provide exceptional public services to residents, businesses, and guests so they can experience a safe, and thriving community. City staff administer directives that promote fiscal accountability and transparency. Strategic initiatives are communicated from the executive level of government throughout the organization to foster a community in which stakeholders desire to work, visit, and live.*



### Management Services Overview

[Management Services](#), under the leadership of the Chief Operating Officer (COO), provides executive-level consultation and assistance to the City Manager and Executive Leadership Team in developing and monitoring strategic plans for the City as well as evaluating the performance and effectiveness of current services, programs, and systems in relation to growing needs of the City. Working with the governing body, City staff, and the community, the City Manager directs the implementation of City Council's policy decisions.

### Linkage to Strategic Priorities & Goals

- Always Be a High-Performing Government
- Develop World Class Livable Environments and Infrastructure
- Improve Quality of Life by Raising Municipal Service Standards

### Key Business Services

- Executive Leadership
- Fiscal Planning and Management
- Policy Development and Implementation
- Strategic Planning and Initiatives
- Special Projects
- Risk Management
- Maintenance and Management of City Properties
- Performance Management and Internal Audits
- Workforce Management

## Core Responsibilities

- Direct and manage the development and implementation of goals, objectives, policies, and priorities for each assigned service and/or operational area.
- Lead the strategic planning process for the organization.
- Monitor and evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of programs, methods, and procedures to enhance productivity through improved work procedures, practices, communications, and accountability.
- Foster a strategic vision for the future that will optimize operations and, ultimately, increase the value we provide to our community
- Provide support services for the City Manager to achieve results consistent with the City's vision, mission, and priorities.
- Manage fiscal policy, procedures, planning, investments, and related activities including revenue collection, vendor procurement, debt services, contract administration, and inventory and asset management in accordance with law, ordinances, policies, and administrative guidelines.
- Prepare a balanced operating budget and capital program in accordance with applicable laws; prepare, review, and maintain a standardized budget and capital program manual for all departments, divisions, offices, and agencies of City government to ensure uniform budgetary and capital programming procedures.
- Analyze the fiscal impact of all budgetary and management policies for departments, divisions, and other agencies of City government. Evaluate and provide recommendations on the effectiveness and impact of programs through analysis or evaluation.
- Recruit and retain a diverse, well-qualified workforce to represent the City of Savannah; administer employee compensation and data, benefit services, learning and organizational development, employee wellness, process payroll, and manage other personnel matters.
- Engage employees, departments, and community members through its work in strategic initiatives, customer care, process improvement, and performance management.
- Recommend and implement cost-effective and feasible loss prevention programming, including a safety program that may aid in preventing injuries and minimizing injury severity to City employees; develop cost effective ways to deliver and communicate a high level of service while minimizing risk throughout the organization.
- Manage the City of Savannah's real property transactions and facility maintenance; operate the Civic Center; and administer the operating contract and capital asset plan for Enmarket Arena and other contracts with managing partners.
- Manage the development and implementation of capital projects during the planning, design, permitting, procurement, and construction phases while maintaining fiscal responsibility for all projects.

## FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
General Fund	28,331,594	28,574,112	31,857,083
Civic Center Fund	5,321,099	5,400,166	5,144,075
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$33,652,693</b>	<b>\$33,974,278</b>	<b>\$37,001,158</b>

### Expenditure by Type

Personnel Services	14,686,041	15,997,693	18,756,327
Outside Services	13,482,729	11,125,333	11,341,841
Commodities	935,852	1,059,595	958,684
Internal Services	1,437,133	2,212,120	2,157,807
Capital Outlay	38,881	70,552	57,000
Debt Service	1,935,383	2,062,931	2,160,352
Interfund Transfer	131,885	139,327	157,661
Other Expenditures	1,004,789	1,306,727	1,411,486
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$33,652,693</b>	<b>\$33,974,278</b>	<b>\$37,001,158</b>

### Expenditure by Office

City Manager	1,944,411	1,730,877	1,837,850
Office of the Assistant City Manager	-	375,934	663,727
Office of the Chief Operating Officer	560,728	460,287	694,802
Office of Financial Services	5,192,377	6,098,078	6,784,130
Office of Human Resources	3,179,764	3,613,375	3,852,103
Office of Management & Budget	1,255,431	1,526,557	1,803,921
Internal Auditing	412,454	369,875	444,967
Real Estate Services	18,395,316	19,088,930	20,182,307
Risk Management Services	2,712,212	710,365	737,351
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$33,652,693</b>	<b>\$33,974,278</b>	<b>\$37,001,158</b>

## Authorized Positions

<b>Management Services</b>	<b>2025 FTE</b>	<b>2026 FTE</b>	<b>2025-2026 Difference</b>
City Manager	12.00	12.00	-
Office of the Assistant City Manager <sup>1</sup>	-	4.00	4.00
Office of the Chief Operating Officer	4.00	4.00	-
Office of Financial Services <sup>2</sup>	55.00	61.00	6.00
Office of Human Resources	26.00	26.00	-
Office of Management & Budget	15.00	15.00	-
Internal Auditing	3.00	3.00	-
Risk Management	6.00	6.00	-
Real Estate Services <sup>3</sup>	58.25	60.25	2.00
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>179.25</b>	<b>191.25</b>	<b>12.00</b>

## Workload Measures

<b>Department</b>	<b>Workload Measure</b>	<b>Projected 2025</b>	<b>Proposed 2026</b>	<b>Data Source</b>
 <b>Goal 4 Develop World Class Livable Environment &amp; Infrastructure</b>				
Real Estate Services	Percentage of new City facilities to be evaluated for mobility and neighborhood connectivity	100%	100%	Design phase documentation
Real Estate Services	Average score on the project performance scorecard for completed capital projects over \$1 million based on nine performance measures	≥ 85%	≥ 85%	Completed project scorecards
 <b>Goal 5 Improve Quality of Life by Raising Municipal Service Standards</b>				
Real Estate Services	Total ticket sales	\$850,000	\$500,000	Ticket Sales Audit
Real Estate Services	Occupancy rate of Civic Center Theatre and Ballroom	75%	65%	Civic Center Operations
 <b>Goal 6 Always Be a High-Performing Government</b>				
Financial Services	Maintain a clean audit (yes=1, no =0)	1	1	Annual Financial Audit
Financial Services	Pension plan funded status (percent)	80%	80%	Actuarial Valuation and Plan Review
Financial Services	Moody's General Obligation Credit Rating	Aa1	Aa1	Moody's
Financial Services	Standard and Poor's General Obligation Credit Rating	AA+	AA+	Standard & Poor's

<sup>1</sup> The current Office of the Assistant City Manager was newly established in 2025. It should be noted that in 2024, a previous office with the same name was restructured into what is currently the Chief Operating Officer's (COO) office.

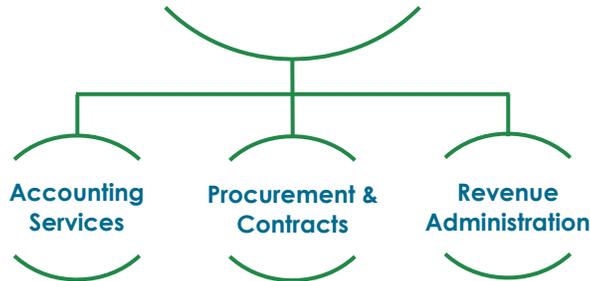
<sup>2</sup> In 2025 the Alcohol Beverage Compliance Unit (ABC) consisting of four ABC Officers, was moved from Police to Revenue. The Procurement and Contracts Division received two Contract Coordinators as a 2026 Service Enhancement.

<sup>3</sup> Facilities Maintenance & Operations added one Facilities Service Worker in 2025 and one Facilities Contract Coordinator in 2026 as a service enhancement.

Department	Workload Measure	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026	Data Source
Financial Services	Moody's Water and Sewer Debt Credit Rating	Aa1	Aa1	Moody's
Financial Services	Standard and Poor's Water and Sewer Debt Credit Rating	AA+	AA+	Standard & Poor's
Financial Services	Average number of days to process a requisition	3	3	Infor Reports
Financial Services	Cost of goods sold	\$1,700,000	\$1,750,000	Infor Reports
Financial Services	Value of inventory	\$940,000	\$940,000	Infor Reports
Financial Services	Percentage of records accurate	98%	98%	Infor Reports & Excel Spreadsheet
Financial Services	City assets sold	\$1,107,166	\$1,200,000	Govdeals Reports
Financial Services	Number of open records request (ORR) received	127	130	ORR Database
Human Resources	Annual number of positions filled	380	370	NEOGOV
Internal Auditing	Percentage of audits completed during the fiscal year relative to the total number of audits included in the approved annual audit plan	N/A	90%	Annual Audit Plan and Audits
Internal Auditing	Percentage of staff compliant with continuing education requirements	N/A	100%	Training Records and Certificates
Internal Auditing	Number of organizational training sessions, educational programs, and awareness workshops conducted, focusing on risks, ethics, fraud prevention, internal controls, and process improvements	N/A	4	Agendas and Feedback Forms
Management & Budget	GFOA Budget rating received (1=yes, 0 = no)	1	1	GFOA Award Notification
Management & Budget	Conservative, balanced budget prepared and approved by City Council by December 31 deadline	1	1	Council Agenda Minutes & Budget Document
Real Estate Services	Percentage of completed capital projects over \$1million where the final construction cost is within the approved budget at the time of Notice to Proceed	N/A	≥ 85%	CIP Budgets
Real Estate Services	Petitions from public regarding City properties	12	15	Council Minutes and Department Reports
Real Estate Services	Sales and leases of real property	22	25	Council Minutes and Department Reports
Real Estate Services	Permits reviewed and issued for cafes tables/chairs, menu boards, and parklets	120	135	eProval
Real Estate Services	Completed 311 request	2,400	2,500	311 Service Request System
Real Estate Services	Number of work orders created	3,000	3,000	Real Estate Services
Real Estate Services	Number of work orders completed	2,900	3,000	Real Estate Services
Real Estate Services	Average time to complete work orders (business days)	15	14	Real Estate Services
Real Estate Services	Total number of events	90	75	Rental Totals Document - Event Folders
Real Estate Services	Total rental revenue	\$419,000	\$319,000	Lawson Revenue Report

<b>Department</b>	<b>Workload Measure</b>	<b>Projected 2025</b>	<b>Proposed 2026</b>	<b>Data Source</b>
Real Estate Services	Total concessions revenue	\$300,000	\$240,000	Lawson Revenue Report
Real Estate Services	Total alcohol revenue	\$450,000	\$360,000	Lawson Revenue Report
Risk Management	Maintain an annual TPA audit score of 95% or higher	95%	95%	Audit Report
Risk Management	Time to contact injured employees after receipt of report (hours)	24	24	Survey
Risk Management	Time to contact citizens after complaint (hours)	48	48	Survey

# Office of Financial Services



## Office of Financial Services Overview

The [Office of Financial Services](#), under the supervision of the Senior Director of Financial Services provides financial expertise and support to City operating departments. The department prepares monthly interim financial reports and the audited [Annual Comprehensive Financial Report](#). Financial Services also disburses City funds through its payroll and accounts payable functions, issues checks to City pensioners, and oversees all of the City's investing and borrowing activities. The office includes the Accounting Services, Procurement & Contracts <sup>1</sup>, and Revenue Administration Divisions<sup>2</sup>.

## Key Business Services

- General Bookkeeping
- Invoicing
- Reconciliation
- Payroll Processing
- Negotiate Contract Terms
- Purchase Order Management
- Accounts Receivable Administration
- Accounts Payable Administration
- Investments

## Core Responsibilities

- Administer all financial affairs of City government in accordance with laws, ordinances, policies, and administrative rules and regulations, including the required procedural and management practices.
- Conform to the [Governmental Accounting Standards Board \(GASB\)](#) principles in managing accounting records and systems.

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<sup>1</sup> In 2026 this division's name is changed from Purchasing to Procurement & Contracts.

<sup>2</sup> This office previously included the Utility Services Division. In 2026, Utility Services will move to the Water Resources Service Center as part of the Water Distribution Department.

- Maintain responsibility for the collection, receipt, custody, deposit, investment, accounting, and disbursement of fees, taxes, and other funds of the City, which shall be deposited in the City Treasury.
- Invest City monies with the goal of receiving maximum return on such investments.
- Issue debt, monitor use of debt proceeds, initiate interest and principal payments, maintain records, and ensure that disclosure and other legal requirements are met.
- Oversee the administration of the City's pension fund, investments, and custodial activity; prepare financial reports; and assist pension board members.
- Assist the Office of Management & Budget in preparing and executing the City's budget and capital program.
- Submit filing with the City Council of all reports of the City's external auditors to include audited financial reports, special reports, operational audit reports, grant compliance audit reports and letters of comment and recommendation.
- Present to the City Council annually and when required, provide a detailed statement of the financial condition of the City which includes all receipts and expenditures of various departments; a detailed statement of City debt including the purpose for which it was incurred; and an inventory of all City property, supplies, and equipment with both cost and estimated current value.
- Establish a policy and procedure for determining and handling uncollectible accounts owed to the City. The Senior Director shall submit, as part of the annual budget, an allowance for bad debts to cover the estimated amount of charges that are uncollectible during the fiscal year. The Senior Director shall report the total amount of bad debt write-offs to the City Manager annually.
- Establish and maintain an accounting system for all departments and offices within the City and adhere to the laws of the state.
- Review and match all invoices and travel reimbursements before payment to make sure the goods or services were approved and received.
- Upon approval from Human Resources, process payroll and payments of all City claims or charges.
- Supervise the procurement of supplies and services through solicitation, vendor selection, and negotiation.
- Establish and maintain programs for development and contract administration, inspection, and acceptance, in cooperation with City agencies and ensure compliance with federal, state, and City law.
- Manage procurement actions which generate broad participation and competition among potential suppliers or contractors; work with the Office of Economic Development to ensure equal opportunity is extended to all qualified vendors so that small and disadvantaged businesses have maximum opportunity to participate in City contracts; and monitor vendor performance.
- Upon authorization from City Council, sell, or dispose of any surplus, obsolete, or unused supplies, materials, and equipment.
- Provide technical assistance and support to firms wishing to secure City contracts.
- Provide inventory management including administrative control of receiving, stocking, and disbursement of commodities to all City departments.
- Coordinate compliance and enforcement efforts for alcohol licensing and other business activities.
- Evaluate exposure to losses, monitor contingent liabilities, and analyze and recommend measures to reduce or manage risk.

## FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
General Fund	5,192,377	6,098,078	6,784,130
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$5,192,377</b>	<b>\$6,098,078</b>	<b>\$6,784,130</b>

### Expenditure by Type

Personnel Services <sup>1,2</sup>	3,977,817	4,579,363	5,267,535
Outside Services	506,863	537,265	604,820
Commodities	183,222	185,706	191,544
Internal Services	465,837	726,721	630,204
Interfund Transfer	-	7,374	-
Other Expenditures	58,638	61,649	90,027
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$5,192,377</b>	<b>\$6,098,078</b>	<b>\$6,784,130</b>

### Expenditure by Division

Accounting Services	1,642,426	1,842,331	1,932,005
Revenue Administration <sup>1</sup>	2,383,507	3,000,162	3,381,251
Procurement & Contracts <sup>2</sup>	1,166,444	1,255,585	1,470,874
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$5,192,377</b>	<b>\$6,098,078</b>	<b>\$6,784,130</b>

<sup>1</sup> The increase from 2024 to 2025 is due to two additional FTEs and employee pay increases resulting from COLA and the implementation of the Compensation and Classification Study. The 2026 increase reflects higher benefit costs, the filling of vacancies throughout 2025, and represents the first full year of funding for the four additional FTEs added in 2025.

<sup>2</sup> The 2026 increase is due to the addition of two FTEs and an overall increase in benefits costs.

## Authorized Positions

Financial Services	2026 FTE	Grade
Accountant	6.00	114
Accounting Clerk	2.00	107
Assistant Director, Procurement & Contracts	1.00	320
Cashier	3.00	104
Contract Coordinator <sup>1</sup>	2.00	115
Customer Service Representative	2.00	104
Division Director, Accounting Services	1.00	322
Division Director, Procurement & Contracts	1.00	322
Division Director, Revenue	1.00	322
Inventory Control Supervisor	1.00	115
Purchasing Specialist	4.00	113
Purchasing Technician	2.00	107
Revenue Compliance Analyst	1.00	113
Revenue Compliance Coordinator	1.00	116
Revenue Investigator <sup>2</sup>	6.00	112
Revenue Manager	3.00	119
Revenue Specialist	8.00	109
Revenue Supervisor	1.00	113
Senior Accountant	2.00	117
Senior Accounting Clerk	7.00	109
Senior Administrative Assistant	1.00	112
Senior Director, Financial Services	1.00	327
Senior Systems Analyst	1.00	118
Supply Clerk	2.00	107
Surplus Inventory Technician	1.00	108
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>61.00</b>	

<sup>1</sup> These two positions are new additions to the Procurement & Contracts Division as 2026 service enhancements.

<sup>2</sup> In 2025 the Alcohol Beverage Compliance Unit (ABC), consisting of four ABC Officers, was moved from Police to Revenue.

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# Office of Human Resources

## Office of Human Resources Overview

The [Office of Human Resources](#) is responsible for filling all City positions with qualified and capable individuals, and providing cost-effective and competitive pay and benefit programs to all employees. The goal is to provide employees with high-quality training in technical, managerial, and customer service skills. This helps them better serve Savannah's citizens, businesses, and visitors and supports a positive workplace for all employees.

## Key Business Services

- Benefit Services
- Talent Management
- Learning and Organizational Development
- Employee Relations
- Compensation and Data Management
- Workforce Management

## Core Responsibilities

- Develop administrative policies to implement City Council guidelines; ensure compliance within the Civil Service Act, personnel, federal, state, and local regulations as they relate to human resources. Assist the City Manager with personnel-related matters; advise, counsel, and direct all City employees on personnel matters while overseeing validation of recruitment and testing procedures.
- Automate and manage competitive recruitment to attract a diverse and exceptionally well-qualified workforce which will represent the City of Savannah.
- Prepare, recommend, and manage personnel regulations; recommend qualified candidates for appointment to classified service employment; administer appointments, transfers, demotions, promotions, suspensions, lay-offs, re-employments, resignations, dismissals, and other personnel matters.
- Provide an annual report to the Civil Service Board and to the City Manager on personnel related issues.
- Process, oversee, and consult on disciplinary matters; investigate and respond to all official Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) complaints; negotiate and administer last chance agreements; advise on problems and conflict resolution; administer the grievance/arbitration process; conduct City-wide investigations related to employee misconduct and/or allegations of discriminatory practices, harassment, hostility, or disparate treatment.

- Provide employee wellness programs that benefit the physical and mental well-being of the overall organization.
- Serve as a retirement administrator to the City of Savannah's Employee Retirement Plan and Retirement Board.
- Train and educate employees by enhancing their knowledge, skills, and abilities to serve customers effectively, efficiently, and courteously.
- Establish and maintain City of Savannah employee roster of Classified Service and Unclassified Service positions according to the annual adopted budget.
- Process leave/attendance for all City employees; maintain official personnel files; serve as point of contact for employment verification, conduct exit interviews, and train payroll coordinators throughout the City.
- Coordinate with the Senior Director of Financial Services and the Senior Budget Director on matters related to the development and administration of the annual budget.

### FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
General Fund	3,179,764	3,613,375	3,852,103
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$3,179,764</b>	<b>\$3,613,375</b>	<b>\$3,852,103</b>

Expenditure by Type			
Personnel Services	2,177,984	2,402,368	2,696,624
Outside Services	739,761	786,752	770,390
Commodities	54,024	82,576	75,591
Internal Services	172,151	309,647	271,862
Other Expenditures	35,844	32,032	37,636
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$3,179,764</b>	<b>\$3,613,375</b>	<b>\$3,852,103</b>

## Authorized Positions

<b>Human Resources</b>	<b>2026 FTE</b>	<b>Grade</b>
Assistant Director, Human Resources	1.00	321
Benefits Coordinator	2.00	115
Compensation & Data Analyst	1.00	117
Employee Health Coordinator	1.00	115
Employee Relations Coordinator	1.00	115
Human Resources Assistant	1.00	107
Human Resources Business Partner	4.00	117
Human Resources Manager	4.00	120
Human Resources Technician	5.00	111
Learning & Development Coordinator	2.00	115
Project Manager	1.00	118
Recruitment Coordinator	1.00	115
Senior Administrative Assistant	1.00	112
Senior Director, Human Resources	1.00	327
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>26.00</b>	



### **Office of Management & Budget Overview**

The [Office of Management & Budget](#) is responsible for preparing a fiscal plan that provides resources needed to support the City Council's strategic priorities and the service delivery needs of residents, businesses, and visitors. This office maintains budgetary controls, ensures a diversified revenue base that includes researching, securing, and managing grant funds; and updates the five-year capital plan to support a program of regular maintenance as well as replacement and growth of the City's infrastructure.

### **Key Business Services**

- Budget Development
- Budget Monitoring and Control
- Grants Research, Administration, and Coordination
- Financial Forecasting and Analysis

### **Core Responsibilities**

- Prepare a balanced operating budget and capital program in accordance with applicable laws. Coordinate with the Senior Director of Financial Services in matters related to the administration of the budget.
- Analyze the fiscal impact of all budgetary and management policies for departments, divisions, and other agencies of City government. Consider and provide recommendations on the effectiveness and impact of programs through analysis or evaluation.
- Prepare, review, and maintain a standardized budget and capital program manual for all departments, divisions, offices, and agencies of City government to ensure uniform budgetary and capital programming procedures.
- Promote continuous research into systems and methods to improve budgetary and policy management.
- Support the Human Resources Department in developing and implementing compensation and benefits programs.
- Research potential grant funding opportunities, provide technical assistance, and assist departments with grant application development to strengthen grant applications while streamlining the submission process and acting as a liaison with funding agencies.

## FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
General Fund	1,255,431	1,526,557	1,803,921
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,255,431</b>	<b>\$1,526,557</b>	<b>\$1,803,921</b>

### Expenditure by Type

Personnel Services <sup>1</sup>	1,114,613	1,298,147	1,599,938
Outside Services	48,924	64,743	72,453
Commodities	9,141	14,805	17,000
Internal Services	70,252	135,613	100,285
Interfund Transfer <sup>2</sup>	4,740	-	-
Other Expenditures	7,761	13,249	14,245
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,255,431</b>	<b>\$1,526,557</b>	<b>\$1,803,921</b>

## Authorized Positions

Office of Management & Budget	2026 FTE	Grade
Assistant Director, Budget	1.00	321
Budget Analyst	2.00	115
Data & Analytics Analyst	1.00	118
Lead Fiscal Analyst	1.00	118
Principal Budget Analyst	3.00	118
Project Manager	1.00	118
Senior Administrative Assistant	1.00	112
Senior Budget Analyst	4.00	116
Senior Director, Budget	1.00	327
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>15.00</b>	

<sup>1</sup> The projected 2025 values are low in comparison to proposed 2026 figures primarily due to department vacancies throughout 2025.

<sup>2</sup> The 2024 charges were a Fleet Additional Contribution associated with the acquisition of a shared office vehicle.



## **Internal Auditing Overview**

[Internal Auditing](#) is an independent, objective, assurance and consulting team designed to add value and improvement to the City's operations. The department's primary responsibilities include conducting internal audits, investigating, consulting, and reviewing operational practices for compliance. Additionally, this department assists the City in identifying risks, evaluating controls, and making recommendations that promote efficient and effective delivery of services, all while respecting and supporting the City's ethical objectives. The department supports the City's external audit efforts and identifies and confirms management controls.

The decline in Personnel Services from FY24 to FY25 is attributed to the vacancy of the Internal Audit Officer position for approximately 10 months. The position was filled in October 2025, resulting in a projected increase between FY25 and FY26 as salary and benefit costs for the position are now reflected for the full fiscal year.

## **Key Business Services**

- Internal Audits
- External Audit Support
- Management Controls
- Performance and Operational Reviews

## **Core Responsibilities**

- Conduct internal, operational, investigative, performance, compliance, and financial audits of departments, offices, boards, activities, and agencies funded by the City in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.
- Submit by December 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year an annual audit plan for the upcoming fiscal year to the City Manager, which includes the departments, offices, boards, activities, and programs scheduled for audit during the year.
- Monitor follow-up on reported findings to ensure corrective action is taken.
- Support the completion of the City's external audit.
- Assist the City Manager, Service Center Chiefs, and Department Directors in identifying and recommending improvements to management controls and procedures of the City government; provide consulting services, such as reviews of contracts, proposals, legislative matters, and policy interpretations.
- Provide advice and assistance in the preparation of policy and procedures to all departments, while reviewing the adequacy of policies and procedures relating to financial controls.

## FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
General Fund	412,454	369,875	444,967
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$412,454</b>	<b>\$369,875</b>	<b>\$444,967</b>

Expenditure by Type			
Personnel Services <sup>1</sup>	354,910	294,827	370,023
Outside Services	7,492	8,575	9,950
Commodities <sup>2</sup>	2,626	170	5,735
Internal Services	45,665	64,803	57,639
Other Expenditures	1,761	1,500	1,620
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$412,454</b>	<b>\$369,875</b>	<b>\$444,967</b>

## Authorized Positions

Internal Auditing	2026 FTE	Grade
Internal Audit Officer	1.00	320
Principal Internal Auditor	2.00	118
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>3.00</b>	

<sup>1</sup> The Internal Audit Officer position was vacant through most of FY25 resulting in Personnel Expenses below trend.

<sup>2</sup> FY26 includes funding for supplies & materials to implement new programming for fraud governance, quality assurance, ethics, and whistleblower activities.



# Risk Management

## **Risk Management Overview**

Risk Management is responsible for administering the City's self-insurance program for workers' compensation, general liability, automobile liability, and property damage claims. This department also manages a variety of disciplines in relation to employee safety, training, and inspections. Risk Management strives to achieve a work environment that is 100 percent collision and injury-free. Preventing losses eliminates the flow of funds from the City caused by chargeable vehicular collisions, work-related injuries, petition claims, and excessive commercial insurance premiums.

In FY25, the City's budget for Security Guard Services was moved to the Risk Management Fund instead of the departmental operating budget. This approach appropriately classifies security guard services as a proactive risk mitigation measure rather than a routine operating cost and provides a clear financial and strategic reason for the service.

## **Key Business Services**

- External & Internal Risk Management
- Promote Employee Health and Safety

## **Core Responsibilities**

- Mitigate the City's financial losses.
- Promote the health and safety of employees and citizens.
- Purchase commercial insurance as appropriate or required by law.
- Administer the City's insurance programs, which include claims management in Auto Liability, Worker's Compensation, and Public Liability (with the exception of employee group benefits such as life/health/dental insurance, which shall be the responsibility of the Employee Benefits division of the Human Resources Department).

## FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
General Fund	2,712,212	710,365	737,351
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,712,212</b>	<b>\$710,365</b>	<b>\$737,351</b>

Expenditure by Type			
Personnel Services	507,088	573,940	601,570
Outside Services <sup>1</sup>	2,115,423	8,539	9,186
Commodities	46,597	39,650	34,950
Internal Services <sup>2</sup>	34,069	77,781	70,177
Interfund Transfer	-	-	10,773
Other Expenditures	9,035	10,455	10,695
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,712,212</b>	<b>\$710,365</b>	<b>\$737,351</b>

## Authorized Positions

Risk Management	2026 FTE	Grade
Risk Management Coordinator	1.00	115
Risk Management Officer	1.00	321
Risk Management Technician	3.00	110
Risk & Claims Coordinator	1.00	115
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>6.00</b>	

<sup>1</sup> The decrease that occurred in FY25 is due to security guard services being moved to the Risk Management Fund.

<sup>2</sup> The FY25 increase is driven by the department's individual share of the citywide security guard services expense being paid into the Risk Management Fund.



### Real Estate Services Overview

[Real Estate Services](#) manages real property transactions for the City of Savannah, including acquisitions, dispositions, lease oversight, and operating contracts for multiple facilities including the Civic Center and Enmarket Arena. The department manages facility maintenance needs and janitorial services for City facilities including City-owned visitor centers.

At the end of 2025, Capital Projects Management was reorganized as a division of the Real Estate Services Department to realize operational efficiencies in managing the lifecycle of the real estate portfolio. The department is now also responsible not only for construction, implementation, and inspection, but also the administrative aspects of capital projects including budget management and financial accounting.

### Key Business Services

- Facility Management and Maintenance
- Property Acquisition and Disposition
- Civic Center and Arena Operations
- Capital Projects Program Management
- Post-disaster Damage Assessment

### Core Responsibilities

- Perform work order repairs and preventative maintenance services at more than 100 City facilities and provide property management functions such as janitorial, pest control, contracted mail/courier services, and grounds maintenance oversight.
- Conduct all real property transactions for the City of Savannah, portfolio inventory management and reporting, property research and monitoring, and related functions.
- Operate and manage the Civic Center and Enmarket Arena including operating agreement oversight.
- Manage the development and implementation of capital projects during the planning, design, permitting, procurement, and construction phases including oversight of architectural and engineering consultants.
- Lead damage assessment efforts post-disaster as part of the City's Incident Management Team (IMT).

## FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
General Fund	13,074,217	13,688,764	15,038,232
Civic Center Fund	5,321,099	5,400,166	5,144,075
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$18,395,316</b>	<b>\$19,088,930</b>	<b>\$20,182,307</b>

### Expenditure by Type

Personnel Services	4,789,252	5,027,168	5,688,080
Outside Services	9,499,426	9,408,149	9,581,404
Commodities	605,929	585,006	591,984
Internal Services	531,363	726,526	841,557
Capital Outlay	38,881	70,552	57,000
Debt Service	1,935,383	2,062,931	2,160,352
Interfund Transfers	127,145	131,953	146,888
Other Expenditures	867,937	1,076,645	1,115,042
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$18,395,316</b>	<b>\$19,088,930</b>	<b>\$20,182,307</b>

### Expenditure by Division

Capital Projects Management <sup>1</sup>	1,407,897	1,489,581	1,684,830
Civic Center & Arena Operations <sup>2</sup>	5,321,099	5,400,166	5,144,075
Facility Maintenance & Operations <sup>3</sup>	8,438,242	8,410,052	9,439,917
Property Acquisition & Disposition	485,385	543,448	578,081
Real Estate Administration	2,742,693	3,245,683	3,335,404
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$18,395,316</b>	<b>\$19,088,930</b>	<b>\$20,182,307</b>

<sup>1</sup> Shown in prior budget documents as a separate department.

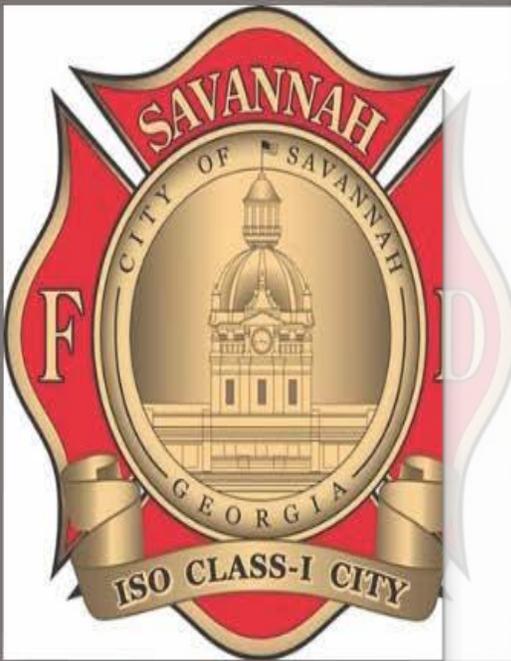
<sup>2</sup> An 82.1 percent decrease of approximately \$300 thousand is anticipated in 2026 due to the discontinuation of the chiller rental upon installation of the new City-owned asset.

<sup>3</sup> Vacancies are low and although one position is added in 2026, salary and medical benefit increases are the main drivers of the 12.2 percent increase in Personnel Expenses. Outside Services budgets are increased as well, but to cover increased unit costs for things like janitorial services rather than expansion of work plans or programs.

## Authorized Positions

<b>Real Estate Services</b>	<b>2026 FTE</b>	<b>Grade</b>
Administrative Assistant	2.00	107
Assistant Director, Capital Projects Management	1.00	320
Building & Electrical Maintenance Supervisor	4.00	114
Building Maintenance Technician I	9.00	108
Capital Project Manager	3.00	118
Capital Projects Liaison	1.00	113
Contract Coordinator	2.00	115
Division Director, Capital Project Management <sup>1</sup>	1.00	324
Division Director, Civic Center	1.00	320
Division Director, Facilities	1.00	322
Electrician	2.00	111
Event Planner	1.00	114
Facilities Service Worker	8.25	105
HVAC Technician	5.00	111
Inspector Capital Projects Construction	1.00	114
Maintenance Crew Chief	1.00	112
Maintenance Superintendent	1.00	118
Maintenance Worker	1.00	106
Painter	1.00	107
Production Operations Coordinator	1.00	115
Real Estate Manager	1.00	119
Real Estate Specialist	6.00	116
Senior Administrative Assistant	2.00	112
Senior Capital Project Manager	2.00	122
Senior Civil Engineer	1.00	122
Senior Director, Real Estate Services & Capital Projects <sup>1</sup>	1.00	327
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>60.25</b>	

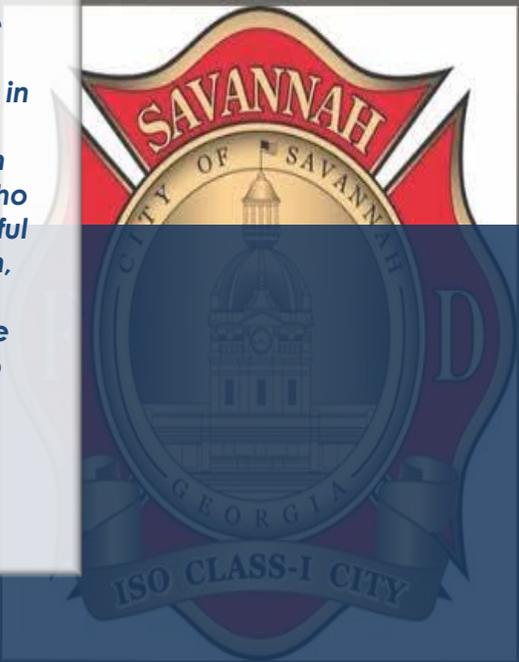
<sup>1</sup> Positions were evaluated and regraded as deemed appropriate by HR to reflect the new organizational structure.

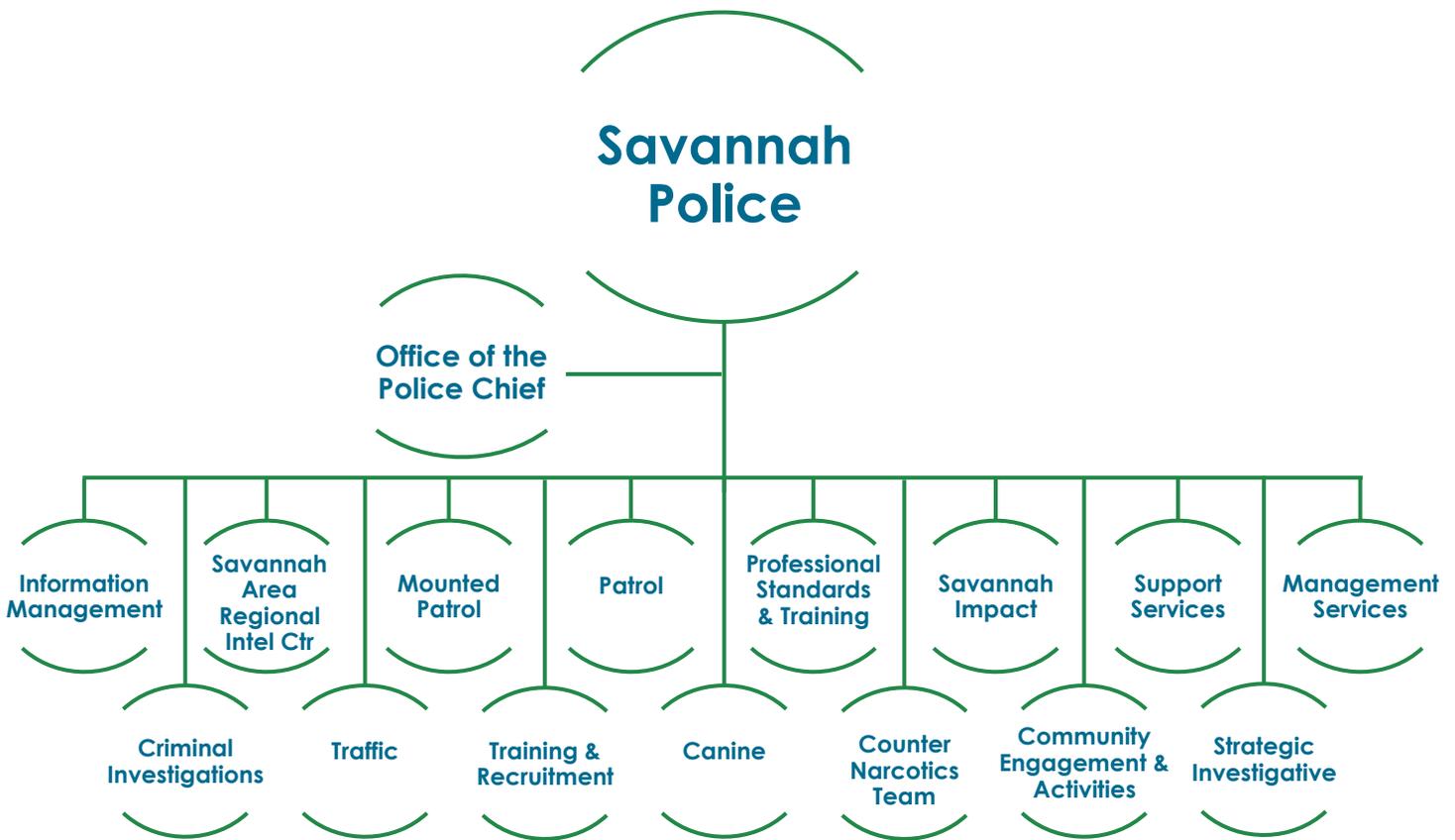


# Public Safety



*Public Safety is the cornerstone of a thriving community and is best achieved through a collaborative partnership between government and residents. Together, these efforts foster a city where individuals feel secure in their neighborhoods and confident in the services that protect them. Each day, Savannah's leadership remains steadfast in prioritizing the safety and well-being of all who live, work, and visit the city. Through thoughtful policymaking, strategic resource allocation, and a commitment to excellence in enforcement and emergency response, the City continues to strengthen its capacity to safeguard lives, preserve property, and maintain public trust.*





### Savannah Police Overview

The [Savannah Police Department](#) (SPD) promotes the safety of the community and supports an atmosphere of security through the apprehension of offenders. SPD deters crime by working closely with the community and by assessing and managing public safety risks. SPD is responsible for law enforcement, investigation of crimes against persons and property, and the overall physical protection of the public at all times.

Key investments in FY26 include \$180,000 for a Workload Assessment, required every four years by CALEA. This assessment will evaluate the department's current workload, analyze workforce requirements, and examine existing beat assignments to ensure optimal alignment with operational demands. Additional investments include \$48,000 for Rapid Fingerprint Scanners, a \$70,000 increase to the annual Ammunition budget, and a Drying Cabinet designed to preserve blood-soaked evidence in shooting investigations.

Furthermore, \$148,083 has been allocated for the purchase of 44 Aero Precision Patrol Rifles to equip more officers across the department. This enhancement will allow officers to respond more effectively to high-threat situations, including incidents involving large crowds, hostages, or barricaded suspects. The Aero Precision Patrol Rifle System strengthens SPD's capacity to safeguard the community and uphold public safety.

### Linkage to Strategic Priorities & Goals

- Increase Public Safety and Our Collective Sense of Security
- Develop World Class Livable Environment and Infrastructure
- Always Be a High-Performing Government

### Key Business Services

- Crime Prevention & Major Crime Investigation
- Alcohol Beverage Control

- Community Relations
- Intelligence–Led Policing
- Traffic Enforcement and Control
- Preventive Patrol
- Criminal Information Records Management
- Proactive Community Policing

### **Core Responsibilities**

- Preserve public peace, prevent crime, detect, and arrest offenders while protecting the rights of persons and property.
- Regulate and control traffic in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia and City ordinances.
- Enhance community outreach, relationship building, and awareness through interactions, educational programs, social media engagement, training workshops, and the distribution of police materials.
- Plan, develop, and implement crime prevention programs independently and collectively with other governmental agencies.
- Respond to calls for police services, conduct initial investigation of crimes, traffic accidents, and other major and minor incidents.
- Provide preventive patrol, crime prevention education, and contact with at-risk youth to prevent and deter deviant behavior.
- Investigate major crimes identifying, locating, and apprehending offenders with the goal of successfully prosecuting all criminal offenders while meeting the needs of the victims of crime.
- Conduct long-term gang, gun, and drug investigations, while keeping a focus on prolific offenders.
- Provide field support, conduct narcotic evidence building and area searches. Track lost persons and physically apprehend criminal suspects.
- Plan and conduct traffic related functions while providing proactive enforcement focusing on the prevention of traffic law violations.
- Provide crime analysis functions for collecting, analyzing, and distributing intelligence for specialized investigations with continued emphasis on intelligence-led policing throughout the organization.
- Provide a centralized records function, while collecting fees for administrative services such as furnishing copies of background investigations, photographs taken or processed, accident reports, and other reports authorized to be released to the public.
- Provide support services in obtaining equipment, vehicles, and safety items for officers to complete job tasks utilizing best practices. Effectively monitor and expense fiscal resource allocations for the department. Research, implement, and manage public safety grants that move the community and organization forward.
- Plan strategic initiatives to meet the Savannah Police Department's goal to operate with maximum efficiency and to move forward on two key elements: adequate support of existing technologies as well as implementation of new, enabling technologies.

**FY26 Resources<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Revenue Source</b>	<b>Actual 2024</b>	<b>Projected 2025</b>	<b>Proposed 2026</b>
General Fund	66,010,510	75,013,001	85,087,638
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$66,010,510</b>	<b>\$75,013,001</b>	<b>\$85,087,638</b>

**Expenditure by Type**

Personnel Services <sup>2</sup>	51,312,545	56,093,959	63,741,718
Outside Services	3,689,268	4,024,188	4,329,889
Commodities <sup>3</sup>	2,213,131	2,468,423	2,837,671
Internal Services	6,358,248	8,095,626	9,525,339
Capital Outlay <sup>4</sup>	134,027	50,688	29,250
Interfund Transfers <sup>5</sup>	-	159,000	-
Other Expenditures	2,303,291	4,121,117	4,623,771
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$66,010,510</b>	<b>\$75,013,001</b>	<b>\$85,087,638</b>

**Expenditure by Division<sup>2</sup>**

Office of the Police Chief	2,070,033	2,235,916	2,603,515
Patrol	33,755,226	39,331,937	43,439,110
Criminal Investigations	9,664,274	10,673,638	12,230,842
Sav Area Regional Intel Ctr (SARIC)	926,208	958,458	1,236,754
Traffic	2,534,550	2,683,604	3,477,622
Mounted Patrol	706,157	718,072	948,391
Canine	682,294	871,990	1,036,814
Support Services	4,600,117	5,249,303	5,215,105
Training & Recruitment	2,172,868	2,567,810	3,272,169
Information Management	1,814,981	1,903,247	2,069,511
Counter Narcotics Team (CNT)	1,209,124	1,229,190	1,720,498
Professional Standards & Training	784,101	777,161	964,967
Savannah Impact (SIP)	973,380	1,135,629	1,238,396
Strategic Investigative	3,246,566	3,512,445	4,401,324
Management Services	870,145	789,713	773,898
Community Engagement & Activities	486	374,888	458,722
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$66,010,510</b>	<b>\$75,013,001</b>	<b>\$85,087,638</b>

<sup>1</sup> Under the HEAT Grant \$196,836 and \$160,428 are eligible for reimbursement in FY25 and FY26 respectively.

<sup>2</sup> The variance between the FY25 Projected and FY26 Proposed totals is primarily driven by more than 80 longstanding vacancies across SPD, increased stipends and overtime, and a citywide increase in Group Medical costs.

<sup>3</sup> FY26 reflects an increase to Laundry Allowance budgets.

<sup>4</sup> FY24 includes funding for the purchase of rifle racks to enhance equipment storage and officer readiness.

<sup>5</sup> FY25 investments include the acquisition of two SUVs to support Print Examiner operations and ten leased vehicles for Community Resource Officers, improving response capabilities and community engagement efforts across the city.

## Authorized Positions

<b>Savannah Police <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>2026 FTE</b>	<b>Grade</b>
Accounting Technician	1.00	108
Administrative Assistant	16.00	107
Assistant Police Chief	2.00	509
Board of Education Officer	2.24	503
Cold Case Investigator	2.25	503
Crime Analyst	8.00	112
Crime Analyst Assistant	1.00	106
Criminal Investigations Assistant	1.00	106
Customer Service Representative	5.00	104
Division Director, Police Administration	1.00	321
Division Director, Strategic Operations & Accountability	1.00	321
Executive Assistant	1.00	114
Groom	1.40	106
Intelligence Center Manager	1.00	119
Inventory Coordinator	1.00	114
Latent Print Examiner	2.00	113
Open Records Request Specialist	1.00	108
Open Records Request Supervisor	1.00	114
Outside Employment Program Coordinator	1.00	110
Police Accreditation Coordinator	1.00	115
Police Accreditation Specialist	1.00	113
Police Captain	10.00	507
Police Chief	1.00	331
Police Corporal	144.00	504
Police Forensic Technician	2.00	112
Police Lieutenant	21.00	506
Police Major	3.00	508
Police Officer	271.00	503
Police Property Coordinator	1.00	110
Police Sergeant	67.00	505
Principal Crime Analyst	2.00	116
Program Coordinator	1.00	112
Property & Evidence Supervisor	1.00	112
Property & Evidence Technician	5.00	108
Records Division Manager	1.00	116
Records Supervisor	4.00	107
Records Technician	16.00	106
Recruiting Assistant	1.00	106
Senior Accountant	1.00	117
Senior Accounting Clerk	1.00	109
Senior Administrative Assistant	1.00	112
Senior Crime Analyst	1.00	115
Teletype Supervisor	1.00	110
Teletype Technician	2.00	106
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>609.89</b>	

<sup>1</sup> FY26 does not include fifteen COPS Grant Police Officer shown in prior years. Additionally, four Revenue Investigator positions were transferred to the Revenue Administration Division.

## Workload Measures

Department	Workload Measure	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026	Data Source
 <b>Goal 1 Increase Public Safety &amp; Our Collective Sense of Security</b>				
Fire Rescue	Completed mandatory state training hours	100%	100%	Learning Mgt System
Fire Rescue	Public fire safety education events	295	308	SFD RMS
Fire Rescue	Fire cause determination rate	95%	95%	SFD RMS
Fire Rescue	SFD staff certified as EMT-B	160	184	COS/SFD Strategic Plan
Fire Rescue	Amount of responses requiring prehospital medical care provided by trained first responders	4,800	4,500	COS/SFD Strategic Plan
Fire Rescue	Number of NIMS planning/training courses delivered	4	4	Annual Training and Exercise Plan (ATEP)
Fire Rescue	Number of emergency medical response calls	4,800	4,850	SFD RMS
Fire Rescue	Respond to EMS calls within 5 minutes of notification, 90% of the time	5,000	5,500	COS/SFD Strategic Plan
Fire Rescue	First due engine total response time benchmark (seconds)	440	441	CAD/RMS
Fire Rescue	Effective response force total response time benchmark (seconds)	680	681	CAD/RMS
Fire Rescue	Customer service surveys	250	225	SFD RMS
Fire Rescue	Smoke detector installations/ home fire safety surveys	105	119	SFD RMS
Fire Rescue	Number of regional hazardous material training exercises conducted	4	4	SFD RMS
Fire Rescue	Turnout time (minutes)	1:20	1:20	SFD RMS
Fire Rescue	Travel time (minutes)	4:00	4:00	SFD RMS
Police	7-minute response time to priority 1 calls for service	40%	25%	CAD Data; Berkshire Report
Police	Homicide/death investigation cases clearance rate	80%	85%	SARIC & CID Data
Police	Number of homicide/death investigation cases assigned	140	150	SARIC & CID Data
Police	Number of ShotSpotter calls	1,500	1,575	Analyst Reports
Police	Number of NIBIN matches	400	375	NIBIN Book
Police	Number of investigative searches performed by SARIC employees	10,275	11,758	Command Staff
Police	Number of High-Visibility Traffic Enforcement Operations (HVE) conducted	N/A	24	Traffic Excel Database
Police	Number of fatal crashes investigated	12	14	Traffic Excel Database
Police	Fatal crashes closed	12	12	Traffic Excel Database
Police	Percentage of hit & run investigations closed	95%	100%	Traffic Excel Database
Police	Red light camera violations	6,000	11,000	Redflex Smartops
Police	Vehicle crashes	9,000	9,000	GEARS Database

Department	Workload Measure	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026	Data Source
Police	Vehicle crashes w/injuries	1,900	1,900	GEARS Database
Police	Total number of citations Issued	30,000	30,000	Monthly Report
Police	Canine requests	1,000	1,500	Weekly Report
Police	Number of felony arrests	120	180	Weekly Report
Police	Public demonstrations	10	15	Weekly Report
Police	Records entered	126,642	150,000	ARS, GEARS, Intellevue, GCIC/NCIC Portal
Police	Open records processed	433,794	450,000	RMS
Police	Citizen-initiated complaints	128	100	IAPRO
Police	Internal affairs cases investigated	30	20	IAPRO
Police	Number of use-of-force cases investigated	418	400	IAPRO
Police	Internal affairs cases investigated and closed	22	20	IAPRO
Police	Average cases assigned per investigator	10	10	IAPRO
Police	Percent of complaints referred for precinct investigation	78%	80%	IAPRO
Police	Number of eTraces completed	100	100	ATF National Tracing Center
Police	Number of partnerships (nonprofits, schools, and businesses) that SIP and PALS engage with yearly	N/A	25	SIP Coordinator



#### Goal 4 Develop World Class Livable Environment & Infrastructure

Fire Rescue	Commercial building inspections	3,200	3,200	SFD RMS
Fire Rescue	Tier II inspections of hazardous materials at local businesses	274	266	CEMA LEPC



#### Goal 6 Always Be a High-Performing Government

Fire Rescue	Conduct Incident Management Team (IMT) exercises	2	4	Multiyear Training and Exercise Plan (MTEP)
Fire Rescue	IMT/ICS planning/training courses delivered	5	5	Multiyear Training and Exercise Plan (MTEP)



**Savannah Fire Overview**

[Savannah Fire Department](#) (SFD) is committed to identifying and prioritizing local risks, followed by an integrated and strategic investment of resources to preserve life and property. SFD uses community risk reduction data to identify community needs, focus greater attention on integrating risk management in fire prevention, and develop community education programs based on fire prevention.

Emergency Planning focuses on City-wide emergency management preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery operations during our community's high-risk events. Fire Operations provides emergency medical service responses and educates citizens on first aid and CPR skills, stop-the-bleed practices, medical alert devices, environmental/climate illness prevention, and in-home trip/fall hazard prevention. All members are trained to be emergency medical responders.

Fire Logistics, a function within the department, is responsible for directing the Fire Prevention Office, Training Division, Safety & Wellness, Fire Investigations, Support Services, Fleet, Facility Maintenance, and SFD's budget. Special Operations include the Hazardous Materials (Haz-mat) and Marine Response Divisions. The Haz-mat Response Team meets all requirements of a FEMA Type II Haz-Mat Entry Team and includes on-duty firefighters who are certified as technicians and specialists. The Marine Unit responds to fires within City limits to include those involving boats, docks, marinas, industrial facilities, riverfront alarms, and many other types of water incidents.

Key initiatives for FY26 include the addition of six Fire Engineers, six Fire Captains, and 18 Advanced Firefighters, in response to the City's rapid and continued growth, particularly within the expanding New Hampstead area. The City has initiated construction of a new fire station (New Hampstead Station) to ensure that public safety services keep pace with community development. Additionally, one Fire Prevention Plans Reviewer and one Fire Prevention Inspector have been added to maintain the City's ability to deliver essential services effectively and efficiently.

## **Linkage to Strategic Priorities & Goals**

- Always Be a High-Performing Government
- Increase Public Safety and Our Collective Sense of Security
- Develop World Class Livable Environment and Infrastructure

## **Key Business Services**

- Fire Prevention and Suppression
- Emergency Medical Response
- Hazardous Material Response
- Dive/Water Rescue Response
- Community Risk Reduction
- Community Services and Public Communication
- Department Organization and Succession
- Research and Planning
- Investigations and Special Operations
- Construction Plan Reviews and Inspections
- Standards and Training
- Fleet, Facility, Equipment, and Inventory Management
- Emergency Preparedness and City-Wide Incident Management

## **Core Responsibilities**

- Provide emergency medical assistance to citizenry and visitors of Savannah.
- Research and implement risk reduction initiatives to promote an increased quality of life for internal and external customers.
- Use community risk reduction data to focus greater attention on integrating risk management in fire prevention and developing community education programs to reduce risk.
- Educate the community to reduce injuries, loss of life, and property damage from fires and other accidents; investigate fire causes and provide regulatory enforcement.
- Minimize loss of life and property from fires and hazardous material releases; provide inspections and code plan review services to the business community and residents in the city's service area.
- Create partnerships throughout the city to increase outreach.
- Ensure firefighters' health and safety by promoting the Cancer Reduction Initiative's standards outline and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).
- Maintain fire stations and equipment to ensure prompt and effective response times to all emergency calls within the city and unincorporated service areas in which the city is required to provide service by law or intergovernmental agreement.
- Conduct comprehensive all-hazardous emergency planning and activity coordination regarding the city's preparation for and responses to natural, technological, and man-made disasters.
- Provide Technical Rescue, Hazardous Materials, and Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) responses to terrorism.
- Conduct fire and safety code enforcement activities through examination of building plans and on-site inspections.

- Investigate suspected arson cases from the onset of the crime through the arrest, apprehension, and prosecution of suspect(s).
- Provide information to the public and the news media regarding department activities and events through multiple media outlets.
- Provide direction and communication when achieving department goals, objectives, and policies required for administrative functions, aligning with the city's strategic plan.
- Provide initial and continuing training to promote higher efficiency, discipline, and morale in fire prevention, fire suppression, and emergency rescue.
- Recover costs associated with the mitigation of hazardous materials incidents, including cleanup and disposal expenses.

### FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
General Fund	40,617,455	42,870,862	48,531,558
Haz-Mat Fund	905,097	774,936	864,742
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$41,522,552</b>	<b>\$43,645,798</b>	<b>\$49,396,300</b>

### Expenditure by Type

Personnel Services	32,733,237	35,402,936	39,339,775
Outside Services	748,526	869,904	967,178
Commodities	1,157,322	1,354,846	1,634,964
Internal Services	3,187,108	2,810,679	3,348,012
Capital Outlay <sup>1</sup>	212,739	16,500	31,000
Interfund Transfer <sup>2</sup>	41,895	21,483	123,640
Other Expenditures <sup>3</sup>	3,441,725	3,169,450	3,951,731
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$41,522,552</b>	<b>\$43,645,798</b>	<b>\$49,396,300</b>

### Expenditure by Division

Office of the Fire Chief	8,783,688	8,812,930	10,474,228
Fire Operations <sup>4</sup>	31,625,192	33,843,863	37,833,563
Emergency Planning	208,575	214,069	223,767
Hazardous Materials Team	905,097	774,936	864,742
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$41,522,552</b>	<b>\$43,645,798</b>	<b>\$49,396,300</b>

<sup>1</sup> FY24 reflects the purchase of Haz-Mat equipment, including a FLIR G510 Hapsite Meter chemical identifier. The budget also includes the replacement of the Marine 2 engine.

<sup>2</sup> FY26 includes a Fleet Addition contribution for the purchase of two ½-ton crew cab 4x4 vehicles to support the two new FTE positions: Fire Plans Reviewer and Fire Inspector, enhancing field operations and service responsiveness.

<sup>3</sup> FY26 reflects an increase in Vehicle Capital Use Charges and Computer Capital Charges to account for replacement costs and lifecycle upgrades associated with the department's fleet and technology assets.

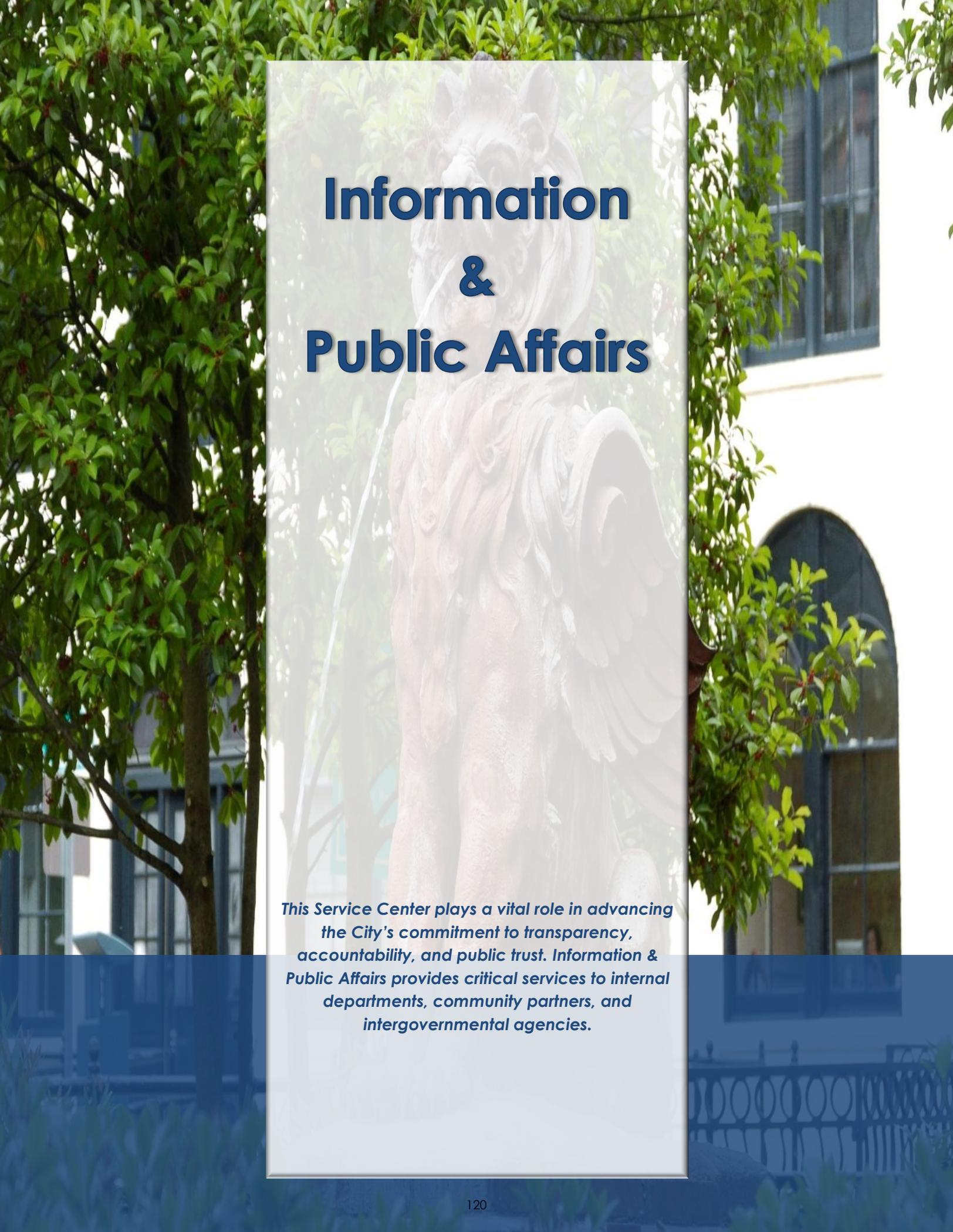
<sup>4</sup> FY26 includes salaries and related costs for the addition of six Fire Engineers, six Fire Captains, (18) Advanced Firefighters, one Fire Prevention Plans Reviewer, and one Fire Prevention Inspector.

## Authorized Positions

Savannah Fire	2026 FTE	Grade
Administrative Assistant	3.00	107
Assistant Fire Chief	3.00	607
Chief Fire Investigator	1.00	605
Deputy Fire Chief	1.00	608
Emergency Management Officer	1.00	321
Executive Assistant	1.00	114
Fire Accreditation and GIS Analyst	1.00	117
Fire Battalion Chief <sup>1</sup>	12.00	606
Fire Captain	79.00	605
Fire Chief	1.00	331
Fire Engineer	81.00	603
Fire Investigator	1.00	604
Fire Marshall	1.00	606
Fire Plans Examiner	1.00	115
Fire Prevention Inspector	8.00	113
Fire Prevention Plans Reviewer	1.00	114
Firefighter, Advanced	169.00	602
Inventory Specialist	1.00	113
Senior Administrative Assistant	2.00	112
Senior Management Analyst	1.00	117
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>369.00</b>	

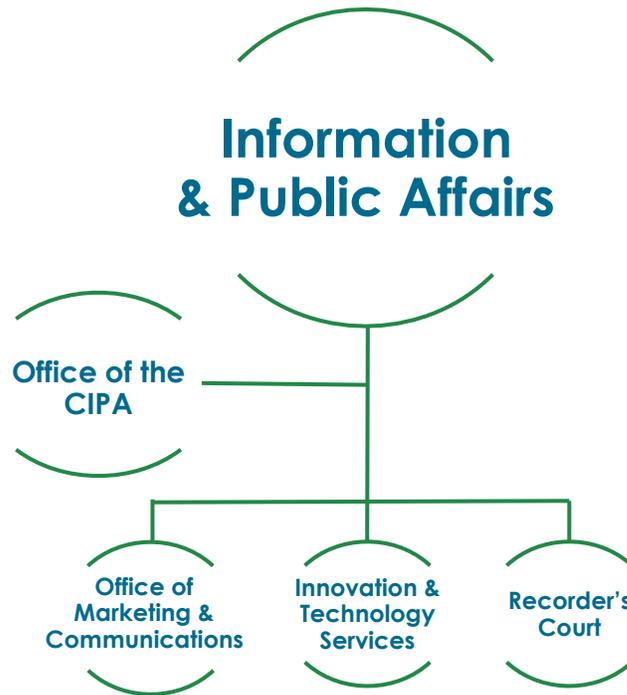


<sup>1</sup> Director, Administrative Services reclassified to Fire Battalion Chief.



# Information & Public Affairs

*This Service Center plays a vital role in advancing the City's commitment to transparency, accountability, and public trust. Information & Public Affairs provides critical services to internal departments, community partners, and intergovernmental agencies.*



### Information & Public Affairs Service Center Overview

[Information & Public Affairs](#) (IPA) provides strategic and operational direction, overseeing the day-to-day operations of several key business units. The Office of the Chief of Information & Public affairs (CIPA) is responsible for coordinating the efforts of the City's 311 Action Center, Municipal Archives, Policy & Governmental Affairs, and Organizational Development functions in addition to the departments in the service center. IPA ensures transparent communication, efficient service delivery, and innovative solutions that strengthen organizational performance and enhance public trust.

### Linkage to Strategic Priorities & Goals

- Increased Public Safety and Our Collective Sense of Security
- Invest in Equitable Community Development & Resiliency
- Develop World Class Livable Environments and Infrastructure
- Improve Quality of Life by Raising Municipal Service Standards
- Always Be a High-Performing Government

### Key Business Services

- Executive Coaching
- Intergovernmental Affairs
- Citizen Information, Reporting, and Community Engagement
- Municipal Archives
- Media Relations and Web Content
- Technology Program Management, Cybersecurity, and Compliance Services
- Judicial Case Flow and Records Management
- Organizational Development

## Core Responsibilities

- Represent the City to other elected officials and outside agencies
- Coordinate City activities with those of other cities, counties, and outside agencies and organizations.
- Provide leadership in developing a culture that values people and their differences, is free from inequities and barriers to people reaching their full potential and focuses on the delivery of quality core services.
- Provide staff support to assigned boards and commissions.
- Respond to and resolve difficult, complex, and sensitive citizen inquiries and complaints; interpret, analyze, defend, and explain City policies, procedures, programs, and activities; resolve sensitive and controversial issues.
- Operate the City's 311 Action Center to provide residents and visitors with one-stop access to information and City government services.
- Operate the City Records Center as the central repository of the official records of City government and provide for the coordination of records management and compliance with state law relating to the retention and disposal of Public Records.
- Develop and publish court operating policies and procedures consistent with local and state court rules of procedure, City and County employment policies, and local and state law.
- Develop and maintain a cooperative working relationship with other courts in the criminal justice system, the district attorney's office, police, agencies, and other stakeholders to ensure that the rights and due process of defendants and crime victims are assured.
- Administer annual records transfers and dispositions in compliance with state regulations and established retention schedules.
- Provide timely and effective responses to employees and public reference and retrieval requests.
- Provide engaging and educational opportunities to experience Savannah's history.
- Implement the City's Citizen Satisfaction Survey.
- Instill a culture of performance utilizing real data to drive process improvement and track effectiveness across City programs and services.

## FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
General Fund	6,227,827	7,216,719	7,685,417
Internal Service Fund	11,504,664	13,288,197	15,333,717
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$17,732,491</b>	<b>\$20,504,916</b>	<b>\$23,019,134</b>

Expenditure by Type			
Personnel Services	8,583,053	9,479,150	10,650,202
Outside Services	7,687,482	8,987,135	10,100,190
Commodities	221,131	345,180	328,446
Internal Services <sup>1</sup>	1,045,002	1,258,760	1,686,944
Capital Outlay	29,189	244,680	-
Interfund Transfers <sup>2</sup>	8,250	-	61,820
Other Expenditures	158,384	190,011	191,532
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$17,732,491</b>	<b>\$20,504,916</b>	<b>\$23,019,134</b>

Expenditure by Division			
Office of the Chief of Information & Public Affairs <sup>3</sup>	1,120,298	1,690,390	1,776,453
Office of Marketing & Communications <sup>4</sup>	1,948,797	2,119,348	2,199,907
Innovation & Technology Services <sup>5</sup>	11,504,664	13,288,197	15,333,717
Recorder's Court	3,158,732	3,406,981	3,709,057
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$17,732,491</b>	<b>\$20,504,916</b>	<b>\$23,019,134</b>

<sup>1</sup> The FY26 increase is primarily attributable to the Cost Allocation Plan, which ensures that the costs of shared services are equitably distributed across the benefiting departments.

<sup>2</sup> FY26 includes a Fleet Contribution for the purchase of a ½ Ton Crew Cab 4x4 with decals to support the Bi-Directional Amplifier Inspector.

<sup>3</sup> Includes the Municipal Archives Division.

<sup>4</sup> Includes the 311 Action Center Division.

<sup>5</sup> FY26 includes an increase in Citywide annual software license costs and the addition of three new positions.

## Authorized Positions

Information & Public Affairs	2025 FTE	2026 FTE	2025-2026 Difference
Office of the Chief of Information & Public Affairs	9.00	9.00	-
Office of Marketing & Communications	20.00	20.00	-
Innovation & Technology <sup>1</sup>	41.00	44.00	3.00
Recorder's Court <sup>2</sup>	32.00	33.00	1.00
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>102.00</b>	<b>106.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>

## Workload Measures

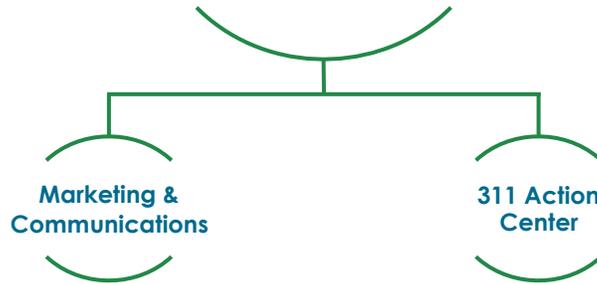
Department	Workload Measure	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026	Data Source
<b>Goal 1 Increase Public Safety &amp; Our Collective Sense of Security</b>				
Office of Marketing & Communications	Police community engagement events hosted	30	40	Events hosted
Recorder's Court	Number of misdemeanor cases filed	3,578	3,218	Odyssey Court System
Recorder's Court	Number of traffic cases filed	18,879	18,452	Odyssey Court System
Recorder's Court	Number of local ordinance cases filed	1,012	2,140	Odyssey Court System
Recorder's Court	Number of felony cases filed	3,004	2,632	Odyssey Court System
<b>Goal 2 Invest in Equitable Community Development &amp; Resiliency</b>				
Office of the CIPA	Savannah Community Memory Project (SCMP) Community Archiving Events held	3	1	Division Monthly Reports
Office of the CIPA	Number of participants served by Municipal Archives educational programs	2,000	1,500	Division Monthly Reports
Office of Marketing & Communications	Events hosted	500	500	City Website
<b>Goal 4 Develop World Class Livable Environment &amp; Infrastructure</b>				
Office of the CIPA	Number of historic sites recognized through new markers, monuments, or interpretive signage	5	1	Division Monthly Reports

<sup>1</sup> FY26 includes the addition of one Senior Network Technician, one Data Security & Governance Analyst, and one Bi-Directional Amplifier Inspector to strengthen the City's technology infrastructure, cybersecurity and data management practices, and the reliability of emergency communications.

<sup>2</sup> FY26 includes an addition of one Recorder's Court Judge.

Department	Workload Measure	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026	Data Source
 <b>Goal 5 Improve Quality of Life by Raising Municipal Service Standards</b>				
Innovation & Technology	Customer satisfaction survey (ITRG)	80%	83%	Business Vision Survey
Office of the CIPA	Number of reference/retrieval requests	3,000	3,200	Division Monthly Reports
Office of the CIPA	Percent of reference/retrieval requests responded to within 3 days or less	100%	100%	Records Retrieval Request Forms
Office of the CIPA	Percentage of customers rating Municipal Archives customer service very good or excellent	95%	90%	Customer Surveys
Office of Marketing & Communications	Number of calls received using language translation services	540	650	311 Action Monthly Report
 <b>Goal 6 Always Be a High-Performing Government</b>				
Innovation & Technology	Percentage of City business processes identified and mapped	14%	18%	ITS Quality Assurance Team
Office of Marketing & Communications	Number of service request reported	50,000	55,000	311 Action Monthly Report
Office of Marketing & Communications	Number of service requests reported using the SAV311 app	8,000	9,000	311 Action Monthly Report
Office of Marketing & Communications	News releases published	410	410	City News
Office of Marketing & Communications	Number of video story features published	175	200	youtube.com City Website
Office of Marketing & Communications	Video story features views	90,000	90,000	youtube.com City Website
Office of Marketing & Communications	Facebook posts	1,800	1,800	Facebook Analytics
Office of Marketing & Communications	Facebook post reach	1,800,000	1,800,000	Facebook Analytics
Office of Marketing & Communications	Printed and digital materials designed	1,100	1,500	City Website

# Office of Marketing & Communications



## Office of Marketing & Communications Overview

The [Office of Marketing & Communications](#) manages the City's public information initiatives. This office plays a vital role in educating, informing, engaging, and inspiring the community, fostering a deeper understanding of active participation in local government. The office facilitates multi-directional communications through channels such as the 311 Action Center, Savannah Government Television (SGTV), City website, and City social media outlets.

## Key Business Services

- Community Outreach and Internal Special Events
- Employee Communications
- Graphic Design and Print Services
- Savannah Government Television (SGTV) Programming
- Strategic Marketing and Publications
- Web Content and Media Relations
- Citizen Information and Reporting
- 311 Action Center

## Core Responsibilities

- Develop, coordinate, and administer activities to enhance awareness of City services, promote a unified brand, and deliver a common message.
- Develop and administer an employee communications program to keep employees informed, promote positive morale, and build awareness of the City's activities.
- Collect and distribute timely information to a variety of interested parties through broadcast, print, and electronic media, and conduct community outreach in support of City services, programs, and events.
- Develop and maintain professional media relations to foster positive media coverage of City programs and events.
- Manage Savannah's Internet and Intranet websites by providing standards for content presentation, quality control, content development, and technology improvements for site-wide enhancements that improve customer accessibility.
- Provide emergency public information services when needed.

- Organize special events such as news conferences, groundbreakings, ribbon cuttings, open houses, public meetings, and celebrations.
- Operate the City's 311 Action Center to provide residents and visitors with one-stop access to information and City government services.

### FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
General Fund	1,948,797	2,119,348	2,199,907
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,948,797</b>	<b>\$2,119,348</b>	<b>\$2,199,907</b>

Expenditure by Type			
Personnel Services	1,602,815	1,645,100	1,795,497
Outside Services	99,303	115,438	131,318
Commodities	10,352	16,856	17,350
Internal Services	210,360	218,779	225,247
Capital Outlay <sup>1</sup>	-	94,480	-
Other Expenditures	25,967	28,695	30,495
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,948,797</b>	<b>\$2,119,348</b>	<b>\$2,199,907</b>

Expenditures by Division			
311 Action Center	362,848	408,771	456,528
Office of Marketing & Communications	1,585,949	1,710,577	1,743,379
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,948,797</b>	<b>\$2,119,348</b>	<b>\$2,199,907</b>

<sup>1</sup> FY25 Capital Outlay costs consist of audio and video replacement purchases for City Hall chambers.

## Authorized Positions

<b>Office of Marketing &amp; Communications</b>	<b>2026 FTE</b>	<b>Grade</b>
311 Action Center Manager	1.00	118
Communications Specialist	7.00	115
Customer Service Representative	4.00	104
Media Relations Program Coordinator	1.00	116
Public Safety Communications Manager	1.00	119
Senior Administrative Assistant	1.00	112
Senior Director, Communications	1.00	325
Social Media Program Coordinator	1.00	116
Strategic Communication Manager	1.00	118
Video & Events Program Coordinator	1.00	116
Web & Digital Program Coordinator	1.00	116
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>20.00</b>	



# Innovation & Technology Services

## Innovation & Technology Overview

[Innovation & Technology Services](#) (ITS) plays a pivotal role in bringing modern technology to the forefront of City government. The department's efforts are geared toward embracing progress and elevating service delivery to the City of Savannah by empowering staff through technology. The primary mission includes infusing efficiency and transparency into the technological services the City of Savannah provides. ITS is committed to continuous improvement through the integration of contemporary technology solutions.

Innovation & Technology Services provides secure and innovative technology solutions to connect the City of Savannah with its citizens and improve efficiency. The FY26 budget includes three new positions with the equipment and resources needed to support this work: a Data Security & Governance Analyst, a Senior Network Technician, and a Bi-Directional Amplifier Inspector.

The addition of the Data Security & Governance Analyst will help the City strengthen its data security, governance, and compliance to keep up with changing cybersecurity, artificial intelligence (AI), and regulatory needs. The Senior Network Technician will bring more network planning, troubleshooting, and modernization in-house, gradually reducing the need for outside support. Finally, the Bi-Directional Amplifier Inspector will manage and maintain Bi-Directional Amplifier (BDA) systems to ensure reliable emergency communication in large buildings constructed with materials that may obstruct radio signals, support compliance with applicable codes, and reduce both safety and financial risks.

## Key Business Services

- User Support Services
- Technology Program Management
- Networking, Engineering, and Telephone System Support
- Information Security and Compliance
- Management of Public Safety Surveillance System
- Radio System Support and Maintenance

## Core Responsibilities

- Deliver technology solutions and ensure their accessibility anytime, anywhere, from any device.
- Install, set up, and maintain computer hardware, software systems, and associated equipment.
- Oversee yearly workstation, laptop, server, and data communication equipment upgrades.
- Operate a support service desk to offer assistance and resolve issues for end users.
- Carry out, sustain, and manage information systems security functions pertaining to network and administrative infrastructure security.

- Strategize, implement, and furnish mobile radio, mobile data, and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) communication services to support Public Safety and other personnel.
- Facilitate and coordinate the oversight and expansion of the Southeast Georgia Regional Radio Network (SEGARRN).
- Provide guidance to the City of Savannah, shaping its technology landscape to incorporate modern solutions.
- Equip City departments and their employees with the latest technical tools, facilitating efficient service delivery.
- Safeguard digital assets, ensuring data integrity and privacy.
- Modernize the City's technology infrastructure, enabling smoother operations and enhanced services.
- Provide consistent technology operations, minimizing disruptions, and ensuring seamless service under all conditions.

### FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
Internal Service Fund	11,504,664	13,288,197	15,333,717
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$11,504,664</b>	<b>\$13,288,197</b>	<b>\$15,333,717</b>

Expenditure by Type	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
Personnel Services <sup>1</sup>	3,783,269	4,195,899	4,830,951
Outside Services <sup>2</sup>	6,872,255	7,880,350	9,063,619
Commodities	105,592	195,657	166,696
Internal Services <sup>3</sup>	616,048	748,648	1,091,631
Capital Outlay <sup>4</sup>	29,189	140,200	-
Interfund Transfer <sup>5</sup>	-	-	61,820
Other Expenditures	98,311	127,443	119,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$11,504,664</b>	<b>\$13,288,197</b>	<b>\$15,333,717</b>

<sup>1</sup> Increased Personnel costs due to the addition of three new positions and increased benefits costs.

<sup>2</sup> The FY26 increase mainly reflects higher costs for new and existing city-wide software managed by ITS, along with contract renewal increases based on past trends and department input.

<sup>3</sup> The FY26 increase is primarily attributable to the Cost Allocation Plan, which ensures that the costs of shared services are equitably distributed across the benefiting departments.

<sup>4</sup> The 2025 costs are associated with the purchase of generators for the Kerry Street Tower Mobile Radio Towers. These expenses are expected to be fully reimbursed by FEMA, as they were incurred in response to Hurricane Helene.

<sup>5</sup> FY26 costs are a contribution to Fleet to acquire a ½ Ton Crew Cab for the new Bi-Directional Amplifier Inspector.

## Authorized Positions

<b>Innovation &amp; Technology Services</b>	<b>2026 FTE</b>	<b>Grade</b>
Administrative Assistant	1.00	107
Administrative Clerk	1.00	104
Application Support Specialist	2.00	117
Assistant Director, Innovation & Technology	1.00	321
Bi-Directional Amplifier Inspector	1.00	114
Business Analyst	3.00	118
Contract Coordinator	1.00	115
Data Security & Governance Analyst	1.00	119
Help Desk Supervisor	1.00	118
Help Desk Technician II	7.00	116
Information Technology Manager	4.00	121
Innovation & Technology Project Manager	2.00	119
IT Business Partner	3.00	117
Principal Application Support Analyst	1.00	118
Radio Systems Technician II	2.00	112
Security Engineer	1.00	119
Senior Administrative Assistant	1.00	112
Senior Director, Innovation & Technology	1.00	327
Senior Network Technician	5.00	117
Senior Systems Analyst	2.00	118
Systems Engineer	3.00	119
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>44.00</b>	



## **Recorder's Court Overview**

The [Recorder's Court](#) of Chatham County plays a major role in the local justice system. The court's main functions include providing hearings for individuals cited with violating Georgia's traffic laws and local ordinances, accepting guilty pleas from persons charged with misdemeanors, and conducting probable cause hearings for individuals charged with a misdemeanor or felony offense. The judges of Recorder's Court also issue search warrants and criminal warrants to law enforcement officers with jurisdiction in the City of Savannah and in the unincorporated areas of Chatham County.

## **Key Business Services**

- Judicial Case Flow Management
- Fiscal Administration
- Records Management

## **Core Responsibilities**

- Responsible for the administration of the planning, direction, and supervision of non-judicial functions of the Recorder's Court, including case flow, records, and budgetary management.
- Manage statistical and computer system analysis, court technology, grant oversight, and public relations.
- Manage internal personnel including the selection, training, evaluation, and disciplining of non-judicial staff. The Court Administrator is responsible for providing supervision, administration, and management of the entire court staff.
- Develop, interpret, and execute policies, mandates, and operational plans as part of a comprehensive court system to effectively and efficiently support the implementation of state court rules, judicial rulings, and/or orders.
- Serve as the official depository and custodian of court records. Arrange court appearances and update records by entering conditions of sentence for each offense.
- Provide administrative support to the Recorder's Court Judges.
- Manage the dockets of the court, assign cases to judges, schedule hearings, assign court resources and staff to ensure effective and efficient administration of justice in the court.
- Coordinate and consult with the City and County Information Technology Departments to ensure court information systems are maintained and operated efficiently.
- Develop and publish court operating policies and procedures consistent with local and state court rules of procedure, City and County employment policies, and local and state law.
- Ensure that court records, including traffic court, criminal court, and local ordinance filings are managed and maintained in compliance with local court standards and state law.

- Provide oversight of the fiduciary operations of the court, ensuring compliance with City, County, and state policies and procedures for financial management and internal control.
- Prepare monthly, quarterly, and annual reports as needed or required by the judges of the court, the City and County managers, and the state administrative office of the courts.
- Develop and maintain a cooperative working relationship with other courts in the criminal justice system, the district attorney's office, police, agencies, and other stakeholders to ensure that the rights and due process of defendants and crime victims are assured.
- Pursue and collect fines and fees assessed by the Courts.

### FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
General Fund	3,158,732	3,406,981	3,709,057
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$3,158,732</b>	<b>\$3,406,981</b>	<b>\$3,709,057</b>

### Expenditure by Type

Personnel Services <sup>1</sup>	2,295,010	2,697,749	2,924,094
Outside Services	608,050	408,149	424,057
Commodities	61,284	57,025	60,950
Internal Services	171,948	226,262	282,181
Other Expenditures	22,440	17,796	17,775
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$3,158,732</b>	<b>\$3,406,981</b>	<b>\$3,709,057</b>

<sup>1</sup> An additional Recorder's Court Judge position was added at the start of FY25.

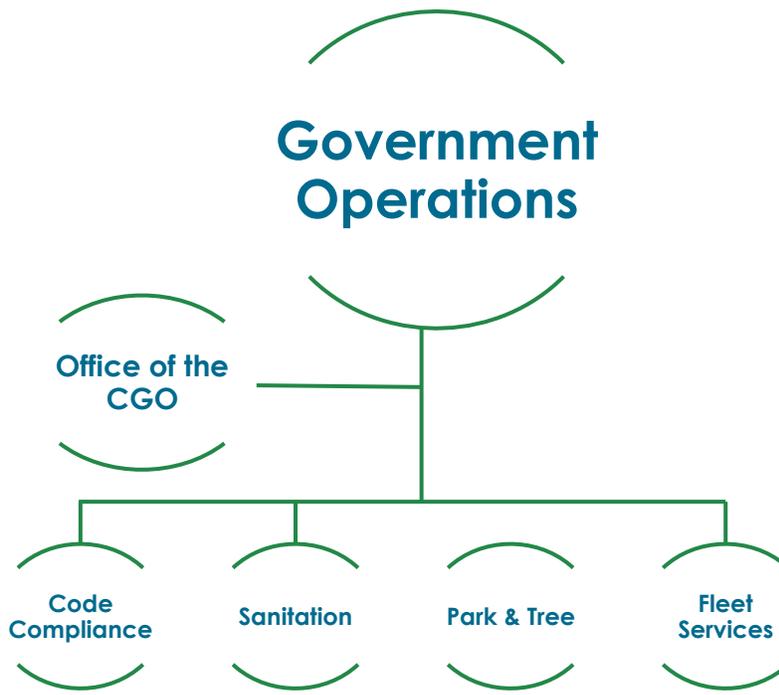
## Authorized Positions

<b>Recorder's Court</b>	<b>2026 FTE</b>	<b>Grade</b>
Bailiff	3.00	105
Case Disposition Clerk	4.00	107
Case Management Supervisor	1.00	115
Cashier	3.00	104
Chief Deputy Court Clerk	1.00	320
Court Services Specialist	2.00	109
Court Services Supervisor	1.00	115
Customer Service Representative	2.00	104
Deputy Court Clerk	6.00	108
Deputy Court Clerk, Interpreter	1.00	115
Judicial Assistant	3.00	108
Recorder's Court Judge	3.00	99
Senior Administrative Assistant	1.00	112
Senior Deputy Court Clerk	1.00	109
Senior Director, Recorders Court	1.00	325
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>33.00</b>	



# Government Operations

*Government Operations is responsible for managing core services that protect the lives, property, health, and environment of the community.*



### Government Operations Service Center Overview

[Government Operations](#) is comprised of the Code Compliance, Sanitation, Park & Tree, and Fleet Services Departments. These departments work to improve the quality of life in Savannah by ensuring a safe, sanitary, and healthy community.

### Linkage to Strategic Priorities & Goals

- Always Be a High-Performing Government
- Improve Quality of Life by Raising Municipal Service Standards

### Key Business Services

- City Code Enforcement
- Property Maintenance Standards
- Solid Waste Management and Street Cleaning
- Recycling Services and Litter Control
- Environmental Compliance
- Public Education & Outreach
- Fleet Management
- Greenspace Management & Urban Forestry

### Core Responsibilities

- Provide safe and sanitary neighborhoods, reducing blight throughout the City through community education, engagement, and enforcement combined with proactive service programs.
- Provide vegetation maintenance, rights-of-way upkeep, and litter mitigation to enhance visibility, prevent flooding, and ensure safe accessibility within the City.
- Manage, maintain, and repair City vehicles and mobile equipment.

## FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
General Fund	26,267,307	30,850,304	34,100,222
Internal Services Fund	9,381,253	10,652,560	10,790,328
Per Occupied Room Fund	350,602	330,939	340,867
Sanitation Fund	42,661,277	44,424,092	46,404,199
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$78,660,439</b>	<b>\$86,257,895</b>	<b>\$91,635,616</b>

Expenditure by Type			
Personnel Services	34,601,378	38,854,951	44,546,634
Outside Services	18,598,298	17,465,579	17,080,234
Commodities	6,018,694	6,720,094	6,683,022
Internal Services	10,301,401	9,961,215	11,668,334
Capital Outlay	17,674	10,000	121,279
Debt Service	1,298,384	1,296,120	1,297,968
Interfund Transfer	2,372,935	5,880,577	3,637,482
Other Expenditures	5,451,675	6,069,359	6,600,663
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$78,660,439</b>	<b>\$86,257,895</b>	<b>\$91,635,616</b>

Expenditure by Department			
Office of the Chief of Government Operations	414,536	431,947	526,905
Code Compliance	4,009,624	5,064,536	5,411,437
Sanitation	42,661,277	44,424,092	46,404,199
Park & Tree	22,193,749	25,684,760	28,502,747
Fleet Services	9,381,253	10,652,560	10,790,328
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$78,660,439</b>	<b>\$86,257,895</b>	<b>\$91,635,616</b>

## Authorized Positions

Government Operations	2025 FTE	2026 FTE	2025-2026 Difference
Office of the Chief of Government Operations	3.00	3.00	-
Code Compliance <sup>1</sup>	44.00	49.00	5.00
Sanitation <sup>2</sup>	232.00	234.00	2.00
Park & Tree	203.63	203.63	-
Fleet Services <sup>3</sup>	46.00	45.00	(1.00)
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>528.63</b>	<b>534.63</b>	<b>6.00</b>

<sup>1</sup> Four Tourism Compliance Officers and one Project Coordinator were moved from Special Events, Film, & Tourism during the 2025 operating year.

<sup>2</sup> Two Maintenance Workers are added in 2026 to maintain new landfill cells.

<sup>3</sup> Three positions reclassified into two positions to facilitate a new parts management program in 2025. See the department page for more information.

## Workload Measures

Department	Workload Measure	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026	Data Source
 <b>Goal 5 Improve Quality of Life by Raising Municipal Service Standards</b>				
Code Compliance	Unsecure property secured within 30 days	90%	90%	Citizenserve
Code Compliance	Complaint (311 or other) to initial inspection within 3 days	90%	90%	Citizenserve
Code Compliance	Initial inspection to compliance or summons issued within 30 days	80%	50%	Citizenserve
Code Compliance	Voluntary compliance rate	80%	80%	Citizenserve
Park & Tree	Number of city blocks pressure washed along major sidewalk corridors within the Downtown Convention District	243	243	Daily Work Reports, Route Sheets
Park & Tree	Pressure Washing work performed to standard based on a scale of 1 to 5	N/A	3.5	Park & Square Evaluations
Park & Tree	Tons of Debris/ Litter collected in Parks and Squares	450	455	Daily Work Reports, Route Sheets
Park & Tree	Historic parks and squares maintained weekly to standards	95%	95%	Daily Work Reports, Route Sheets
Park & Tree	Landscape maintenance of parks and squares performed to standard based on a scale of 1 to 5	N/A	3.5	Park & Square Evaluations
Park & Tree	Tree related service requests received through 311 system	3,000	3,150	311 Application
Park & Tree	Trees preventatively inspected outside of the 311 request system	6,600	6,600	Cityworks
Park & Tree	Trees preventatively pruned outside of the 311 request system	3,000	3,000	Cityworks
Park & Tree	Public trees removed for safety concerns or infrastructure conflicts	500	500	Cityworks
Park & Tree	Site development plans reviewed for compliance with the Landscape and Tree Protection Ordinance	700	750	EnerGov
Park & Tree	ROW vegetation maintained to standards on a cycle maintenance schedule between April and November	90%	95%	Route Sheets & 311 Application
Park & Tree	Canals and ditches mowed to standards on a cycle maintenance schedule annually	75%	85%	Route Sheets & 311 Application
Park & Tree	City-owned vacant lots mowed to standards on a cycle maintenance schedule between April and November	95%	95%	Route Sheets & 311 Application
Park & Tree	Lane vegetation maintained to standards on a cycle maintenance schedule between April and November	77%	85%	Route Sheets & 311 Application
Park & Tree	Median vegetation maintained to standards on a cycle maintenance schedule annually	77%	85%	Route Sheets & 311 Application
Park & Tree	Neighborhood parks maintained to standards	90%	93%	ASB Task Tracker, 311 Work Orders
Park & Tree	Cemetery burial services customer satisfaction rating based on a scale of 1 to 5	4.8	4.8	Customer Service Satisfaction Surveys
Park & Tree	Cemetery internment services provided	505	500	Monthly Reports
Park & Tree	Cemetery grounds maintained to standards	90%	95%	Daily Work Reports

Department	Workload Measure	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026	Data Source
Sanitation	Sanitation operations conducted in accordance with environmental and performance standards	100%	100%	Environmental and Work Program Reports
Sanitation	Number of outreach and community engagement partnerships and events conducted through the Keep Savannah Beautiful program	65	75	Keep Savannah Beautiful Community Impact Report
Sanitation	Number of volunteer clean-ups and Adopt-a-Spots	145	160	Keep Savannah Beautiful Community Impact Report
Sanitation	Residential refuse and yard waste collections completed on schedule	100%	100%	Monthly Report
Sanitation	Residential units serviced weekly for residential refuse and yard waste collection	51,000	51,000	Sanitation Monthly and Annual Report
Sanitation	Operational compliance with EPD permit conditions as demonstrated by landfill evaluation scores	100%	100%	Environmental Compliance reports
Sanitation	Tons of refuse received	94,028	94,028	Certified Scale Transaction Reports
Sanitation	Tons of refuse diverted	10,084	10,084	Certified Scale Transaction Reports
Sanitation	Maintain an annual midpoint cleanliness rating of curbed/paved streets at an acceptable standard of 3 or higher on a scale of 1-4	3	4	Mid-Point Cleanliness Evaluation Scores
Sanitation	Commercial refuse collections completed on schedule	100%	100%	311 Application
Sanitation	Number of commercial refuse customers	835	835	Sanitation Monthly and Annual Report
Sanitation	Number of containers repaired	25	25	Sanitation Monthly and Annual Report
Sanitation	Recycling collection completed on schedule	99%	100%	311 Application
Sanitation	Litter route collection completed on schedule	100%	100%	311 Application



### Goal 6 Always Be a High-Performing Government

Fleet Services	Percentage of preventive maintenance performed within 72 hours	77%	80%	AssetWorks Software
Fleet Services	Percentage of repair work orders performed within 72 hours	69%	70%	AssetWorks Software
Fleet Services	Percentage of scheduled services completed on time	78%	80%	AssetWorks Software



### **Code Compliance Overview**

The [Code Compliance Department](#) enforces housing, property maintenance, sanitation, and zoning codes to promote a safe, clean, and healthy environment. Oversight includes open or structurally unsound vacant structures, overgrown lots with litter and debris, derelict or abandoned vehicles, unsafe occupied residential dwellings, and regulatory enforcement of short-term vacation rental code. Code Compliance utilizes the Recorder's Court of Chatham County in the code enforcement process as required and contracts for the elimination of unsafe and unsanitary conditions resulting from code violations.

FY26 will see the department continue to focus on code enforcement, neighborhood engagement, and the use of technology to improve inspection efficiency and case resolution times. These efforts support the City's broader goal of preserving property values, enhancing public safety, and improving quality of life for all Savannah residents.

### **Key Business Services**

- City Code Enforcement
- Property Maintenance Standards Management
- Public Nuisance Violation Enforcement
- Unsecured Vacant Buildings Safety Remediation
- Zoning Code Compliance Including Short-Term Vacation Rentals Enforcement
- Public Education on Code Requirements

### **Core Responsibilities**

- Handle all aspects of the enforcement of the City's codes with a focus on compliance while adhering to a high standard of customer service.
- Administer the preparation and processing of enforcement actions against violators of the Savannah Code of Ordinances as may be applicable.
- Promote health and public safety by encouraging compliance with environmental and business regulations, historic preservation, neighborhood enhancement codes, and other property standards.
- Provide regulatory oversight of the Short-Term Vacation Rental Ordinance.
- Ensure that vacant houses and buildings meet minimum standards for property maintenance and preservation efforts.

- Prepare and issue violation notices to property owners and tenants; issue summons to code violators; and provide testimony in Recorder's Court.
- Inspect and enforce nuisance violations on commercial or residential properties.
- Inspect and enforce sanitation violations that occur at restaurants, bars, and all other commercial businesses.
- Inspect and track vacant properties to ensure that owners are complying with City ordinances applicable to the minimum standards required for vacant structures.
- Investigate complaints regarding violations of the City ordinances as they pertain to property maintenance, sanitation, and zoning codes.
- Educate residents, property owners, and businesses on their responsibilities pertaining to the Savannah Code of Ordinances.
- Aggressively address issues of blight throughout the City.

### FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
General Fund	4,009,624	5,064,536	5,411,437
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$4,009,624</b>	<b>\$5,064,536</b>	<b>\$5,411,437</b>

Expenditure by Type			
Personnel Services	2,899,833	3,347,494	3,893,299
Outside Services <sup>1</sup>	423,860	879,400	561,912
Commodities	131,943	151,126	151,640
Internal Services	386,810	486,252	568,411
Interfund Transfer	25,051	20,000	-
Other Expenditures	142,127	180,264	236,175
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$4,009,624</b>	<b>\$5,064,536</b>	<b>\$5,411,437</b>

Expenditure by Division			
Code Compliance Administration	589,350	648,761	677,659
Code Enforcement	3,420,274	4,415,775	4,733,778
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$4,009,624</b>	<b>\$5,064,536</b>	<b>\$5,411,437</b>

<sup>1</sup> In FY25, Outside Services increase is primarily due to an emergency demolition.

## Authorized Positions

<b>Code Compliance</b>	<b>2026 FTE</b>	<b>Grade</b>
Code Compliance Manager	2.00	120
Code Compliance Officer	7.00	110
Code Compliance Specialist	1.00	112
Code Compliance Supervisor	5.00	115
Code Compliance Technician	2.00	107
Customer Service Representative	3.00	104
Field Training Officer	2.00	114
Graffiti Officer	3.00	109
Paralegal	1.00	111
Program Coordinator	1.00	112
Project Coordinator	1.00	114
Senior Administrative Assistant	1.00	112
Senior Code Compliance Officer	15.00	112
Senior Director, Code Compliance	1.00	325
Tourism Compliance Officer	4.00	108
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>49.00</b>	



### Sanitation Overview

The [Sanitation Department](#) is responsible for providing solid waste management, recycling, street cleaning, and litter control services to promote community and environmental health and neighborhood vitality. The department manages the collection and disposal of residential and commercial waste, operates the Dean Forest Landfill, and provides curbside recycling and yard waste services. Sanitation also oversees the City's street sweeping and litter reduction programs, organizes community cleanup events, and encourages sustainability through public education and waste reduction efforts.

Key enhancements in FY26 include approximately \$373 thousand for equipment to support more efficient downtown litter management in lanes and other public spaces, and \$55 thousand for cab cameras to enhance safety and accountability for both the public and Team Savannah.

Operationally, two Maintenance Worker positions are added to the FY26 workforce to maintain new landfill cells.

### Key Business Services

- Residential Refuse Collection
- Refuse Disposal and Landfill Operations
- Street Cleaning
- Commercial Refuse Collection
- Recycling Services
- Litter Control
- Environmental Compliance

### Core Responsibilities

- Provide environmental compliance by supporting and monitoring solid waste collection and disposal operations.
- Ensure sanitation services are planned and executed on schedule.
- Provide education and outreach services to the public.
- Collect residential refuse, yard waste, and bulk items throughout the City.
- Handle and dispose of non-hazardous solid waste collected within the City in accordance with all applicable state and federal environmental standards.

- Operate Dean Forest Road Landfill (DFRL), the Bacon Park Transfer Station (BPTS), and ancillary programs such as yard waste processing and scrap tire and metal recycling.
- Maintain an acceptable level of cleanliness on all curbed and paved streets throughout the City through street sweeping and debris clearing, sign maintenance, and street cleaning zone parking enforcement.
- Collect refuse from commercial and institutional establishments.
- Collect and dispose of construction and demolition waste.
- Maintain a container repair facility that ensures all containers meet standards for cleanliness, safety, and health regulations.
- Provide residential curbside recycling, community and commercial drop-off recycling, special event recycling, and litter control throughout the City.



## FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
Sanitation Fund	42,661,277	44,424,092	46,404,199
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$42,661,277</b>	<b>\$44,424,092</b>	<b>\$46,404,199</b>

Expenditure by Type			
Personnel Services <sup>1</sup>	15,515,606	17,782,291	20,287,840
Outside Services <sup>2</sup>	10,098,498	7,880,633	7,932,823
Commodities	2,482,434	2,178,067	2,435,475
Internal Services	6,771,458	5,370,711	6,484,561
Debt Service	1,298,384	1,296,120	1,297,968
Interfund Transfer <sup>3</sup>	2,122,009	5,853,077	3,637,482
Other Expenditures	4,372,888	4,063,193	4,328,050
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$42,661,277</b>	<b>\$44,424,092</b>	<b>\$46,404,199</b>

Expenditure by Division			
Commercial Refuse	2,441,492	2,104,628	2,907,518
Recycling & Litter Services <sup>4</sup>	7,512,973	7,510,944	9,006,009
Refuse Disposal <sup>2</sup>	10,458,410	8,434,211	8,408,025
Residential Refuse	11,461,809	13,035,851	13,564,970
Sanitation Administration	1,097,395	1,283,615	1,415,275
Sanitation Interdepartmental <sup>5</sup>	5,204,738	8,085,021	7,102,426
Street Cleaning	4,484,460	3,969,822	3,999,976
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$42,661,277</b>	<b>\$44,424,092</b>	<b>\$46,404,199</b>

<sup>1</sup> The variance between the FY25 projected and FY26 proposed budget totals is primarily driven by vacancies within Commercial Refuse, Recycling & Litter Services, and Refuse Disposal, as well as a citywide increase in Group Medical costs. Additionally, an addition of two Maintenance Worker added to the 2026 workforce to enhance capacity for ongoing maintenance and service needs.

<sup>2</sup> FY24 actuals include approximately \$2.6 million related to Hurricane Helene debris collection and monitoring efforts.

<sup>3</sup> FY26 includes a transfer to the Contingency Fund to account for the Landfill Depletion Allowance, along with payments to the General Fund for services provided. The budget also includes a Fleet Addition Contribution for the purchase of two refuse compactors and a truck-mounted sweeper to enhance operational efficiency and service delivery.

<sup>4</sup> The variance between the FY25 projected and FY26 proposed budget totals is primarily driven by position vacancies.

<sup>5</sup> Sanitation Interdepartmental is a non-operating unit.

## Authorized Positions

<b>Sanitation</b>	<b>2026 FTE</b>	<b>Grade</b>
Administrative Assistant	5.00	107
Administrative Clerk	2.00	104
Commercial Refuse & Recycling Services Manager	1.00	120
Division Director, Commercial & Recycling Services	1.00	322
Division Director, Refuse Disposal	1.00	322
Division Director, Residential Refuse	1.00	323
Division Director, Street Cleaning	1.00	320
Environmental Compliance Coordinator	1.00	117
Heavy Construction Equipment Operator	3.00	111
Heavy Equipment Operator	34.00	109
Landfill Manager	1.00	120
Maintenance Crew Chief	1.00	112
Maintenance Worker	7.00	106
Planning and Operations Manager	1.00	118
Project Manager	1.00	118
Refuse Truck Operator	53.00	108
Residential Refuse Services Manager	1.00	120
Senior Administrative Assistant	1.00	112
Senior Director, Solid Waste	1.00	327
Senior Maintenance Worker	4.00	107
Senior Solid Waste Worker	45.00	109
Solid Waste Education Coordinator	1.00	115
Solid Waste Supervisor	13.00	115
Solid Waste Vehicle Maintenance Coordinator	1.00	112
Solid Waste Worker	51.00	106
Transfer Station Attendant	1.00	106
Welder	1.00	109
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>234.00</b>	



### Park & Tree Overview

The [Park & Tree Department](#) maintains the urban forest, historic squares, and public green spaces such as neighborhood parks, cemeteries, medians, and lanes. The department’s work is essential to preserving the appearance and unique character of the City of Savannah including its iconic live oak trees, monuments, and fountains.

The major driver of 2026 budgetary increases department-wide is progressive implementation of the programmatic change begun in 2023 to bring grounds maintenance in-house, adding more than 50 positions and multiple fleet assets. Efforts to fill those positions are ongoing and are evident in year-over-year increases in personnel costs with some persistent vacancies as the main driver of variance between 2025 projections and the 2026 full workforce budget, particularly in City Cemeteries. As fleet assets are acquired, the internal services and other expenditures categories also increase due to rising garage services needs and the contributions to the Fleet Replacement Fund required to replace the vehicles at the end of useful life.

### Key Business Services

- Park, Cemetery, and Conservation Area Maintenance
- Tree Maintenance and Preservation
- Rights-of-Way, Landscape, and Green Space Maintenance
- Historic Preservation and Restoration

### Core Responsibilities

- Provide green space maintenance of City-owned properties including rights-of-way, ditches, canals, lanes, parks, cemeteries, and historic squares.
- Manage the City-wide urban forest and tree maintenance programs, including tree trimming, planting, pruning, stump grinding, removal inspections and permitting, pest control, and fertilization.
- Provide landscape maintenance services including litter control, pressure washing, plant maintenance, irrigation systems maintenance and repair, landscape and hardscape installation, and landscape design.
- Maintain the historic character and appeal of public squares, cemeteries, and greens paces by preserving, restoring, and repairing fountains and monuments.

## FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
General Fund	21,843,147	25,353,821	28,161,880
Per Occupied Room Fund	350,602	330,939	340,867
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$22,193,749</b>	<b>\$25,684,760</b>	<b>\$28,502,747</b>

Expenditure by Type			
Personnel Services	12,481,607	13,542,695	15,618,997
Outside Services	5,452,330	6,283,692	6,300,029
Commodities	1,023,018	1,164,155	1,280,697
Internal Services	2,219,844	3,043,426	3,456,587
Capital Outlay	11,399	-	18,119
Interfund Transfer	225,875	7,500	-
Other Expenditures	779,676	1,643,292	1,828,318
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$22,193,749</b>	<b>\$25,684,760</b>	<b>\$28,502,747</b>

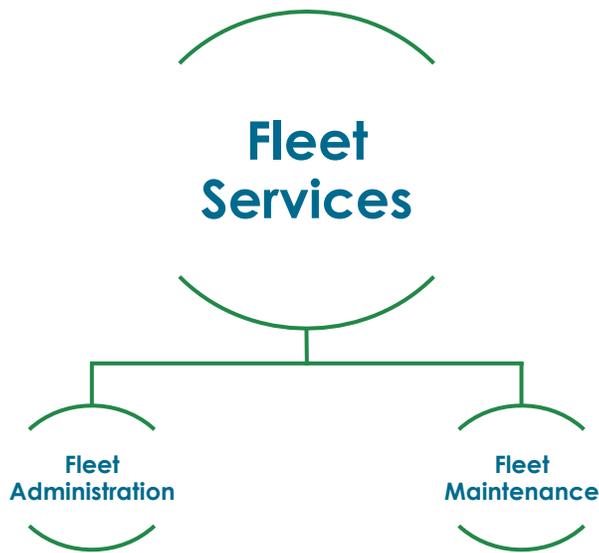
Expenditure by Division			
Park & Tree Administration <sup>1</sup>	723,190	903,777	832,697
Historic Squares & Parks Maintenance	4,523,761	5,141,684	5,521,205
Neighborhood Parks Maintenance	3,998,809	4,716,166	5,398,177
Urban Forestry	4,034,012	5,164,633	5,561,651
Greenscapes Maintenance	5,462,003	6,046,170	6,573,737
City Cemeteries <sup>2</sup>	3,451,974	3,712,330	4,615,280
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$22,193,749</b>	<b>\$25,684,760</b>	<b>\$28,502,747</b>

<sup>1</sup> Landfill disposal fees for the entire department are charged to the Park & Tree Administration Division and are highly variable year to year depending on factors such as project needs, litter volume, and public greenspace usage. Excepting this expense, the 2026 Park & Tree Administration budget is 4.5 percent more than the 2025 projection, almost entirely attributable to the 2026 COLA and GWI.

<sup>2</sup> Vacancies, primarily in grounds maintenance positions, are the main driver of the variance between the 2025 projected and 2026 proposed budget totals.

## Authorized Positions

Park & Tree	2026 FTE	Grade
Administrative Assistant	5.00	107
Administrative Clerk	1.00	104
Aerial Lift Specialist	5.00	109
Cemetery Conservation Coordinator	1.00	116
Cemetery Conservation Technician	2.00	111
Cemetery Events & Projects Coordinator	1.00	113
Cemetery Services Coordinator	2.00	115
Climber	2.00	110
Division Director, City Cemeteries	1.00	322
Division Director, Greenscapes Maintenance	1.00	322
Division Director, Historic Squares & Park Maintenance	1.00	322
Division Director, Neighborhood Parks Maintenance	1.00	322
Division Director, Urban Forestry	1.00	322
Forestry Inspector	3.00	114
Forestry Operations Crew Chief	2.00	112
Ground Operations Specialist	3.00	106
Grounds Equipment Maintenance Specialist	2.00	108
Heavy Equipment Operator	1.00	109
Landscape Architect	1.00	118
Landscape Specialist	3.00	106
Lead Conservation Technician	1.00	114
Lead Medium Equipment Operator	1.00	109
Maintenance Crew Chief	32.00	112
Maintenance Specialist	4.00	106
Maintenance Superintendent	5.00	118
Maintenance Supervisor	13.00	114
Maintenance Worker	41.63	106
Medium Equipment Operator	16.00	107
Pruning Specialist	4.00	107
Senior Administrative Assistant	1.00	112
Senior Director, Park & Tree	1.00	327
Senior Maintenance Worker	43.00	107
Special Projects Coordinator	1.00	117
Sports Turf Technician	1.00	113
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>203.63</b>	



### **Fleet Services Overview**

[Fleet Services](#) is responsible for the administration, maintenance, and repair of the City's vehicle fleet and mobile equipment. The department provides reliable and cost-effective services to internal departments that include preventative maintenance, major and minor repair services, tire repair/replacement, service calls, welding/fabrication, fueling, warranty recalls, new vehicle preparation, and vehicle disposal preparation. The department's responsibilities extend to acquiring new vehicles and equipment while formulating specifications that align with operational needs, all while ensuring adherence to local, state, and federal regulations.

In fiscal year 2025, the Fleet Services Department completed full implementation of the National Automotive Parts Association (NAPA) Business Solution Contract. While the agreement resulted in increased vehicle parts costs due to expanded access to essential inventory, it enabled NAPA to manage the City's vehicle parts inventory and related staffing. As a result of outsourcing parts operations, Fleet Services reallocated three positions, two Supply Clerks and one Inventory Coordinator, into one Automotive Mechanic Supervisor and one Service Writer to better support operational needs.

### **Key Business Services**

- Vehicle Maintenance and Repair
- Small Engine and Equipment Maintenance and Repair
- Fleet Management
- Radio System Support

### **Core Responsibilities**

- Manage, maintain, and repair vehicles and mobile equipment of City government.
- Develop and implement a comprehensive mobile equipment maintenance and fleet management program.
- Coordinate the acquisition, assignment, use, maintenance, and disposal of vehicles and mobile equipment.
- Ensure proper accountability of mobile equipment.
- Accurately and economically control all acquisition, stocking, and issuance of fuel and mobile equipment parts throughout the equipment management inventory system.
- Administer a motor pool system.

- Maintain active liaison with the Risk Management Department on vehicle operator qualifications, mobile equipment safety, security, and insurance matters.

### FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
Internal Service Fund	9,381,253	10,652,560	10,790,328
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$9,381,253</b>	<b>\$10,652,560</b>	<b>\$10,790,328</b>

Expenditure by Type			
Personnel Services	3,376,541	3,818,160	4,307,430
Outside Services	2,592,188	2,395,630	2,247,955
Commodities <sup>1</sup>	2,347,660	3,210,546	2,793,210
Internal Services	907,882	1,042,442	1,138,391
Capital Outlay <sup>2</sup>	6,275	10,000	103,160
Other Expenditures	150,707	175,782	200,182
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$9,381,253</b>	<b>\$10,652,560</b>	<b>\$10,790,328</b>

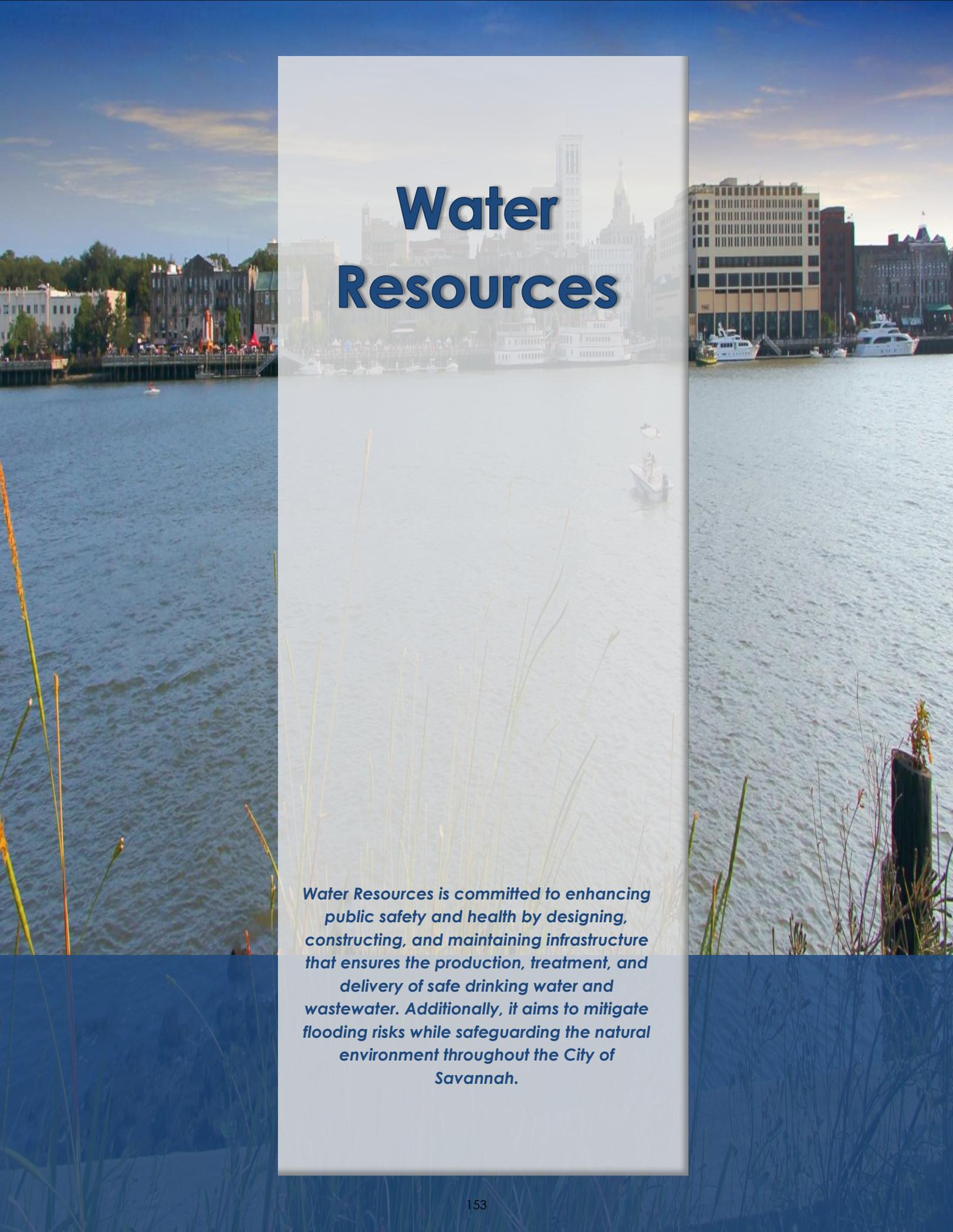
Expenditure by Division			
Fleet Administration	730,391	801,620	862,860
Fleet Maintenance	8,650,862	9,850,940	9,927,468
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$9,381,253</b>	<b>\$10,652,560</b>	<b>\$10,790,328</b>

<sup>1</sup> See the narrative above explaining the increase.

<sup>2</sup> In FY26, the Fleet Maintenance Division is scheduled to replace two end-of-life air compressors that support both light- and heavy-duty vehicle maintenance. The new units will enhance operational productivity, improve energy efficiency, and provide a reliable, consistent air supply for pneumatic tools and equipment.

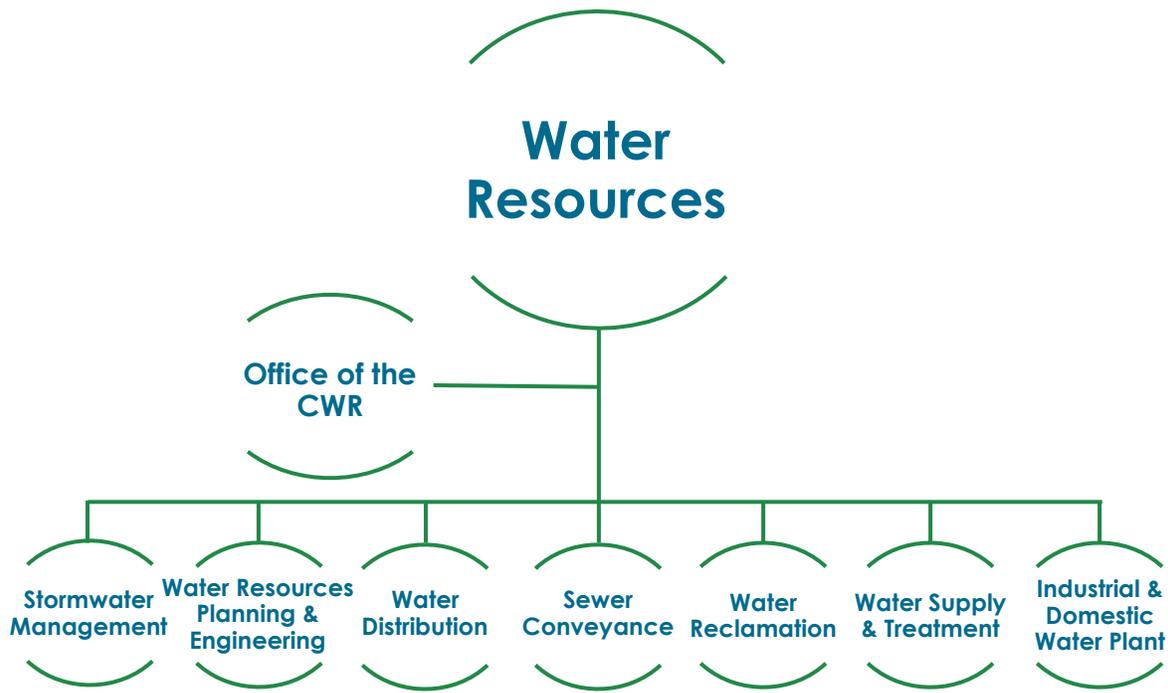
## Authorized Positions

<b>Fleet Services</b>	<b>2026 FTE</b>	<b>Grade</b>
Accounting Technician	1.00	108
Assistant Director, Fleet Services	1.00	320
Automotive Mechanic Supervisor	4.00	118
Automotive Services Mechanic A	4.00	116
Automotive Services Mechanic B	10.00	114
Automotive Services Mechanic C	15.00	111
Fleet Maintenance Contract Coordinator	1.00	114
Fleet Maintenance Coordinator	2.00	112
Fleet Maintenance Manager	1.00	119
Management Analyst	1.00	114
Radio Systems Technician I	1.00	110
Senior Administrative Assistant	1.00	112
Senior Director, Fleet Services	1.00	325
Service Writer	1.00	113
Service Writer Lead	1.00	114
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>45.00</b>	



# Water Resources

*Water Resources is committed to enhancing public safety and health by designing, constructing, and maintaining infrastructure that ensures the production, treatment, and delivery of safe drinking water and wastewater. Additionally, it aims to mitigate flooding risks while safeguarding the natural environment throughout the City of Savannah.*



### Water Resources Service Center Overview

The [Water Resources Service Center](#) promotes public health and safety through the effective management of the City of Savannah's water resources (i.e., water, sewer, and stormwater). The service center provides safe drinking water to all customers and ensures that the wastewater generated by residents, businesses, and visitors is properly treated before it is returned to the environment. In addition, the service center works on the infrastructure of culverts, ditches, and canals to minimize the potential for flooding while monitoring and protecting the City's natural environment.

To streamline customer service and operations, in 2026 the Utility Services Division is moving from the Financial Services Department<sup>1</sup> to the Water Distribution Department and seven full-time positions are transferring from Water Distribution to Water Planning & Engineering. The Stormwater Management budget includes enhanced resources in 2026 for ditch maintenance as well as more than \$2 million for 17 new positions, technology, and vehicle equipment including two vacuum trucks and operating crews to address high-demand community drainage improvement needs.

### Linkage to Strategic Priorities & Goals

- Always Be a High-Performing Government
- Develop World Class Livable Environments and Infrastructure
- Improve Quality of Life by Raising Municipal Service Standards

### Key Business Services

- Water Distribution and Utility Services
- Wastewater Services and Treatment
- Water Treatment and Supply
- Stormwater Management

<sup>1</sup> The Financial Services Department is a part of the Management Services Service Center.

- Infrastructure Management
- Source Water Protection
- Community Engagement and Education
- Customer Service

### **Core Responsibilities**

- Provide the City with efficiently maintained infrastructure and systems that are fully functional, hazard-free, and aesthetically pleasing.
- Maintain and repair the open and closed drainage systems, ensuring compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.
- Inspect and maintain the public stormwater drainage system, which includes seven stormwater pump stations, more than 413 miles of storm sewers, over 150 miles of drainage ditches and canals, as well as detention ponds, inlets, and manholes.
- Review and approve all water and sewer construction plans and specifications to ensure compliance with federal, state, and local rules, regulations, and ordinances as an enforcement service center for the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) Delegation Authority.
- Manage water, sewer, and drainage capital improvement projects.
- Maintain and manage the service center geographic information system, valve program, and as-built plans.
- Operate and maintain the City's potable water and sanitary sewer systems while implementing the best practices in resource management and sustainable operations.
- Facilitate public awareness campaigns about water conservation and responsible usage to foster community involvement in protecting natural resources.
- Obtain maximum reasonable beneficial use of our natural resources to ensure a safe and adequate water supply.
- Treat, filter, and test water from the Florida Aquifer and the Savannah River to provide safe drinking water that complies with and often exceeds federal, state, and local drinking water regulations.
- Operate and maintain the water distribution infrastructure necessary to deliver safe, potable water at sufficient pressure for current residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional requirements, as well as fire protection demands.
- Perform accurate and timely reading of water meters to ensure precise billing.
- Collect and provide uninterrupted transportation of sanitary sewage by constructing, installing, and repairing sanitary sewer gravity mains, including preparation and setup of bypass pumps when required for sewer maintenance and lift station repairs.
- Operate and maintain lift station equipment and systems such as pumps, piping, valves, as well as electrical and ancillary facilities, including portable generators.
- Provide premium, cost-effective, permit compliant, continuous wastewater treatment to support conservation efforts and prepare wastewater for irrigation reuse.
- Develop, recommend, and facilitate conservation plans and programs, including source water protection, environmental sustainability, and sustainable reclamation solutions.

## FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
General Fund	7,331,812	9,950,651	13,548,891
Industrial & Domestic Water Fund	11,519,309	14,707,626	14,840,716
Water & Sewer Fund	109,407,757	108,478,008	110,869,240
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$128,258,878</b>	<b>\$133,136,285</b>	<b>\$139,258,847</b>

Expenditure by Type			
Personnel Services	27,947,580	32,074,653	36,531,896
Outside Services	17,755,116	24,641,588	23,868,853
Commodities	9,993,654	10,924,402	11,712,128
Internal Services	19,805,325	19,333,498	20,181,545
Capital Outlay	96,462	771,008	102,500
Debt Service	3,761,878	3,762,283	3,756,682
Interfund Transfers	40,056,681	31,062,237	35,323,287
Other Expenditures	8,842,182	10,566,616	7,781,956
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$128,258,878</b>	<b>\$133,136,285</b>	<b>\$139,258,847</b>

Expenditure by Department			
Office of the Chief of Water Resources	1,635,617	1,744,048	2,019,023
Stormwater Management	7,331,812	9,950,651	13,548,891
Water Resources Planning & Engineering	2,822,112	3,359,351	3,907,298
Water Distribution <sup>1</sup>	11,446,655	13,415,550	13,045,404
Sewer Conveyance	11,975,486	13,397,476	13,901,014
Water Reclamation	14,127,876	17,130,272	17,762,305
Water Supply & Treatment	8,607,736	9,288,888	10,016,906
Industrial & Domestic Water Plant	11,519,309	14,707,626	14,840,716
Water Interdepartmental <sup>2</sup>	19,024,985	19,329,178	15,979,715
Sewer Interdepartmental <sup>2</sup>	39,767,290	30,813,245	34,237,575
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$128,258,878</b>	<b>\$133,136,285</b>	<b>\$139,258,847</b>

<sup>1</sup> Beginning in 2026, Utility Services will become a division of the Water Distribution service area. In previous budget book publications, Utility Services expenses were reported under the Management Services Service Center, within the Financial Services Department. This change is intended to better align operational functions and improve service delivery.

<sup>2</sup> Water and Sewer Interdepartmental are non-operating divisions of Water Resources.

## Authorized Positions

<b>Water Resources</b>	<b>2025 FTE</b>	<b>2026 FTE</b>	<b>2025-2026 Difference</b>
Office of Chief of Water Resources	10.00	10.00	-
Stormwater Management <sup>1</sup>	49.00	66.00	17.00
Water Resources Planning & Engineering <sup>2</sup>	25.00	31.00	6.00
Water Distribution <sup>2,3</sup>	100.00	94.00	(6.00)
Sewer Conveyance	76.00	76.00	-
Water Reclamation	74.00	74.00	-
Water Supply & Treatment	28.00	28.00	-
Industrial & Domestic Water Plant	40.00	40.00	-
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>402.00</b>	<b>419.00</b>	<b>17.00</b>

## Workload Measures

<b>Department</b>	<b>Workload Measure</b>	<b>Projected 2025</b>	<b>Proposed 2026</b>	<b>Data Source</b>
 <b>Goal 4 Develop World Class Livable Environment &amp; Infrastructure</b>				
Industrial & Domestic Water Plant	Water sold (millions of gallons)	16,425	17,000	I & D Report
Industrial & Domestic Water Plant	Chemical and biological tests performed	150,000	150,000	I & D Report
Industrial & Domestic Water Plant	Number of calibrations within standard	1,200	1,300	I & D Report
Industrial & Domestic Water Plant	Number of EPD violations	1	-	Georgia EPD
Office of the CWR	Rain barrels distributed	500	500	Department
Sewer Conveyance	Number of sanitary sewer stoppages cleared	350	350	311 Service Requests, City Works (CMMS)
Sewer Conveyance	Feet of sanitary sewer main repaired/extended	2,500	2,500	311 Service Requests, City Works (CMMS)
Sewer Conveyance	Feet of sanitary sewer main cleaned	350,000	350,000	311 Service Requests, City Works (CMMS)
Sewer Conveyance	Number of sanitary sewer main break repairs	100	100	311 Service Requests, City Works (CMMS)
Sewer Conveyance	Station maintenance tasks performed including mechanical, electrical, and grounds tasks	440,000	440,000	311 Service Requests, City Works (CMMS)

<sup>1</sup> In FY26, 17 full time positions are added to address high-demand community drainage improvement needs.

<sup>2</sup> Six positions are transferred from Water Distribution to Water Planning & Engineering in FY26 to streamline operations.

<sup>3</sup> The table includes Utility Billing personnel in the totals that are shown in the Financial Services Department of the Management Services Service Center in prior budgets.

Department	Workload Measure	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026	Data Source
Stormwater Management	Pump stations on-line percentage	86%	93%	Department Monthly Report
Stormwater Management	Percentage of site plan reviews completed in 14 days or less	98%	95%	Department Monthly Report
Stormwater Management	Percentage of total of stormwater basins modelled	42%	46%	Department Monthly Report
Stormwater Management	Percentage of stormwater lines televised	1%	2%	Department Monthly Report
Stormwater Management	Percentage of Stormwater Infrastructure Inspected for NPDES MS4 Permit	25%	20%	Survey123 Asset Management Application
Water Distribution	System inspections including utility locations, construction inspection, and backflow inspection and testing	84,449	80,000	311 Service Requests, City Works (CMMS)
Water Distribution	Linear feet of conduit installation for future fiber optic cable	75	100	311 Service Requests, City Works (CMMS)
Water Distribution	Time to repair water leaks	12 Days	5 Days	City Works (CMMS)
Water Reclamation	Millions of gallons of wastewater treated	9,370	11,000	Flow Meters
Water Reclamation	Monthly NPDES permit compliance achieved	100%	100%	Laboratory Analysis
Water Reclamation	Industrial pretreatment permit renewals	14	5	Pretreatment Applications
Water Resources Planning & Engineering	Plans, specifications and as-built documents reviewed	852	850	Monthly Report
Water Resources Planning & Engineering	RFP development for construction and design of water & sewer infrastructure	10	10	Monthly Report
Water Resources Planning & Engineering	Backflow inspections	2,300	2,000	Monthly Report
Water Resources Planning & Engineering	Percent of water system updated and calibrated in water model	100%	100%	Monthly Report
Water Resources Planning & Engineering	Percent of water system updated and calibrated in sewer model	100%	100%	Monthly Report
Water Supply & Treatment	Water treated (MGD)	20	21	SCADA Reports
Water Supply & Treatment	Samples collected	3,800	3,800	Staff Reports
 <b>Goal 5 Improve Quality of Life by Raising Municipal Service Standards</b>				
Water Distribution	Time to complete service requests & work orders	12 Days	5 Days	311 Reports
 <b>Goal 6 Always Be a High-Performing Government</b>				
Office of the CWR	Annual water audits	6	6	Georgia EPD
Water Distribution	Average number of calls received per day	388	400	ShoreTel Phone Reporting
Water Distribution	Increase participation in Eyeonwater services for AMI Meters	N/A	10%	Badger Beacon System

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# Stormwater Management

## **Stormwater Management Overview**

The [Stormwater Management Department](#) is responsible for the maintenance and repair of open and closed drainage systems. The City's stormwater system is a vast interconnect web of canals, ditches, pipes, curbs, inlets, basins, pump stations, and open spaces. The City of Savannah's [Stormwater Management Plan](#), required for discharge permits, outlines how the City will minimize flooding and protect rivers and waterways from pollution.

In FY26 the budget for drainage ditch maintenance is nearly doubled, and the proposed Stormwater Utility revenue supports more than \$2 million allocated for 17 new positions, technology, and vehicle equipment including two vacuum trucks and operating crews to address high-demand community drainage improvement needs.

## **Key Business Services**

- Flood Mitigation
- Stormwater Infrastructure Management
- Water Resources Protection and Regulatory Compliance

## **Core Responsibilities**

- Manage, maintain, and improve the City's separate stormwater system, including activities necessary to control and monitor stormwater runoff quantity and quality.
- Operate the stormwater system at its peak practicable capacity with zero excursions to the environment.
- Maintain and repair the open and closed drainage system, ensuring compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency stormwater regulations.
- Ensure only rainwater flows into the City of Savannah's surrounding creeks, marshes, and rivers.
- Protect and maintain the integrity of local aquatic resources and, consequently, the health, safety, and welfare of the public.
- Develop stormwater educational and public awareness programs.
- Inspect, survey, and monitor any stormwater facility, public or private, to ensure compliance with an accepted stormwater management plan.
- Respond to citizen inquiries/requests for stormwater improvement opportunities.

## FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
General Fund	7,331,812	9,950,651	13,548,891
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$7,331,812</b>	<b>\$9,950,651</b>	<b>\$13,548,891</b>

<b>Expenditure by Type<sup>1</sup></b>			
Personnel Services	3,821,201	4,148,586	5,260,069
Outside Services	1,809,719	3,116,393	3,244,238
Commodities	278,973	328,244	577,974
Internal Services	738,186	1,122,920	1,582,882
Interfund Transfer	-	350,000	1,808,400
Other Expenditures	683,733	884,508	1,075,328
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$7,331,812</b>	<b>\$9,950,651</b>	<b>\$13,548,891</b>

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<sup>1</sup> The more than \$2 million investment in the FY26 operating budget supported by proposed Stormwater Utility revenue as described on the previous page is the main driver of the overall budget increase.

## Authorized Positions

<b>Stormwater Management</b>	<b>2026 FTE</b>	<b>Grade</b>
Administrative Assistant	2.00	107
Civil Engineer	1.00	118
Division Director, Stormwater Capital Improvement Program	1.00	321
Division Director, Stormwater Management	1.00	320
Electrician	2.00	111
Electronic Control Technician	1.00	112
Engineering Technician	2.00	109
GIS Analyst	1.00	116
Heavy Construction Equipment Operator	6.00	111
Heavy Equipment Operator	11.00	109
Inspector Stormwater Compliance	4.00	114
Maintenance Crew Chief	5.00	112
Maintenance Superintendent	1.00	118
Maintenance Supervisor	4.00	114
Maintenance Worker	8.00	106
Project Coordinator	1.00	114
Regulatory & Compliance Environmental Coordinator	1.00	117
Senior Civil Engineer	3.00	122
Senior Director, Stormwater Operations	1.00	326
Senior Maintenance Worker	3.00	107
Senior Water & Sewer Television Inspector	2.00	111
Stormwater Maintenance Mechanic	1.00	112
Stormwater Utility Supervisor	1.00	118
Stormwater Utility Technician	1.00	109
Television Inspection Technician	2.00	107
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>66.00</b>	



# Water Resources Planning & Engineering

## **Water Resources Planning & Engineering Overview**

The [Water Resources Planning & Engineering Department](#) has been delegated as the enforcement agency by and for the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) to review and approve all water and sewer construction plans and specifications, and designs to ensure City compliance with federal, state, and local rules, regulations, and ordinances.

In FY26, the department will expand its workforce by adding six full-time equivalent positions. The utility locating program, formerly a part of Water Distribution Department, will be moved to Water Resources Planning & Engineering. As a result, this realignment will enhance collaboration on project planning and design, improve efficiency in utility and water, sewer, and storm system management, and ensure both City operations and engineering teams have direct access to water resource field expertise and accurate utility mapping.

## **Key Business Services**

- Capital Project Management, Master Planning, and Engineering
- Construction Management and Inspection
- Water and Sewer Facilities Maintenance and Repair
- Water Meter Tap and Connection
- Fee Collection and Management
- Geographical Information System Mapping
- Water Resources Protection and Regulatory Compliance
- Construction and Backflow Inspection

## **Core Responsibilities**

- Maintain an inventory of public drinking water and wastewater systems.
- Maintain and repair water resources building facilities and ensure building code standards are met.
- Review and approve capital projects and private development, water and sewer construction plans and specifications; engineer and ensure compliance with federal, state, and local ordinances.
- Management of water and sewer capital projects and water and sewer agreement implementation.
- Management and collection of water meter, tap applications, and system connection fees.
- Administer the service center's Geographical Information System (GIS), valve program, and water and wastewater as-built plans, update easement plat and layer, field locate, sketch, map, and tabulate valves, update AutoCAD/GIS; scale water & sewer maps and create maps as needed.

- Create and prepare water and sewer computer models and system simulation analysis and reports and master plans.
- Ensure backflow inspection and backflow testing, including hydrant fire flow test, assistance to plumbers, contractors, and the public.
- Locate fiber lines to ensure the City's compliance with the Georgia Utilities Facilities Protection Act ([O.C.G.A. § 25-9-3 \(13\)](#)).
- Locate utility lines through conductive electromagnetic, in-conductive electromagnetic, and other locating technologies.
- Locate water, sewer, and storm lines to assure compliance with the Georgia Dig Law.
- Provide technical support to all other departments within the Water Resources Service Center.

### FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
Water & Sewer Fund	2,822,112	3,359,351	3,907,298
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,822,112</b>	<b>\$3,359,351</b>	<b>\$3,907,298</b>

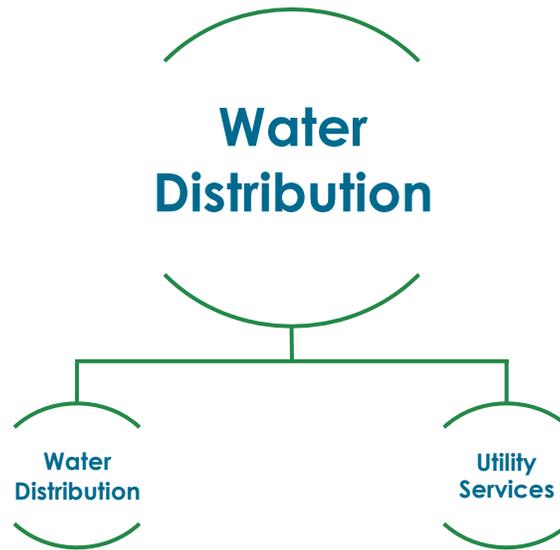
Expenditure by Type	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
Personnel Services	2,077,298	2,382,654	3,074,870
Outside Services <sup>1</sup>	36,443	309,156	312,495
Commodities	33,274	40,319	44,250
Internal Services	619,849	275,772	355,726
Interfund Transfer <sup>2</sup>	-	252,174	-
Other Expenditures	55,248	99,276	119,957
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,822,112</b>	<b>\$3,359,351</b>	<b>\$3,907,298</b>

<sup>1</sup> FY25 increase in outside services is primarily due to funding for a water leak survey which ends in FY29 to identify infrastructure improvements with the goal of reducing consumption reliance on groundwater, reducing production costs, and preparing the city to remain in compliance with Georgia EPD ground water reduction requirements.

<sup>2</sup> FY25 Interfund Transfer is due to fleet contributions for a custom utility truck.

## Authorized Positions

<b>Water Resources Planning &amp; Engineering</b>	<b>2026 FTE</b>	<b>Grade</b>
Administrative Assistant	1.00	107
Assistant Director, Planning & Engineering	1.00	322
Building & Electrical Maintenance Supervisor	1.00	114
Carpenter	1.00	109
Civil Engineer	2.00	118
Customer Service Representative	1.00	104
Engineering Technician	1.00	109
GIS Analyst	1.00	116
Inspector Water Resources & Backflow	5.00	114
Maintenance Supervisor	1.00	114
Medium Equipment Operator	1.00	107
Permit Technician	1.00	108
Principal GIS Analyst	1.00	118
Senior Carpenter	1.00	110
Senior Civil Engineer	4.00	122
Senior Director, Water & Sewer Planning	1.00	326
Water & Sewer Locator I	3.00	108
Water & Sewer Locator II	3.00	111
Water & Sewer Manager	1.00	120
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>31.00</b>	



### Water Distribution Overview

The [Water Distribution Department](#) is responsible for the operation, maintenance, and management of the City's Water Distribution Systems at the highest quality level of service. The department is committed to meeting or exceeding all applicable Safe Drinking Water Act ([O.C.G.A. § 391-3-5-13](#)) requirements and Georgia Utilities Facilities Protection Act ([O.C.G.A. § 25-9-3 \(13\)](#)) requirements, utilizing existing and emerging technologies which increase system efficiency while maintaining or reducing costs to City customers. The department is responsible for ensuring the safe delivery of potable water, maintaining adequate flow and pressure to meet current residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional requirements, as well as providing fire protection demands in the service area.

In FY26, the Water Distribution Department will undergo significant organizational changes aimed at enhancing service delivery and improving operational coordination. As part of this realignment, the Utility Services Division<sup>1</sup> will be integrated into the Water Distribution Department. This change is designed to strengthen communication between field operations and customer service functions, resulting in a more efficient and responsive system for handling service requests and maintenance activities.

Additionally, six full-time equivalent positions will be transferred out of the Water Distribution Department to better align staffing resources with the operational and planning needs of the Water Resources Planning and Engineering Department.

These structural adjustments position the department to deliver improved water service and ensure the City's water system remains efficient, resilient, and responsive to the evolving needs of the community.

### Key Business Services

- Water Distribution
- Public Health Protection
- Customer Service
- Community Engagement

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<sup>1</sup>Prior to FY26, Utility Services was a division of the Financial Services Department.

- Water Meter Reading
- Utility Fee Collection

### **Core Responsibilities**

- Operate and maintain the water distribution infrastructure necessary to deliver safe, potable water at sufficient pressure for current residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional requirements, as well as dealing with system transient waves and system hydraulics.
- Assure all fire protection demands for the water system are in adherence to the Insurance Service Offices rating.
- Install, repair, and replace fire hydrants to ensure adequate fire protection.
- Perform water main and service lateral leak repairs, replacements, installations, and construction.
- Perform water system condition assessments, asset inspections, and tapping sleeve and valve installations.
- Complete direct and automated meter installations, removals, and maintenance.
- Set up new customer accounts for utility services, including water, sewer, and sanitation.
- Perform accurate and timely reading of water meters to ensure precise billing.
- Generate utility bills, to include water, sewer, and sanitation, on a consistent cycle, approximately every 45 to 70 days.
- Process requests to transfer utility service accounts between different locations.
- Handle service disconnections and account closures for utility services.
- Conduct water meter testing and billing investigations when requested.
- Assist customers with payment arrangements, leak adjustments, and extensions on utility bill payments.
- Repair, install, and construct water mains and perform cross-connection testing and investigation to ensure no contamination of the potable water distribution system.
- Develop the Water Distribution Asset Management Plan to inventory assets, including asset conditions and minimum life cycle costs.
- Respond to customer concerns pertaining to the water system and/or billing issues.

## FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
Water & Sewer Fund	11,446,655	13,415,550	13,045,404
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$11,446,655</b>	<b>\$13,415,550</b>	<b>\$13,045,404</b>

Expenditure by Type			
Personnel	6,074,838	7,114,522	7,277,960
Outside Services	1,160,179	2,219,887	1,525,833
Commodities	2,298,935	2,271,802	2,403,505
Internal Services	1,687,405	1,380,740	1,306,191
Interfund Transfer <sup>1</sup>	-	22,264	-
Other	225,298	406,335	531,915
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$11,446,655</b>	<b>\$13,415,550</b>	<b>\$13,045,404</b>

Expenditure by Division			
Utility Services	4,287,474	4,583,154	4,916,124
Water Distribution	7,159,181	8,832,396	8,129,280
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$11,446,655</b>	<b>\$13,415,550</b>	<b>\$13,045,404</b>

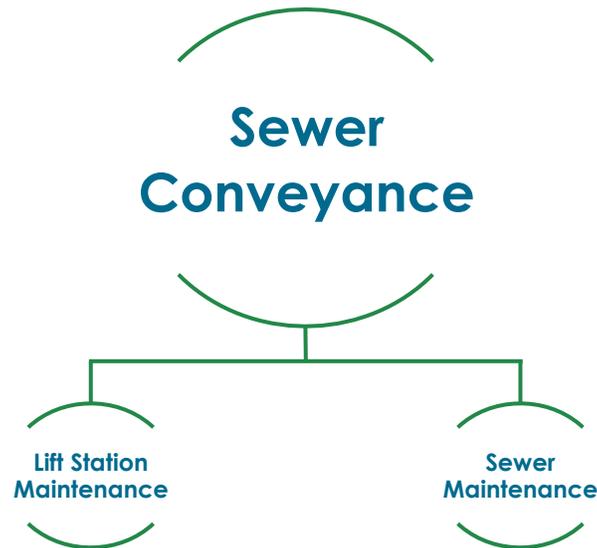
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<sup>1</sup> In FY25, Water Distribution transferred funding to the Vehicle Replacement Fund for the lease of two vehicles.

## Authorized Position

Water Distribution	2026 FTE	Grade
Administrative Assistant	1.00	107
Asset Management Coordinator	1.00	116
Billing Technician	1.00	109
Customer Service Representative	17.00	104
Division Director, Utilities	1.00	322
Inspector Sewer Infrastructure	1.00	115
Lead Water Service Representative	1.00	109
Maintenance Crew Chief	7.00	112
Maintenance Supervisor	4.00	114
Maintenance Worker	4.00	106
Medium Equipment Operator	4.00	107
Revenue Supervisor	4.00	113
Senior Accounting Clerk	4.00	109
Senior Director, Water Distribution	1.00	325
Senior Maintenance Worker	6.00	107
Utilities Revenue Manager	2.00	120
Utility Billing Systems Coordinator	1.00	116
Utility Services Lead	3.00	109
Water & Sewer Manager	1.00	120
Water & Sewer Superintendent	1.00	118
Water Meter Reader	20.00	106
Water Meter Technician	7.00	107
Water Services Supervisor	1.00	115
Work Order Coordinator	1.00	115
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>94.00</b>	





### **Sewer Conveyance Overview**

The [Sewer Conveyance Department](#) is responsible for the operation, maintenance, and management of the City's Sanitary Sewer Maintenance and Lift Station Maintenance activities at the highest quality level of service. The department is committed to meeting or exceeding all applicable State rules and laws [O.C.G.A. § 391-3-6-.05](#) and [O.C.G.A. § 12-5-20 et seq.](#) and federal and local ordinance regulations, while utilizing existing and emerging technologies and system specifications which increase system efficiency while maintaining or reducing costs to City customers.

To ensure the collection and uninterrupted transportation of sanitary sewer from the City's customers to the Water Reclamation Plants, the conveyance system includes approximately 810 miles of gravity sanitary sewer mains, 130 miles of sewer force mains, assorted valves, over 18,000 manholes, and 215 sanitary sewer lift stations. The City's lift stations pumping capacity range from 300,000 gallons per day to 12,000,000 gallons per day. These assets are a part of the City's wastewater network, ensuring the safe and efficient transport of sewage for treatment and discharge in compliance with Georgia Department of Natural Resource, Environmental Protection Division, environmental standards.

The department plays a vital role in sustaining the City's sanitary sewer operations focused on maintenance, emergency response, and the implementation of new technologies to enhance efficiency and reduce service disruptions.

### **Key Business Services**

- Public Health Protection
- Sewer Conveyance
- Sewer Maintenance
- Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Maintenance
- Community Engagement

### **Core Responsibilities**

- Repair, install, and construct sanitary sewer gravity mains along with the preparation and setup of bypass pumps when required for sewer main and lift station repairs.
- Ensure mitigation of contaminated areas when sewage spills occur.

- Perform jetting and vacuuming of the City's gravity sewer mains to keep the collection system free from debris and grease to prevent sewer main stoppages, backups, and sewage spills.
- Perform lift station inspections at scheduled times.
- Perform periodic lift station electrical, mechanical, and grounds maintenance tasks.
- Operate and maintain electrical facilities at all lift stations, which include the operation of portable electrical generators.
- Operate and maintain the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system and fabrication of control panels and assist SCADA personnel.
- Assist in both private development and management of sanitary sewer line relocation/replacement.
- Respond to customer concerns regarding sanitary sewer service issues.
- Develop the Sewer Conveyance Asset Management Plan to inventory assets, including asset conditions and minimum life cycle costs.

### FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
Water & Sewer Fund	11,975,486	13,397,476	13,901,014
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$11,975,486</b>	<b>\$13,397,476</b>	<b>\$13,901,014</b>

Expenditure by Type	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
Personnel	5,053,420	5,741,352	6,737,844
Outside Services	3,019,420	4,423,953	4,104,728
Commodities	1,119,904	1,221,934	1,200,090
Internal Services	1,834,147	1,012,870	1,061,654
Capital Outlay <sup>1</sup>	-	65,000	-
Interfund Transfer <sup>2</sup>	191,300	69,507	-
Other	757,295	862,860	796,698
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$11,975,486</b>	<b>\$13,397,476</b>	<b>\$13,901,014</b>

Expenditure by Division	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
Lift Station Maintenance	6,294,963	7,499,574	7,896,732
Sewer Maintenance	5,680,523	5,897,902	6,004,282
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$11,975,486</b>	<b>\$13,397,476</b>	<b>\$13,901,014</b>

<sup>1</sup>In FY25, the Capital Outlay expense is associated with the replacement of end-of-life walk-behind saws.

<sup>2</sup>In FY25, Lift Station Maintenance allocated funds to the Vehicle Replacement Fund to support the purchase of a bush hog, enhancing vegetation management capabilities around lift station sites.

## Authorized Position

<b>Sewer Conveyance</b>	<b>2026 FTE</b>	<b>Grade</b>
Administrative Assistant	1.00	107
Asset Management Coordinator	1.00	116
Civil Engineer	1.00	118
Customer Service Representative	2.00	104
Electrical & Instrumentation Control Supervisor	1.00	116
Electronic Control Technician	3.00	112
Heavy Construction Equipment Operator	2.00	111
Heavy Equipment Operator	14.00	109
Inspector, Water Systems Construction Supervisor	1.00	115
Maintenance Crew Chief	4.00	112
Maintenance Superintendent	1.00	118
Maintenance Supervisor	4.00	114
Maintenance Worker	6.00	106
Medium Equipment Operator	1.00	107
Senior Director, Sewer Conveyance	1.00	326
Senior Maintenance Worker	9.00	107
Senior Water & Sewer Maintenance Mechanic	10.00	112
Senior Water & Sewer Television Inspector	3.00	111
Supply Clerk	1.00	107
Television Crew Supervisor	1.00	112
Television Inspection Technician	3.00	107
Water & Sewer Maintenance Mechanic	4.00	109
Water & Sewer Manager	1.00	120
Water & Sewer Superintendent	1.00	118
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>76.00</b>	



# Water Reclamation

## **Water Reclamation Overview**

The [Water Reclamation Department](#) consists of five treatment facilities, President Street, Wilshire, Crossroads, Georgetown, and Travis Field, which have treatment capacities ranging from 3 to 27 million gallons per day (MGD). Each plant discharges high-quality effluent to one of the following receiving bodies: the Savannah River Basin, the Ogeechee River Basin, or to the wetlands/unnamed tributary of the St. Augustine Creek. This is accomplished by operating well below the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System's (NPDES) permit limitations issued by the State of Georgia as promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

As wastewater leaves any establishment within the City of Savannah, it travels through a vast network of sewer infrastructure. Once wastewater arrives at the treatment facility, the first physical process begins with screening, followed by treatment and stabilization by advanced biological systems. The processes include but are not limited to screening, primary clarification, secondary treatment, disinfection, solids management, and reclaimed water production (tertiary treatment).

Reclaimed water is a portion of the highly treated water discharged from the treatment facility that undergoes additional filtration and disinfection processes. As a result, the City's reclaimed water is 7 times cleaner than standards for where shellfish are harvested, 11 times cleaner than state standards for reclaimed water, and 100 times cleaner than standards for swimming water. Currently, the City's reclaimed water supply is distributed to three golf courses for irrigation: Hutchinson Island, Savannah Golf Course, and Bacon Park, and the department is evaluating future expansion.

In FY26, the department continues to prioritize operational reliability, regulatory compliance, and infrastructure renewal. Funding is maintained for biosolids hauling and disposal services at the President Street Facility to ensure uninterrupted operations, while long-term upgrades are evaluated.

Major investments in FY26 will focus on several of the City's treatment facilities. The Georgetown Facility Program will begin, with an estimated cost of \$42 million, to expand treatment capacity and enhance system reliability. Additionally, the Wilshire Plant Feasibility Study will commence, with an estimated cost of \$400 thousand, to evaluate future capacity and infrastructure needs. Critical clarifier repairs at the President Street Facility, estimated at \$1 million, will address essential structural and operational improvements to maintain the facility's performance. These projects are funded through the Water and Sewer Fund Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and represent a major investment in maintaining Savannah's wastewater infrastructure. For additional details, please refer to the Capital Improvement section.

## Key Business Services

- Protect Public Health
- Wastewater Treatment and Lab Analysis
- Industrial Pretreatment
- Fats, Oil, and Grease Abatement

## Core Responsibilities

- Provide the City of Savannah with wastewater treatment facilities that meet and exceed all state and federal mandated standards and regulations.
- Reduce conventional and toxic pollutant levels discharged by industries and other nondomestic wastewater sources into the municipal sewer systems and into the environment.
- Support conservation efforts and prepare wastewater for irrigation reuse.
- Provide a proactive approach to preventative maintenance of the sewer system to minimize disruption of sewer services to the City's customers.
- Examine water treatment chemicals, processes, and testing methods.
- Educate food service workers, food establishments, and grease haulers on how to prevent sanitary sewer backups/overflows (SSO) caused by improper handling and disposal of Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG).

## FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
Water & Sewer Fund	14,127,876	17,130,272	17,762,305
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$14,127,876</b>	<b>\$17,130,272</b>	<b>\$17,762,305</b>

Expenditure by Type	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
Personnel Services	4,895,873	5,590,489	6,436,464
Outside Services <sup>1</sup>	5,873,429	7,134,763	7,439,245
Commodities	1,979,674	2,112,372	2,497,959
Internal Services	1,044,346	943,872	890,927
Capital Outlay	72,432	548,000	102,500
Interfund Transfer <sup>2</sup>	17,600	435,052	-
Other Expenditures	244,522	365,724	395,210
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$14,127,876</b>	<b>\$17,130,272</b>	<b>\$17,762,305</b>

<sup>1</sup> Outside Services FY25 increase primarily due to sludge hauling and disposal costs.

<sup>2</sup> FY25 Interfund Transfers are contributions to the vehicle replacement fund for a truck fitting, dump truck, and leased vehicles.

## Authorized Positions

<b>Water Reclamation</b>	<b>2026 FTE</b>	<b>Grade</b>
Administrative Assistant	2.00	107
Chemist Quality Assurance Quality Control (QAQC)	1.00	117
Electrical & Instrumentation Control Supervisor	1.00	116
Electronic Control Technician	3.00	112
Health & Safety Information Coordinator	1.00	114
Heavy Equipment Operator	2.00	109
Industrial Pretreatment Coordinator	1.00	115
Industrial Pretreatment Technician	2.00	114
Inspector, Fats, Oils, & Grease (FOG) Compliance	3.00	112
Laboratory Analyst	4.00	110
Laboratory Manager	1.00	119
Laboratory Supervisor	1.00	116
Maintenance Crew Chief	1.00	112
Maintenance Superintendent	1.00	118
Maintenance Supervisor	1.00	114
Maintenance Worker	1.00	106
Painter	1.00	107
Plant Operator	19.00	110
Senior Civil Engineer	1.00	122
Senior Director, Water Reclamation	1.00	326
Senior Laboratory Analyst	3.00	112
Senior Maintenance Worker	2.00	107
Senior Plant Operator	1.00	112
Senior Water & Sewer Maintenance Mechanic	4.00	112
Supply Clerk	1.00	107
Water & Sewer Maintenance Mechanic	4.00	109
Water & Sewer Manager	2.00	120
Water & Sewer Superintendent	2.00	118
Water & Sewer Supervisor	7.00	116
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>74.00</b>	

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# Water Supply & Treatment

## **Water Supply & Treatment Overview**

The [Water Supply & Treatment Department](#) is responsible for treating, filtering, and testing Savannah's drinking water to ensure it meets all federal and state regulatory standards. The department provides safe, high-quality drinking water to more than 215,000 customers within the City of Savannah and parts of Chatham County.

Savannah's drinking water is drawn from two sources, the Floridan Aquifer and the Savannah River. The City operates 48 groundwater wells strategically located throughout its jurisdiction, pumping approximately 20 million gallons of groundwater daily. From the source to the customer's tap, the department performs rigorous testing and monitoring each day to ensure compliance with all requirements set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD), and federal requirements.

In FY26, the department continues its commitment to operational efficiency and system reliability. Building on improvements made in prior years, the department is focused on optimizing water production processes, enhancing preventive maintenance, and modernizing monitoring and control systems to maintain consistent water quality.

## **Key Business Services**

- Provide Safe Drinking Water
- Water Quality Inspections
- Protect Public Health
- Water Conservation
- Maintain SCADA Systems

## **Core Responsibilities**

- Provide adequate and reliable safe drinking water for citizens while meeting compliance with all local, state, and federal drinking water regulations.
- Develop policies and programs that educate citizens about efficient water usage to help conserve our most precious natural resource.
- Maintain groundwater wells to ensure safe drinking water compliance.
- Maintain the City's SCADA system, comprised of networks, data sets, and communication systems to monitor the water systems and mitigate exposure to bad actors attempting to gain access to the water system.
- Supply adequate water and pressure for citizens and businesses, including fire suppression.
- Develop, recommend, and facilitate conservation plans and programs, including source water protection.

## FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
Water & Sewer Fund	8,607,736	9,288,888	10,016,906
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$8,607,736</b>	<b>\$9,288,888</b>	<b>\$10,016,906</b>

Expenditure by Type			
Personnel	2,061,930	2,404,885	2,511,042
Outside Services	1,958,544	2,097,646	2,202,372
Commodities	515,926	526,124	574,500
Internal Services <sup>1</sup>	3,965,411	4,066,965	4,643,679
Capital Outlay <sup>2</sup>	24,030	38,008	-
Interfund Transfer <sup>3</sup>	-	55,000	-
Other Expenditures	81,895	100,260	85,313
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$8,607,736</b>	<b>\$9,288,888</b>	<b>\$10,016,906</b>

## Authorized Positions

Water Supply & Treatment	2026 FTE	Grade
Administrative Clerk	1.00	104
Electrical & Instrumentation Control Supervisor	1.00	116
Electronic Control Technician	1.00	112
Maintenance Supervisor	1.00	114
Maintenance Worker	2.00	106
Plant Operator	11.00	110
Principal Plant Operator	1.00	114
SCADA Analyst	1.00	116
SCADA Manager	1.00	120
SCADA Technician	1.00	112
Senior Plant Operator	2.00	112
Water & Sewer Maintenance Mechanic	2.00	109
Water & Sewer Superintendent	1.00	118
Water & Sewer Supervisor	2.00	116
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalent</b>	<b>28.00</b>	

<sup>1</sup> FY26 Internal Services is primarily due to projected water purchases from I&D plant.

<sup>2</sup> FY25 Capital Outlay expense is for the purchase of a diesel generator.

<sup>3</sup> Interfund transfer is a contribution to the Vehicle Replacement Fund for a truck.



# Industrial & Domestic Water Plant

## **Industrial & Domestic Water Plant Overview**

The Industrial & Domestic (I&D) Water Treatment Facility is for the provision of an adequate supply of potable (finished) water to citizens that use surface water as the source for drinking water as well as meeting the demand of industrial customers. Abercorn Creek, a tributary of the Savannah River, serves as the raw water source for the water treatment process.

The I&D Water Plant has a daily permitted capacity of 58 million gallons. The I&D Plant, constructed in 1947, has been designated an American Water Works Association Landmark. The facility has undergone multiple upgrades since the initial construction to keep pace with the increase in water demand.

Although initially constructed primarily to provide water for industrial use, the I&D Facility treats and filters the water raw from Abercorn Creek and produces potable (finished) water. The I&D Water Treatment Facility also supplies some domestic water to Savannah, Port Wentworth, Pooler, and Effingham County.

A major benchmark in FY26 is the start of Phase 1 Improvements to the I&D Water Treatment Plant, supported by a \$146 million funding package from the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA). This investment will significantly strengthen Savannah's long-term water supply system. The project will upgrade the I&D Water Plant, repair the raw water pipeline, and construct an elevated storage tank, new pump stations, and related appurtenances.

## **Key Business Services**

- Provide Safe Drinking Water
- Water Quality Inspections
- Water Quality Analysis
- Protect Public Health

## **Core Responsibilities**

- Provide reliable drinking water to citizens of communities that use groundwater as the source for drinking water, including Chatham, Bryan, and Effingham Counties.
- Conduct analysis of the water treatment facility and water distribution system to ensure safe drinking water standards are met.
- Supply adequate water supply and pressure for fire suppression.
- Maintain a state-certified microbiological testing laboratory.
- Conduct analyses of raw water and treated water to ensure the safety of drinking water.
- Maintain a 97-million-gallon reservoir to hold treated water from Abercorn Creek, which increases the City's capacity to supply drinking water in the event of a natural or man-made emergency.

## FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
I&D Water Services Fund	11,519,309	14,707,626	14,840,716
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$11,519,309</b>	<b>\$14,707,626</b>	<b>\$14,840,716</b>

Expenditure by Type			
Personnel	2,989,330	3,496,729	3,839,531
Outside Services	3,729,927	5,168,405	4,797,756
Commodities	3,748,320	4,370,884	4,370,600
Internal Services	1,209,137	1,405,916	1,589,069
Capital Outlay <sup>1</sup>	-	120,000	-
Interfund Transfer	(261,271)	-	-
Other	103,866	145,692	243,760
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$11,519,309</b>	<b>\$14,707,626</b>	<b>\$14,840,716</b>



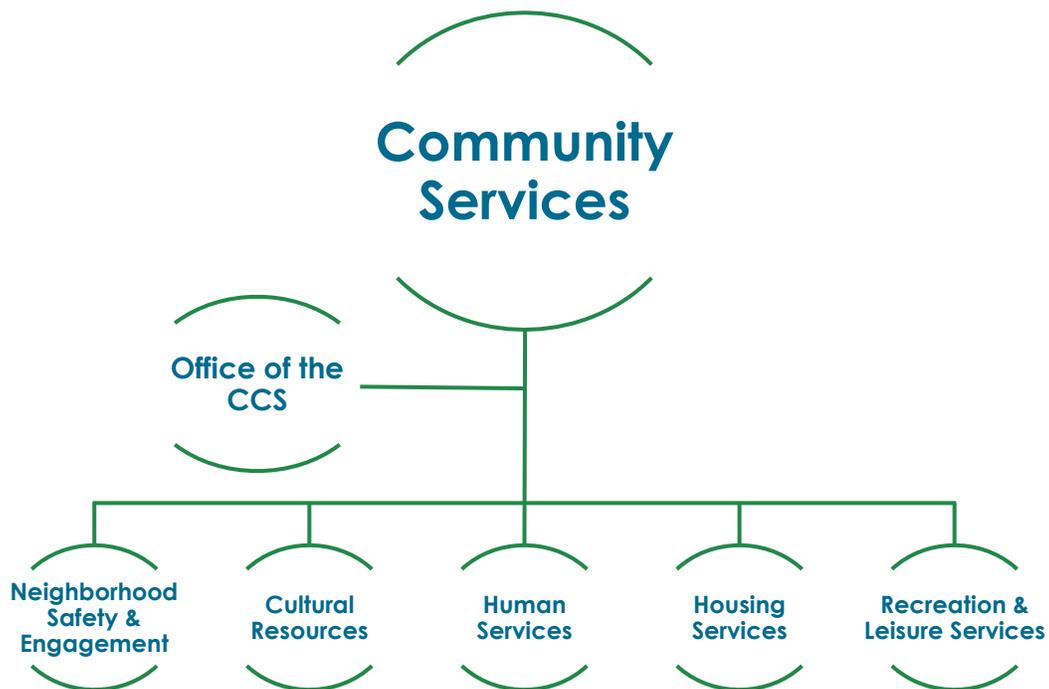
<sup>1</sup> In FY25, Capital Outlay expense is due to a generator replacement.

## Authorized Positions

<b>Industrial &amp; Domestic Water Plant</b>	<b>2026 FTE</b>	<b>Grade</b>
Administrative Assistant	1.00	107
Chemist	1.00	117
Electronic Control Technician	2.00	112
Heavy Equipment Operator	1.00	109
Laboratory Analyst	3.00	110
Laboratory Manager	1.00	119
Laboratory Supervisor	1.00	116
Maintenance Crew Chief	1.00	112
Maintenance Superintendent	1.00	118
Maintenance Supervisor	1.00	114
Maintenance Worker	4.00	106
Microbiologist	1.00	118
Plant Operator	7.00	110
Senior Civil Engineer	1.00	122
Senior Director, Supply & Treatment	1.00	326
Senior Laboratory Analyst	1.00	112
Senior Maintenance Worker	1.00	107
Senior Water & Sewer Maintenance Mechanic	2.00	112
Water & Sewer Maintenance Mechanic	3.00	109
Water & Sewer Manager	1.00	120
Water & Sewer Superintendent	1.00	118
Water & Sewer Supervisor	4.00	116
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>40.00</b>	

# Community Services

*Savannah is a City comprised of diverse, vibrant neighborhoods in which we raise our families, socialize with our neighbors, buy goods and services, and build a sense of civic pride. It is essential that the City focuses on key neighborhood issues like accessible housing, recreation facilities, and programs as well as those things that weaken us, like poverty and blight. The City of Savannah will do its part to help raise our residents out of poverty; ready youth and adults to participate in the economy and be self-sufficient; promote a safe, clean, and healthy environment; and work in partnership with community members to build and sustain vibrant neighborhoods. Our vision is "Savannah is an extraordinary place to live, learn, and prosper". The City is committed to that vision and creating a sense that we are "One City".*



### Community Services Service Center Overview

[Community Services](#) works to improve the quality of life in Savannah through activities that involve planning and development, neighborhood revitalization, parks and recreation, arts and cultural enrichment programs and activities, youth and family services, housing rehabilitation and financing, and a safe community.

### Linkage to Strategic Priorities & Goals

- Increase Public Safety and Our Collective Sense of Security
- Invest in Equitable Community Development & Resiliency
- Expand Economic Access, Opportunity, and Vitality for All
- Improve Quality of Life by Raising Municipal Service Standards

### Key Business Services

- Executive Leadership
- Housing Development, Rehabilitation, and Financing
- Youth and Family Services
- Neighborhood Planning and Enhancement
- Recreation and Leisure Services
- Arts and Cultural Resources
- Grants Management and Administration

### Core Responsibilities

- Manage and direct operational activities through assigned departments; provide management direction and guidance to department directors in planning, organizing, coordinating, and implementing programs affecting assigned areas of responsibility.
- Develop recommendations on City-wide work methods, operating policies, operating procedures, program services, and other administrative issues.

- Maximize effectiveness and efficiency of operations by identifying and sharing available resources within assigned departments; develop and implement improvements; determine service delivery levels by addressing problems and complaints and assessing the needs of citizens and the public.
- Research and develop additional revenue sources and implement City objectives through the completion of special projects as requested by the City Manager; determine areas of potential cost reduction, revenue enhancement, or program improvement; make recommendations and direct and implement changes.
- Oversee and participate in the development and administration of the assigned segment of the City budget; approve the forecast of funds needed by the service area assigned for staffing, equipment, materials, and supplies.
- Provide leadership in developing a culture that values people and their differences and is free from inequities and barriers to people reaching their full potential and focuses on delivering quality core services.
- Provide leadership in promoting sustainable, environmentally sensitive development and operations in the community and the department.
- Respond to and resolve difficult, complex, and sensitive citizen inquiries and complaints; interpret, analyze, defend, and explain City policies, procedures, programs, and activities; resolve sensitive and controversial issues; respond to public relations requests, and coordinate media announcements.
- Develop strategies that provide citizens with clean, safe neighborhoods and access to quality housing, recreational facilities, leisure opportunities, and supportive services.
- Develop partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector, including for-profit and nonprofit organizations that help build and sustain our community.
- Ensure that work program activities comply with budgetary guidelines and that objectives are met regularly; monitor progress through various reporting systems.

## FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
General Fund	19,089,327	22,613,430	25,053,032
Community Development Fund	3,360,719	3,711,288	3,879,660
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$22,450,046</b>	<b>\$26,324,718</b>	<b>\$28,932,692</b>

<b>Expenditure by Type</b>			
Personnel Services	14,266,545	15,327,920	18,915,843
Outside Services	1,962,095	3,178,924	2,396,163
Commodities	1,984,975	2,606,109	2,424,755
Internal Services	2,213,293	2,821,359	2,719,686
Capital Outlay	14,433	-	-
Interfund Transfers <sup>1</sup>	15,267	11,665	99,993
Other Expenditures	1,993,438	2,378,741	2,376,252
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$22,450,046</b>	<b>\$26,324,718</b>	<b>\$28,932,692</b>

<b>Expenditure by Department</b>			
Office of the Chief of Community Services	685,732	538,259	592,628
Neighborhood Safety & Engagement	1,194,301	2,453,424	1,986,416
Cultural Resources	1,956,732	2,417,285	2,400,860
Human Services	4,622,163	5,466,009	5,504,489
Housing & Neighborhood Services	2,645,822	2,887,669	3,009,074
Recreation & Leisure Services <sup>2</sup>	11,345,296	12,562,072	15,439,225
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$22,450,046</b>	<b>\$26,324,718</b>	<b>\$28,932,692</b>

## Authorized Positions

Community Services	2025 FTE	2026 FTE	2025-2026 Difference
Office of the Chief of Community Services <sup>3</sup>	5.00	4.00	(1.00)
Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement	10.00	10.00	-
Cultural Resources <sup>4</sup>	13.50	14.35	0.85
Human Services	29.63	29.63	-
Housing Services <sup>5</sup>	30.00	31.00	1.00
Recreation & Leisure Services <sup>6</sup>	154.50	152.27	(2.49)
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>242.63</b>	<b>241.25</b>	<b>(1.64)</b>

<sup>1</sup> FY26 includes budget for a ½-ton crew cab truck and a field groomer.

<sup>2</sup> FY26 includes the addition of Jenkins High School's pool and additional funding to support youth programming.

<sup>3</sup> The variance reflects the deduction of the Management Analyst position following a departmental restructure.

<sup>4</sup> The FY26 increase is due to extending hours for part-time arts specialists and customer service representatives.

<sup>5</sup> Includes seven full-time interim positions for Community Housing Services Agency (CHSA); a Housing Manager position was added in FY25 and is fully reimbursable by CHSA.

<sup>6</sup> FY26 includes the addition of three part-time seasonal Lifeguard positions and one Pool Monitor position. The FTE variance reflects a reduction in hours and the reclassification of existing positions, aligning staffing levels with operational needs and seasonal demand.

## Workload Measures

Department	Workload Measure	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026	Data Source
 <b>Goal 1 Increase Public Safety &amp; Our Collective Sense of Security</b>				
Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement	Number of youth receiving violence intervention services and on the Youth Empowerment Specialists' case loads	82	90	Department SmartSheet
Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement	Number of youth participating in ONSE violence reduction services	1,200	1,300	Department SmartSheet
Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement	Number of organizations partnering to address youth gun violence	65	70	Monthly Reports
 <b>Goal 2 Invest in Equitable Community Development &amp; Resiliency</b>				
Cultural Resources	Number of visual and performing arts events offered	26	28	SCAC Program Data
Cultural Resources	Percent of responding participants rating programs/services very good or excellent	92%	92%	SCAC Survey Data
Cultural Resources	Number of facility rentals	94	85	SCAC Rentals
Cultural Resources	Number of visual and performing arts classes offered	260	260	SCAC Program Data
Cultural Resources	Number of public art projects initiated	-	10	SCAC Resources Data
Housing Services	Number of blighted, tax delinquent, & underutilized real properties acquired	30	25	Land Bank Authority Database
Housing Services	Number of underutilized real properties returned to a tax-generating and/or community improvement status	25	25	Land Bank Authority Database
Housing Services	Number of properties with clouded titles cleared and made marketable	20	20	Land Bank Authority Database
Housing Services	Number of properties in Land Bank inventory maintained	150	130	Land Bank Authority Database
Human Services	Total number of persons served at MJAC	1,160	1,000	Member Attendance Tracking
Human Services	Non-profit grants and contracts administered (includes prior year ESG funded grants)	69	63	OYAP, HOPWA Audit Checklists
Human Services	Grantee monitoring site visits, technical assistance reviews, and training conducted	383	360	OYAP, HOPWA Audit Checklists
Human Services	Public hearings and citizen engagement sessions to support grant-funded programs	11	9	Public Notices & Sign-in Sheets
Human Services	Number of residents connected to services through community poverty reduction programs	17,892	20,000	Quarterly Status Reports
Human Services	Number of youth engaged in neighborhood improvement or leadership activities	700	700	Program Attendance Rosters
Human Services	Number of neighborhood leaders and residents participating in leadership training activities	675	775	Community Advancement Leadership Institute (CALI)

Department	Workload Measure	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026	Data Source
Human Services	Total number of persons served at PARC	900	1000	Member Attendance Tracking
Human Services	Total number of persons engaged in a long-term advancement program with advancement along key indicators	200	250	Member Attendance Tracking
Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement	Number of ONSE outreach and awareness events hosted	30	35	Monthly Reports
Recreation & Leisure Services	Customer Service Satisfaction Score for Recreation Programs/Services	93%	90%	Customer Survey
Recreation & Leisure Services	Number of Recreation Programs Offered Citywide	1,046	1,050	RLS Program Data
Housing Services	Number of owner-occupied homes repaired/improved	250	300	Housing & Neighborhood Services
Housing Services	Number of home buyers purchasing homes with City and/or DCA or similar assistance	60	75	Housing & Neighborhood Services
Housing Services	Number of rental housing units developed, repaired, and/or retained	175	175	Housing & Neighborhood Services
Housing Services	Number of blighted, abandoned properties acquired and/or otherwise resolved through 1K-in-10	10	50	Housing & Neighborhood Services
Housing Services	Number of new single-family houses built on vacant lots	85	95	Housing & Neighborhood Services
Housing Services	Percent of responding participants rating programs/services as very satisfactory or satisfactory	95%	95%	Housing & Neighborhood Services



### Goal 3 Expand Economic Access, Opportunity, & Vitality for All

Human Services	Number of high school youth engaged in career development, soft skills, and work readiness training	150	100	Human Services
Human Services	Number of soft skills and work readiness trainings for high school youth	50	50	Human Services
Human Services	Number of soft skills classes, job fairs, and hiring events focused on unemployed and underemployed adults served	20	20	Human Services



### Goal 5 Improve Quality of Life by Raising Municipal Service Standards

Recreation & Leisure Services	Recreation Facility Cleanliness, Safety, and Accessibility Customer Rating	98%	90%	Recreation & Leisure Services
Recreation & Leisure Services	Park/Facility Score	-	90%	Recreation & Leisure Services



# Neighborhood Safety & Engagement

## Neighborhood Safety & Engagement Overview

The [Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement](#) (ONSE) serves as the City's dedicated platform for fostering public participation in government decisions. The department creates avenues for dialogue, information sharing, partnerships, and various interactions between the City government and neighborhood residents. ONSE empowers community partners and city agencies to co-create public safety and prevent violence actively. Utilizing a trauma-responsive, healing-centered, and equity-based approach, ONSE aims to benefit all residents of Savannah.

In FY26, nearly \$1 million is allocated to promoting youth engagement, violence prevention, and neighborhood revitalization through the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement. These investments broaden mentorship opportunities for at-risk youth, strengthen collaborations with nonprofits addressing community violence, and create pathways for young people to find employment, gain leadership experience, and explore creative outlets. Through efforts like youth advocacy, summer employment programs, neighborhood improvement initiatives, and arts-based engagement, the City continues to foster safer, stronger, and more connected communities across Savannah.

## Key Business Services

- Violence Intervention and Interruption
- Community Mentorship
- Neighborhood Engagement
- Grant Development and Management

## Core Responsibilities

- Work across sectors and communities to better support youth and households with the goal of keeping young people alive, out of jail, and at home.
- Develop youth advocacy programs to deter adolescents from entering or participating in gang and violent crime activities.
- Act as the non-law enforcement entity that holistically interrupts and supports those individuals who participate in crime-related activities within the City.
- Develop and initiate mentorship programs to assist the individuals and families that are most at risk of gang participation.
- Interrupt the cyclical nature of repeat offenders who commit violent crimes.
- Seek and administer grant funding, cultivate community partnerships, and leverage resources to increase public safety and the number of residents feeling safe in their neighborhoods.

## FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
General Fund	1,194,301	2,453,424	1,986,416
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,194,301</b>	<b>\$2,453,424</b>	<b>\$1,986,416</b>

Expenditure by Type			
Personnel Services <sup>1</sup>	383,881	611,096	850,082
Outside Services <sup>2</sup>	304,184	972,898	276,147
Commodities <sup>3</sup>	459,445	761,050	492,400
Internal Services	29,203	67,676	75,420
Capital Outlay	972	-	-
Interfund Transfer <sup>4</sup>	1,778	11,665	-
Other Expenditures <sup>3</sup>	14,838	29,039	292,367
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,194,301</b>	<b>\$2,453,424</b>	<b>\$1,986,416</b>

## Authorized Positions

Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement Services	2026 FTE	Grade
Administrative Assistant	1.00	107
Program Coordinator	2.00	112
Senior Director, Neighborhood Safety & Engagement	1.00	321
Senior Program Coordinator	2.00	115
Youth Empowerment Specialist	4.00	113
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>10.00</b>	

<sup>1</sup> In 2025, the department expanded its workforce by filling the vacant Senior Director position and adding three new roles: a Senior Program Coordinator and two Youth Empowerment Specialists.

<sup>2</sup> The FY25 Projected Budget includes encumbrances to support the Youth Advocate Program, a community-based initiative providing mentoring and support services for at-risk and justice-involved youth.

<sup>3</sup> The variance between FY25 and FY26 is attributed to the reallocation of funding for Violence Reduction Grants from Commodities to Other Expenditures.

<sup>4</sup> The FY25 budget includes a 12-passenger van needed to transport youth.



## **Cultural Resources Overview**

The [Cultural Resources Department](#) allows Savannah's residents and visitors to enjoy a rich and varied cultural life through the arts. The department accomplishes this by coordinating visual and performing arts programs; managing services purchased from Savannah's cultural agencies; and producing and presenting classes, workshops, festivals, youth programs, exhibitions, and performances. Cultural Resources provides technical assistance to arts professionals and cultural organizations while marketing Savannah's robust cultural offerings.

Key investments for FY26 include increasing funding for the Weave-A-Dream grant program to expand creative opportunities for local artists and organizations; continuing the implementation of the Public Art Master Plan with \$100,000 in dedicated funds; and extending hours for part-time arts specialists and customer service representatives to improve program delivery, event support, and public engagement.

## **Key Business Services**

- Contracts and Grants Management
- Arts and Cultural Programming

## **Core Responsibilities**

- Support and promote the development of local cultural institutions and community organizations that sponsor cultural activities and audiences.
- Provide liaison and administrative support to the Cultural Affairs Commission in effort to increase awareness, develop cultural resources, encourage new cultural services, and increase the utilization of these resources.
- Encourage and facilitate greater and more efficient use of public and private resources for the development and support of the arts.
- Serve as a liaison on cultural matters among City, other governmental agencies, private sector, and art and cultural groups.
- Administer the City's programs of financial support to public and private nonprofit cultural organizations.
- Assist in promoting the City as a tourist destination through the support and advancement of cultural institutions. Provide engaging and educational opportunities to experience Savannah's history and culture.

## FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
General Fund	1,956,732	2,417,285	2,400,860
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,956,732</b>	<b>\$2,417,285</b>	<b>\$2,400,860</b>

Expenditure by Type			
Personnel Services	999,622	1,094,228	1,228,453
Outside Services <sup>1</sup>	132,850	281,427	138,174
Commodities <sup>2</sup>	63,935	74,578	191,175
Internal Services	102,891	119,014	144,741
Other Expenditures <sup>3</sup>	657,434	848,038	698,317
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,956,732</b>	<b>\$2,417,285</b>	<b>\$2,400,860</b>



<sup>1</sup> The increase in FY25 is due to encumbrances for the ongoing implementation of the Public Art Master Plan.

<sup>2</sup> FY26 includes funding for the continuation of the implementation of the Public Art Master Plan.

<sup>3</sup> The variance is due to encumbrances in FY25 related to the Arts & Cultural Enrichment Grant.

## Authorized Positions

Cultural Resources	2026 FTE	Grade
Audio/Video Production Specialist	1.50	112
Cultural Resources Assistant	1.00	106
Cultural Services Contract Coordinator	1.00	114
Customer Service Representative	1.50	104
Marketing Coordinator	1.00	115
Performing Arts Program Coordinator	1.00	116
Performing Arts Specialist	1.75	111
Program Manager	1.00	118
Senior Administrative Assistant	1.00	112
Senior Director, Cultural Resources	1.00	324
Visual Arts Specialist	2.60	111
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>14.35</b>	





### Human Services Overview

The [Human Services Department](#) is responsible for the management, operation, and coordination of social and supportive services for youth, adults, and families. The department oversees collaborations and partnerships with the faith-based community and nonprofit organizations providing community-directed services to families and individuals to assist them in reaching self-sufficiency. The department manages the operation of community resource centers, provides workforce programs, and administers federally funded community development initiatives.

In FY26, the City will continue its commitment to community-based partnerships and initiatives to promote housing stability. Key investments amount to \$1 million for the Community Partnerships Program, supporting local nonprofits that provide essential services and programs to residents; \$500,000 in support service grants for homelessness; and \$350,000 for day centers that offer safe, climate-controlled respite for individuals experiencing homelessness.

### Key Business Services

- Emergency Assistance
- Information and Referral
- Grants Management
- Community Partnerships
- Youth and Young Adult Programs
- Senior Services
- Employment Training
- Neighborhood Leadership Training and Support
- Homeless Support Services

### Core Responsibilities

- Undertake human services, referral services, and family assistance activities that collectively assist youth, individuals, elderly, and families from low and moderate-income households.
- Offer programs and services for youth to meet needs and provide positive experiences in a safe environment.

- Seek grant funding to supplement and expand human services delivery.
- Develop and recommend purchase of service agreements with nonprofit agencies, coordinate related activities, and provide oversight of community partnership agreements, including proposal review, contract negotiation, and development of performance outcomes.
- Operate resource centers offering residents community-based programs, which include intake assessment and connection or referral to various comprehensive services that assist families and individuals in achieving self-sufficiency.
- Coordinate with federal, state, county, and public/private nonprofit and for-profit organizations in the provision of comprehensive community-based support services for residents and apply for federal and state assistance to augment funding for department activities.
- Provide youth, unemployed, underemployed, and dislocated workers with workforce training and employment assistance.

### FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
General Fund	3,907,266	4,642,390	4,633,903
Community Development Fund	714,897	823,619	870,586
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$4,622,163</b>	<b>\$5,466,009</b>	<b>\$5,504,489</b>

Expenditure by Type			
Personnel Services	2,109,483	2,288,623	2,690,364
Outside Services	257,788	328,871	324,884
Commodities <sup>1</sup>	635,169	967,718	921,465
Internal Services	514,083	645,672	515,415
Other Expenditures	1,105,640	1,235,125	1,052,361
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$4,622,163</b>	<b>\$5,466,009</b>	<b>\$5,504,489</b>

Expenditure by Division			
Human Services Administration <sup>2</sup>	2,435,447	3,000,774	2,851,834
Grants & Contracts	714,897	823,619	870,586
Family & Community Services	340,195	426,803	460,375
Moses Jackson Advancement Center	494,362	522,343	575,200
Pennsylvania Avenue Resource Center	637,262	692,470	746,494
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$4,622,163</b>	<b>\$5,466,009</b>	<b>\$5,504,489</b>

<sup>1</sup> Programming reflected in Commodities for homeless support grants and homeless day centers in FY24, continuing through FY26. The FY25 projection includes encumbrances from prior-year funds to support these ongoing program activities.

<sup>2</sup> Human Services Administration manages the SBAC Loan Portfolio, Homeless Support Grants, Homeless Day Centers, and the Community Partnership Program. All these essential programs include carryovers from FY24, which are reflected in FY25.

## Authorized Positions

Human Services	2026 FTE	Grade
Administrative Assistant	2.00	107
Administrative Clerk	2.00	104
Assistant Director, Human Services	1.00	320
Community Program Specialist	2.00	108
Community Programs Activity Coordinator	2.00	110
Community Programs Leader	2.63	107
Educational Specialist	1.00	113
Grants Analyst	4.00	114
Grants Manager	2.00	119
Principal Grants Analyst	1.00	116
Program Coordinator	4.00	112
Resource Center Manager	2.00	118
Senior Administrative Assistant	1.00	112
Senior Director, Human Services	1.00	325
Senior Grants Analyst	2.00	115
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>29.63</b>	





### **Housing Services Overview**

The [Housing Services Department](#) manages and coordinates the City's housing and neighborhood enhancement programs through initiatives which help create and support strong and vibrant neighborhoods, encouraging a sense of community. Activities include housing repair, construction, and development, in addition to comprehensive neighborhood planning and implementation. Housing & Neighborhood Services leverages private investments to support housing development and neighborhood improvement; oversees the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund; and provides administrative oversight and support to the Chatham/Savannah Land Bank.

Key investments for FY25 include a \$3 million contribution to the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund (SAHF) to support the Housing Savannah Action Plan — an increase from \$2.5 million in the previous year. This investment enables the City to collaborate closely with partners such as The Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. (CHSA) to raise awareness, build partnerships, and boost financial resources that enhance affordable housing initiatives, including those supported through the SAHF.

### **Key Business Services**

- Housing Repair, Construction, Development, and Financing
- Neighborhood Planning, Improvement, and Revitalization
- Blighted, Abandoned Property Acquisition and Redevelopment

### **Core Responsibilities**

- Administer entitlements and other federal and state grant programs that support housing and urban development for the City.
- Research and implement opportunities for developing and retaining affordable housing in the City while acting as the coordinating body for housing-related activities within the City of Savannah.
- Pursue partnerships and local funding sources to leverage private investments for housing.

## FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
Community Development Fund	2,645,822	2,887,669	3,009,074
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,645,822</b>	<b>\$2,887,669</b>	<b>\$3,009,074</b>

### Expenditure by Type

Personnel	1,944,864	2,042,364	2,251,294
Outside Services	139,449	135,560	153,517
Commodities	20,193	23,649	21,145
Internal Services	503,830	649,993	530,549
Interfund Transfer	6,000	-	-
Other Expenditures	31,486	36,103	52,569
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,645,822</b>	<b>\$2,887,669</b>	<b>\$3,009,074</b>

### Expenditure by Division

Housing Services	1,700,065	1,855,566	1,894,198
Neighborhood Services	945,757	1,032,103	1,114,876
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,645,822</b>	<b>\$2,887,669</b>	<b>\$3,009,074</b>



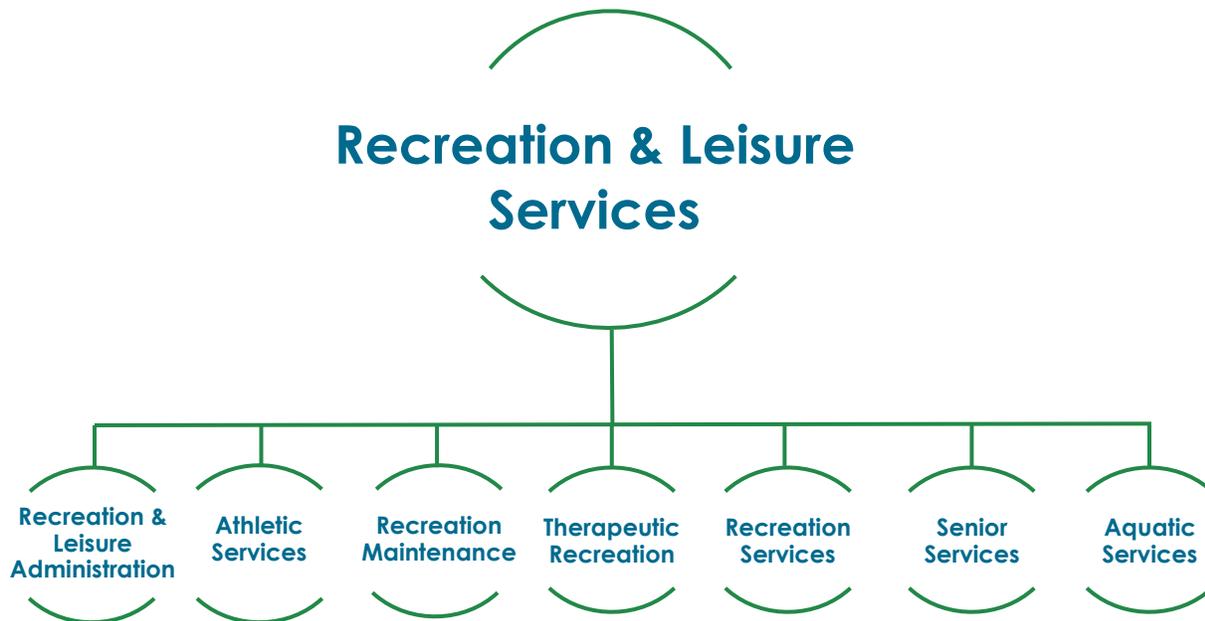
Dundee Cottages, 64 Dundee St.: A 39-Unit Affordable Housing Initiative

**Authorized Positions<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Housing Services</b>	<b>2026 FTE</b>	<b>Grade</b>
Administrative Assistant	1.00	107
Administrative Coordinator	1.00	114
Assistant Director, Housing Services	2.00	320
Community Housing Services Executive Director	1.00	320
Construction & Development Coordinator	1.00	115
Construction Project Inspector	3.00	112
Housing Coordinator	3.00	115
Housing Development Inspector	2.00	113
Housing Manager	3.00	119
Legal & Regulatory Affairs Officer	1.00	322
Lending Coordinator	4.00	115
Loan Officer	5.00	112
Project Manager	1.00	118
Senior Administrative Assistant	1.00	112
Senior Director, Housing Services	1.00	325
Senior Planner	1.00	115
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>31.00</b>	

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<sup>1</sup> Includes seven full-time interim positions for Community Housing Services Agency (CHSA); the Housing Manager position was added in FY25 and is fully reimbursable by CHSA.



**Recreation & Leisure Services Overview**

The [Recreation & Leisure Services Department](#) is responsible for providing residents of Savannah and neighboring communities with access to quality recreational programs, well-maintained parks, community centers, sports facilities, and open space areas. The department achieves these priorities by offering youth and adult athletic programs, managing neighborhood and regional community centers, outdoor pools, and sports facilities. They address recreation maintenance needs, provide supervised outdoor/playground activities, coordinate senior meals, manage senior services, and therapeutic recreational activities.

The Aquatics Services Division was established during the 2024 operating year and became fully operational in 2025. It was created to consolidate water-related programs and operations that were previously spread across multiple divisions within the department. This reorganization improved efficiency with minimal impact on the overall departmental budget. The department continues to experience steady growth, which is reflected in the FY26 budget through the addition of new amenities and recreational programs for the community.

The primary factor impacting operations and driving the FY26 budget increase compared to FY25 is the addition of the Jenkins High School pool, the first of three pools transferred from the Savannah-Chatham County Board of Education to the City of Savannah. It was determined that the purpose of these pools aligns best with the goals and objectives of the Aquatic Services Division. Budgetary increases are expected due to the expansion of the quantity of pools, pool season, and enhanced operations for community centers and programs which provide essential services to the public.

Additionally, Athletic Services has added karate, boxing, and girls' basketball programs to the roster of services offered to the communities served.

**Key Business Services**

- Athletic Programs
- Athletic Fields Maintenance
- Social Recreation Activities
- Summer Camps
- After-School Programs
- Aquatic Services
- Volunteer Services

- Youth Sports League

### Core Responsibilities

- Provide high quality recreational services at City parks, facilities, and community centers.
- Enforce rules and regulations relating to the use of City recreation and leisure services and facilities.
- Plan, administer, and coordinate City recreation and leisure service educational programming.
- Coordinate activities with other agencies while actively seeking funding for recreation and leisure services.
- Develop and provide affordable, convenient opportunities for recreational activities that enrich the quality of life for residents of Savannah.
- Coordinate youth and adult league play in baseball, basketball, cheerleading, football, softball, and tennis.
- Operate after-school and summer camp activities for youth.
- Offer therapeutic recreation services for challenged youth and adults including Special Olympic skills, team sport participation, and summer camps for youth and adults with diverse challenges.



## FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
General Fund	11,345,296	12,562,072	15,439,225
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$11,345,296</b>	<b>\$12,562,072</b>	<b>\$15,439,225</b>

Expenditure by Type			
Personnel Services <sup>1</sup>	8,226,625	8,856,315	11,396,546
Outside Services	1,100,564	1,433,837	1,468,904
Commodities	799,668	772,714	785,720
Internal Services	1,030,011	1,293,615	1,426,736
Capital Outlay <sup>2</sup>	13,461	-	-
Interfund Transfer <sup>3</sup>	7,489	-	90,300
Other Expenditures	167,478	205,591	271,019
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$11,345,296</b>	<b>\$12,562,072</b>	<b>\$15,439,225</b>

Expenditure by Division			
Recreation & Leisure Administration	887,668	956,125	1,086,457
Athletic Services	1,494,388	1,505,728	1,772,084
Recreation Maintenance	1,495,936	1,670,415	1,811,882
Therapeutic Recreation	437,556	610,097	499,695
Recreation Services	4,342,685	4,459,268	6,241,679
Senior Services	2,152,796	2,089,845	2,507,450
Aquatics Services	534,267	1,270,594	1,519,978
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$11,345,296</b>	<b>\$12,562,072</b>	<b>\$15,439,225</b>

<sup>1</sup> The FTE variance from FY25 to FY26 reflects vacancies and position reclassifications in FY25.

<sup>2</sup> FY24 Capital Outlay reflects the purchase of furniture for eight employees to enhance the office space and to replace damaged chairs, desks, cabinets, and restroom fixtures.

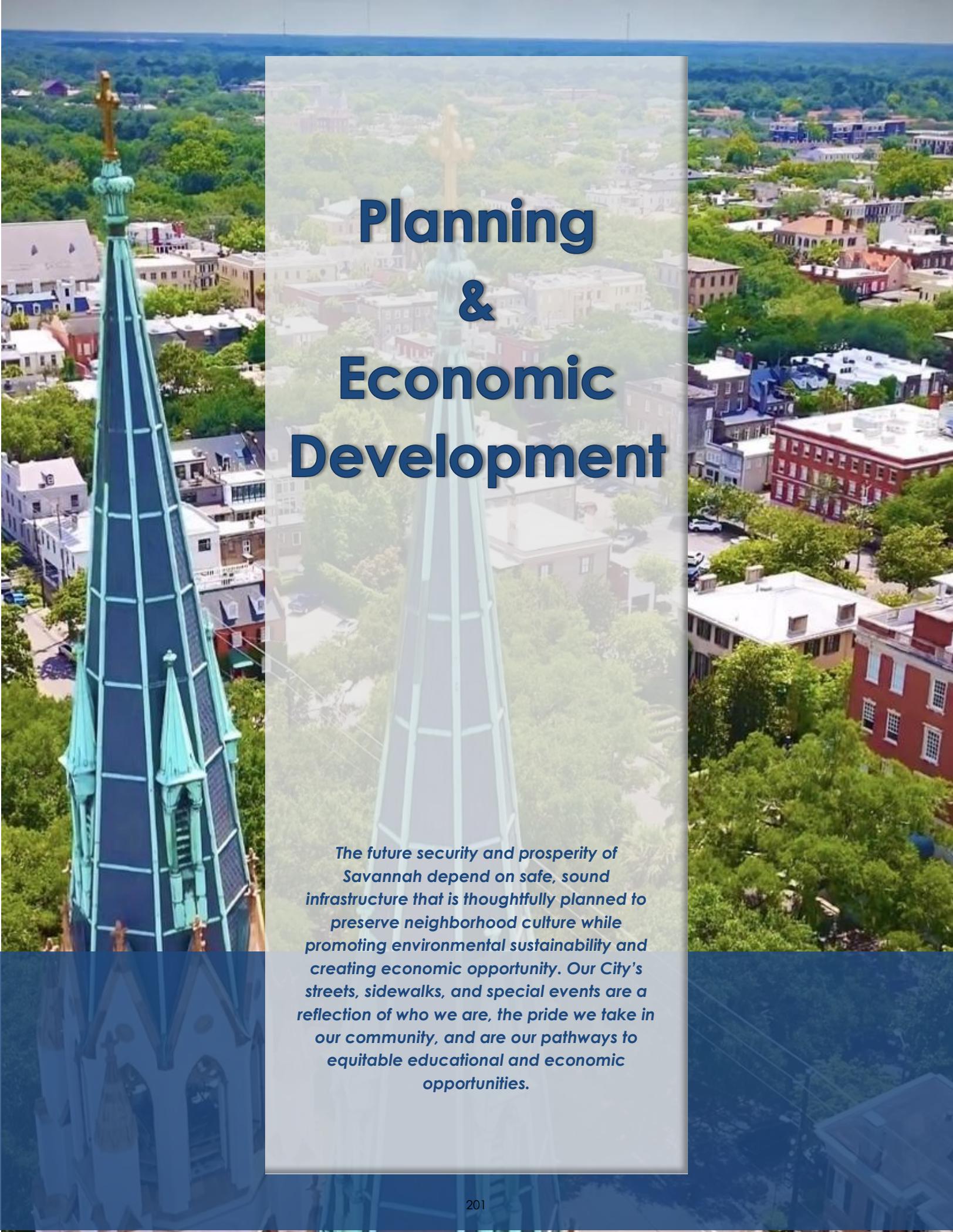
<sup>3</sup> The fleet was expanded in FY26 with the addition of a half-ton crew cab pickup and a replacement field groomer with attachments as part of a service enhancement.

## Authorized Positions

<b>Recreation &amp; Leisure Services</b>	<b>2026 FTE</b>	<b>Grade</b>
Administrative Assistant	4.76	107
Administrative Clerk	0.50	104
Aquatics Program Coordinator	1.00	111
Aquatics Supervisor	1.00	112
Assistant Director, Recreation & Leisure Services	2.00	321
Athletics Supervisor	1.00	116
Camp Counselor <sup>1</sup>	4.59	105
Clubhouse Attendant	1.50	105
Lifeguard	7.41	108
Lunch Worker	0.18	104
Maintenance Crew Chief	4.00	112
Maintenance Superintendent	1.00	118
Maintenance Supervisor	2.00	114
Maintenance Worker	4.50	106
Management Analyst	1.00	114
Marketing Coordinator	1.00	115
Medium Equipment Operator	1.00	107
Operations Manager	1.00	119
Pool Assistant	0.74	106
Pool Monitor	1.74	105
Program Coordinator	1.00	112
Programming Manager	1.00	119
Project Coordinator	1.00	114
Recreation Center Supervisor	10.00	111
Recreation Program Manager	1.00	113
Recreation Services Activity Coordinator	22.75	110
Recreation Services Leader	56.47	107
Regional Recreation Centers Supervisor	4.00	116
Senior Director, Recreation & Leisure Services	1.00	327
Senior Lifeguard	2.88	109
Senior Maintenance Worker	5.00	107
Therapeutic Specialist	2.00	109
Van Driver	2.25	107
<b><sup>2</sup>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>152.27</b>	

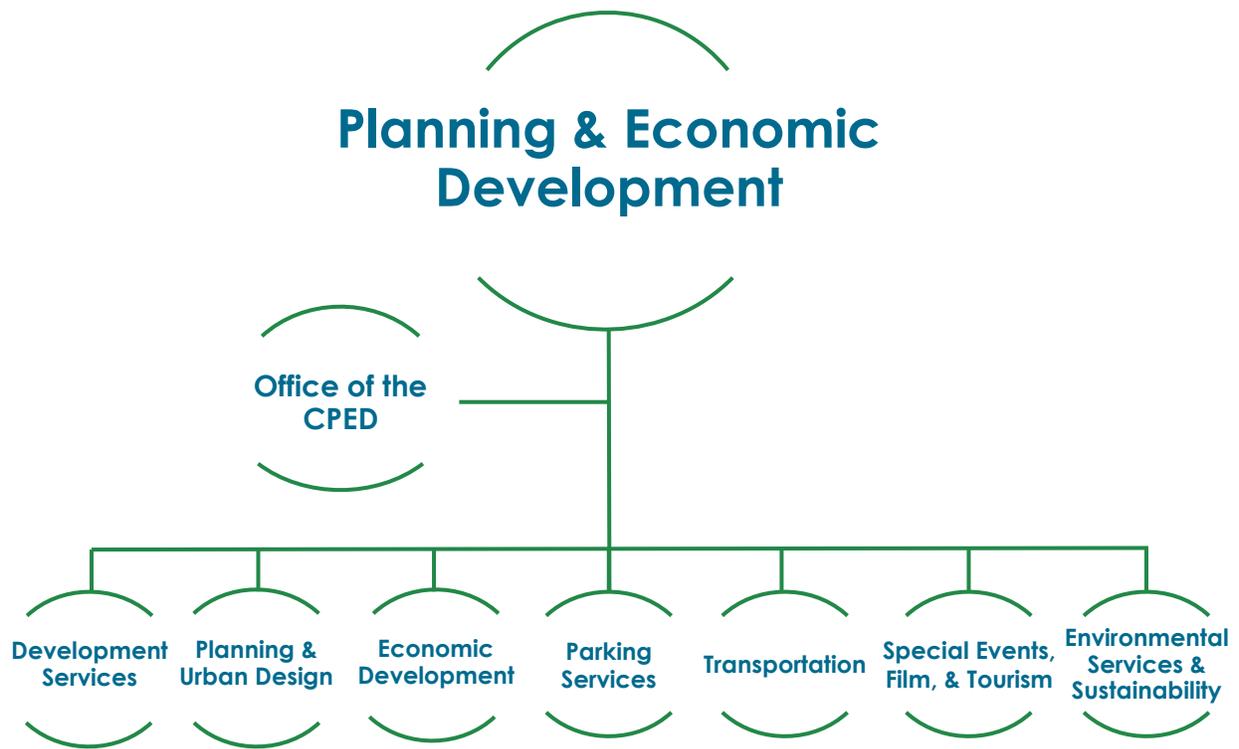
<sup>1</sup> Reclassified from Computer Services Specialist to Marketing Coordinator.

<sup>2</sup> The FY26 integration of the Jenkins High School pool expanded program capacity, requiring the addition of three Lifeguards and one Pool Monitor part-time seasonal positions to manage and maintain pool operations.



# Planning & Economic Development

*The future security and prosperity of Savannah depend on safe, sound infrastructure that is thoughtfully planned to preserve neighborhood culture while promoting environmental sustainability and creating economic opportunity. Our City's streets, sidewalks, and special events are a reflection of who we are, the pride we take in our community, and are our pathways to equitable educational and economic opportunities.*



### Planning & Economic Development Service Center Overview

The [Planning & Economic Development](#) Service Center manages and promotes the physical and economic development of the City with a focus on safety, equity, and sustainability. Savannah is known for being the first planned City in the United States. The Planning & Economic Development Service Center supports equitable growth while preserving the signature atmosphere of the City for both residents and visitors.

### Linkage to Strategic Priorities & Goals

- Expand Economic Access Opportunity and Vitality for All
- Develop World Class Livable Environments and Infrastructure
- Improve Quality of Life by Raising Municipal Service Standards
- Always Be a High Performing Government

### Key Business Services

- Infrastructure Planning, Inspection, and Engineering
- Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Programming
- Parking Facilities Management and Parking Enforcement
- Traffic Engineering and Traffic Safety Management
- Public and Private Development Planning, Zoning, and Urban Planning
- Economic and Small Business Development Management
- Special Event and Film Management

### Core Responsibilities

- Manage and direct the activities of the Development Services, Planning & Urban Design, Economic Development, Parking Services, Transportation Services, Special Events, Film & Tourism, and Environmental Services & Sustainability Departments.
- Provide leadership in developing a culture that values people and their unique contributions while focusing on delivering equitable core services.

- Provide leadership in promoting sustainable, environmentally sensitive development.
- Resolve complex and sensitive citizen inquiries.
- Interpret, analyze, and explain City policies, procedures, programs, and activities.
- Develop strategies that maintain City streets, lanes, sidewalks, and other public rights of way that contribute to the safe movement of vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic throughout the City.
- Oversee, coordinate, analyze, and review historical and proposed development in the City, both public and private.
- Provide policy recommendations on process improvements and regulations to increase economic opportunities for individuals, families, and small businesses of Savannah.

### FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
General Fund	22,646,067	26,348,432	28,291,689
Parking Services Fund	23,400,283	29,569,364	28,698,878
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$46,046,350</b>	<b>\$55,917,796</b>	<b>\$56,990,567</b>

Expenditure by Type	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
Personnel Services	15,174,968	17,428,789	19,442,044
Outside Services	15,721,488	17,163,072	17,007,659
Commodities	1,457,941	1,491,582	1,711,926
Internal Services	2,340,535	3,091,816	3,301,563
Capital Outlay	124,838	382,831	318,000
Debt Service	7,786,539	8,058,346	11,572,423
Interfund Transfer	2,149,404	6,923,685	1,813,300
Other	1,290,637	1,377,675	1,823,652
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$46,046,350</b>	<b>\$55,917,796</b>	<b>\$56,990,567</b>

Expenditure by Department	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
Office of the Chief of Planning & Economic Development <sup>1</sup>	215,880	1,037,952	702,045
Development Services	4,922,477	5,436,536	5,632,827
Planning & Urban Design	1,041,155	1,114,437	1,153,720
Economic Development <sup>2</sup>	834,435	851,790	1,208,028
Parking Services <sup>3</sup>	23,400,283	29,569,364	28,698,878
Transportation Services	13,145,144	15,316,011	16,990,934
Special Events, Film & Tourism	2,153,730	2,184,973	2,065,399
Environmental Services & Sustainability	333,246	406,733	538,736
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$46,046,350</b>	<b>\$55,917,796</b>	<b>\$56,990,567</b>

<sup>1</sup> The office was created in 2024 and was not fully staffed until mid-2025, causing the low actuals in 2024. 2025 includes a one-time \$500 thousand contract for transportation plan development which is the primary driver of the decrease in 2026 compared to 2025 projections, even with a position added and computer services expenses nearly tripling.

<sup>2</sup> The increase in 2026 is almost entirely due to vacancies, particularly of top positions, reducing salary costs and social security in 2025 projections, as well as the addition of a position and increased group medical costs City-wide in 2026.

<sup>3</sup> A 75.2 percent decrease in the 2026 contribution to capital is the primary driver of the overall decrease in the Parking Services Department compared to 2025 projections.

## Authorized Positions

<b>Planning &amp; Economic Development</b>	<b>2025 FTE</b>	<b>2026 FTE</b>	<b>2025-2026 Difference</b>
Office of the Chief Planning & Economic Development <sup>1</sup>	3.00	4.00	1.00
Development Services <sup>2</sup>	48.00	49.00	1.00
Planning & Urban Design	8.00	8.00	-
Economic Development <sup>3</sup>	7.00	8.00	1.00
Parking Services <sup>4</sup>	61.70	62.50	0.80
Transportation Services	67.00	67.00	-
Environmental Services & Sustainability	4.00	4.00	-
Special Events, Film & Tourism <sup>5</sup>	15.00	10.00	(5.00)
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>213.70</b>	<b>212.50</b>	<b>(1.20)</b>

## Workload Measures

<b>Department</b>	<b>Workload Measure</b>	<b>Projected 2025</b>	<b>Proposed 2026</b>	<b>Data Source</b>
 <b>Goal 3 Expand Economic Access, Opportunity, &amp; Vitality for All</b>				
Economic Development Department	New housing units created	52	52	Enterprise Zone Report, Opportunity Zone Annual Report
Economic Development Department	Percentage of participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) in City contracts	20%	20%	SBO Program Annual Report
Economic Development Department	Number of class participants	2,830	3,000	Business Education & Development Report
Economic Development Department	Satisfaction percentage rate of business education program	100%	100%	Business Education & Development Report
Economic Development Department	Economic mobility educational workshops facilitated	6	8	Business Education & Development Report

<sup>1</sup> One Contract Coordinator was added during the 2025 operating year.

<sup>2</sup> One Floodplain Coordinator is added in 2026 for workload management and business continuity planning.

<sup>3</sup> 2026 includes the addition of one Program Manager to oversee and expand the City's Minority/Women-Owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) and Local/Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (L/DBE) programs.

<sup>4</sup> During the 2025 operating year, two vacant part-time Facilities Attendant positions that are no longer needed were deleted as an efficiency. Two Parking Services Officer positions are added in 2026 to support the Parking Matters Study recommendations for expansion of the enforcement area.

<sup>5</sup> Four Tourism Compliance Officers and one Project Coordinator were moved to the Code Compliance Department during the 2025 operating year.

Department	Workload Measure	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026	Data Source
Economic Development Department	Number of residents attending economic mobility educational workshops	100	100	Business Education & Development Report
Economic Development Department	Number of youth employed after completion of soft skills/work readiness training sessions	20	25	Virtual One-Stop (VOS) Case Management, Visitley System
Economic Development Department	Number of adults/dislocated workers maintaining employment for at least 6 months after training	50	50	Virtual One-Stop (VOS) Case Management, Visitley System
Economic Development Department	Percentage of partners/employers reporting at least "Satisfied" with business services provided by Worksource Coastal	90%	100%	Virtual One-Stop (VOS) Case Management, Visitley System
Parking Services Department	Dot Shuttle Ridership	425,000	450,000	Savannah Downtowner
 <b>Goal 4 Develop World Class Livable Environment &amp; Infrastructure</b>				
Development Services	Commercial permits issued	666	500	Energov and GIS
Development Services	Residential permits issued	1,842	1,000	Energov and GIS
Development Services	Trade permits issued	6,598	4,000	Energov and GIS
Development Services	Building & trade inspections	37,306	28,000	Energov and GIS
Development Services	Site development inspections	1,106	1,000	Energov and GIS
Development Services	Site development plans approved	60	120	Energov and GIS
Development Services	Percentage of building plan reviews completed within 10 business days	93%	90%	Energov and GIS
Development Services	Percentage of building & trades inspections completed within 24 hours of request	95%	90%	Energov and GIS
Environmental Services & Sustainability	Annual electricity generated from on-site City solar Installations (MWh)	2,200	2,308	WATTCH Energy Monitoring
Environmental Services & Sustainability	Utility cost savings achieved through energy efficiency retrofits	\$32,000	\$129,000	ESCO Measurement & Verification
Environmental Services & Sustainability	Number of all appropriate inquiry (AAI) reports completed	3	10	Stantec Database
Planning & Urban Design	Plan reviews	5,000	5,500	Energov
Planning & Urban Design	Business location approvals	1,500	1,500	Energov
Planning & Urban Design	Short-term vacation rental certificates	1,500	1,600	Rentalscapes

Department	Workload Measure	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026	Data Source
Transportation Services	Traffic signal repairs	700	700	311 Application
Transportation Services	Traffic sign repairs	8,000	7,000	311 Application
Transportation Services	City-owned light repairs	200	200	311 Application
Transportation Services	Percentage of signal malfunctions addressed within 24-hours	90%	90%	311 Application
Transportation Services	Percentage of down/missing stop or yield signs addressed within 24-hours	90%	90%	311 Application
Transportation Services	Miles of asphalt placed per Lane	30	25	311 Application
Transportation Services	Miles of sidewalk installed	3	4	311 Application
Transportation Services	Miles of graded lanes/shoulders maintained	25	20	311 Application
Transportation Services	Traffic studies conducted	1,000	1,000	Internal tracking
Transportation Services	Percentage of Priority 1 citizen complaints responded to within 24-hours	95%	90%	311 Application
Transportation Services	Permits processed and reviewed	1,900	2,000	EnerGov



### Goal 5 Improve Quality of Life by Raising Municipal Service Standards

Special Events, Film & Tourism	Income generated by special event application and permit fees	\$18,000	\$20,000	Permit Database
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### Goal 6 Always Be a High-Performing Government

Parking Services Department	Average revenue per parking space in the five city-owned parking garages.	\$2,466	\$2,500	Lawson
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# Development Services

## Development Services Overview

The [Development Services Department](#) serves the public by ensuring the safety of the built environment through effective code enforcement and by providing guidance and oversight for all building and site development within the City of Savannah. The department is responsible for interpreting and enforcing the codes, laws, and ordinances that affect the safety and welfare of the public and the environment. This involves all aspects of building and site construction, life safety, structural, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical systems, as well as enforcing local development standards including the Subdivision, Flood Damage Prevention, and Erosion & Sedimentation Control ordinances.

## Key Business Services

- Building and Site Development Management
- Permitting and Inspections
- Subdivision Plat and Business Location Approval

## Core Responsibilities

- Enforce federal, state, and local laws to ensure the public health, safety, welfare, and the environment will be protected during building and site development construction. This includes processing building permit applications, reviewing and approving construction plans in accordance with the provisions of the various construction codes, and inspecting construction to ensure compliance with the approved plans and permits.
- Oversee building plan review, permit issuance, and inspection process through the enforcement of state-mandated building and life safety codes.
- Coordinate the private development site plan and plat review processes with City departments as well as the Metropolitan Planning Commission to ensure compliance with development standards. Oversee site development permit issuance and inspection process during construction and closeout.
- Enforce the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance and oversee the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and Community Rating System (CRS) program.
- Provide engineering services, surveying services, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and graphics support services to other City departments upon request.
- Provide technical guidance and assistance to homeowners, developers, business owners, consultants, and contractors during the development review and approval processes, as well as construction and closeout.
- Manage and implement customer service improvements and conduct education and outreach to assist with the development review process.

## FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
General Fund	4,922,477	5,436,536	5,632,827
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$4,922,477</b>	<b>\$5,436,536</b>	<b>\$5,632,827</b>

### Expenditure by Type

Personnel Services	4,063,795	4,472,823	4,713,128
Outside Services <sup>1</sup>	288,778	222,453	119,886
Commodities	73,993	90,800	88,015
Internal Services <sup>2</sup>	356,203	485,676	529,376
Interfund Transfer <sup>3</sup>	8,645	-	-
Other Expenditures	131,063	164,784	182,422
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$4,922,477</b>	<b>\$5,436,536</b>	<b>\$5,632,827</b>

<sup>1</sup> In March of 2025, credit card processing fees for online payments were shifted to the user, reducing outside services by approximately \$150 thousand compared to 2024 actuals, with another reduction of nearly \$40 thousand between 2025 projections and 2026 proposed. 2025 projections also include approximately \$55 thousand more than generally budgeted to fund the FEMA Community Rating System (CRS) 510 Floodplain Management Planning report development due every five years.

<sup>2</sup> The primary drivers of increases are rising technology overhead costs mainly due to salary and annual software license increases and garage overhead due to calculation adjustments rather than equipment additions or service expansions.

<sup>3</sup> One-time fleet addition contribution.

## Authorized Positions

Development Services	2026 FTE	Grade
Building Inspector II	4.00	113
Building Official	1.00	323
Building Permit Supervisor	1.00	114
Building Plans Examiner	3.00	114
City Surveyor	1.00	118
Construction Management Analyst	1.00	116
Customer Service Representative	2.00	104
Customer Service Supervisor	1.00	114
Deputy Building Official	1.00	120
Deputy City Engineer	1.00	322
Development Liaison Manager	1.00	120
Electrical Inspector II	3.00	113
Electrical Plans Examiner	1.00	115
Floodplain Coordinator	1.00	118
Floodplain Manager	1.00	120
GIS Analyst	2.00	116
Mechanical Inspector II	3.00	113
Mechanical Plans Examiner	1.00	115
Permit Services Manager	1.00	120
Permit Technician	5.00	108
Plumbing Inspector II	3.00	113
Plumbing Plans Examiner	1.00	115
Principal GIS Analyst	1.00	118
Senior Administrative Assistant	1.00	112
Senior Director, Development Services	1.00	327
Senior GIS Analyst	1.00	117
Site Development Coordinator	1.00	115
Site Development Inspector	3.00	113
Site Development Permit Supervisor	1.00	114
Surveying Technician	1.00	109
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>49.00</b>	



# Planning & Urban Design

## **Planning & Urban Design Overview**

The [Planning & Urban Design Department](#) provides a range of planning-related services to enhance the livability, sustainability, and vitality of Savannah for all citizens and visitors. The department works to provide equitable opportunities for growth and development while preserving the City's historic assets and neighborhood cultures.

## **Key Business Services**

- Urban Planning & Design
- Zoning Management
- Historic Preservation Management
- Special Projects

## **Core Responsibilities**

- Administer and interpret the Zoning Ordinance, providing guidance and recommendations to City Council and the Public.
- Issue zoning confirmation letters, business location approvals, and short-term vacation rental permits.
- Work collaboratively with City departments and outside agencies to research and develop best practices to support equitable economic, development, and historical preservation goals.

## FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
General Fund	1,041,155	1,114,437	1,153,720
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,041,155</b>	<b>\$1,114,437</b>	<b>\$1,153,720</b>

<b>Expenditure by Type</b>			
Personnel Services <sup>1</sup>	747,694	797,236	872,072
Outside Services <sup>2</sup>	177,115	156,533	94,170
Commodities	7,033	6,600	8,100
Internal Services <sup>3</sup>	99,942	138,012	163,416
Other	9,371	16,056	15,962
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,041,155</b>	<b>\$1,114,437</b>	<b>\$1,153,720</b>

## Authorized Positions

Planning & Urban Design	2026 FTE	Grade
Planning Manager	1.00	119
Preservation Officer	1.00	116
Program Coordinator	1.00	112
Senior Administrative Assistant	1.00	112
Senior Director, Planning & Urban Design	1.00	324
Zoning Compliance Coordinator	1.00	115
Zoning Plans Reviewer	1.00	114
Zoning Use Coordinator	1.00	113
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>8.00</b>	

<sup>1</sup> The primary drivers of the increase in 2026 are a position added in 2025 remaining vacant for most of the year, 2026 COLA and GWI, and City-wide increases in group medical costs.

<sup>2</sup> 2024 included \$52.5 thousand for a one-time software implementation. 2024 and 2025 included approximately \$25-\$50 thousand for special project consulting that is now programmed in the capital plan for projects such as the Civic Center Redevelopment and Canal District planning. 2025 also included a one-time \$20 thousand temporary labor cost to bridge a four-month vacancy gap.

<sup>3</sup> Increases are almost entirely due to technology overhead and include new and/or increased annual costs for recently implemented/upgraded software such as that used for short-term vacation rental (STVR) management as well as increased annual costs for existing software.



# Economic Development

## **Economic Development Overview**

The [Economic Development Department](#) plays a pivotal role in administering and coordinating the City of Savannah's economic and small business development initiatives. The department's goal is to cultivate a robust local economy, stimulate business and job growth, and enhance the overall quality of life for Savannah residents. The department is dedicated to implementing programs and activities that improve economic opportunities and elevate the financial well-being of individuals, families, and small businesses throughout the City.

The City of Savannah serves as the fiscal agent for WorkSource Coastal (WSC), which is funded through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Grant. WSC connects businesses seeking qualified workers with individuals pursuing gainful employment opportunities. Its comprehensive employment services include job search assistance, workforce training, and career development resources for young adults, dislocated workers, veterans and eligible spouses, and adults across 10 counties in Southeast Georgia.

WSC operates under the City's Economic Development Department, reflecting a shared commitment to promoting economic vitality, workforce readiness, and regional collaboration. As a grant-funded external entity, WSC's financial activities are reported within the All-Funds section of this budget book.

## **Key Business Services**

- Economic and Small Business Development
- Local Small and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Development
- Business Advocacy
- Contract Compliance
- Corridor Revitalization

## **Core Responsibilities**

- Promote a diverse range of economic and small business development activities in Savannah to foster a comprehensive array of employment and income opportunities for residents.
- Ensure equitable opportunities for small and disadvantaged business enterprises within the City's economic development framework by administering the Savannah Business Enterprise (SBE) and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) certification programs, including the development and distribution of a comprehensive SBE and DBE director.
- Establish annual goals and objectives for the City's economic and small business programs, conduct performance evaluations, and prepare an annual report.
- Provide business outreach, support, and direct assistance to facilitate development efforts, collaborating with organizations dedicated to attracting, retaining, and expanding business within the City.

- Coordinate the City's economic and small business development initiatives with other public-private economic development organizations throughout the Savannah region.
- Collaborate with City agencies, businesses, residents, and other community partners to address and improve physical and economic conditions along distressed commercial corridors.
- Coordinate training and support services to prospective and existing entrepreneurs through the Savannah Entrepreneurial Center.

### FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
General Fund	834,435	851,790	1,208,028
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$834,435</b>	<b>\$851,790</b>	<b>\$1,208,028</b>

Expenditure by Type <sup>1</sup>			
Personnel Services <sup>2</sup>	668,538	629,570	1,018,596
Outside Services <sup>3</sup>	46,996	84,330	69,194
Commodities	39,058	17,456	23,800
Internal Services	54,172	95,798	72,443
Capital Outlay	4,903	-	-
Other Expenditures	20,768	24,636	23,995
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$834,435</b>	<b>\$851,790</b>	<b>\$1,208,028</b>

### Authorized Positions

Economic Development	2026 FTE	Grade
Administrative Coordinator	1.00	114
Assistant Director, Economic Development	1.00	320
Community Projects Technician	1.00	107
Program Coordinator	3.00	112
Program Manager	1.00	118
Senior Director, Economic Development	1.00	324
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>8.00</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Includes reimbursable personnel administration cost for outside agency business partner, Step Up Savannah.

<sup>2</sup> The increase in 2026 is almost entirely due to vacancies, particularly of top positions, reducing salary costs and social security in 2025 projections, as well as the addition of a position and increased group medical costs City-wide in 2026.

<sup>3</sup> FY25 includes a \$30,000 partnership allocation to The Creative Coast, which provides instructional small business development support through the Launch Savannah program.



### **Parking Services Overview**

The [Parking Services Department](#) manages on-street/off-street parking and other parking facilities to balance the needs of residents, businesses, and visitors to our City. This includes the management of six City-owned parking garages: Bryan Street, Eastern Wharf, Liberty Street, Robinson Street, State Street, and Whitaker Street Parking Garages. Whether it's by car, bike, boat, or beyond, the department is instrumental in getting citizens and visitors transported to foster livability and accessibility throughout the City.

The Parking Services Department will improve operational efficiency in FY26 by expanding regulated parking zones to better serve the City. The expansion is based on findings from a recent parking study, which also identified the need for two additional Parking Service Officer positions to support an expanded service area.

### **Key Business Services**

- Parking Management
- Parking Facilities Management
- Motor Coach Permits
- Parking Enforcement

### **Core Responsibilities**

- Manage and oversee on-street/off-street parking, parking meters, and citation collection, including red light camera and street sweeping citation processing and collection.
- Operate and maintain parking facilities that provide clean, safe, and affordable parking options.
- Regulate an interconnected transportation system that includes all ground transportation service providers, as well as water ferries and recreational docks along the Savannah Riverfront.
- Operate and maintain over 3,000 metered parking spaces in downtown Savannah, 700 linear feet of public floating docks, and nearly 800 linear feet of public bulkheads.
- Coordinate with other city departments, the Georgia Department of Transportation, Chatham County, and the Metropolitan Planning Organization on various issues, including the planning and completion of transportation projects aimed to improving traffic flow and

enhancing pedestrian and bicyclist safety, such as developing new bicycle routes and installing bicycle racks.

- Maintain and install electric vehicle charging stations, which coincides with the City's 100% Sustainability Goal.
- Issue motor coach permits required for touring and/or traveling within Savannah's Historic District.
- Regulate the City private property tows, pedicabs, shuttles and non-emergency transportation, taxicabs, and wreckers.
- Provide quality services to internal and external customers by being transparent, accountable, and promoting alternative methods of mobility.

### FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
Parking Services Fund	23,400,283	29,569,364	28,698,878
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$23,400,283</b>	<b>\$29,569,364</b>	<b>\$28,698,878</b>

Expenditure by Type			
Personnel Services	3,701,538	4,358,351	4,819,508
Outside Services	8,096,301	8,374,112	8,033,366
Commodities	303,464	318,258	323,150
Internal Services	845,460	960,090	1,232,444
Debt Service <sup>1</sup>	7,786,539	8,058,346	11,572,423
Interfund Transfers <sup>2</sup>	2,112,759	6,923,685	1,777,600
Other Expenditures	554,222	576,522	940,387
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$23,400,283</b>	<b>\$29,569,364</b>	<b>\$28,698,878</b>

Expenditure by Division			
Parking Management	6,511,686	6,797,461	7,537,459
Parking Facilities	12,588,560	13,520,250	17,155,299
Parking Interdepartmental <sup>3</sup>	4,300,037	9,251,653	4,006,120
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$23,400,283</b>	<b>\$29,569,364</b>	<b>\$28,698,878</b>

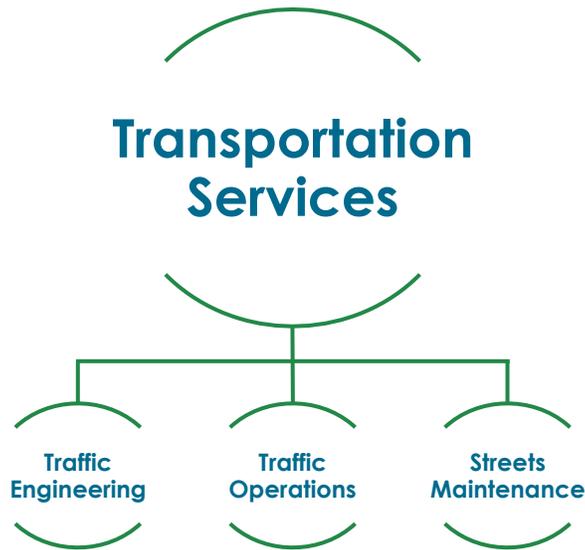
<sup>1</sup> The 43 percent increase in FY26 Debt Service compared to FY25 is primarily due to interest payments associated with two bonds issued in 2025 to finance the construction of Forsyth and Eastern Wharf garages.

<sup>2</sup> In FY25, the Parking Fund contributed an additional \$5 million, as approved by City Council, to support the completion of the Enmarket Arena Surface Lot.

<sup>3</sup> Parking Interdepartmental is a non-operating division.

## Authorized Positions

<b>Parking Services</b>	<b>2026 FTE</b>	<b>Grade</b>
Administrative Clerk	1.00	104
Cashier	3.00	104
Customer Service Representative	1.00	104
Maintenance Worker	6.00	106
Mobility & Parking Services Analyst	1.00	114
Mobility & Parking Services Coordinator	1.00	115
Parking Facilities Attendant	19.50	106
Parking Facilities Shift Supervisor	2.00	108
Parking Manager	2.00	119
Parking Meter Technician	2.00	108
Parking Services Officer	12.00	106
Parking Services Supervisor	2.00	113
Revenue Investigator	5.00	112
Senior Administrative Assistant	1.00	112
Senior Director, Parking & Mobility	1.00	326
Senior Parking Meter Technician	1.00	109
Senior Parking Services Officer	2.00	108
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>62.50</b>	



### Transportation Services Overview

The mission of the [Transportation Services Department](#) is to maintain the safest and most efficient, cost-effective, and sustainable roadways, walkways, and bikeways for our community, while promoting alternative modes of travel in an environmentally and economically sustainable manner. The department also manages transportation master planning, construction, and maintenance of mobility infrastructure and joint projects in coordination with Chatham County and the Georgia Department of Transportation to foster livability and accessibility throughout City neighborhoods.

In 2025, one Senior Maintenance Worker position was reclassified and transferred to the Office of the Chief of Planning and Economic Development to establish a new Contract Coordinator role. This change aligned with the transfer of responsibility for horizontal construction to the Planning and Economic Service Center. The proposed 2026 budget includes funding for a new Transportation Manager position, along with the required technology and vehicular components, to address a critical need for dedicated oversight of the planning, design, and construction of complex horizontal infrastructure projects.

### Key Business Services

- Multi-Modal Transportation Management and Planning
- Traffic Management
- Traffic Signs, Signals and Markings Maintenance
- Traffic Review and Permit Management
- Transportation Design and Safety Study
- Street, Sidewalks, and Lane Maintenance

### Core Responsibilities

- Issue permits for parking meter bags, street blocking, construction parking, and construction dumpster and storage container placement on public rights-of-way to minimize impacts to traffic flow and on-street parking.
- Create, operate, and maintain a multi-modal transportation system which offers alternative forms of mobility within the City and connects neighborhoods to key recreational, educational, entertainment, health care, and employment centers.

- Plan and design the City transportation facilities, including sidewalks, greenways, trails, and streets.
- Conduct right-of-way use, neighborhood traffic and traffic calming studies and modelling, conduct inspections, and apply findings to facility, and long-range planning.
- Coordinate with other City departments, Georgia Department of Transportation, Chatham County, and the Metropolitan Planning Organization on various issues to include the planning and completion of transportation projects to improve traffic flow and the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists.
- Safely and efficiently move vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic throughout the City.
- Manage significant capital transportation infrastructure projects including, street repaving, using road condition assessments to prioritize work plans, and combining SPLOST VII allocation with annual Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) funding to advance a 20-year repaving goal that would ensure equitable investment in the infrastructure throughout the City.
- Implementation of a comprehensive traffic safety plan that supports the City's Vision Zero Initiative, adopted by City Council on February 24, 2022.
- Manage the development and implementation of horizontal capital projects during the planning, design, permitting, procurement, and construction phases.

### FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
General Fund	13,145,144	15,316,011	16,990,934
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$13,145,144</b>	<b>\$15,316,011</b>	<b>\$16,990,934</b>

Expenditure by Type			
Personnel Services <sup>1</sup>	4,418,363	5,434,153	6,071,399
Outside Services <sup>2</sup>	6,334,890	6,988,829	7,815,847
Commodities	992,682	1,026,654	1,233,803
Internal Services	821,547	1,192,233	1,118,794
Capital Outlay	23,388	130,012	108,000
Interfund Transfers	28,000	-	35,700
Other Expenditures	526,274	544,130	607,391
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$13,145,144</b>	<b>\$15,316,011</b>	<b>\$16,990,934</b>

Expenditure by Division			
Traffic Engineering	1,088,596	1,410,629	1,610,766
Traffic Operations	7,911,231	9,421,773	10,082,587
Street Maintenance	4,145,317	4,483,609	5,297,581
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$13,145,144</b>	<b>\$15,316,011</b>	<b>\$16,990,934</b>

<sup>1</sup> See the narrative above for additional details explaining staffing changes.

<sup>2</sup> In 2026, the department's budget is projected to increase by 11.8 percent over FY25, primarily due to rising electricity expenses and higher contractual costs associated with the installation and repair of sidewalks.

## Authorized Positions

Transportation Services	2026 FTE	Grade
Administrative Assistant	1.00	107
Administrative Clerk	2.00	104
Civil Engineer	1.00	118
Construction Site Safety Monitor	2.00	108
Electrician	2.00	111
Engineering Technician	1.00	109
GIS Analyst	1.00	116
Heavy Construction Equipment Operator	1.00	111
Heavy Equipment Operator	2.00	109
Inspector Streets & Infrastructure Construction	2.00	113
Inspector Traffic Permitting and Compliance	1.00	113
Maintenance Crew Chief	5.00	112
Maintenance Superintendent	1.00	118
Maintenance Supervisor	4.00	114
Maintenance Worker	3.00	106
Medium Equipment Operator	5.00	107
Planner	1.00	115
Right-of-Way Construction Coordinator	1.00	116
Senior Administrative Assistant	1.00	112
Senior Civil Engineer	1.00	122
Senior Director, Transportation Services	1.00	326
Senior Maintenance Worker	5.00	107
Senior Maintenance Worker II	6.00	107
Sign Specialist	1.00	108
Signal Technician II	7.00	112
Streets Maintenance Manager	1.00	121
Traffic Engineering Coordinator	2.00	118
Traffic Engineering Manager	1.00	121
Traffic Maintenance Specialist	1.00	109
Traffic Operations Manager	1.00	121
Traffic Signal Superintendent	1.00	119
Traffic System Coordinator	1.00	116
Transportation Planning Manager	1.00	121
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>67.00</b>	



# Special Events, Film & Tourism

## Special Events, Film & Tourism Overview

[Special Events, Film, & Tourism](#) (SEFT) were established to streamline and enhance the services the City of Savannah provides to the events, film, and tourism industries. Serving as a centralized resource, the department assists individuals, businesses, and organizations in planning events, securing required permits, and ensuring compliance with city regulations. Additionally, the department oversees the regulatory enforcement of tour permits, motor coaches, horse-drawn carriage operations, pedicabs, and food vendors. Through effective event management and proactive tourism support, Special Events, Film, and Tourism contribute to Savannah's dynamic culture, strengthens the local economy, and elevates the city's reputation as a premier destination for residents and visitors alike.

## Key Business Services

- Permitting and Coordination for Special Events
- Permitting for Film and Media Productions
- Management of Tourism - Related Improvements and Complaints
- Regulation of Tour Operators, Vendors, and Carriage Services

## Core Responsibilities

- Issue temporary use permits for the encroachment of public rights-of-way for street vendors, restaurants, and businesses.
- Manage and direct programs, ordinances, and plans that balance events, films, and tourism activities with residential quality of life and economic development.
- Oversee the implementation of the Tourism Management Plan approved by the Mayor and City Council.
- Collaborate with production directors and managers to permit film and media activities, ensuring successful projects with minimal community impact.
- Work closely with event planners and various City departments to address event logistics and ensure compliance with City policies and public ordinances.
- Assist in the planning and execution of major City-sponsored events, including the Rock and Roll Marathon and the St. Patrick's Day celebration.
- Provide assistance and permits annually to thousands of applicants for the use of City parks and squares.
- Engage with citizens to provide opportunities for public input on policy and ordinances.
- Facilitate development initiatives related to events, film, and tourism.

## FY26 Resources

Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
General Fund	2,153,730	2,184,973	2,065,399
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,153,730</b>	<b>\$2,184,973</b>	<b>\$2,065,399</b>

<b>Expenditure by Type<sup>1</sup></b>			
Personnel Services	1,129,386	1,019,032	1,009,573
Outside Services	719,584	674,321	675,635
Commodities	27,903	22,134	12,903
Internal Services	138,623	174,187	114,180
Capital Outlay <sup>2</sup>	96,547	252,819	210,000
Other Expenditures	41,687	42,480	43,108
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,153,730</b>	<b>\$2,184,973</b>	<b>\$2,065,399</b>

## Authorized Positions

<b>Special Events, Film, &amp; Tourism</b>	<b>2026 FTE</b>	<b>Grade</b>
Assistant Director, Special Events, Film, & Tourism	1.00	320
Customer Service Representative	1.00	104
Film Services Coordinator	1.00	112
Nightlife Program Manager <sup>3</sup>	1.00	118
Program Coordinator	2.00	112
Right-of-Way Events Supervisor	1.00	116
Senior Administrative Assistant	1.00	112
Senior Director, Special Events, Film & Tourism	1.00	324
Tourism Supervisor	1.00	116
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>10.00</b>	

<sup>1</sup> FY26 reflects the transfer of four Tourism Compliance Officers and one Project Coordinator to the Code Compliance Department.

<sup>2</sup> FY25 reflects the carryforward and prior year encumbrance for the Holiday Christmas Décor contract.



# Environmental Services & Sustainability

## Environmental Services & Sustainability Overview

The [Environmental Services & Sustainability Department](#) provides services to promote a healthy environment and lifestyle for citizens, encourage community engagement, provide operational cost savings through efficiency and compliance support, and conserve natural resources for current and future generations.

### Key Business Services

- Sustainability Initiatives Development
- External Partnerships
- Cost Savings Strategies
- Community Outreach and Education

### Core Responsibilities

- Implement programs in accordance with the [100% Clean Renewable Energy](#) resolution approved in March of 2020 with a goal of all electricity consumption within the City of Savannah (City operations and community) coming from clean, renewable energy sources by 2035 and all other energy sources within the City to be clean and renewable by 2050.
- Develop, maintain, and track a City-wide sustainability action plan that establishes high level goals and sustainable activities to create a greener Savannah.
- Provide technical assistance and develop pilot projects that identify cost savings, resource conservation, and promote a healthy community.
- Attract external funding and leverage partnerships that support City sustainability goals.

## FY26 Resources

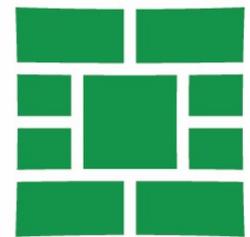
Revenue Source	Actual 2024	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
General Fund	333,246	406,733	538,736
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$333,246</b>	<b>\$406,733</b>	<b>\$538,736</b>

Expenditure by Type			
Personnel Services	262,924	306,838	401,806
Outside Services	41,402	61,420	78,741
Commodities	1,887	3,580	15,455
Internal Services	19,781	26,824	33,967
Other	7,252	8,071	8,767
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$333,246</b>	<b>\$406,733</b>	<b>\$538,736</b>

## Authorized Positions

Office of Environmental Services & Sustainability	2026 FTE	Grade
Clean Energy Program Manager	1.00	118
Program Coordinator	1.00	112
Project Manager	1.00	118
Sustainability Officer	1.00	321
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents</b>	<b>4.00</b>	

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# Risk Management Fund

Risk Management focuses on providing an integrated program responsible for the protection and preservation of the City's resources and assets through loss prevention, loss control, and loss financing. Within the Risk Management Fund, the City provides insurance to employees in the areas of long-term disability, life insurance, and group medical/dental insurance. In addition, the fund accounts for judgments & losses, workers' compensation, property, and auto liabilities. The General, Enterprise, and Internal Service Funds are billed to cover premiums and claims while maintaining an adequate reserve balance.

## Employee Benefits

Employee benefits include three basic categories: Social Security, Pension, and Insurance. Contributions to these categories include employer contributions and/or employee contributions. In 2026, employer contributions to employee benefits total \$59,802,967 while employee contributions total \$32,519,651.

**Social Security:** The City will contribute \$13,397,636 to Social Security in 2026. City employees will contribute an equal amount for a total Social Security contribution of \$26,795,272.

**Pension:** In 2026, the City's contribution to the Pension Fund is \$16,105,168. This annual employer contribution is based on the most recent recommendations of the independent Actuarial Report prepared for the City of Savannah Employees' Retirement Plan. City employees are required to contribute 6.65 percent of their earnings on a pre-tax basis.

**Insurance:** In 2026, the City's contributions for health, disability, unemployment, and workers' compensation are projected to total \$30,300,163. This reflects an 18.7 percent increase over the 2025 Adopted Budget, driven by the need to manage the insurance plan prudently and maintain sufficient fund reserves amid rising costs.

Employer Contributions				
Contributions	2024 Actual	2025 Projected	2026 Proposed	% Change 2025-2026
Social Security	11,139,170	13,096,901	13,397,636	2.3
Pension	13,455,816	14,223,236	16,105,116	13.2
Group Medical Insurance	14,659,025	25,000,092	25,000,052	-
Disability Insurance	149,827	650,072	300,052	(53.8)
Unemployment	44,988	-	-	-
Workers' Compensation	5,197,416	4,865,959	5,000,059	2.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$44,646,242</b>	<b>\$57,836,260</b>	<b>\$59,802,915</b>	<b>3.4</b>

Employee Contributions				
Contributions	2024 Actual	2025 Projected	2026 Proposed	% Change 2025-2026
Social Security	11,139,170	13,096,901	13,397,636	2.3
Pension	9,365,308	10,358,406	12,108,015	16.9
Group Medical Insurance	5,204,353	5,480,000	5,645,000	3.0
Group Life Insurance	1,170,675	1,295,000	1,369,000	5.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26,879,506</b>	<b>\$30,230,307</b>	<b>\$32,519,651</b>	<b>7.6</b>

## Pension

Employees of the Metropolitan Planning and Airport Commissions participate in the City's pension program. The table below shows Employer contributions by agency.

Pension				
Contributions	2024 Actual	2025 Projected	2026 Proposed	% Change 2025-2026
City	13,455,816	14,223,236	16,105,116	13.2
Airport Commission	1,022,660	1,180,872	1,388,310	17.6
Metropolitan Planning Commission	212,223	228,587	260,577	14.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,690,699</b>	<b>\$15,632,695</b>	<b>\$17,754,003</b>	<b>13.6</b>

## Group Medical Insurance

The City's 2026 projection allocates \$25 million for Group Medical Insurance, reflecting consistency with 2025 projections. Maintaining this elevated level of funding addresses rising medical expenses and supports the equity balance at the target level of \$6.4 million. This strategy enables the City to proactively manage anticipated increases in medical costs for 2026 and beyond. Additionally, outside agencies such as the Airport Commission and Metropolitan Planning Commission also participate in the medical plan.

Medical Insurance				
Contributions	2024 Actual	2025 Projected	2026 Proposed	% Change 2025-2026
City	14,726,193	25,000,092	25,000,052	-
Employees	5,204,354	5,480,000	5,645,000	3.0
Retiree	-	1,281,000	1,320,000	3.0
Retiree-Medicare Advantage	-	549,000	610,000	11.1
Outside Agencies <sup>1</sup>	117,593	407,000	444,000	9.1
Interest Earned	357,459	-	-	-
Draw on/(Contribution to) Reserves	6,405,133	(3,405,400)	3,907,262	214.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26,810,732</b>	<b>\$29,311,692</b>	<b>\$36,926,314</b>	<b>26.0</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Medical/Drug Claims	24,202,565	26,196,861	33,000,000	26.0
Administrative Charges	1,644,672	2,000,000	2,700,000	35.0
Stop-Loss Coverage	963,495	1,114,831	1,226,314	10.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26,810,732</b>	<b>\$29,311,692</b>	<b>\$36,926,314</b>	<b>26.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Employees of some outside agencies such as the Airport and Metropolitan Planning Commissions participate in the City's medical plan.

## Group Life Insurance

The City provides eligible employees life insurance equal to annual salary amount, rounded to the next higher thousand, to a maximum of \$100,000. The City also offers optional supplemental coverage which is paid for by the employee. To continue life insurance coverage after retirement, costs are incurred by retirees. In FY26, the Group Life Insurance Fund balance has sufficient funding available to cover expenses, and an additional contribution from the City was not deemed necessary.

Life Insurance				
Contributions	2024 Actual	2025 Projected	2026 Proposed	% Change 2025-2026
Employee, Retiree, Agencies	676,078	1,295,000	1,369,000	5.7
Miscellaneous	13,774	10,000	10,000	-
Interest Earned	5,248	-	-	-
Draw on/(Contribution to) Reserves	468,345	43,735	46,613	6.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,163,445</b>	<b>\$1,348,735</b>	<b>\$1,425,613</b>	<b>5.7</b>

### Expenditures

Life Insurance Premiums	1,163,445	1,348,735	1,425,613	5.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,163,445</b>	<b>\$1,348,735</b>	<b>\$1,425,613</b>	<b>5.7</b>

## Long Term Disability

The City provides long-term disability coverage for employees at no cost for the employee. This plan provides income to employees who become disabled resulting from injury or sickness and are under a doctor's care.

Long Term Disability				
Contributions	2024 Actual	2025 Projected	2026 Proposed	% Change 2025-2026
City	150,530	650,072	300,052	(53.8)
Draw on/(Contribution to) Reserves	129,549	(346,708)	20,604	105.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$280,079</b>	<b>\$303,364</b>	<b>\$320,656</b>	<b>5.7</b>

### Expenditures

Long Term Disability	280,079	303,364	320,656	5.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$280,079</b>	<b>\$303,364</b>	<b>\$320,656</b>	<b>5.7</b>

## Unemployment Compensation

Unemployment insurance provides temporary financial assistance to unemployed workers through no fault of their own. Unemployment Compensation benefits are paid by the employer. In FY26, it was determined that the line of insurance had adequate equity to cover its expenses, eliminating the need for contributions from the City departments.

Unemployment Compensation				
	2024	2025	2026	% Change
Contributions	Actual	Projected	Proposed	2025-2026
City	47,019	-	-	-
Interest Earned	9,875	-	-	-
Draw on/(Contribution to) Reserves	(29,350)	30,000	40,000	33.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,544</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>	<b>33.3</b>
Expenditures				
Claims/Legal Costs	27,544	20,000	30,000	50.0
Employment Practices Liability	-	10,000	10,000	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,544</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>	<b>33.3</b>

## Workers' Compensation

This program provides risk funding for claims by employees for work related injuries and is mandated by state law. The chart below is an employer contribution.

Workers' Compensation				
	2024	2025	2026	% Change
Contributions	Actual	Projected	Proposed	2025-2026
City	5,221,585	4,865,959	5,000,059	2.8
Work Comp Stop Loss Reib	2,083	30,000	30,000	-
State Insurance Trust Fund	26,053	5,000	5,000	-
Insurance Reimbursement	74,106	884,639	331,000	(62.6)
Interest Earned	171,422	-	-	-
Draw on /(Contribution to) Reserves	(16,678)	(115,717)	233,441	301.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,478,571</b>	<b>\$5,669,881</b>	<b>\$5,599,500</b>	<b>(1.2)</b>
Expenditures				
Workers' Comp Wages Paid	1,346,512	1,042,419	1,200,000	15.1
Settlements	494,782	600,000	500,000	(16.7)
Permanent Disability Payments	163,872	168,768	200,000	18.5
Legal Expenses	170,234	175,000	150,000	(14.3)
Medical Claims	2,455,118	2,674,330	2,500,000	(6.5)
Safety	150	1,500	1,500	-
Cost Containment Fees	210,129	169,431	170,000	0.3
Insurance Premium	454,718	612,151	650,000	6.2
Administrative Expenses	180,406	223,282	225,000	0.8
Drug Testing	2,650	3,000	3,000	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,478,571</b>	<b>\$5,669,881</b>	<b>\$5,599,500</b>	<b>(1.2)</b>

## Other Risk Management

In addition to the risk management program for Workers' Compensation, there are programs for Property, Judgments & Losses, and Auto Liability. These three programs are grouped together in one category as Other Risk Management. Contributions support activities to reduce risk such as security services and minimize the impact when losses occur.

### Property

This risk management program, which includes purchased property insurance, is designed to cover major losses occurring from things such as storm or fire damage. Money, securities/blanket, and fidelity bonds are also covered. Beginning in 2025, the City's Security Guard Services budget is funded through the Risk Management Fund, instead of the Risk Management Department's operating budget.

Property				
Contributions	2024 Actual	2025 Projected	2026 Proposed	% Change 2025-2026
City	2,903,160	4,429,947	5,000,000	12.9
Insurance Reimbursement	63,328	-	-	-
Interest Earned	106,324	-	-	-
Draw on/(Contribution to) Reserves	(528,609)	576,113	769,774	33.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,544,203</b>	<b>\$5,006,060</b>	<b>\$5,769,774</b>	<b>15.3</b>

### Expenditures

Security Guard Services	-	1,932,886	2,300,000	19.0
Other Contractual Services	43,267	869,774	669,774	(23.0)
Legal Expenses	739	3,400	-	(100.0)
Purchased Premiums	2,500,197	2,200,000	2,800,000	27.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,544,203</b>	<b>\$5,006,060</b>	<b>\$5,769,774</b>	<b>15.3</b>

### Judgments and Losses

This program oversees the defense and resolution of civil claims against the self-insured City of Savannah, including both general and professional litigation. The City's 2026 projection for this line of insurance allocates \$5 million, reflecting consistency with 2025 projections. The FY24 actual contribution was elevated due to a one-time \$3.5 million allocation from the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund, provided to support the Von Trapp Class Action Lawsuit Settlement.

Judgments & Losses				
Contributions	2024 Actual	2025 Projected	2026 Proposed	% Change 2025-2026
City	4,751,062	2,500,037	2,500,053	-
Interest Earned	188,059	-	-	-
Draw on/(Contribution to) Reserves	(2,092,632)	606,594	1,354,947	123.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,846,489</b>	<b>\$3,106,631</b>	<b>\$3,855,000</b>	<b>24.1</b>

<b>Judgments &amp; Losses</b>				
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>2024 Actual</b>	<b>2025 Projected</b>	<b>2026 Proposed</b>	<b>% Change 2025-2026</b>
Other Contractual Service	47,689	719,107	750,000	4.3
Settlements	1,829,250	1,277,143	2,000,000	56.6
Legal Expenses	664,362	810,381	800,000	(1.3)
Claims	198,508	180,000	200,000	11.1
Employment Practices Liability	105,125	120,000	100,000	(16.7)
Administrative Expenses	1,555	-	5,000	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,846,489</b>	<b>\$3,106,631</b>	<b>\$3,855,000</b>	<b>24.1</b>

### Auto Liability

This program allows the City of Savannah to manage and cover automobile liability claims through a self-insurance model. This ensures that any claims arising from the use of city vehicles, except those driven out of state, are directly paid for by the City, streamlining the claims process.

<b>Auto Liability</b>				
<b>Contributions</b>	<b>2024 Actual</b>	<b>2025 Projected</b>	<b>2026 Proposed</b>	<b>% Change 2025-2026</b>
City	250,000	5,250,000	250,000	(95.2)
Interest Earned	24,788	-	-	-
Draw on/(Contribution to) Reserves	1,723,978	(3,246,217)	1,613,000	149.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,998,766</b>	<b>\$2,003,783</b>	<b>\$1,863,000</b>	<b>(7.0)</b>

### Expenditures

Operating Supp & Materials	4,167	-	-	-
Settlements	1,214,999	1,000,000	900,000	(10.0)
Legal Expenses	104,055	95,962	60,000	(37.5)
Claims	468,130	675,000	650,000	(3.7)
Safety	293	5,000	5,000	-
Subrogation Fees	6,078	4,270	8,000	87.4
Insurance Premiums	56,724	85,000	90,000	5.9
Administrative Expenses	121,011	121,718	125,000	2.7
Drug Testing	23,309	16,833	25,000	48.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,998,766</b>	<b>\$2,003,783</b>	<b>\$1,863,000</b>	<b>(7.0)</b>

# Hotel/Motel Tax Fund

The Hotel/Motel Tax Fund accounts for lodging tax revenue and associated expenditures. In May 2023, City Council approved an increase in the Hotel/Motel tax rate from six percent to eight percent, with the new rate taking effect on September 1, 2023. Under the revised tax resolution, the General Fund now receives 37.5 percent of collected revenues, replacing the previous allocation of one-half. The remaining funds are distributed among Visit Savannah for tourism promotion, the Savannah International Trade & Convention Center, and Tourism Product Development (TPD) projects. As part of this change, the Savannah Civic Center no longer receives any portion of Hotel/Motel tax revenues.

For 2026, \$48,796 is budgeted as additional revenue to the General Fund to offset administrative costs related to the Senior Capital Project Manager position. This amount represents 50 percent of the budgeted salary, reflecting the employee's primary role in overseeing TPD project implementation.

Revenues				
Revenue Source	2024 Actual	2025 Projected	2026 Proposed	% Change 2025-2026
Hotel/Motel Tax	47,442,693	47,000,000	48,410,000	3.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$47,442,693</b>	<b>\$47,000,000</b>	<b>\$48,410,000</b>	<b>3.0</b>

Expenditures				
Expenditure Area	2024 Actual	2025 Projected	2026 Proposed	% Change 2025-2026
Contribution to Visit Savannah	16,035,630	15,886,000	16,362,580	3.0
Contribution to Trade Center	6,641,977	6,580,000	6,777,400	3.0
Transfer to General Fund	17,791,010	17,625,000	18,153,750	3.0
Transfer to Tourism Product Development Fund	6,974,076	6,909,000	7,116,270	3.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$47,442,693</b>	<b>\$47,000,000</b>	<b>\$48,410,000</b>	<b>3.0</b>

# Auto Rental Tax Fund

The Auto Rental Tax Fund accounts for excise taxes on charges to the public for vehicle rentals from various locations within the City. Funds derived from this source are fully allocated to the Civic Center Fund to cover the debt service for the construction of the Enmarket Arena. This funding source is intended to promote trade, commerce, and tourism within the City, as well as to support the ongoing operation of convention facilities.

Revenues				
Revenue Source	2024 Actual	2025 Projected	2026 Proposed	% Change 2025-2026
Auto Rental Tax	3,350,610	3,578,166	3,757,075	5.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,350,610</b>	<b>\$3,578,166</b>	<b>\$3,757,075</b>	<b>5.0</b>

Expenditures				
Expenditure Area	2024 Actual	2025 Projected	2026 Proposed	% Change 2025-2026
Transfer to Civic Center	3,350,610	3,578,166	3,757,075	5.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,350,610</b>	<b>\$3,578,166</b>	<b>\$3,757,075</b>	<b>5.0</b>

# Computer Purchase Fund

The Computer Purchase Fund is used to account for items that improve, maintain, and replace components of the City's computer network, to include personal computers, connections, servers, and infrastructure. In 2026, this fund will continue to manage computer hardware and software installed in City-owned vehicles, including Mobile Data Terminals in police interceptor vehicles.

Revenues				
Revenue Source	2024 Actual	2025 Projected	2026 Proposed	% Change 2025-2026
Computer Capital Charge	1,312,870	1,213,368	1,497,629	23.4
Miscellaneous	74,703	3,202	-	(100.0)
Vehicle Accessory Charge	7,500	-	-	-
<b>Subtotal-Interfund Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,395,073</b>	<b>\$1,216,570</b>	<b>\$1,497,629</b>	<b>23.1</b>
Interest Earned	138,183	132,000	60,000	(54.5)
Draw on/(Contribution to) Reserves	(528,056)	782,056	-	(100.0)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,005,200</b>	<b>\$2,130,626</b>	<b>\$1,557,629</b>	<b>(26.9)</b>

Expenditures				
Expenditure Area	2024 Actual	2025 Projected	2026 Proposed	% Change 2025-2026
Commodities	723,324	1,545,647	1,149,629	(25.6)
Capital Outlay	281,876	584,979	408,000	(30.3)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,005,200</b>	<b>\$2,130,626</b>	<b>\$1,557,629</b>	<b>(26.9)</b>

# Vehicle Purchase Fund

The Vehicle Purchase Fund is used to manage the acquisition of vehicles for the City's fleet. Revenue for this fund is primarily generated through departmental vehicle use charges, fleet addition contributions, and proceeds from the sale of retired vehicles. Expenditures are mainly for the purchase or lease of new and replacement vehicles, along with associated components. Computer hardware and software installed in City-owned vehicles after acquisition are accounted for in the Computer Purchase Fund, ensuring proper asset management by the Innovation and Technology Services Department. In 2026, the fund is budgeted to cover expenses related to the purchase of Diagnostics Toolbox Toughbooks, aimed at enhancing maintenance efficiency by providing each maintenance shop with dedicated access to essential diagnostic tools.

Revenues				
Revenue Source	2024 Actual	2025 Projected	2026 Proposed	% Change 2025-2026
Vehicle Use Charges	12,453,659	15,199,636	17,232,885	13.4
Vehicle Accessory Charges	130,650	1,036,022	1,201,130	15.9
Fleet Addition Contribution	859,326	2,641,408	2,571,328	(2.7)
<b>Subtotal-Interfund Revenues</b>	<b>\$13,443,635</b>	<b>\$18,877,066</b>	<b>\$21,005,343</b>	<b>11.3</b>
Interest Earned	2,271,295	2,000,000	750,000	(62.5)
Sales Revenue	1,371,475	1,100,000	500,000	(54.5)
Miscellaneous	2,539	3,622	-	(100.0)
Draw on/(Contribution to) Reserves	1,906,989	2,657,211	4,981,000	87.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,995,933</b>	<b>\$24,637,899</b>	<b>\$27,236,343</b>	<b>10.5</b>

Expenditures				
Expenditure Area	2024 Actual	2025 Projected	2026 Proposed	% Change 2025-2026
Rentals	3,164,761	4,968,130	4,769,870	(4.0)
Outside Services	98,138	272,321	190,000	(30.2)
Commodities	22,103	10,000	106,130	961.3
Vehicular Equipment	13,842,271	17,906,922	20,488,794	14.4
Capital Outlay	1,612,018	1,480,526	1,681,549	13.6
Other Expenses	256,642	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,995,933</b>	<b>\$24,637,899</b>	<b>\$27,236,343</b>	<b>10.5</b>

# Radio Replacement Fund

The Radio Replacement Fund was established in 2015 and is used to account for the acquisition of replacement radios for City departments. Contributions to the Radio Replacement Fund are based on a plan providing for the orderly funding of radio units. Historically, departments have been charged a radio capital use charge to replenish the fund. However, in recent years, the fund has been determined to have a sufficient fund balance to replace any scheduled radio replacements, rather than requiring an additional charge to City departments.

Revenues				
Revenue Source	2024 Actual	2025 Projected	2026 Proposed	% Change 2025-2026
Interest Earned	24,181	16,600	18,000	8.4
Draw on/(Contribution to) Reserves	(1,388)	345,267	169,500	(50.9)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,793</b>	<b>\$361,867</b>	<b>\$187,500</b>	<b>(48.2)</b>

Expenditures				
Expenditure Area	2024 Actual	2025 Projected	2026 Proposed	% Change 2025-2026
Commodities	-	355,771	187,500	(47.3)
Capital Outlay	22,793	6,096	-	(100.0)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,793</b>	<b>\$361,867</b>	<b>\$187,500</b>	<b>(48.2)</b>

# Recorder's Court Technology Fund

The Recorder's Court Technology Fee is assessed by the Recorder's Court of Chatham County to account for the City's share of revenue associated with criminal fines.

The Court is authorized to collect a technology fee of \$5 for each criminal fine imposed. The revenue generated by this fee must be used exclusively to provide for the court's technological needs.

Revenues				
Revenue Source	2024 Actual	2025 Projected	2026 Proposed	% Change 2025-2026
Recorder's Court Technology Fee	64,749	75,000	75,000	-
Draw on/(Contribution to) Reserves	(34,104)	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,645</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>-</b>

Expenditures				
Expenditure Area	2024 Actual	2025 Projected	2026 Proposed	% Change 2025-2026
Outside Services	13,117	60,000	60,000	-
Commodities	17,528	15,000	15,000	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,645</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>-</b>

# Per Occupied Room Fund

The Per Occupied Room (POR) Fund was established in 2018 to separately identify funds that were previously accounted for in the General Fund. It is used to account for the proceeds and uses of the POR fee charged by the City on larger hotels located within the City's convention transportation special service district. The proceeds of this fee are used to provide transportation incentives to conventions held in Savannah and to also provide downtown amenities. The fund also supports the Downtown Cleanliness Team within the Park & Tree Department.

Revenues				
Revenue Source	2024 Actual	2025 Projected	2026 Proposed	% Change 2025-2026
Per Occupied Room Fee	1,706,336	1,751,000	1,803,530	3.0
Draw on/(Contribution to) Reserves	28,106	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,734,442</b>	<b>\$1,751,000</b>	<b>\$1,803,530</b>	<b>3.0</b>

Expenditures				
Expenditure Area	2024 Actual	2025 Projected	2026 Proposed	% Change 2025-2026
Personnel	105,157	108,560	131,037	20.7
Outside Services	1,593,678	1,608,838	1,627,622	1.2
Commodities	18,347	5,990	7,900	31.9
Internal Services	15,739	18,504	28,367	53.3
Other Expenditures	1,521	9,108	8,604	(5.5)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,734,442</b>	<b>\$1,751,000</b>	<b>\$1,803,530</b>	<b>3.0</b>

# Grant Fund

## Overview

The City receives financial support from a variety of grant sources (federal, state, local, and private) that supplement the resources generated through taxes, fees, and other traditional revenue streams. A grant is a sum of money (or sometimes property or technical assistance) awarded by a grantor, such as a government agency, foundation, or other private entity, to a grantee. Grant funds are typically provided to accomplish specific public purposes or projects and come with requirements: eligibility, performance objectives, reporting, allowable uses, compliance with laws/regulations, and, sometimes, matching contributions.

Each grant is accounted for in a corresponding city grant fund, a bookkeeping vehicle that isolates all revenues, expenditures, and obligations for that particular grant or group of grants. This ensures transparency, allows the City to comply with grantor requirements, and helps the public, council, and staff understand how grant-funded activities contribute to the City's overall mission.

Because most grants are one-time or time-limited revenue sources awarded for specific performance periods, year-to-year expenditures within these funds often vary significantly compared to more stable funding sources. Additionally, because many grants span multiple years, the figures presented below reflect only the actual and budgeted expenditures for the years shown and do not represent the City's entire grant portfolio.

## Federal Grants

Federal grants represent funds awarded to the City by federal government agencies to support a broad range of local programs and projects. These funds often address national priorities implemented at the local level, such as public safety, infrastructure, housing, transportation, and environmental sustainability. Federal grants are typically governed by strict eligibility, compliance, and reporting requirements established under the [Uniform Guidance \(2 CFR Part 200\)](#).

Revenues				
Revenue Source	2024 Actual	2025 Projected	2026 Proposed	% Change 2025-2026
Grant Revenue	1,357,692	11,344,226	5,028,035	(55.7)
City Match	776,938	837,159	1,924,113	129.8
Draw on/(Contribution to) Reserves	2,212,525	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,347,155</b>	<b>\$12,181,385</b>	<b>\$6,952,148</b>	<b>(42.9)</b>

Expenditures				
Expenditure Area	2024 Actual	2025 Projected	2026 Proposed	% Change 2025-2026
Grant Project Costs	4,347,155	12,181,385	6,952,148	(42.9)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,347,155</b>	<b>\$12,181,385</b>	<b>\$6,952,148</b>	<b>(42.9)</b>

## State and Private Grants

State and Private Grants include funds received from state agencies, quasi-public authorities, foundations, and other private or nonprofit organizations. These grants and donations supplement City resources to support community programs, economic development initiatives, cultural activities, and other local priorities.

Revenues				
Revenue Source	2024 Actual	2025 Projected	2026 Proposed	% Change 2025-2026
Grant Revenue	395,234	1,826,337	2,310,508	26.5
City Match	-	374	-	(100.0)
Draw on/(Contribution to) Reserves	2,500,001	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,895,235</b>	<b>\$1,826,711</b>	<b>\$2,310,508</b>	<b>26.5</b>

Expenditures				
Expenditure Area	2024 Actual	2025 Projected	2026 Proposed	% Change 2025-2026
Grant Project Costs	2,895,235	1,826,711	2,310,508	26.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,895,235</b>	<b>\$1,826,711</b>	<b>\$2,310,508</b>	<b>26.5</b>

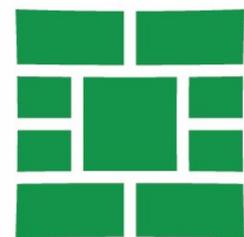
## Community Development Fund

The Community Development Fund consolidates federal programs and related resources aimed at promoting sustainable neighborhoods, housing opportunities, and environmental stewardship. This fund houses all the City's U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs, such as the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and other HUD-related initiatives, EPA Revolving Loan Fund programs, and similar community reinvestment efforts.

Revenues				
Revenue Source	2024 Actual	2025 Projected	2026 Proposed	% Change 2025-2026
Grant Revenue	5,957,952	7,363,946	5,841,953	(20.7)
Interest Earned	23,154	24,069	24,000	(0.3)
City Match	2,121,149	2,955,824	3,124,196	5.7
Draw on/(Contribution to) Reserves	599,101	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,701,356</b>	<b>\$10,343,839</b>	<b>\$8,990,149</b>	<b>(13.1)</b>

Expenditures				
Expenditure Area	2024 Actual	2025 Projected	2026 Proposed	% Change 2025-2026
Grant Project Costs	8,701,356	10,343,839	8,990,149	(13.1)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,701,356</b>	<b>\$10,343,839</b>	<b>\$8,990,149</b>	<b>(13.1)</b>

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# 2026 Grade and Salary Tables

The City of Savannah's compensation program is committed to retaining and attracting highly skilled, high-performing staff. The City expects all staff to consistently perform to high standards in their job duties, customer service, ethics, and passion for public service. For this reason, the City of Savannah has established three pay plans: a unified pay plan for full-time general positions, a managerial pay plan for managers, and a public safety pay plan for non-exempt and exempt sworn positions. The implementation of this compensation plan asserts that the City of Savannah is committed to promoting organizational and community values.

Public Safety Non-Exempt - Grade & Salary							
Grade	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7
501 <sup>1</sup>	\$47,209						
503 <sup>1</sup>	\$60,359	\$61,868	\$63,415	\$65,000	\$66,625	\$68,291	\$69,998
504 <sup>1</sup>	\$69,998	\$71,748	\$73,542	\$75,380	\$77,265	\$79,196	\$81,176
505 <sup>1</sup>	\$81,176	\$83,205	\$85,286	\$87,418	\$89,603	\$91,843	\$94,139
600 <sup>2</sup>	\$45,349						
601 <sup>2</sup>	\$50,144						
602 <sup>2</sup>	\$58,152	\$59,606	\$61,096	\$62,623	\$64,189	\$65,794	\$67,439
603 <sup>2</sup>	\$68,500	\$70,213	\$71,968	\$73,767	\$75,611	\$77,501	\$79,439
604 <sup>2</sup>	\$71,480	\$73,267	\$75,098	\$76,976	\$78,900	\$80,873	\$82,895
605 <sup>2</sup>	\$83,556	\$85,645	\$87,786	\$89,980	\$92,230	\$94,536	\$96,899

Unified - Grade & Salary		
Grade	Min.	Max.
104	\$37,435	\$48,666
105	\$38,470	\$51,935
106	\$39,552	\$55,373
107	\$40,682	\$58,989
108	\$42,715	\$61,937
109	\$44,851	\$65,034
110	\$46,151	\$69,227
111	\$48,458	\$72,687
112	\$50,881	\$76,322
113	\$53,425	\$80,138
114	\$56,096	\$84,144
115	\$58,900	\$88,350
116	\$61,845	\$92,768
117	\$66,174	\$99,261
118	\$70,806	\$106,209
119	\$75,762	\$113,643
120	\$81,065	\$121,598
121	\$86,739	\$130,109
122	\$91,943	\$137,915

Managerial - Grade & Salary		
Grade	Min.	Max.
320	\$89,796	\$130,204
321	\$94,286	\$136,715
322	\$99,000	\$143,550
323	\$103,950	\$150,728
324	\$109,148	\$158,265
325	\$114,605	\$166,177
326	\$120,336	\$174,487
327	\$126,353	\$183,212
331	\$153,582	\$222,694
332	\$161,261	\$233,828
Public Safety Exempt - Grade & Salary		
506 <sup>1</sup>	\$94,139	\$109,173
507 <sup>1</sup>	\$109,173	\$126,607
508 <sup>1</sup>	\$126,607	\$146,825
509 <sup>1</sup>	\$146,825	\$170,272
606 <sup>2</sup>	\$100,297	\$116,314
607 <sup>2</sup>	\$125,551	\$145,600
608 <sup>2</sup>	\$131,671	\$152,698

<sup>1</sup>Police <sup>2</sup> Fire

# 2026 Classification & Pay Grades

Classification	Pay Grade	Classification	Pay Grade
311 Action Center Manager	118	Assistant to the Clerk of Council	114
Accountant	114	Assistant United States Attorney	320
Accounting Clerk	107	Athletics Supervisor	116
Accounting Technician	108	Audio/Video Production Specialist	112
Administrative Assistant	107	Automotive Mechanic Supervisor	118
Administrative Clerk	104	Automotive Services Mechanic A	116
Administrative Coordinator	114	Automotive Services Mechanic B	114
Administrative Services Director	306	Automotive Services Mechanic C	111
Aerial Lift Specialist	109	Bailiff	105
Alderman	99	Behavioral Health Clinician	118
AMI Administrator	320	Benefits Coordinator	115
Application Support Specialist	117	Bidirectional Amplifier Inspector	114
Aquatics Program Coordinator	111	Billing Technician	109
Aquatics Supervisor	112	Board of Education Officer	503
Archivist	114	Budget Analyst	115
Asset Building Coordinator	99	Building & Electrical Maintenance Supervisor	114
Asset Management Coordinator	116	Building Inspector II	113
Assistant City Attorney	325	Building Maintenance Technician I	108
Assistant City Manager	332	Building Maintenance Technician II	111
Assistant Director, Budget	321	Building Official	323
Assistant Director, Capital Projects Management	320	Building Permit Supervisor	114
Assistant Director, Coastal Workforce	320	Building Plans Examiner	114
Assistant Director, Economic Development	320	Business Analyst	118
Assistant Director, Fleet Services	320	Camp Counselor	105
Assistant Director, Housing Services	320	Capital Project Manager	118
Assistant Director, Human Resources	321	Capital Projects Construction Inspector	114
Assistant Director, Human Services	320	Capital Projects Liaison	113
Assistant Director, Innovation & Technology	321	Carpenter	109
Assistant Director, Planning & Engineering	322	Case Disposition Clerk	107
Assistant Director, Procurement & Contracts	320	Case Management Supervisor	115
Assistant Director, Recreation & Leisure Services	321	Cashier	104
Assistant Director, Special Events, Film, & Tourism	320	Cemetery Conservation Coordinator	116
Assistant Fire Chief	607	Cemetery Conservation Technician	111
Assistant Police Chief	509	Cemetery Events & Projects Coordinator	113
Assistant to the City Manager	118	Cemetery Services Coordinator	115
		Chemist	117

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Pay Grade</b>
Chemist QAQC	117
Chief Deputy Court Clerk	320
Chief Fire Investigator	605
Chief of Staff	324
Chief Operating Officer	331
Chief, Community Services	331
Chief, Government Operations	331
Chief, Information & Public Affairs	331
Chief, Planning & Economic Development	331
Chief, Water Resources	331
City Attorney	99
City Manager	99
City Surveyor	118
Civil Engineer	118
Clean Energy Program Manager	118
Clerk of Council	321
Climber	110
Clubhouse Attendant	105
Coastal WorkSource Services Executive Director	320
Code Compliance Manager	120
Code Compliance Officer	110
Code Compliance Specialist	112
Code Compliance Supervisor	115
Code Compliance Technician	107
Cold Case Investigator	503
Commercial Refuse & Recycling Services Manager	120
Communications Specialist	115
Community Development Leader	119
Community Housing Services Executive Director	320
Community Outreach Coordinator	113
Community Program Specialist	108
Community Programs Activity Coordinator	110
Community Programs Leader	107
Community Projects Technician	107
Community Service Officer	110
Compensation & Data Analyst	117
Computer Services Specialist	111

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Pay Grade</b>
Construction & Development Coordinator	115
Construction Management Analyst	116
Construction Project Inspector	112
Construction Site Safety Monitor	108
Contract Coordinator	115
Court Services Specialist	109
Court Services Supervisor	115
Crime Analyst	112
Crime Analyst Assistant	106
Criminal Investigations Assistant	106
Cultural Resources Assistant	106
Cultural Services Contract Coordinator	114
Customer Service Representative	104
Customer Service Supervisor	114
Data & Analytics Analyst	118
Data Security & Governance Analyst	119
Deputy Assistant to the Mayor	323
Deputy Building Official	120
Deputy City Attorney	331
Deputy City Engineer	322
Deputy Clerk of Council	119
Deputy Court Clerk	108
Deputy Court Clerk, Interpreter	115
Deputy Fire Chief	608
Development & Communications Program Manager	115
Development Liaison Manager	120
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Accessibility Officer	320
Division Director, Accounting Services	324
Division Director, Capital Project Management	326
Division Director, City Cemeteries	322
Division Director, Civic Center	320
Division Director, Commercial & Recycling Services	322
Division Director, Facilities	322
Division Director, Greenscapes Maintenance	322
Division Director, Historic Squares & Park Maintenance	322

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Pay Grade</b>
Division Director, Neighborhood Parks Maintenance	322
Division Director, Police Administration	321
Division Director, Procurement & Contracts	322
Division Director, Refuse Disposal	322
Division Director, Residential Refuse	323
Division Director, Revenue	322
Division Director, Stormwater Capital Improvement Program	321
Division Director, Stormwater Management	320
Division Director, Strategic Operations & Accountability	321
Division Director, Street Cleaning	320
Division Director, Urban Forestry	322
Division Director, Utilities	322
Educational Specialist	113
Electrical & Instrumentation Control Supervisor	116
Electrical & Instrumentation Control Technician I	112
Electrical & Instrumentation Control Technician II	114
Electrical Inspector I	112
Electrical Inspector II	113
Electrical Plans Examiner	115
Electrician	111
Electronic Control Technician	112
Emergency Management Officer	321
Employee Health Coordinator	115
Employee Relations Coordinator	115
Engineering Technician	109
Environmental Compliance Coordinator	117
Equitable Growth Manager	120
Event Planner	114
Executive Assistant	114
Executive Assistant to City Manager	115
Executive Assistant to the Mayor	115
Facilities Service Worker	105
Field Training Officer	114
Film Services Coordinator	112
Fire Accreditation & GIS Analyst	117
Fire Battalion Chief	606

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Pay Grade</b>
Fire Captain	605
Fire Chief	331
Fire Engineer	603
Fire Investigator	604
Fire Marshall	606
Fire Plans Examiner	115
Fire Prevention Inspector	113
Fire Prevention Plans Reviewer	114
Firefighter	601
Firefighter, Advanced	602
Fleet Maintenance Contract Coordinator	114
Fleet Maintenance Coordinator	112
Fleet Maintenance Manager	119
Floodplain Coordinator	118
Floodplain Manager	120
FOG Compliance Inspector	112
Forestry Inspector	114
Forestry Operations Crew Chief	112
GIS Analyst	116
Graffiti Officer	109
Grants Analyst	114
Grants Manager	119
Groom	106
Ground Operations Specialist	106
Grounds Equipment Maintenance Specialist	108
Health & Safety Information Coordinator	114
Heavy Construction Equipment Operator	111
Heavy Equipment Operator	109
Help Desk Supervisor	118
Help Desk Technician I	115
Help Desk Technician II	116
Housing Coordinator	115
Housing Development Inspector	113
Housing Manager	119
Human Resources Assistant	107
Human Resources Business Partner	117
Human Resources Manager	120
Human Resources Technician	111

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Pay Grade</b>
HVAC Technician	111
Implementation Leader	119
Industrial Pretreatment Coordinator	115
Industrial Pretreatment Technician	114
Information Technology Manager	121
Innovation & Technology Project Manager	119
Intelligence Center Manager	119
Interagency Council on Homelessness Executive Director	320
Internal Audit Officer	320
Inventory Control Supervisor	115
Inventory Coordinator	114
Inventory Specialist	113
IT Business Partner	117
Judicial Assistant	108
Laboratory Analyst	110
Laboratory Manager	119
Laboratory Supervisor	116
Land Bank Executive Director	320
Landfill Manager	120
Landscape Architect	118
Landscape Specialist	106
Latent Print Examiner	113
Law Clerk Associate	320
Lead Conservation Technician	114
Lead Fiscal Analyst	118
Lead Medium Equipment Operator	109
Lead Water Service Representative	109
Leadership & Organizational Development Officer	320
Learning & Development Coordinator	115
Legal & Regulatory Affairs Officer	322
Lending Coordinator	115
Lifeguard	108
Loan Officer	112
Lunch Worker	104
Maintenance Crew Chief	112
Maintenance Specialist	106
Maintenance Superintendent	118
Maintenance Supervisor	114

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Pay Grade</b>
Maintenance Worker	106
Management Analyst	114
Marketing Coordinator	115
Mayor	99
Mechanical Inspector I	112
Media Relations Program Coordinator	116
Medium Equipment Operator	107
Microbiologist	118
Military Services Coordinator	115
Mobility & Parking Services Analyst	114
Mobility & Parking Services Coordinator	115
Municipal Archives & History Officer	320
Neighborhood Services Manager	120
Network Technician	117
Nightlife Program Manager	118
Open Records Officer	115
Open Records Request Specialist	108
Open Records Request Supervisor	114
Operations Manager	119
Outside Employment Program Coordinator	110
Painter	107
Paralegal	111
Parking Facilities Attendant	106
Parking Facilities Shift Supervisor	108
Parking Manager	119
Parking Meter Technician	108
Parking Services Officer	106
Parking Services Supervisor	113
Performing Arts Program Coordinator	116
Performing Arts Specialist	111
Permit Services Manager	120
Permit Technician	108
Planner	115
Planning & Operations Manager	118
Planning Manager	119
Plant Operator	110
Plumbing Inspector II	113
Plumbing Plans Examiner	115
Police Accreditation Coordinator	115

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Pay Grade</b>
Police Accreditation Specialist	113
Police Captain	507
Police Chief	331
Police Corporal	504
Police Forensic Technician	112
Police Lieutenant	506
Police Major	508
Police Officer	503
Police Property Coordinator	110
Police Sergeant	505
Policy & Intergovernmental Affairs Officer	322
Pool Assistant	106
Pool Monitor	105
Preservation Officer	116
Principal Application Support Analyst	118
Principal Budget Analyst	118
Principal Crime Analyst	116
Principal GIS Analyst	118
Principal Grants Analyst	116
Principal Internal Auditor	118
Principal Plant Operator	114
Production Operations Coordinator	115
Program Coordinator	112
Program Manager	118
Programming Manager	119
Project Coordinator	114
Project Manager	118
Property & Evidence Supervisor	112
Property & Evidence Technician	108
Pruning Specialist	107
Public Safety Communications Manager	119
Purchasing Specialist	113
Purchasing Technician	107
Radio & Signal Technician	115
Radio Systems Technician I	110
Radio Systems Technician II	112
Radio Technician II	116
Real Estate Manager	119
Real Estate Specialist	116

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Pay Grade</b>
Recorder's Court Judge	99
Records Division Manager	116
Records Supervisor	107
Records Technician	106
Recreation Center Supervisor	111
Recreation Program Manager	113
Recreation Services Activity Coordinator	110
Recreation Services Leader	107
Recruiting Assistant	106
Recruitment Coordinator	115
Refuse Truck Operator/ Crew Chief	112
Regional Recreation Centers Supervisor	116
Regulatory & Compliance Environmental Coordinator	117
Residential Refuse Services Manager	120
Resource Center Manager	118
Revenue Compliance Analyst	113
Revenue Compliance Coordinator	116
Revenue Investigator	112
Revenue Manager	119
Revenue Specialist	109
Revenue Supervisor	113
Right of Way Construction Coordinator	116
Right-of-Way Events Supervisor	116
Risk & Claims Coordinator	115
Risk Management Coordinator	115
Risk Management Officer	321
Risk Management Technician	110
SCADA Analyst	116
SCADA Manager	120
SCADA Technician	112
Security Engineer	119
Senior Accountant	117
Senior Accounting Clerk	109
Senior Administrative Assistant	112
Senior Archivist	116
Senior Budget Analyst	116
Senior Building Plans Examiner	115
Senior Capital Project Manager	122

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Pay Grade</b>	<b>Classification</b>	<b>Pay Grade</b>
Senior Carpenter	110	Senior Maintenance Worker	107
Senior Civil Engineer	122	Senior Maintenance Worker I	107
Senior Code Compliance Officer	112	Senior Maintenance Worker II	107
Senior Crime Analyst	115	Senior Management Analyst	117
Senior Deputy Court Clerk	109	Senior Network Technician	117
Senior Director, Budget	327	Senior Parking Meter Technician	109
Senior Director, Code Compliance	325	Senior Parking Services Officer	108
Senior Director, Communications	325	Senior Planner	115
Senior Director, Cultural Resources	324	Senior Plant Operator	112
Senior Director, Development Services	327	Senior Program Coordinator	115
Senior Director, Economic Development	324	Senior Purchasing Specialist	114
Senior Director, Financial Services	327	Senior Recreation Services Leader	108
Senior Director, Fleet Services	325	Senior Solid Waste Worker	109
Senior Director, Housing Services	325	Senior Special Projects Coordinator	118
Senior Director, Human Resources	327	Senior Systems Analyst	118
Senior Director, Human Services	325	Senior Water & Sewer Maintenance Mechanic	112
Senior Director, Innovation & Technology	327	Senior Water & Sewer Television Inspector	111
Senior Director, Neighborhood Safety & Engagement	321	Senior Workforce Program Specialist	116
Senior Director, Park & Tree	327	Service Writer	113
Senior Director, Parking & Mobility	326	Service Writer Lead	114
Senior Director, Planning & Urban Design	324	Sewer Infrastructure Inspector	115
Senior Director, Real Estate Services & Capital Projects	327	Sign Specialist	108
Senior Director, Records Court	325	Signal Technician I	110
Senior Director, Recreation & Leisure Services	327	Signal Technician II	112
Senior Director, Sewer Conveyance	326	Site Development Coordinator	115
Senior Director, Solid Waste	327	Site Development Inspector	113
Senior Director, Special Events, Film & Tourism	324	Site Development Permit Supervisor	114
Senior Director, Stormwater Operations	326	Social Media Program Coordinator	116
Senior Director, Supply & Treatment	326	Social Media Program Coordinator	116
Senior Director, Transportation Services	326	Solid Waste Education Coordinator	115
Senior Director, Water & Sewer Planning	326	Solid Waste Education Coordinator	115
Senior Director, Water Distribution	325	Solid Waste Supervisor	115
Senior Director, Water Reclamation	326	Solid Waste Vehicle Maintenance Coordinator	112
Senior GIS Analyst	117	Solid Waste Worker	106
Senior Grants Analyst	115	Special Projects Coordinator	117
Senior Laboratory Analyst	112	Sports Turf Technician	113
Senior Lifeguard	109	Stormwater Compliance Inspector	114
		Stormwater Maintenance Mechanic	112

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Pay Grade</b>
Stormwater Utility Supervisor	118
Stormwater Utility Technician	109
Strategic Communication Manager	118
Streets & Infrastructure Construction Inspector	113
Streets Maintenance Manager	121
Supply Clerk	107
Surplus Inventory Technician	108
Surveying Technician	109
Sustainability Officer	321
Systems Engineer	119
Technical Advisor, Water Resources	322
Teletype Supervisor	110
Teletype Technician	106
Television Crew Supervisor	112
Television Inspection Technician	107
Therapeutic Specialist	109
Tourism Compliance Officer	108
Tourism Supervisor	116
Traffic Engineering Coordinator	118
Traffic Engineering Manager	121
Traffic Maintenance Specialist	109
Traffic Operations Manager	121
Traffic Permitting & Compliance Inspector	113
Traffic Signal Superintendent	119
Traffic System Coordinator	116
Transfer Station Attendant	106
Transportation Planning Manager	121
Utilities Revenue Manager	120
Utility Billing Systems Coordinator	116

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Pay Grade</b>
Utility Services Lead	109
Van Driver	107
Video & Events Program Coordinator	116
Visual Arts Specialist	111
Water & Sewer Locator I	108
Water & Sewer Locator II	111
Water & Sewer Maintenance Mechanic	109
Water & Sewer Manager	120
Water & Sewer Superintendent	118
Water & Sewer Supervisor	116
Water Meter Reader	106
Water Meter Reader II	110
Water Meter Technician	107
Water Resources & Backflow Inspector	114
Water Resources Administrator	323
Water Resources Project Manager	118
Water Services Supervisor	115
Water Systems Construction Supervisor Inspector	115
Watershed Compliance & Education Program Coordinator	118
Web & Digital Program Coordinator	116
Welder	109
Work Order Coordinator	115
Workforce Planner	110
Workforce Program Specialist	115
WorkSource Coastal Finance Manager	119
Youth Empowerment Specialist	113
Zoning Compliance Coordinator	115
Zoning Plans Reviewer	114
Zoning Use Coordinator	113

# 2026 Vehicle Replacement List

Service Center/Department/Vehicle Type	Total Cost
<b>Community Services</b>	<b>\$441,580</b>
<b>Cultural Resources</b>	<b>\$80,195</b>
Unit 0605 – Cube Truck	\$80,195
<b>Recreation Maintenance</b>	<b>\$256,290</b>
Unit 5644 - Utility Tractor	\$56,095
Unit 0602 - Dump Truck – 13.5/15.2 Cubic Yard	\$200,195
<b>Therapeutic Recreation</b>	<b>\$105,095</b>
Unit 7627 – Van-Handicap	\$105,095
<b>Government Operations</b>	<b>\$7,072,160</b>
<b>Commercial Refuse</b>	<b>\$1,000,780</b>
Unit 8704 – Rolloff Container Truck	\$250,195
Unit 8705 – Rolloff Container Truck	\$250,195
Unit 8708 – Rolloff Container Truck	\$250,195
Unit 8710 – Rolloff Container Truck	\$250,195
<b>Greenscapes Maintenance</b>	<b>\$352,290</b>
Unit 5284 – Boom Mower	\$240,095
Unit 9255 Dump Truck-5 Cubic Yard	\$112,195
<b>Historic Parks &amp; Squares Maintenance</b>	<b>\$21,240</b>
Unit 5646 – Flatbed Trailer-7x16 Foot	\$7,080
Unit 5647 – Flatbed Trailer-8x16 Foot	\$7,080
Unit 5648 – Flatbed Trailer-9x16 Foot	\$7,080
<b>Neighborhood Parks Maintenance</b>	<b>\$119,270</b>
Unit 5642 – Utility Tractor	\$56,095
Unit 5643 – Utility Tractor	\$56,095
Unit 5645 – Flatbed Trailer-7x16 Foot	\$7,080
<b>Recycling &amp; Litter Services</b>	<b>\$360,195</b>
Unit 7746 – Industrial Rear Loader Refuse Compactor w/Flipper	\$360,195
<b>Refuse Disposal</b>	<b>\$2,445,355</b>
Unit 7266 - Non-Dumping Flatbed-¾ Ton	\$95,195
Unit 0794 - Bulldozer	\$1,150,080

<b>Service Center/Department/Vehicle Type</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b>Refuse Disposal (continued)</b>	
Unit 0795 – Compactor	\$1,200,080
<b>Residential Refuse</b>	<b>\$2,241,365</b>
Unit 7747 – Industrial Rear Loader Refuse Compactor w/Flipper	\$360,195
Unit 7748 – Industrial Rear Loader Refuse Compactor w/Flipper	\$360,195
Unit 7749 – Industrial Rear Loader Refuse Compactor w/Flipper	\$360,195
Unit 7750 – Industrial Rear Loader Refuse Compactor w/Flipper	\$360,195
Unit 7751 – Industrial Rear Loader Refuse Compactor w/Flipper	\$360,195
Unit 7752 – Industrial Rear Loader Refuse Compactor w/Flipper	\$360,195
Unit 8756 – Non-Dumping Flatbed-1 Ton	\$80,195
<b>Street Cleaning</b>	<b>\$400,390</b>
Unit 9737 – Dump Truck-13.5/15.2 Cubic Yard	\$200,195
Unit 9738 – Dump Truck-13.5/15.2 Cubic Yard	\$200,195
<b>Urban Forestry</b>	<b>\$131,275</b>
Unit 0203 – Flatbed Dumping-2.5 Ton	\$124,195
Unit 5272 – Cargo Trailer	\$7,080
<b>Information &amp; Public Affairs</b>	<b>\$60,390</b>
<b>Office of the Chief of Information &amp; Public Affairs</b>	<b>\$30,195</b>
Unit 9404 – Midsize Sedan	\$30,195
<b>Recorder's Court</b>	<b>\$30,195</b>
Unit 9415 – Midsize Sedan	\$30,195
<b>Planning &amp; Economic Development</b>	<b>\$790,255</b>
<b>Development Services</b>	<b>\$50,195</b>
Unit 7201 – Van – ½ Ton	\$50,195
<b>Special Events, Film &amp; Tourism</b>	<b>\$37,190</b>
Unit 9113 – 4-Wheel All Terrain	\$18,595
Unit 9114 – 4-Wheel All Terrain	\$18,595
<b>Street Maintenance</b>	<b>\$622,675</b>
Unit 0207 – Dump Truck-13.5/15.2 Cubic Yard	\$200,195
Unit 5282 – Roller-Steel Wheeled	\$45,095
Unit 7289 – Backhoe-Dig Depth <15 Feet	\$120,095
Unit 8242 – Roller-Steel Wheeled	\$145,095

<b>Service Center/Department/Vehicle Type</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b>Streets Maintenance (continued)</b>	
Unit 9251 – Dump Truck-5 Cubic Yard	\$112,195
<b>Traffic Operations</b>	<b>\$80,195</b>
Unit 8203 – Non-Dumping Flatbed-1 Ton	\$80,195
<b>Public Safety- Fire Rescue</b>	<b>\$5,132,295</b>
<b>Hazardous Material Team</b>	<b>\$7,080</b>
Unit 9554 – Enclosed Cargo Trailer	\$7,080
<b>Office of the Fire Chief</b>	<b>\$5,125,215</b>
Unit 2518 – Flatbed w/Gooseneck	\$125,215
Unit 9503 – Fire Pumper	\$1,700,000
Unit 9504 – Fire Pumper	\$1,700,000
Unit 7511 – Tiller Aerial Ladder Truck	\$1,600,000
<b>Public Safety-Police</b>	<b>\$3,742,615</b>
<b>Mounted Patrol</b>	<b>\$8,080</b>
Unit 6428 – Flatbed Trailer- 18 Foot	\$8,080
<b>Patrol</b>	<b>\$3,505,890</b>
Unit 7417 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 7428 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 7454 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 7463 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 7471 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8405 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8406 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8408 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8412 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8413 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8415 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8419 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8422 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8434 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8436 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8443 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215

Service Center/Department/Vehicle Type	Total Cost
<b>Patrol (continued)</b>	
Unit 8445 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8448 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8449 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8450 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8455 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8463 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8464 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8474 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8487 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8489 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8491 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8492 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8493 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8497 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8901 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8905 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8906 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8907 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8908 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8913 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8918 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8920 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8921 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8922 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8923 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8930 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8934 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8945 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8949 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 0919 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215

<b>Service Center/Department/Vehicle Type</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b>Savannah Impact</b>	<b>\$76,215</b>
Unit 8941 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
<b>Traffic</b>	<b>\$152,430</b>
Unit 8916 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
Unit 8939 – Interceptor Utility	\$76,215
<b>Water Resources</b>	<b>\$1,800,635</b>
<b>Sewer Maintenance</b>	<b>\$1,260,390</b>
Unit 8201 – Jet-Vac-11-Yard Debris Tank	\$630,195
Unit 8838 – Jet-Vac-11-Yard Debris Tank	\$630,195
<b>Stormwater Management</b>	<b>\$524,585</b>
Unit 1209 – Dump Truck-13.5/15.2 Cubic Yard	\$200,195
Unit 8230 – Flatbed Dumping-2.5 Ton	\$124,195
Unit 9266 Dump Truck-13.5/15.2 Cubic Yard	\$200,195
<b>Water Distribution</b>	<b>\$8,580</b>
Unit 5844 – Equipment Trailer-7 Ton	\$8,580
<b>Water Reclamation</b>	<b>\$7,080</b>
Unit 9820 – Enclosed Cargo Trailer	\$7,080
<b>FY26 Vehicle Replacement List Total</b>	<b>\$19,039,930</b>

# 2026 Vehicle Lease List

Service Center/Department/Vehicle Type	Total Cost
<b>Community Services</b>	<b>\$13,053</b>
<b>Recreation &amp; Leisure Services Administration</b>	<b>\$4,927</b>
Unit 2630 – Midsize Sedan	\$4,927
<b>Recreation Services</b>	<b>\$8,126</b>
Unit 2606 – Small Sedan	\$4,063
Unit 2607 – Small Sedan	\$4,063
<b>Management Services</b>	<b>\$32,831</b>
<b>Accounting Services</b>	<b>\$4,927</b>
Unit 2180 – Small Electric Sedan	\$4,927
<b>Capital Projects Management</b>	<b>\$7,659</b>
Unit 2262 – Small Electric Sedan	\$7,659
<b>Real Estate Administration</b>	<b>\$15,318</b>
Unit 2261 – Small Electric Sedan	\$7,659
Unit 2302 – Small Electric Sedan	\$7,659
<b>Revenue Administration</b>	<b>\$4,927</b>
Unit 2902 – Midsize Sedan	\$4,927
<b>Planning &amp; Economic Development</b>	<b>\$88,312</b>
<b>Development Services</b>	<b>\$15,318</b>
Unit 2260 – Small Electric Sedan	\$7,659
Unit 2265 – Small Electric Sedan	\$7,659
<b>Economic Development</b>	<b>\$7,659</b>
Unit 2304 – Small Electric Sedan	\$7,659
<b>Parking Facilities</b>	<b>\$7,659</b>
Unit 2150 – Small Electric Sedan	\$7,659
<b>Parking Management</b>	<b>\$22,977</b>
Unit 2134 – Small Electric Sedan	\$7,659
Unit 2135 – Small Electric Sedan	\$7,659
Unit 2140 – Small Electric Sedan	\$7,659
<b>Planning &amp; Urban Design</b>	<b>\$4,063</b>
Unit 2106 – Small Sedan	\$4,063

<b>Service Center/Department/Vehicle Type</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b>Special Events, Film &amp; Tourism</b>	<b>\$15,318</b>
Unit 2306 – Small Electric Sedan	\$7,659
Unit 2390 – Small Electric Sedan	\$7,659
<b>Traffic Operations</b>	<b>\$15,318</b>
Unit 2270 – Small Electric Sedan	\$7,659
Unit 2301 – Small Electric Sedan	\$7,659
<b>Public Safety-Fire Rescue</b>	<b>\$12,704</b>
<b>Office of the Fire Chief</b>	<b>\$12,704</b>
Unit 2520 – Midsize Sedan	\$6,352
Unit 2521 – Midsize Sedan	\$6,352
<b>Public Safety-Police</b>	<b>\$382,048</b>
<b>Criminal Investigations</b>	<b>\$172,928</b>
Unit 2451 – Midsize Sedan	\$12,352
Unit 2486 – Midsize Sedan	\$12,352
Unit 2490 – Midsize Sedan	\$12,352
Unit 2492 – Midsize Sedan	\$12,352
Unit 2493 – Midsize Sedan	\$12,352
Unit 2498 – Midsize Sedan	\$12,352
Unit 2903 – Midsize Sedan	\$12,352
Unit 2904 – Midsize Sedan	\$12,352
Unit 2907 – Midsize Sedan	\$12,352
Unit 2912 – Midsize Sedan	\$12,352
Unit 2913 – Midsize Sedan	\$12,352
Unit 2914 – Midsize Sedan	\$12,352
Unit 2915 – Midsize Sedan	\$12,352
Unit 2944 – Midsize Sedan	\$12,352
<b>Office of the Police Chief</b>	<b>\$48,544</b>
Unit 2495 – Midsize Sedan	\$12,352
Unit 2496 – Midsize Sedan	\$12,352
Unit 2906 – Midsize Sedan	\$12,352
Unit 2452 – Small Sedan	\$11,488

<b>Service Center/Department/Vehicle Type</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b>Patrol</b>	<b>\$37,056</b>
Unit 2448 – Midsize Sedan	\$12,352
Unit 2450 – Midsize Sedan	\$12,352
Unit 2497 – Midsize Sedan	\$12,352
<b>Professional Standards &amp; Training</b>	<b>\$37,056</b>
Unit 2489 – Midsize Sedan	\$12,352
Unit 2905 – Midsize Sedan	\$12,352
Unit 2910 – Midsize Sedan	\$12,352
<b>Savannah Impact</b>	<b>\$24,704</b>
Unit 2908 – Midsize Sedan	\$12,352
Unit 2911 – Midsize Sedan	\$12,352
<b>Strategic Investigative</b>	<b>\$24,704</b>
Unit 2487 – Midsize Sedan	\$12,352
Unit 2491 – Midsize Sedan	\$12,352
<b>Support Services</b>	<b>\$24,704</b>
Unit 2488 – Midsize Sedan	\$12,352
Unit 2494 – Midsize Sedan	\$12,352
<b>Training &amp; Recruitment</b>	<b>\$12,352</b>
Unit 2909 – Midsize Sedan	\$12,352
<b>Water Resources</b>	<b>\$32,037</b>
<b>Office of the Chief of Water Resources</b>	<b>\$7,659</b>
Unit 2202 – Small Electric Sedan	\$7,659
<b>Utility Services</b>	<b>\$24,378</b>
Unit 2100 – Small Sedan	\$4,063
Unit 2101 – Small Sedan	\$4,063
Unit 2102 – Small Sedan	\$4,063
Unit 2103 – Small Sedan	\$4,063
Unit 2104 – Small Sedan	\$4,063
Unit 2105 – Small Sedan	\$4,063
<b>FY26 Lease Vehicle Total</b>	<b>\$560,985</b>

# 2026 Fee Changes

In accordance with the City's financial policies, user fees are set at levels related to the costs of providing services and reviewed annually for appropriate adjustments that maintain or move revenues incrementally closer to full coverage of the cost of services. During user fee review, the impact to the customers is considered, and costs are evaluated for potential reduction before a fee increase is recommended. The 2026 proposed fee changes listed below are to revenue sources within the General Fund, Parking Fund, Water & Sewer Fund, and Sanitation Fund.

## Fee changes for revenue sources within the General Fund are as follows:

<b>General Fund</b>		
<b>Fire Service Fees</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
After-Hours Inspections Fee (4 hours)	\$260	\$272
After-Hours Inspections Fee (Additional Hours)	\$65	\$68
Bonfire Permit Fee	\$100	\$150
Fire Incident Report Fee	\$10	\$25
Fire Protection Systems Inspection Fees (Per \$1,000 of materials and with labor)	\$12 with minimum \$55	\$18 with minimum \$85
Fire Safety Training Fee	\$35-\$90	\$38-\$95
Fireworks Permit Fee	\$260	\$272
Plan Review Fee	\$85	\$97
Vehicle Fire Fee	\$100-\$150	\$150-\$500
Work Not Ready for Inspection Upon Arrival	\$25.003	\$25
<b>Firefighter and Fire Equipment Fees - Standby</b>		
Brush Truck	\$40	\$50
Truck, Fire Aerial Platform	\$97	\$102
Truck, Fire Engine	\$165	\$185
User Fee Rates for Advance Firefighters	\$30	\$32
User Fee Rates for Battalions	\$55	\$64

<b>General Fund</b>		
<b>Fire Service Fees (continued)</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
<b>Firefighter and Fire Equipment Fees - Standby</b>		
User Fee Rates for Captains	\$47	\$53
User Fee Rates for Fire Engineers	\$40	\$45
<b>Special Duty Work</b>		
Employee Rate (Company Officer or Fire Inspector)	\$45	\$50
Employee Rate (Firefighter, EMR, or Fire Watch)	\$40	\$45
Employee Rate (Incident or Event Supervisor)	\$50	\$55
Total Per hour (Company Officer or Fire Inspector)	\$51.75	\$56.75
Total Per Hour (Firefighter, EMR, or Fire Watch)	\$46	\$51
Total Per hour (Incident or Event Supervisor)	\$57.50	\$62.50
<b>Underground Fuel Storage Tank Inspection Fees</b>		
Annual Underground Tank Inspection and Inventory Check	\$85	\$87
Inspection of the Removal Operation of the Pollutant Per Inspection	\$65	\$68
Inspection of the Removal or Filling and Capping of an Underground Storage Tank	\$170	\$204
Inspection of Repair or Retrofitting of an Underground Tank or Integral Piping System, Per Tank or Piping System Inspection	\$65	\$68
Leak Detection System Installation, Per Tank Inspection	\$85	\$87
New Integral Piping System Installation, Per Inspection	\$85	\$87
New Underground Tank Installation, Per Tank Inspection	\$85	\$87
<b>Cemetery Fees</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Annual Care (Per Lot Per Year)	\$400	\$500
After-hour fee (Filming/Photography)	\$300	\$350

<b>General Fund</b>		
<b>Cemetery Fees (continued)</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
After-hour fee (Tours/Special Events/Funerals, Additional Hour)	\$75	\$85
After-hour fee (Tours/Special Events/Funerals, First Hour)	\$200	\$225
Columbarium Memorialization (Per 3 Lines)	\$300	\$330
Filming/Photography Fee (Up to 30 Participants)	\$200	\$225
Interment Fee, Adult (Prime)	\$1,000	\$1,200
Interment Fee, Adult (Standard)	\$1,200	\$1,450
Interment Fee, Adult (Sunday/Holiday)	\$1,500	\$1,800
Interment Fee, Child (2 to 10 years) (Prime)	\$550	\$650
Interment Fee, Child (2 to 10 years) (Standard)	\$700	\$800
Interment Fee, Child (2 to 10 years) (Sunday/Holiday)	\$900	\$1,000
Interment Fee, Child (up to 2 years) (Prime)	\$500	\$625
Interment Fee, Child (up to 2 years) (Standard)	\$650	\$750
Interment Fee, Child (up to 2 years) (Sunday/Holiday)	\$850	\$950
Interment Fee, Amputated Limb (Prime)	\$550	\$625
Interment Fee, Amputated Limb (Standard)	\$650	\$750
Interment Fee, Amputated Limb (Sunday/Holiday)	\$800	\$950
Interment Fee, Ashes/Cremains (Prime)	\$550	\$625
Interment Fee, Ashes/Cremains (Standard)	\$650	\$750
Interment Fee, Ashes/Cremains (Sunday/Holiday)	\$800	\$950
Inurnment fee, Ashes/Cremains (Prime)	\$450	\$525

<b>General Fund</b>		
<b>Cemetery Fees (continued)</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Inurnment fee, Ashes/Cremains (Standard)	\$650	\$750
Inurnment fee, Ashes/Cremains (Sunday/Holiday)	\$800	\$950
Perpetual Care (Per Square Foot)	\$24	\$27
Sale of Internment Right (Lot, Single Space)	\$1,500	\$1,650
Sale of Internment Right (Lot, 2 Spaces-Intermediate)	\$3,020	\$3,320
Sale of Internment Right (Lot, 2 Spaces-Prime)	\$3,220	\$3,540
Sale of Internment Right (Lot, 2 Spaces-Standard)	\$2,820	\$3,100
Sale of Internment Right (Lot, 4 Spaces)	\$5,820	\$6,400
Sale of Internment Right (Lot, 6 Spaces)	\$8,420	\$9,260
Sale of Internment Right (Lot, 7 Spaces)	\$9,120	\$10,030
Sale of Internment Right (Lot, 12 Spaces)	\$15,620	\$17,180
Sale of Internment Right (Columbarium, Prime)	\$2,320	\$2,920
Sale of Internment Right (Lot, Cremation Space)	\$620	\$680
Sale of Internment Right (Columbarium, Standard)	\$2,020	\$2,520
Special Events (Up to 30 Participants Per Hour)	\$75	\$85
Tent/Chair Rental	\$375	\$400
Tour Fee (Up to 30 Participants)	\$50	\$55
Monthly Tour Pass (any 1 cemetery) (Bus or Trolley Tour 25' – 35' Long)	\$400	\$425
Monthly Tour Pass (any 1 cemetery) (Small Vehicle Tour Up to 15 Passengers)	-	\$325
Monthly tour pass (any 1 cemetery) (Walking or Bicycle Tour Up to 15 Guests)	\$300	\$325
Monthly Tour Pass (all cemeteries) (Walking or Bicycle Tour Up to 15 Guests)	\$425	\$450
Monthly Tour Pass (all cemeteries) (Small Vehicle Tour Up to 15 Passengers)	-	\$450
Monthly tour pass (all cemeteries) (Bus Or Trolley Tour 25' to 35' Long)	\$650	\$700

<b>General Fund</b>		
<b>Cemetery Fees (continued)</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Work Permit - Small (Per Corner Marker or Flagpole)	\$15	\$20
Work Permit - Medium (Per Foot Marker, Vase, Bird Bath, or Cradle)	\$40	\$50
Work Permit - Large (Per Monument, Slab, Coping, Fence, Bench, Statue, or Oversized Marker)	\$90	\$110
Work Permit - Columbarium (Per Additional Niche)	\$30	\$50
Work Permit - Columbarium (Per Structure)	\$100	\$200
Work Permit - Landscaping (Per Lot, Installation or Removal)	\$35	\$50
Work Permit - Mausoleum (Per Each Additional Crypt)	\$100	\$200
Work Permit - Mausoleum (Per Structure)	\$100	\$200
<b>Inspection Fees</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
After-Hours Inspection Fee	\$50	\$60
Dumpster/trailer permit (Application Fees)	\$20	\$40
Dumpster/trailer permit (Rate)	\$4	\$10
Permit Fees for Work Within Public Right of Way (Application/Renewal Fee)	\$45	\$60
<b>Zoning Application Fees</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Development Plan Variance	-	\$1,000
New Planned Developments (Final Master Plan Amendment, Major)	-	\$1,000
New Planned Developments (Final Master Plan Amendment, Minor)	-	\$500
New Planned Developments (General Master Plan Amendment/Variance, Major)	-	\$1,500
New Planned Developments (General Master Plan Amendment/Variance, Minor)	-	\$1,000
Special Exceptions (Churches, Family Care Homes, Family Daycare, and Institutional Uses)	\$500	-

<b>General Fund</b>		
<b>Private Development Fees</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
After-Hours Inspection Fees	\$50	\$60
Master Plan Review Fee	\$300	-
<b>Historic Review Filing Fees</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Appeal Staff Decision	\$250	-
<b>Special Event Film and Tourism Fees</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Sidewalk Café Fees	\$1,000	\$1,500
<b>Miscellaneous Fees</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
City Hall Group Tours (Adult)	-	\$80
City Hall Special Archives History Programs (Adult)	-	\$80

**Fee changes for revenue sources within the Parking Fund are as follows:**

<b>Parking Fund</b>		
<b>Parking Meter Fees</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Parking Meter Fees (Zone 1)	\$2.00	\$2.50
Parking Meter Fees (Zone 2)	\$1.00	\$1.50
<b>Parking Violation Fees</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Parking overtime in limited time zone	\$25	\$30
Zone 1: Parking Overtime on Meter	\$25	\$30
<b>Parking Limited to Specific Vehicles Fees</b>		
Reserved Parking Space	\$20	\$50
Lane/Alley	\$20	\$50
Compact Space	\$20	\$50

<b>Parking Fund</b>		
<b>Parking Violation Fees (continued)</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Parked in Yard	\$30	\$50
<b>Parking Limited to Specific Vehicles Fees</b>		
Other Improper Parking	\$30	\$50
<b>Improper Parking Class A Violation</b>		
Backing into Angle Space	\$20	\$30
Failure to Pay	\$20	\$30
Parking in a Recreation Vehicle Space	\$20	\$30
Parking in an Oversized Vehicle Space	\$20	\$30
Parking in Freight Zone	\$20	\$30
Passenger Loading Zone	\$20	\$30
Parking on Median	\$20	\$30
Taking Two Spaces	\$20	\$30
<b>Improper Parking Class B Violation</b>		
Block Free Passage	\$30	\$50
Crosswalk	\$30	\$50
Double Parking	\$30	\$50
No Parking	\$30	\$50
Sidewalk	\$30	\$50
Wrong Direction	\$30	\$50
Yellow Line	\$30	\$50
Other Parking Violation	\$30	\$50
<b>Improper Parking Class C Violation</b>		
Late Payment Penalty (After 30 Calendar Days)	\$17	\$22

<b>Parking Fund</b>		
<b>Parking Violation Fees (continued)</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
<b>Improper Parking Class C Violation</b>		
Late Payment Penalty (After Seven Calendar Days)	\$12	\$17
Parking by Fire Hydrant	\$50	\$75
Parking by Fire Lane	\$50	\$75
Restricted Area(s) during a Festival or Filming	\$250	\$1,500
Truck Parking Where Prohibited	\$50	\$75
<b>Parking Facility Fees</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Bryan Street Parking Garage (Credit Card Convenience Fee)	-	\$2
Bryan Street Parking Garage (Electric Distribution Fee)	-	\$2.5 cents per kWh
Eastern Wharf Parking Garage (Credit Card Convenience Fee)	-	\$2
Eastern Wharf Parking Garage (Electric Distribution Fee)	-	\$2.5 cents per kWh
Liberty Street Parking Garage (Credit Card Convenience Fee)	-	\$2
Liberty Street Parking Garage (Electric Distribution Fee)	-	\$2.5 cents per kWh
Robert E. Robinson Parking Garage (Credit Card Convenience Fee)	-	\$2
Robert E. Robinson Parking Garage (Electric Distribution Fee)	-	\$2.5 cents per kWh
State Street Parking Garage (Credit Card Convenience Fee)	-	\$2
State Street Parking Garage (Electric Distribution Fee)	-	\$2.5 cents per kWh
Whitaker Street Parking Garage (Credit Card Convenience Fee)	-	\$2
Whitaker Street Parking Garage (Electric Distribution Fee)	-	\$2.5 cents per kWh
<b>Zoning Application Fees</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
<b>Victorian &amp; Landmark Historic District Parking in Lieu Payments (Per Space)</b>		
1-4 Spaces	\$3,500	\$5,000
5-10 Spaces	\$7,500	\$10,714

<b>Parking Fund</b>		
<b>Zoning Application Fees (continued)</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
<b>Victorian &amp; Landmark Historic District Parking in Lieu Payments (Per Space)</b>		
11-20 spaces	\$12,000	\$17,143
21-29 spaces	\$25,000	\$35,714
30 or More Spaces	\$35,000	\$50,000
<b>Permits and Fees</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Leased Parking Spaces (15 Passenger Seats)	\$150	\$200
Leased Parking Spaces (16-30 Passenger Seats)	\$300	\$350
Leased Parking Spaces (Over 30 Passenger Seats)	\$400	\$450
Motor Coach Tour Permits	\$25	\$30
Motor Coach Transportation Permits	\$20	\$25
Multi-day Combination Permits	\$40	\$45

**Fee changes for revenue sources within the Water and Sewer Fund are as follows:**

<b>Water and Sewer Fund</b>		
<b>Sewer Service Fees</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Industrial Wastewater Haulers (Per 1,000 Gallons)	\$75	\$85
Septic Tank Disposal Fees (Per 1,000 Gallons)	\$75	\$85
<b>Water Meter Sale, Installation and Tap-In Fees</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
2" AMI Water Meters	\$1,400	\$1,500
3" AMI Water Meters	\$1,650	\$2,350
4" AMI Water Meters	\$2,550	\$2,800
6" AMI Water Meters	\$3,550	\$4,250
8" AMI Water Meters	\$5,600	\$5,000

<b>Water and Sewer Fund</b>		
<b>Utility Deposits and Account Establishment Fees</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Fire Hydrant Meter	\$1,500	\$2,250
<b>Utility Delinquency and Enforcement Fees</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Enforcement Fee for Non-Returned Fire Hydrant Meters	-	\$200
Tampering w/Meter Inpoint or Meter Box	-	\$800

**Fee change for revenue sources within the Sanitation Fund is as follows:**

<b>Sanitation Fund</b>		
<b>Parking Violations</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Street Sweeping Citation	\$40	\$50

# Community Partnerships Program

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## Overview

The Community Partnerships Program (CPP) uses a competitive process to acquire programs and services from local nonprofit organizations. Programs must support the City's goals and priorities outlined in the City's Strategic Plan and directly benefit Savannah residents. The Community Partnerships Program is divided into three key categories: Community Investments, Essential Services, and Homeless System Coordination.

Selection committees review and evaluate proposals and recommend funding amounts ranging from \$15,000 to \$50,000 for Community Investment contracts. These programs focus on critical issues impacting residents, such as economic mobility, senior and youth services, food insecurity, and health and wellness.

Essential Services are contracts awarded to nonprofit organizations that provide services which directly support and/or augment vital local government activities such as public safety and poverty reduction.

Homeless System Coordination funding supports the agency that serves as the lead for the Continuum of Care (CoC) and manages the coordinated entry system for participating agencies and other federally mandated CoC activities. This funding category is limited to \$200,000.

## Investment Impacts

The Community Partnerships Evaluation Committees reviewed 65 applications totaling \$2,240,820 from 48 local agencies. The proposed 2026 allocation of \$1,000,000 includes the following:

- \$582,000 for Community Investment Programs
- \$160,000 for Essential Services
- \$200,000 for Homeless System Coordination
- \$58,000 for Community Partnership Contingency

## Review Criteria & Indicators

Applications are evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Community Needs & Problem Statement - 15 Points  
Proposed programs must clearly demonstrate their ability to help the City of Savannah address community needs outlined in the Community Partnership Program Request for Proposal. Agencies should show understanding of specific local conditions and needs that the program seeks to address. Provide quantitative data on the number of people in Savannah experiencing these conditions, cite the source of the data, and specify the number of individuals or families the proposed program will serve.
- Budget/Financials - 25 Points  
The organization's budget must include diverse funding sources and demonstrate strong resource management. It is crucial that the City of Savannah is not the primary funding source

for an agency's programs or the agency itself. Points will be awarded in this category based on the agency's ability to show multiple funding sources for the proposed program budget. Program budgets need to be complete, with expenditures itemized, and expenses should match the services provided. The agency's budget should not contain any unexplained or unjustified surpluses or deficits.

- Benefit of Program/Service to Participants - 10 Points

The proposed program or service must result in outcomes that address community needs. Applications should identify the target population to participate in the program or receive services and specify how participants and the broader Savannah community will benefit from the program if successful. The application should indicate what the participants will gain from the program.

- Program Design - 20 Points

The program or service must be fully developed and clearly defined. Successful proposals will include a detailed program narrative, outline key features, specify the location and hours, identify the target population, and incorporate outreach strategies to inform and engage the public.

- Cost per Program Participant - 10 Points

This ratio is calculated by dividing the total program funding request by the number of participants who reside within the City of Savannah and are to be served. Agencies are reminded that the City of Savannah is purchasing services that benefit Savannah residents.

- Operational Capacity and Past Program Performance - 15 Points

Agencies must demonstrate their ability to deliver the proposed program or service, evidenced by their years of operation, experience with the proposed or similar programs, clients served, and past success and performance in the Community Partnership Program. Consideration will also be given to the adequacy of planned staff, program oversight, and other support.

- Collaborations/Partnerships - 5 Points

Collaborations and partnerships that benefit program participants and connect them to additional resources are a City priority. Collaborations can involve other agencies, community organizations, and/or City departments. To earn points in this category, agencies must submit copies of written agreements and details of services to be provided. If formal agreements do not exist, partnerships must be documented and submitted in writing.

**Total – 100 Points**

## Purchasing Strategies

The 2026 Community Partnership Program purchases services that align with City Council priorities. The evaluation committee reviews, scores, and ranks each application based on the established criteria. The 2026 Purchasing Strategy for services that benefit residents of Savannah and augment City services is as follows:

- Returning programs on target to meet 2025 performance objectives received funding at the prior year's level, with a minimum of \$15,000, based on the following score thresholds.
  - Applications scoring 75 points or higher received funding at the prior year's level.
  - Applications scoring 80 points or higher received a \$5,000 increase over the previous year's funding, unless the applicant requested less or their prior year's performance did not meet the goal.
- New programs and programs that did not receive 2025 funding received funding based on the following score thresholds.
  - Applications scoring 75 points or above received \$15,000.
  - Applications scoring 90 points or above received \$18,000.
- Funds are reserved to support local Homeless System Coordination and Essential Services.

Purchased services from program applicants must demonstrate how they will track and report program outcomes, which are monitored quarterly by the Human Services Department.

The Community Partnerships Program awards grants for services that assist in achieving priorities identified by the City of Savannah, which specifically benefit the residents of Savannah, Georgia. Funding is awarded under three categories: Community Investments, Essential Services, and Homeless System Coordination.

## Community Investments

Proposals for CPP contracts are recommended in amounts ranging from \$15,000 to \$50,000.

Agency Name/Program Description	2026 Requested Funding	2026 Proposed Funding
<b>American Red Cross (Disaster Relief and Recovery)</b> Provides emergency relief, financial aid, and recovery support for Savannah residents affected by disasters.	\$25,000	\$20,000
<b>America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia (Mobile Grocery Store)</b> Provides affordable, healthy food to underserved Savannah neighborhoods through an ADA-accessible mobile market with fresh produce, pantry staples, and essentials.	\$50,000	\$15,000
<b>America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia, Inc. (Brown Bag for the Elderly)</b> Provides monthly bags of free groceries for the elderly, and a weekly distribution at targeted senior centers	\$15,000	\$15,000
<b>Brightside Child &amp; Family Advocacy (Bright House)</b> Provides supervised visitations, safe custody exchanges, and parent education/coaching services to any family referred via court order, DFCS, or self-referral.	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>Brightside Child &amp; Family Advocacy (Brighter Futures)</b> Supports youth ages 16–26 aging out of foster care with housing, education, employment, and life skills.	\$20,000	\$15,000
<b>Brightside Child &amp; Family Advocacy (Savannah CASA)</b> Recruits and trains Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) volunteers to advocate for the best interests of children who have entered the foster care system.	\$30,000	\$20,000
<b>Coastal Georgia Council, Boy Scouts of America, Inc. (Explorer Post Program)</b> Provides career mentoring, leadership and job skills development programs for boys and girls ages 12-19.	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Rochester, Inc. (Financial Wellness for Families)</b> Offers free financial counseling and education services including credit improvement, debt reduction, foreclosure intervention and homeownership.	\$50,000	\$25,000
<b>Forsyth Farmers Market (912 Food Farmacy)</b> A USDA-funded program that partners with four local health clinics to serve low-income individuals who have or are at risk for diet-related chronic diseases. Participants attend eight monthly sessions where they receive health screenings, nutrition classes, and 32 weeks of prescription vouchers to shop at the Food Farmacy.	\$15,000	\$15,000
<b>Frank Callen Boys &amp; Girls Club (Quality Recreation for Healthy Futures)</b> Provides health and fitness programs and activities designed to improve the physical, nutritional, and social well-being of youth.	\$25,000	\$20,000
<b>Frank Callen Boys &amp; Girls Club (Youth Upward Mobility)</b> Provides reading, academic support, and career readiness to prepare youth for success.	\$25,000	\$20,000
<b>Goodwill of Southeast Georgia (Savannah Opportunity Center)</b> Provides job readiness training, placement assistance, and scholarships for unemployed and underemployed individuals at the Sallie Mood Opportunity Center.	\$45,000	\$20,000

Agency Name/Program Description	2026 Requested Funding	2026 Proposed Funding
<b>Loop It Up Savannah, Inc. (School STEAM Gardening)</b> Offers Garden-Based STEAM programming for Pre-K to 5, including 10 project-based learning activities at six Title I schools. Pre-K to 12 pop-up workshops will be provided at an additional 16 schools.	\$50,000	\$15,000
<b>Mary's Place: Sexual Assault Center of the Coastal Empire, Inc. (Prevention Education)</b> Delivers school-based workshops and community programs on preventing sexual abuse and promoting safety.	\$50,000	\$30,000
<b>MedBank Foundation, Inc. (Prescription Assistance Program)</b> Assists with processing medication refills and program renewals for uninsured, underinsured, and low-income persons.	\$25,000	\$20,000
<b>Parent University (Parent University 2026)</b> Workshop sessions on job readiness, adult education, and financial literacy, along with childcare, meals, and transportation for participants.	\$24,500	\$15,000
<b>People of Action Caring for Kids (PACK) (Closing the Hunger Gap: Fighting Food Insecurity One Weekend Meal Bag at a Time)</b> Provides weekend meal bags for food-insecure students in Savannah schools and community centers.	\$15,000	\$15,000
<b>Savannah Center for Blind and Low Vision (Community Vision Access Program)</b> Offers Free mobile vision screenings to all Savannah residents who cannot afford a visit to the optometrist and corrective eyewear if needed.	\$30,000	\$15,000
<b>Savannah Center for Blind and Low Vision (Eye on Diabetes: Empowerment Through Education)</b> Vision screenings for persons with diabetes, physician-prescribed vision aids, and monthly diabetes management training classes.	\$15,000	\$15,000
<b>Savannah Parkinson's Support Group (Get Excited &amp; Move (GEM))</b> Offers daily fitness classes, education, and social events to assist individuals affected by Parkinson's Disease and related conditions, with post-illness reconditioning, imbalance, poor motor control, and age-related challenges.	\$20,000	\$15,000
<b>Savannah Speech and Hearing Center (Building Communication &amp; Developmental Equity for Savannah Families)</b> Provides free and subsidized speech-language therapy, audiology, pediatric rehabilitation, and early intervention services to underserved children and adults in Savannah.	\$50,000	\$18,000
<b>Savannah Youth Development Foundation (First Tee-Savannah)</b> Provides golf-based character education and life skills for youth ages 4–20, offering instruction, mentorship, adaptive programs, and tournaments to promote health, resilience, leadership, and college readiness	\$15,000	\$15,000
<b>Senior Citizens Inc. (Care Navigation and Meals on Wheels)</b> Provides direct care and case management for seniors. Nutritionally balanced meals specifically designed to meet the dietary needs of seniors are provided.	\$45,000	\$18,000
<b>Senior Citizens Inc. (Senior Services)</b> An adult daytime care and health services for seniors. Daily support is provided to seniors to accomplish daily tasks and remain in their homes. The companionship program is designed to serve two different segments of the senior population.	\$45,000	\$18,000

Agency Name/Program Description	2026 Requested Funding	2026 Proposed Funding
<b>Shelter From the Rain Inc. (Mothers with Mentors Mentorship Program)</b> Pairs single mothers with mentors for six months of guidance in housing, education, and financial stability.	\$50,000	\$20,000
<b>Tharros Place, Inc. (Human Trafficking Outreach and Education)</b> Provides education, outreach, and prevention programs to raise awareness and combat human trafficking.	\$25,000	\$20,000
<b>The Mediation Center of the Coastal Empire (Conflict Resilient Families)</b> Provides virtual co-parenting classes, including Transitional Parenting, Legitimation, and Children First, and mediation training for divorcing or divorced couples.	\$30,000	\$20,000
<b>The Mediation Center of the Coastal Empire (PeaceWorks: A Community Safety &amp; Conflict Resolution Training Initiative for Youth &amp; Adults)</b> Trains youth and adults in conflict resolution, peer mediation, and restorative practices to build community safety.	\$30,000	\$15,000
<b>The Mediation Center of the Coastal Empire, Inc. (Suicide Safety and Resilience)</b> Provides evidence-based suicide prevention and resilience training for Savannah residents and distributes 988 Lifeline resources to residents.	\$30,000	\$20,000
<b>The Savannah Country Day School (Horizons Savannah)</b> Is A 6-week summer program offering academic, recreational, and social-emotional learning activities for income-eligible SCCPSS students aged 5-15 who are at risk of falling behind in school.	\$25,000	\$15,000
<b>West Broad Street YMCA (Neighborhood Enrichment After School Program and Sports Camp)</b> An after-school program with homework assistance and soccer and basketball programs for youth whose parents cannot afford or access other sports leagues.	\$50,000	\$18,000
<b>Wilderness Southeast (WISE) (Fish Gotta Swim®)</b> Provides a hands-on, full-immersion 8-session course engaging public school students in the exploration of water quality in local wetlands.	\$22,000	\$20,000
<b>Total Community Investments:</b>	<b>\$986,500</b>	<b>\$582,000</b>

## Essential Services

Essential Services are non-competitive contracts awarded to nonprofit organizations that provide services that directly support and/or augment vital local government activities.

Agency Name/Program Description	2026 Requested Funding	2026 Proposed Funding
<b>Coastal Children's Advocacy Center (Forensic Interviewing and Crisis Intervention)</b> Conducts forensic interviews, crisis intervention, and trauma-informed counseling services for children and their non-offending family members.	\$50,000	\$40,000

Agency Name/Program Description	2026 Requested Funding	2026 Proposed Funding
<b>Georgia Legal Services (Home Ownership Protection)</b> Offers free legal advice and representation for estate planning, probate, and home mortgage foreclosure alternatives to the elderly (60 years of age and older), veterans, victims of crime, and those living at or below 200% of the federal poverty line.	\$50,000	\$40,000
<b>Mary's Place (Advocacy)</b> Provides victims of sexual violence with resources and SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) access.	\$50,000	\$30,000
<b>Neighborhood Improvement Association (VITA)</b> Offers free tax preparation for low to moderate-income taxpayers. IRS-certified volunteers prepare tax returns and file them electronically to expedite the refund turnaround process.	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Total Essential Services:</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$160,000</b>

### Homeless System Coordination

Serves as the lead agency for the Continuum of Care (CoC) and manages the coordinated entry system for participating agencies, the Homeless Information System (HMIS), and federally mandated activities such as the Point-in-Time Count, the Annual Performance Report, the Homeless Assessment Report, and the Housing Inventory Report.

Agency Name/Program Description	2026 Requested Funding	2026 Proposed Funding
<b>Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless (Continuum of Care)</b> Serves as the lead agency for the Continuum of Care (CoC) and manages the coordinated entry system for participating agencies, the Homeless Information System (HMIS), and federally mandated activities such as the Point-in-Time Count, the Annual Performance Report, the Homeless Assessment Report, and the Housing Inventory Report.	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>Total Homeless System Coordination</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>Total Community Partnership Program Recommendation:</b>	<b>\$1,386,500</b>	<b>\$942,000</b>
<b>Total Contingencies:</b>		<b>\$58,000</b>
<b>Total Allocation:</b>		<b>\$1,000,000</b>

# Violence Reduction Grant Program

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## Overview

The City of Savannah Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement awards grants to non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations that offer community programs, services, and initiatives aimed at reducing gun violence among Savannah's youth and young adults, ages 12 to 25, who have been involved in violence or are considered at high risk of involvement in gun violence.

Eligible non-profit organizations may receive an award of up to \$50,000 for allowable expenses. Entities submitting proposals must meet the following requirements:

- Be a legally formed not-for-profit (non-profit) entity registered in the state of Georgia and be able to provide proof of the non-profit entity's legal formation via the Corporations Division of the Office of the Secretary of State.
- Must have a 501(c)3 tax-exempt designation by the Internal Revenue Service.
- Must be located within the corporate city limits of Savannah.
- Must offer services that directly benefit residents of Savannah, Georgia.

## Eligible Programs/Projects

All projects must meet the following requirements:

- Be implemented in Savannah, Georgia, and benefit the residents of Savannah.
- Have measurable performance goals and achieve evidence-based outcomes that can be reported and evaluated.
- Provide services to high-risk youth and young adults who have been or are at high risk of engaging in or becoming victims of gun and other violence.
- Result in outcomes that decrease gun and other violence and negative behaviors among participants or within a clearly defined community or geographic area

## Rating Criteria & Recommendations

Applications are evaluated based on the program's merit and its ability to produce measurable results, address a priority need, and help reduce youth gun violence and other forms of violence. Each eligible Violence Reduction Grant proposal is reviewed and rated individually according to the following criteria, with a maximum score of 100 points. Proposals that receive a score of 75 or higher are recommended for funding in 2026.

### **Organization Capacity and Experience – 10 points**

The agency demonstrates the capacity to deliver the proposed program or service through years of operation, experience operating the proposed or similar programs, planned staffing levels, adequacy of program oversight, the number of clients served, and past outcomes. If the city's grant program previously funded the agency, consideration should be given to its past performance.

### **Program Design – 15 points**

The program and services are fully developed and well-defined. The proposal provides a straightforward program narrative, describes vital program features, details program location and

hours, and outlines clear methods for tracking and reporting program activities, participant needs, activities, and achievements, and overall program performance.

**Impact on Youth Gun Violence – 25 points**

The program includes a realistic plan for outreach and engagement of youth at high risk of violence or becoming a victim of violence. The program employs credible strategies known to help reduce violence if properly implemented.

**Performance Outcomes – 20 points**

Performance outcomes align with the services offered and the goals of the Violence Reduction Grant (VRG) program. The number and frequency of services are proposed at levels likely to achieve the desired outcomes. The agency plans to serve an appropriate number of unduplicated participants.

**Partnerships – 15 points**

The proposal includes partnerships that reduce program costs, provide services that directly benefit program participants, and help the program achieve the goal of reducing gun and other violence among youth and young adults. Collaborations can involve other agencies, community organizations, and City departments. To receive points in this category, agencies must submit copies of letters of agreement (not support) that detail specific contributions.

**Budget – 15 points**

Program costs and the budget narrative are clear and well-defined. The types of expenses are reasonable and directly relate to the services provided. City funds are proposed to cover eligible expenses. Administrative costs are limited to 15% of the proposed funding. The cost per participant is reasonable based on the type and frequency of services received and the projected benefits to both the participant and the community.

**Total – 100 points**

The 2025 Violence Reduction Grant Program allocation awarded to nonprofits to address gun violence among high-risk youth and young adults is based on the availability of funds allocated to the Violence Reduction Grant Program, the City’s funding priorities, evaluation and rating committee scores, the number of proposals recommended for funding, and the specific services being purchased. The City reserves the right to acquire all or a portion of the adopted services, and grant awards may be less than requested.

Agency – Program	2026 Requested Funding	2026 Proposed Funding
<b>Offenders Alumni Association – Verbal and Visual Intervention</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$ 42,000</b>
<p>A four-week, measurable initiative designed for system-impacted or court-involved youth and young adults ages 12-24. This program features three cohorts, each lasting four weeks, exposing participants to the consequences of violence. This includes sharing experiences from incarcerated males, the painful stories of family members who lost loved ones, engaging in dialogues with peers, and taking responsibility while seeking reconciliation for prior actions.</p>		
<b>Elle Ministries – Counseling Services</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>
<p>A trauma-informed, spiritually integrated program serving high-risk youth and young adults ages 12–25, including 12 Path Forward participants. Participants engage in weekly one-on-one counseling, group therapy focused on trauma recovery and emotional regulation, life coaching, and psychoeducational workshops addressing anxiety, grief, boundaries, and purpose discovery. Additional activities include journaling, reflection, and cognitive-behavioral exercises, with referrals provided for wraparound support as needed.</p>		
<b>Life Skills for Empowerment Center, Inc. – 52 Hearts Changed in 12 Months</b>	<b>\$ 25,000</b>	<b>\$ 23,000</b>
<p>Designed for at-risk youth involved in or affected by violent crime. The program will engage justice-involved youth, ages 9 to 25, in one-hour sessions twice a week over twelve months. Participants will receive training, coaching, and mentoring. They will also undergo assessment services and develop Success Plans with specific goals and objectives to monitor their progress. This program aims to help youth develop a new perspective on life and gun violence, shifting their focus from violence to tangible goals and opportunities.</p>		

Agency – Program	2026 Requested Funding	2026 Proposed Funding
<b>The Mediation Center of Coastal Georgia – Flip the Script: Youth Conflict Resolution Education</b>	<b>\$49,225</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
<p>A conflict-resolution and coaching program designed to break cycles of violence and enhance community safety. It equips high-risk youth ages 12 to 24 with conflict skills, coaching, workshops, and peer leader training over eight weeks. This program meets weekly and will run in four cohorts throughout the year.</p>		
<b>The Mediation Center of Coastal Georgia – Trauma Sensitive Yoga</b>	<b>\$44,500</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>
<p>Provides an evidence-based, somatic intervention that builds resilience, emotional regulation, and social skills among high-risk youth. This program convenes two to three times a week and visits various schools, shelters, and youth-serving organizations to deliver services. In addition, the program trains up to 10 youth to lead trauma-sensitive yoga sessions for their peers.</p>		
<b>Through It All, Inc. – Youth Moving Forward Initiative</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
<p>Partners with high-risk youth ages 14 to 18 to prevent and address violence by combining community beautification, emotional intelligence training, conflict resolution skills, financial literacy, job readiness, and post-high school planning. Youth participate in workshops, receive mentorship, and engage in hands-on service activities. This program is open to all youth in the city, with a special focus on those living in the Kayton/Frazier Public Housing neighborhood. It will operate three days a week and is divided into three separate cohorts of youth.</p>		
<b>Brightside Child Advocacy Center – Front Porch ACTS</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
<p>An evidence-based initiative that teaches young people skills to connect with others, regulate their emotions, communicate effectively, and develop coping strategies for stress and trauma. It is delivered as an immersive theater-based group intervention and travels to local schools, community centers, and youth organizations. This program runs five days a week for 50 weeks a year, combining a 10-week intensive intervention with weekly workshops.</p>		

Agency – Program	2026 Requested Funding	2026 Proposed Funding
<b>I is We Incorporated – Youth Empowerment</b>	<b>\$38,000</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
<p>Targets socially- and economically challenged high-risk youth, engaging them in playstyle learning of life skills, mentorship, and financial literacy. The program features training in conflict resolution, critical thinking, and communication skills taught through creative means such as Scrabble, chess, and other engaging activities. This program is offered three times a week for 40 weeks each year, with credible messengers engaging the youth regularly.</p>		
<b>Savannah Royal Lions – Violence Redirection</b>	<b>\$18,725</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
<p>Serves high-risk youth in Savannah ages 12 to 20 who have been involved in the juvenile justice system or referred by parents or schools due to behavioral issues. It operates 52 weeks a year, providing services five days a week. This program uses community mentors to mediate peer conflicts, engage in hotspot areas, and deliver violence intervention services. There will be monthly workshops focusing on gang avoidance, decision-making skills, de-escalation techniques, emotional regulation, goal setting, conflict resolution, and accountability, facilitated by school resource officers, social workers, community mentors, and returning citizens. Youth can participate in social activities such as basketball nights, open mics, and service projects</p>		
<b>100 Black Men of Savannah, Inc. – Respect 4 Life Violence Reduction Program</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$12,500</b>
<p>An anti-violence initiative modeled after a similar program launched by 100 Black Men of Baton Rouge. The program serves high-risk youth ages 12 to 18 over a period of 9 months. Youth participate in weekly mentoring, restorative justice training, conflict-resolution skill building, life skills education, and guided community service with assigned mentors. Key features include monthly peace circles, life skills workshops, trips to colleges and cultural events, and youth-led community improvement projects. This program runs three times a week for 28 weeks, after which participants are grandfathered into other 100 Black Men programs. The organization plans to refer youth from schools, police diversion programs, juvenile courts, and ONSE.</p>		

Agency – Program	2026 Requested Funding	2026 Proposed Funding
<b>The Tycoon Group Alliance – A Seat at the Table Café Culinary Program</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$12,500</b>
<p>A culinary training initiative that emphasizes creativity, self-esteem, critical thinking, and teamwork. The 48-week program provides 15-17 hours of weekly lessons and hands-on training, leading to a ServSafe certification that can enhance employment prospects. The program includes certified mental health providers and financial instructors who support life skills, job readiness, and social skills development. It partners with local schools, community centers, law enforcement, and social service agencies to identify high-risk youth between the ages of 16 to 25.</p>		
<b>Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club – Gang Prevention Through Targeted Outreach</b>	<b>\$47,250</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<p>Serves at-risk youth and young adults, ages 12 to 21, providing an alternative to gang involvement. Participants will engage in 16 violence reduction coaching sessions, 17 de-escalation training sessions, and 17 life skills mentoring and behavior coaching sessions. GPTTO is a program recommended by the U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and by the University of Chicago research on youth gang prevention.</p>		
<b>My Girls Plus – My Girls Plus</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<p>A female-centered initiative that aims to build self-confidence, resilience, and leadership in high-risk young women aged 12 to 21. This program includes peer empowerment circles, anti-bullying and violence workshops focused on assertiveness and intervention strategies, mental health circles focused on mindfulness and journaling, job readiness and life skills training, mentor pairing, and "Voices Against Violence" discussions and youth-led campaigns that promote peace. It runs for 50 weeks each year and meets weekly.</p>		
<b>Total Violence Reduction</b>	<b>\$457,700</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>

# Arts and Cultural Enrichment (ACE)

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## Overview

The City of Savannah is a key investor in local cultural and arts programs and events. The Arts and Cultural Enrichment Program (ACE) recognizes the importance of art and culture as contributors to the vibrancy of Savannah. The City supports opportunities for art and culture to enhance and enrich the quality of life for Savannah residents and guests. Arts, history, culture, and creativity are recognized as vital contributors to the City's economic growth and community enrichment, as well as an essential component in the development of Savannah's unique identity.

The City of Savannah awards contracts through the ACE Program to nonprofit organizations and institutions of higher learning to provide high-quality, innovative, and creative art, cultural, and educational services. These services improve the quality of life by expanding access to new and diverse audiences, increasing appreciation and exposure to art and multiculturalism, inspiring and engaging youth, growing and nurturing local talent, and improving the vitality of Savannah in a measurable and sustained way. The Cultural Affairs Commission (CAC), appointed by the Mayor and Council, attends the programs and events of contracted agencies throughout the year to evaluate their effectiveness and ensure contract compliance.

## Investment Impacts

The CAC served as a review panel for the 2026 ACE program. After the submission of applications, the panel reviewed proposals and participated in a one-day Review Panel Deliberation Meeting on August 23, 2025, during which the CAC scored 37 proposals from 26 different organizations with a total funding request of \$1,405,300. Of the 37 submitted proposals, 19 organizations, totaling 26 program proposals, were recommended for City investment. Cultural Contributions funding for 2026 is \$635,000 for the ACE program and \$50,000 for the Weave-A-Dream (WAD) program, with a total investment amount of \$685,000, reflecting an increase in funding for the Weave-A-Dream (WAD) program. The CAC sought proposals that would strategically position the disciplines of the creative sector to address the following City priorities in a measurable way:

- Increase economic growth through skill-building, employment, and entrepreneurship
- Improve the aesthetics of built environments through creative projects
- Expand art and cultural experiences to new and diverse audiences and participants
- Build and reinforce a strong sense of community throughout Savannah by bringing people together to enjoy and experience art and culture in an environment of fellowship
- Engage, develop, and inspire young people through imaginative and innovative approaches
- Reestablish, enrich, and/or preserve vibrant neighborhoods and the quality of life in Savannah
- Increase access to art and culture in close proximity to where residents live

The recommended ACE allocations are based on a scoring rubric.

## Review Criteria & Indicators

Each ACE proposal was assessed and rated individually based on the following criteria:

### Organization Management and Experience – 15 Points

- Well-articulated organization mission and goals
- Effective administration, years in operation, and leadership among paid/volunteer staff
- Level of experience delivering proposed or similar programming
- Adequacy of program oversight and other planned support
- Satisfactory program outcomes and compliance with terms of past City contracts (if applicable)
- Overall quality of application preparation/completeness of information
- Ability to sustain program/project with limited or no City funding support

### Program/Project Design – 15 Points

- Clear program/project goals and objectives
- Carefully planned with a realistic execution strategy
- Exemplifies innovative and creative programming
- Focuses on artistic quality
- Presents effective and engaging programming
- Utilizes appropriately skilled artists/educators and paid/volunteer support
- Documented collaborations with Savannah's creative and social service agencies, businesses, education, and/or community development sectors.
- Effective marketing strategy to reach a wide segment of the Savannah community and visitors

### Community Benefits/City Priorities – 30 Points

- Includes clear and specific benefits to program participants/audiences
- Identifies the program's general benefits to the community as a whole
- Enhances and fosters vibrant neighborhoods and enriches the quality of life
- Expands art and cultural experiences to new and more diverse audiences and participants
- Builds and reinforces a strong sense of community throughout Savannah
- Develops and inspires young people through imaginative and innovative approaches and engages them as program audience, program stewards, and artists/performers
- Increases access to art and cultural programming to new areas of the City
- Strengthens Savannah's reputation as a cultural destination
- Improves the aesthetics of built environments through creative projects
- Increases economic growth through skill-building, creative sector jobs, and entrepreneurship

- Integrates strategies to ensure equitable access to programming regardless of income or ability
- Defines barriers to community engagement and presents a clear plan to address barriers and effectively reach and engage diverse audiences/participants.

**Performance Outcomes – 20 Points**

- Clearly delineates the number and type of specific programs to be provided
- Identifies the number of participants to be served.
- Differentiates and defines an organization's free and fee-based programming
- Provides programs that reach/extend to multiple aldermanic districts
- Includes clear evaluation methods and indicators to measure program/project effectiveness and determine if program goals were met

**Budget Planning & Management – 20 Points**

- Accuracy of budget and itemization
- Appropriate and reasonable program costs based on the services to be delivered and the planned outcomes/results to be achieved
- Practicality/feasibility of budget projections for proposed activities and overall operations
- Diversified revenue stream with emphasis on other sources of contributed and earned revenue
- Accurate calculation of the cost per participant for each program

**Total – 100 Points**

<b>Total Investment Amount:</b>	<b>\$658,000</b>
<b>Total Services Purchased:</b>	<b>4,021</b>
<b>Total Audience Served:</b>	<b>211,891</b>

Organization – Program(s)	2026 Requested Funding	2026 Proposed Funding
<b>Arts Southeast, Inc. (ASE)</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$55,932</b>

**Exhibition Season** (City Investment/Cost Per Participant: \$28,367/\$2.36)

Includes nine curated art experiences featuring local and internationally renowned artists, focusing on the aesthetic, educational, and community-building aspects inherent in the arts. The Exhibition Season will cover conservationism, identity, science, and spirituality content. Each exhibition will include free in-person and virtual programming featuring artist talks, workshops, SCCPSS classroom visits, studio tours, and youth-targeted events.

**First Friday Open Studios & Street Fairs** (City Investment/Cost Per Participant: \$11,100/\$2.02)

Host eleven First Friday Open Studio events in the Starland District. Three of the First Friday Open Studios will include Sulfur Street Art Fairs in March, June, and October. The art fairs will feature at least seventeen local artists/makers, including a booth specifically to feature local youth artists. Artists will be selected based on the quality and originality of their work by Arts Southeast's Artist Development and Diversity Advisory Board. The street fairs are designed to be one of the most affordable ways for artists to showcase their work and create a welcoming atmosphere to attract a wide range of residents and tourists to the Starland District's emerging neighborhood scene.

**Artist-in-Residency** (City Investment/Cost Per Participant: \$16,465/\$0.82)

Provides high-visibility studio space for an artist to complete a multiple-week project. The artist's studio space is located at Sulfur Studios on Bull Street, allowing the artist's work to be viewed by visitors, demonstrating the process as it unfolds in real-time, and seeing all steps involved from concept to final execution. Community events such as workshops, performances, public art projects, and artist talks will offer additional creative ways for artists to interact with the public. Arts Southeast will partner with SCCPSS to provide students with field trip opportunities to meet and interact with artists participating in the residency program.

Proposed Performance Metrics		Target Audience	%
		Young Children (0-5)	5
# of Services	128	Children (6-13)	8
# of Participants	37,500	Teens (14-17)	12
# of Visitors/Tourists	9,500	Young Adults (18-20)	27
# of Proposed Artists Participating	183	Adults (21-59)	30
# of Proposed Partnerships	20	Seniors (over 60)	18

Organization – Program(s)	2026 Requested Funding	2026 Proposed Funding
<b>Cleo the Project Space, Inc. (CPS)</b>	<b>\$32,000</b>	<b>\$15,786</b>

**Exhibition Program at Cleo** (City Investment/Cost Per Participant: \$15,786/\$2.43)

Features a thoughtful curation of emerging artists who have never exhibited in Savannah. By bringing voices from across the U.S., the program fosters vital dialogue between Savannah, the broader South, and the national contemporary art landscape, positioning the city as an under-recognized cultural hub. Each artist and curator receives compensation aligned with W.A.G.E. (Working Artists for the Greater Economy) standards, ensuring fair pay and enabling experimentation beyond commercial constraints. This support empowers creatives to take risks, explore critical ideas, and produce work that resonates deeply with audiences. The program invites Savannah residents to engage with fresh, thought-provoking contemporary art narratives. It also marks key partnerships with local youth-focused nonprofits, using inclusive language and hands-on workshops to introduce challenging themes in age-appropriate, accessible ways, cultivating the next generation of artists and critical thinkers.

Proposed Performance Metrics		Target Audience	%
		Young Children (0-5)	5
# of Services	56	Children (6-13)	10
# of Participants	6,500	Teens (14-17)	15
# of Visitors/Tourists	2,000	Young Adults (18-20)	20
# of Proposed Artists Participating	10	Adults (21-59)	40
# of Proposed Partnerships	10	Seniors (over 60)	10

Organization – Program(s)	2026 Requested Funding	2026 Proposed Funding
Deep Center, Inc. (DEEP)	\$100,000	\$56,734

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		Young Children (0-5)	5
# of Services	56	Children (6-13)	10
# of Participants	6,500	Teens (14-17)	15
# of Visitors/Tourists	2,000	Young Adults (18-20)	20
# of Proposed Artists Participating	10	Adults (21-59)	40
# of Proposed Partnerships	10	Seniors (over 60)	10

Organization – Program(s)	2026 Requested Funding	2026 Proposed Funding
<b>DUET Kids (DUET)</b>	<b>\$17,800</b>	<b>\$7,683</b>

**DUET Kids Music Lab** (City Investment/Cost Per Participant: \$7,683/\$153.66)

Offers high-quality, no-cost music education to at-risk, low-income students in Savannah. This program aims to serve as both an introduction to and an enrichment of music education for students who may not otherwise have access to such opportunities. Throughout the project, students will participate in weekly music lessons across various instruments and voice training, guided by expert instructors and peer mentors. DUET Kids builds safe, creative spaces within walking distance of home, offering students structure, self-expression, and a path forward. Students gain the ability to improve both academic performance and mental health by increasing brain synapses and alleviating trauma through the attainment of music. By integrating arts education with reliable access to nourishment and caring mentors, this program supports holistic well-being for youth living in neighborhoods impacted by generational poverty, violence, and limited access to enrichment opportunities.

Proposed Performance Metrics		Target Audience	%
		Young Children (0-5)	10
# of Services	52	Children (6-13)	80
# of Participants	50	Teens (14-17)	10
# of Visitors/Tourists	-	Young Adults (18-20)	-
# of Proposed Artists Participating	5	Adults (21-59)	-
# of Proposed Partnerships	3	Seniors (over 60)	-

Organization – Program(s)	2026 Requested Funding	2026 Proposed Funding
<b>First City Pride Center (FCPC)</b>	<b>\$85,000</b>	<b>\$40,700</b>

**Savannah Pride Month and Festival** (City Investment/Cost Per Participant: \$32,067/\$5.78)

Celebrates Savannah Pride Month and Festival throughout October, featuring events aimed at educating, supporting, and celebrating the LGBTQIA+ community. The festival will highlight Vogue and Ball Culture, an African American and Latino underground LGBTQIA+ subculture that originated in New York City in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century to oppose racism. The festival will include a variety of performances that will entertain participants in Forsyth Park. The events will include a Queer Job Fair, Vogue dance classes, art installation projects, and educational LGBTQIA+ workshops and lecture series. The festival will also provide safe facilities for trans community members, critical services such as HIV and health screenings, and a sensory-limited space for those who seek a respite from the noise and activity. This service will allow the inclusion of neurodivergent and autism spectrum community members to enjoy the festival events.

**Stonewall Block Party** (City Investment/Cost Per Participant: \$8,633/\$3.45)

In honor of the 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Stonewall Inn Riots in New York City, First City Pride Center will host a family-friendly block party in June to celebrate the many individuals who struggled for equal protection and fought against hate and discrimination. The event will include a series of panel discussions centered around the history of the Stonewall Riots, local LGBTQIA+ and ally artists' work, historical queer icon performances, story hours, free LGBTQIA+ healthcare, and a quiet space for neurodivergent and autism spectrum community members.

Proposed Performance Metrics		Target Audience	%
		Young Children (0-5)	4
# of Services	13	Children (6-13)	5
# of Participants	8,050	Teens (14-17)	10
# of Visitors/Tourists	800	Young Adults (18-20)	24
# of Proposed Artists Participating	107	Adults (21-59)	45
# of Proposed Partnerships	17	Seniors (over 60)	12

Organization – Program(s)	2026 Requested Funding	2026 Proposed Funding
<b>Historic Savannah Foundation (HSF)</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$5,245</b>

**Davenport House Museum's Family Days** (City Investment/Cost Per Participant: \$5,245/\$10.49)

A free, bi-monthly event series open to the Savannah community. These events are designed to engage families through hands-on experiences that explore the art, culture, and history of 1820s Savannah. Each Family Day features collaborations with local vendors, artisans, and cultural organizations to create enriching educational experiences rooted in historic preservation and the arts. Activities may include poetry writing, embroidery demonstrations, paper ship building, exploratory touch tanks, and more. In addition to the activities, guests are invited to take a complimentary self-guided tour of the historic Davenport House. The program fosters multi-generational learning, encourages civic pride, and connects the community to Savannah's cultural and historical heritage in a meaningful, accessible way.

Proposed Performance Metrics		Target Audience	%
		Young Children (0-5)	10
# of Services	36	Children (6-13)	35
# of Participants	500	Teens (14-17)	10
# of Visitors/Tourists	40	Young Adults (18-20)	5
# of Proposed Artists Participating	20	Adults (21-59)	30
# of Proposed Partnerships	8	Seniors (over 60)	10

Organization – Program(s)	2026 Requested Funding	2026 Proposed Funding
<b>Loop It Up Savannah, Inc. (LOOP)</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$58,584</b>

**Looping Literacy Together** (City Investment/Cost Per Participant: \$58,584/\$61.67)

A multi-faceted program that fosters literacy in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and first-grade students. The program focuses on establishing age-appropriate reading and comprehension levels, preparing them to read, and improving their performance in school using culturally relevant, arts-based projects. Art, storytelling, mapping, creative writing, music, and movement inspire enthusiasm for students to acquire basic literacy skills. The programming targets early learning and Title I SCCPSS elementary schools.

Proposed Performance Metrics		Target Audience	%
		Young Children (0-5)	89
# of Services	1,244	Children (6-13)	11
# of Participants	950	Teens (14-17)	-
# of Visitors/Tourists	-	Young Adults (18-20)	-
# of Proposed Artists Participating	12	Adults (21-59)	-
# of Proposed Partnerships	4	Seniors (over 60)	-

Organization – Program(s)	2026 Requested Funding	2026 Proposed Funding
<b>Mountainfilm on Tour Savannah (MF)</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>	<b>\$23,434</b>

**Movies that Matter** (City Investment/Cost Per Participant: \$23,434/\$2.08)

Brings inspirational and educational documentary films to Savannah students each year. In 2026, Mountainfilm plans to host ten events, including on-site school screenings, screenings at the Trustees and Lucas theatres, a family matinee, and an outdoor summer screening. Immediately following the films, the production crew, writers, and directors will join students and participants for Q&A sessions. Educational materials are customizable to the needs of the classrooms and include interviews with filmmakers and subject topics related to the film's content. Mountainfilm teaches students the importance of pursuing their dreams, preserving natural resources, embracing different cultures, and finding worthwhile adventures. Additionally, the program provides students interested in pursuing a career in filmmaking with a mentoring program through the Georgia Film Academy.

Proposed Performance Metrics		Target Audience	%
		Young Children (0-5)	-
# of Services	10	Children (6-13)	40
# of Participants	11,250	Teens (14-17)	34
# of Visitors/Tourists	-	Young Adults (18-20)	15
# of Proposed Artists Participating	6	Adults (21-59)	10
# of Proposed Partnerships	7	Seniors (over 60)	1

Organization – Program(s)	2026 Requested Funding	2026 Proposed Funding
Savannah Ballet Theatre (SBT)	\$26,000	\$12,827

**Low Sensory Performances** (City Investment/Cost Per Participant: \$12,827/\$18.32)

Provide individuals of all ages who are neurodivergent, experience Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), sensory sensitivities, or are blind/low vision an opportunity to attend low-sensory performances in safe spaces. This year, Savannah Ballet Theatre will present low-sensory performances of *The Nutcracker* in its entirety. These performances will have slight changes, such as lower volume, fewer audience members, and less dramatic light changes. Attendees will have an opportunity to meet the local student dancers and experience behind-the-scenes activities through touch tours that offer a stress-free backstage exploration of the set, props, and costumes.

Proposed Performance Metrics		Target Audience	%
		Young Children (0-5)	17
# of Services	2	Children (6-13)	45
# of Participants	700	Teens (14-17)	10
# of Visitors/Tourists	50	Young Adults (18-20)	2
# of Proposed Artists Participating	34	Adults (21-59)	15
# of Proposed Partnerships	-	Seniors (over 60)	11

Organization – Program(s)	2026 Requested Funding	2026 Proposed Funding
<b>Savannah Black Heritage Festival (SBHF), Savannah State University</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$43,167</b>

**Savannah Black Heritage Festival** (City Investment/Cost Per Participant: \$43,167/\$5.40)

Presents a variety of professional, educational, and cultural events to the City of Savannah. The events are free and open to the public and consist of visual, performing, literacy, education, heritage, and health and wellness programs. Programming will include regionally, nationally, and internationally acclaimed African American performing, visual, and literary artists. Artists will be selected based on their artistic professionalism and ability to overcome challenges and obstacles in the pursuit of their accomplishments. Savannah Black Heritage Festival aims to present a crafts exhibition and pictorial tour featuring at least 12 historic African American institutions, monuments, markers, museums, churches, and persons of interest located in all six Aldermanic Districts. The Savannah Black Heritage Festival's primary goal is to positively impact the cognitive development of Savannah's youth through imaginative and innovative approaches and enhance the development of cultural literacy and intrinsic values through art.

Proposed Performance Metrics		Target Audience	%
		Young Children (0-5)	2
# of Services	34	Children (6-13)	3
# of Participants	8,000	Teens (14-17)	35
# of Visitors/Tourists	500	Young Adults (18-20)	15
# of Proposed Artists Participating	80	Adults (21-59)	35
# of Proposed Partnerships	9	Seniors (over 60)	10

Organization – Program(s)	2026 Requested Funding	2026 Proposed Funding
<b>Savannah Book Festival (SBF)</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>	<b>\$43,229</b>

**Savannah Book Festival** (City Investment/Cost Per Participant: \$26,826/\$3.35)

Brings dozens of authors to Savannah's venues around Telfair, Wright, and Chippewa Squares. Authors across multiple genres, representing a myriad of topics, discuss the importance of literacy in our community, share their paths to becoming writers, and the process involved in the development and genesis of their stories. Participants engage in lively question-and-answer sessions, further exploring the literature that resonates with them. The Author Selection Committee (ASC) works diligently to ensure a variety of genres, appealing to a diverse cross-section of the Savannah community, are represented at the festival each year, bringing a unique experience to our community.

**SBF@Schools** (City Investment/Cost Per Participant: \$10,977/\$5.49)

Brings best-selling authors into SCCPSS classrooms. Nationally recognized authors spend individual time with students discussing their books, speaking about writing careers, the process of research and subject development, and what inspired them to write. Students receive copies of each author's book to add to their personal and classroom libraries. Each component of the program centers on the art of writing and the love of reading. An extensive variety of genres are eligible: fiction, narrative nonfiction, graphic novels, cookbooks, art, and architecture.

**Elementary SBF@Schools** (City Investment/Cost Per Participant: \$5,426/\$6.03)

Building on 15 years of successful programming in middle school, high school, and university classrooms, the Savannah Book Festival is partnering with the Savannah Repertory Theatre to bring nationally recognized, award-winning, and debut authors into elementary school classrooms to discuss "the life of a writer." The program will target students in grades two through three. Each participating school will host an author who will speak about their book. The author will collaborate with local teaching artists to develop an interactive lesson plan related to the author's work. At the end of the program, each student will receive a personalized, signed copy of the author's book.

Proposed Performance Metrics		Target Audience	%
		Young Children (0-5)	-
# of Services	74	Children (6-13)	37
# of Participants	10,900	Teens (14-17)	30
# of Visitors/Tourists	2,500	Young Adults (18-20)	7
# of Proposed Artists Participating	93	Adults (21-59)	13
# of Proposed Partnerships	25	Seniors (over 60)	13

Organization – Program(s)	2026 Requested Funding	2026 Proposed Funding
<b>Savannah Jazz Association (SJA)</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$54,267</b>

**Savannah Jazz Festival** (City Investment/Cost Per Participant: \$54,267/\$1.09)

A premier event for locals, visitors, and jazz enthusiasts. This world-class jazz music festival is free and open to the public, bringing together all races, nationalities, and ages to unify through America's indigenous art form – jazz music. World-renowned performers have played at the festival over the years. The festival remains dedicated to inclusive musical programming featuring not only musicians in jazz but also showcasing our regional high school and university bands. The lineup reflects the diversity of our audience as the festival strives to feature artists of multiple generations, genders, and ethnicities. The tradition will continue into 2026 as the festival will infuse a variety of related genres such as blues, funk, gospel, and Latin acts into the already diverse programming.

Proposed Performance Metrics		Target Audience	%
		Young Children (0-5)	1
# of Services	17	Children (6-13)	4
# of Participants	50,000	Teens (14-17)	5
# of Visitors/Tourists	10,000	Young Adults (18-20)	10
# of Proposed Artists Participating	110	Adults (21-59)	40
# of Proposed Partnerships	14	Seniors (over 60)	40

Organization – Program(s)	2026 Requested Funding	2026 Proposed Funding
<b>Savannah Music Festival (SMF)</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$56,888</b>

**Musical Explorers** (City Investment/Cost Per Participant: \$43,013/\$2.46)

A cost-free, year-round, multicultural music education program developed in partnership with Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute for grades K - 2. Musical Explorers includes electronic teaching resources (featuring downloadable student activities, video performances, and teaching demonstrations), semi-annual teacher professional development led by a professional teaching artist, and semester-end concerts for students, including live performances by the artists featured in the curriculum. Through these resources, students learn about the culture, history, and geography associated with different musical genres in dynamic lessons that integrate the arts into literacy, social studies, and mathematics. Musical Explorers is targeted at youth and families, engaging students via a unified music education curriculum. The curriculum is based on a sequential progression of musical concepts and is written to take into account the pedagogical effectiveness of teacher prompts, student activities, and lesson evaluations.

**SMF Jazz Academy** (City Investment/Cost Per Participant: \$13,875/\$9.29)

A year-round, intensive, and progressive after-school jazz program for students in grades 5 - 12. Participants enrolled in SMF Jazz Academy are offered high-quality instrumental music instruction from a faculty of eight jazz artist instructors (trumpet, trombone, saxophone, piano, drums, bass, guitar, and melodica), a music director, and a program coordinator. All program elements are free, including instruments and materials for at-home practice. SMF Jazz Academy students will receive daily meals, snacks, transportation, weekly private lessons, twice-weekly group instruction, a weekly jam session, office hours with program staff, and a practice room with instructors available for assistance. All participants will participate in semester-end performances open to the public. SMF Jazz Academy is filling a gap in local music education programs by engaging neighborhoods and underserved audiences using a jazz-forward curriculum to expand art and cultural experiences to new and diverse participants and audiences.

Proposed Performance Metrics		Target Audience	%
		Young Children (0-5)	10
# of Services	1,250	Children (6-13)	48
# of Participants	18,996	Teens (14-17)	7
# of Visitors/Tourists	1,829	Young Adults (18-20)	2
# of Proposed Artists Participating	49	Adults (21-59)	30
# of Proposed Partnerships	10	Seniors (over 60)	3

Organization – Program(s)	2026 Requested Funding	2026 Proposed Funding
<b>Savannah Philharmonic Orchestra (SPO)</b>	<b>\$55,000</b>	<b>\$28,552</b>

**Phil the Neighborhoods** (City Investment/Cost Per Participant: \$20,967/\$13.10)

Brings together the Savannah Philharmonic Orchestra, local colleges, corporate and community partners, the 3rd ID Army Band, veteran groups, and other local talents to present an evening of community celebration through music. In addition to bringing world-class musicians, singers, and performers to the state, the repertoire performed is selected to appeal to a wide variety of audience members and curated to the selections that resonate with listening ears to spark enlightenment, conversation, and inspiration. Phil the Park invites all members of our community to come together, spread out a blanket in Forsyth Park, and celebrate Savannah through music. The festive atmosphere generates social solidarity among a diverse audience representative of the Savannah community.

**SavPhil All-Star Ensemble** (City Investment/Cost Per Service: \$7,585/13.79)

A chance for Savannah students from every school to come together, meet new musical friends, and make great music. This two-day intensive workshop invites students from each of Savannah's high schools to rehearse together, receive small group instruction from Savannah Philharmonic musicians, be conducted by Maestro Keitaro Harada, and perform a free concert for the community. For inclusivity, this will not be an auditioned ensemble as the aim of the program is to provide a positive musical experience for all young performers. Savannah Philharmonic Orchestra will work with school band directors to select and arrange appropriate music to account for all levels of ability. Musical education serves as an essential element in fostering adaptability and artistic creativity by bringing together and collaborating with participants from all of Savannah's diverse communities.

Proposed Performance Metrics		Target Audience	%
		Young Children (0-5)	4
# of Services	11	Children (6-13)	22
# of Participants	2,150	Teens (14-17)	28
# of Visitors/Tourists	350	Young Adults (18-20)	12
# of Proposed Artists Participating	39	Adults (21-59)	20
# of Proposed Partnerships	4	Seniors (over 60)	14

Organization – Program(s)	2026 Requested Funding	2026 Proposed Funding
<b>Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum (SSM)</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$43,167</b>

**Our Port City Savannah: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow** (City Investment/Cost Per Participant: \$43,167/\$2.16)

Offers youth in grades K-8, seniors, and families free access to learn about Savannah's important maritime, historical, scientific, and horticultural concepts, including colonization, American history, African American history, shipping, shipbuilding, maritime careers, botany, and art making. Participants will enjoy free access to the museum and gardens, with entrance to the historical buildings, the permanent collection of maritime art and artifacts, photography, guest lectures, and performances. Student participants will participate in hands-on STEM learning and artmaking activities led by certified curators and art education specialists.

Proposed Performance Metrics		Target Audience	%
		Young Children (0-5)	5
# of Services	96	Children (6-13)	25
# of Participants	20,000	Teens (14-17)	5
# of Visitors/Tourists	10,000	Young Adults (18-20)	5
# of Proposed Artists Participating	8	Adults (21-59)	50
# of Proposed Partnerships	16	Seniors (over 60)	10

Organization – Program(s)	2026 Requested Funding	2026 Proposed Funding
<b>SING Children’s Choir (SING), Asbury Memorial Church</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$5,060</b>

**SING: Savannah Inspiring the Next Generation** (City Investment/Cost Per Participant: \$5,060/\$6.33)

A community-centered children’s choir program, dedicated to inspiring confidence, wellness, meaningful social connection, and artistic excellence in young singers. We serve children in grades K–12 through weekly rehearsals, seasonal performances, and meaningful collaborations with other performing arts organizations. SING will operate three choir levels: Spark (K–2<sup>nd</sup> grade), Kindle (3<sup>rd</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> grade), and Illuminate (7<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade). Each ensemble meets weekly with professional music educators and an intern, receiving training in vocal technique, music literacy, movement, and ensemble-building, strengthening both musical and social-emotional skills. In addition to rehearsals, SING hosts two major community concerts to deepen our students’ exposure to global traditions. We welcome guest artists for workshops in folk dance, drumming, world music, and storytelling.

Proposed Performance Metrics		Target Audience	%
		Young Children (0-5)	6
# of Services	47	Children (6-13)	11
# of Participants	800	Teens (14-17)	11
# of Visitors/Tourists	-	Young Adults (18-20)	8
# of Proposed Artists Participating	7	Adults (21-59)	56
# of Proposed Partnerships	14	Seniors (over 60)	8

Organization – Program(s)	2026 Requested Funding	2026 Proposed Funding
<b>Telfair Museum of Art, Inc. (TMA)</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$53,651</b>

**Art in Our Neighborhoods** (City Investment/Cost Per Participant: \$53,651/\$1.92)

Expands education, skills, tolerance, and knowledge through the appreciation of history and the arts in the Savannah community. Telfair is deeply committed to presenting high-quality outreach programming as demonstrated by long-time partnerships with local organizations. Art in Our Neighborhoods is administered by professional curators, educators, and artists. Telfair's programming will include a multifaceted approach to encourage development through the arts by offering free youth-focused PULSE Art + Technology sessions, youth STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) programming, exhibition lectures, family days at museum sites, Legacy of Slavery and Juneteenth programming, SCCPSS field trips, and outreach to seniors, veterans, and those with disabilities. Programming includes bringing participants into Telfair's three museum sites (Telfair Academy, Jepson Center for the Arts, and the Owens-Thomas House) and providing outreach into Savannah's public schools, community and senior centers, libraries, hospitals, and rehabilitation facilities. Program participants will experience focused education and access to world-class arts, culture, and history that may not otherwise be available to them.

Proposed Performance Metrics		Target Audience	%
		Young Children (0-5)	10
# of Services	347	Children (6-13)	30
# of Participants	28,000	Teens (14-17)	3
# of Visitors/Tourists	8,000	Young Adults (18-20)	2
# of Proposed Artists Participating	92	Adults (21-59)	35
# of Proposed Partnerships	27	Seniors (over 60)	20

Organization – Program(s)	2026 Requested Funding	2026 Proposed Funding
Through It All, Inc. (TIA)	\$30,000	\$14,985

**T.I.A. Youth Programs** (City Investment/Cost Per Participant: \$14,985/\$157.74)

Offers summer camps, after-school tutoring, and field trips for under-resourced youth of the Frazier Homes, Kayton Homes, and Yamacraw communities. The 7-week summer camps will begin in June and will feature different art and cultural themes throughout the summer. Through It All, Inc. will be using the “Just Be” initiative, which will address bullying by building confidence, promoting acceptance, and uplifting the youth participants while encouraging the journey of self-discovery. After summer camp, after-school tutoring will be offered twice a week for 8 weeks. During this time, students will have the help of certified tutors and retired teachers to assist them with the transition into a new school year by supplementing their education with art, cultural, and additional educational activities. Finally, Through It All, Inc. will offer field trips for students on school breaks. These trips will expose the participants to performing arts, museums, and other historically relevant sites. Throughout the program, students are exposed to jewelry-making, painting, dancing, and spoken-word performers taught by a diverse group of local artists.

Proposed Performance Metrics		Target Audience	%
		Young Children (0-5)	-
# of Services	48	Children (6-13)	60
# of Participants	95	Teens (14-17)	35
# of Visitors/Tourists	-	Young Adults (18-20)	5
# of Proposed Artists Participating	14	Adults (21-59)	-
# of Proposed Partnerships	13	Seniors (over 60)	-

Organization – Program(s)	2026 Requested Funding	2026 Proposed Funding
<b>Tybee Island Marine Science Center (TMSC)</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>	<b>\$15,109</b>

**Whale Week 365** (City Investment/Cost Per Participant: \$15,109/\$3.02)

Educate the Savannah community about the endangered North Atlantic right whales, which have been Georgia's official State Marine Mammal since 1986. Whale Week empowers minority and women researchers and environmental advocates to connect with K-12 grade students through ocean conservation efforts. These interactive programs encourage participants to explore environmental and social issues to ensure the preservation and protection of our local waterways, ocean, and community. Whale Week will connect nature, science, and art to bring awareness and an appreciation of this important species in hopes of creating a desire to take action to protect right whales.

Proposed Performance Metrics		Target Audience	%
		Young Children (0-5)	5
# of Services	28	Children (6-13)	25
# of Participants	5,000	Teens (14-17)	25
# of Visitors/Tourists	500	Young Adults (18-20)	25
# of Proposed Artists Participating	12	Adults (21-59)	15
# of Proposed Partnerships	9	Seniors (over 60)	5

Organization – Program(s)	2026 Proposed Funding
<b>Weave-A-Dream</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

A flexible project-based program that encourages small and emerging nonprofit organizations to propose specific and innovative art and educational projects. The program places creative initiatives in specific locations and neighborhoods to impact poverty reduction and add to neighborhood vitality. Projects are encouraged to actively involve youth in the project's design, planning, and implementation while focusing on entrepreneurial and technical skills. A rolling deadline places services in specific areas throughout the year, with funding award amounts of up to \$5,000 per organization. The Cultural Affairs Commission (CAC) recommends nonprofit organizations based on performance measures that include the number of youth or under-resourced populations served, the number of partnerships formed, and programs that emphasize skill development. Projects are designed to engage communities with limited access to creative programs and reach all of the City of Savannah's aldermanic districts.

# Local Option Sales Tax (2023 – 2032)

## CERTIFICATE OF DISTRIBUTION

TO: STATE REVENUE COMMISSIONER

Pursuant to an Act of the Georgia General Assembly, effective January 1, 1980, relating to Local Sales & Use Taxes, the governing authorities for the qualifying municipalities and the County located within the special district coterminous with the boundaries of Chatham County hereby certify that the proceeds of the combination city/county local sales and use tax generated in such district shall be distributed by the State Revenue Commissioner as follows:

Jurisdiction	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028 - 2032
Chatham County	25.00%	26.00%	28.00%	31.00%	31.00%	31.00%
Bloomingtondale	1.1104%	1.0441%	0.9863%	0.9455%	0.9465%	0.9471%
Garden City	3.7748%	3.7333%	3.6371%	3.4868%	3.4904%	3.4928%
Pooler	9.4328%	9.3290%	9.0887%	8.7131%	8.7221%	8.7282%
Port Wentworth	3.9909%	3.9470%	3.8453%	3.6864%	3.6902%	3.6928%
Savannah	54.2173%	53.6205%	52.2398%	50.0803%	50.1324%	50.1671%
Thunderbolt	1.0042%	0.9443%	0.9035%	0.8662%	0.8671%	0.8677%
Tybee Island	1.4124%	1.3281%	1.2488%	1.1742%	1.1041%	1.0571%
Vernonburg	0.0572%	0.0537%	0.0505%	0.0475%	0.0472%	0.0472%
Totals	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

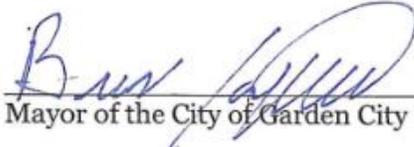
This certificate shall continue in effect until such time as a new certificate has been executed as provided in said Act.

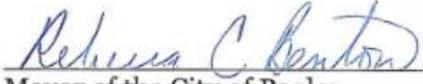
By executing this Certificate, the County and Cities of Savannah, Bloomingtondale, Vernonburg, Thunderbolt, Tybee Island, Port Wentworth, Pooler, and Garden City, acting through their respective officers, represent that all municipalities lying wholly or partly in the tax jurisdiction have been given an opportunity to show that they are 'qualified municipalities,' as that term is used in the Act, and that all municipalities listed herein as recipients are 'qualified' and so may receive distribution from the proceeds of the tax.

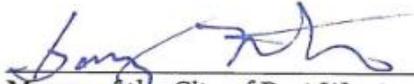
In consideration of this agreement, Chatham County agrees to accept and be responsible for all costs for the incarceration and housing at the Chatham County Detention Center of those persons arrested by officers or officials of Savannah, Bloomingtondale, Vernonburg, Thunderbolt, Tybee Island, Port Wentworth, Pooler, and Garden City. Said Cities shall not be responsible for the payment of any per diem fees, booking or other fees for the life of this Certificate.

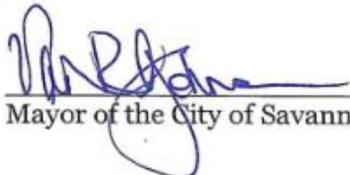
Executed on behalf of the governing authorities of the qualifying municipalities and the governing authority of this County, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.

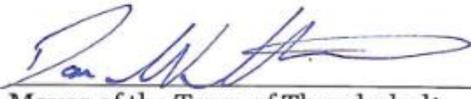
  
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Mayor of the City of Bloomingdale

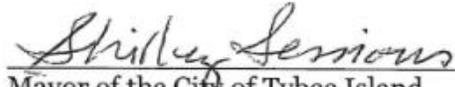
  
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Mayor of the City of Garden City

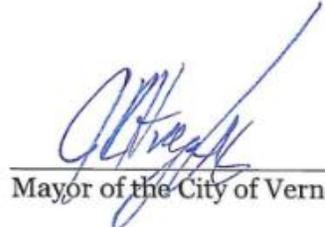
  
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Mayor of the City of Port Wentworth

  
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Mayor of the City of Savannah

  
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Mayor of the Town of Thunderbolt

  
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Mayor of the City of Tybee Island

  
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Mayor of the City of Vernonburg

  
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Chairman of the Board of Commissioners  
of Chatham County

# 2025 Tax Digest

## City of Savannah, Georgia

### NOTICE OF 2025 TAX RATE ADOPTION



The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah do hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting broadcast on SGTV, and held at the Eli Whitney Administrative Complex, 2 Laura Avenue, Building G, Savannah, Georgia, on **July 10, 2025 at 2:00PM**, and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. §48-5-32 do hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

#### CURRENT 2025 TAX DIGEST AND FIVE-YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Real Property	5,711,616,856	6,071,147,053	7,141,941,930	8,216,956,805	9,352,638,949	10,197,764,646
Personal Property	998,241,257	1,078,162,162	1,229,736,008	1,354,343,504	1,434,426,875	1,763,875,916
Motor Vehicles	35,074,430	26,575,730	23,399,360	23,148,430	22,543,330	20,827,210
Mobile Homes	1,771,618	1,706,498	1,994,418	2,298,418	2,142,370	2,198,290
Timber - 100%	434,200	502,934	302,382	0	0	212,081
Heavy Duty Equipment	142,677	103,250	100,988	111,113	230,804	76,850
Gross Digest	6,747,281,038	7,178,197,627	8,397,475,086	9,596,858,270	10,811,982,328	11,984,954,993
Less: Exemptions	604,465,993	632,266,794	1,028,771,283	1,297,384,847	1,602,752,417	1,964,074,682
<b>Net Digest</b>	<b>6,142,815,045</b>	<b>6,545,930,833</b>	<b>7,368,703,803</b>	<b>8,299,473,423</b>	<b>9,209,229,911</b>	<b>10,020,880,311</b>
FLPA Reimbursement Value	608,000	608,000	883,760	883,760	883,760	999,040
Adjusted Net Digest	6,143,423,045	6,546,538,833	7,369,587,563	8,300,357,183	9,210,113,671	10,021,879,351
Gross Millage Rate	20.363	19.679	19.740	20.184	19.424	18.376
Less: Sales Tax Rollback	-7.624	-6.940	-7.540	-7.984	-7.224	-6.627
<b>Net Millage Rate</b>	<b>12.739</b>	<b>12.739</b>	<b>12.200</b>	<b>12.200</b>	<b>12.200</b>	<b>11.749</b>
<b>Net Taxes Levied</b>	<b>78,261,066</b>	<b>83,396,358</b>	<b>89,908,968</b>	<b>101,264,358</b>	<b>112,363,387</b>	<b>117,747,060</b>
Net Taxes \$ Change	1,518,302	5,135,292	6,512,610	11,355,389	11,099,029	5,383,674
Net Taxes % Change	1.98%	6.56%	7.81%	12.63%	10.96%	4.79%

# Glossary of Key Terms

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**Accounting System** – total set of records and procedures which are used to record, classify, and report information on the financial status and operations of an entity or fund.

**Accrual Basis** – the method of accounting in which transactions are recorded at the time they are earned or incurred, as opposed to when cash is received or spent.

**Activity** – organizational classification composed of related work programs aimed at accomplishing a major service or regulatory program for which a government is responsible; activity expenditure functions relate to the primary purpose/service for which expenditures are made.

**Ad Valorem Taxes** – taxes levied on real and personal property according to valuation of the property and the tax rate.

**Allocation** – distribution of funds or an expenditure limit established for an organizational unit or function.

**Appropriation** – specific amount of money authorized by City Council to make expenditures and incur obligations for specific purposes.

**Assessed Valuation** – established value for real and personal property by the public tax assessor for the purpose of calculating property taxes.

**Authorized Position** – full-time equivalent employee that may be employed on the regular City payroll; this includes both filled and vacant positions; the total number of authorized positions for a given fiscal year is specified in the City's annual budget.

**Audit** – independent, expert examination of an organization's financial statements conducted by a professional accountant or auditing firm; the purpose of an audit is to determine whether the financial statements are fairly presented and prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

**Balanced Budget** – financial plan in which planned revenues are equal to planned expenditures for a given fiscal period.

**Base Budget** – includes the approved expenditures required to provide the necessary resources to continue current work programs in support of approved goals and objectives; service changes, new program, and capital improvements are not included in the base budget.

**Bond** – written promise to pay a specified sum of money, called the par value or principal, at a specified date or dates in the future, together with periodic interest at a specified rate.

**Budget** – annual financial plan that outlines the estimated expenditures required to provide services, along with the sources of financing to fund those expenditures.

**Capital Budget** – appropriation of revenues for improvement, acquisition, or construction of long-term capital assets such as City facilities, buildings, streets, water and sewer systems, or parks.

**Capital Expenditure** – addition to the value of a fixed physical asset, either constructed or acquired, that has a useful life of more than one year and costs \$5,000 or more.

**Capital Improvement Program Projects (CIP Projects)** – construction, renovation, acquisition, or physical improvement projects costing more than \$5,000 are termed capital expenditures or CIP Projects.

**Capital Outlay** – tangible items such as tools, desks, machinery, and vehicles costing more than \$5,000 each and having a useful life of more than one year.

**Classified Service** – category of employment where positions and the employees holding them are subject to Civil Service laws and regulations.

**Commodities** – items of expenditure in the operating budget which, after use, are consumed or show a material change in their physical condition and which are generally of limited value and/or are characterized by rapid depreciation. Examples include office supplies, postage, and small fixed assets.

**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** – federal domestic assistance grant to support the development of viable and resilient urban communities by providing decent housing, homeowner assistance, suitable living environments, expanded economic opportunities, and public services primarily for persons with low to moderate incomes.

**Contingency** – funds set aside in the budget to cover minor, unexpected expenses that may arise during the budget year.

**Deficit** – financial shortage that occurs when liabilities exceed assets.

**Debt Service** – payments made to lenders or creditors that include both principal repayment and interest on outstanding debt.

**Department** – single activity or a group of related activities organized to help carry out the overall mission of service centers.

**Depreciation** – allowable reduction in the value of an asset made for wear and tear, usage, or obsolescence over its estimated useful life.

**Employee Benefits** – contributions made by an organization to designated funds to fulfill commitments for goods and services that promote employee well-being, such as the City's share of costs for social security, pension, medical, and life insurance plans.

**Encumbrance** – commitment or reservation of funds for goods or services that have been ordered but not yet received or delivered.

**Enterprise Fund** – self-supporting fund designed to account for activities supported by user charges. Examples in the City of Savannah include Water & Sewer, I&D Water, Parking Services, Civic Center, Sanitation, and Stormwater Funds.

**Expenditure** – payment of cash or incurrence of a liability for the acquisition of goods and services.

**Factor** – important element or contributor that influences or affects an outcome.

**Fiduciary Fund** – funds used to account for assets that the City holds in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other government units, or other funds.

**Fiscal Year** – accounting period during which an organization plans its budget and records financial transactions. The City of Savannah's fiscal year aligns with the calendar year (January 1 to December 31).

**Franchise Fee** – fee charged to utilities and parking services for the right to use City-owned rights-of-way.

**Full-time Equivalent (FTE)** – unit of measure that represents the total number of full-time hours worked by both full-time and part-time employees. A full-time position is counted as 1.0 FTE, while a half-time position is counted as 0.5 FTE.

**Fund** – set of interrelated accounts to record revenues and expenditures for the purpose of carrying out specific activities or objectives.

**Fund Balance** – the difference between a fund's assets and liabilities, representing the net resources available, categorized as assigned or unassigned.

**General Fund** – the fund that accounts for all revenues and expenditures which are not accounted for in specific purpose funds; the General Fund finances the regular day-to-day operations of the City.

**General Fund Contribution** – subsidy provided to support other funds that do not generate enough revenue on their own to cover their expenses; several funds, such as Hazardous Material Services, Sanitation, and Civic Center Funds, generally require this contribution.

**General Obligation Bonds** – long-term borrowing that finances a variety of public projects such as streets, buildings, and improvements which are backed by the "full faith and credit" of the issuing government; repayment of general obligation bonds is usually through property tax revenue.

**Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)** – set of standard rules and procedures for financial accounting and reporting, established by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) to ensure consistency and transparency in financial statements.

**Goal** – measurable statement describing desired conditions or outcomes to be maintained or achieved.

**Governmental Funds** – funds used to finance the acquisition, use, and management of the City's expendable financial resources; the City utilizes several types of governmental funds, including the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Capital Improvements Fund, and Debt Service Fund

**Grade** – level or step within the City's pay plan that assigns salary ranges to different job classifications.

**Grant** – award of funding provided by a governmental unit or other organization to support a specific function, project, or program.

**HOME Program** – HOME Investment Partnership program is the largest federal block grant to state and local governments designed exclusively to create affordable housing for low-income households; HOME grants require a non-federal matching contribution that adds to the resources available for HOME-assisted or HOME-eligible projects and must come in the form of a permanent contribution to affordable housing.

**I&D** – refers to the City's Industrial & Domestic Water Supply operations.

**Indicator** – measure or combination of measures that enables observers to gauge whether performance is in line with, ahead of, or behind a specific level for a specific service or an activity.

**Infrastructure** – physical assets or facilities like streets, buildings, water systems, and other foundational structures that support a community or organization.

**Interfund Transfers** – amounts transferred from one fund to another, primarily for work or services provided.

**Internal Services Fund** – fund used to account for the financing of goods or services provided by one department of a government to other departments or agencies on a cost-reimbursement basis.

**Local Option Sales Tax (LOST)** – additional jurisdictional sales tax allowable by state legislation.

**Major Code** – primary level of accounting classification for revenues and expenditures; major codes represent broad categories defining the main objective of a group of individual accounts, such as “tax revenue” or “commodities”.

**Mandate** – legal requirement that a jurisdiction provides a specific service at a specific level.

**Millage Rate** – tax rate applied to the assessed value of real property; one mill represents \$1 of tax per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

**Minor Code** – the secondary level of accounting for revenues and expenditures; minor codes clearly define specific transactions, such as “current property tax revenue” or “construction supply”.

**Modified Accrual Accounting** – accounting method used by government entities to measure current financial resources in governmental funds; revenues are recognized when they are measurable and available to finance expenditures (usually within 60 days), while expenditures are recognized when incurred.

**NEOGOV** – current vendor for the City of Savannah's Human Resources software that automates the hiring process. This includes position requisition approval, automatic screening of minimum qualifications, test statistics and analysis, and Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) reporting.

**Objective** – strategic decision to be attained or a purpose to be achieved within a defined timeframe.

**Operations Budget** – the portion of the financial plan that pertains to daily operations that provide essential governmental services; the operating budget contains appropriations for such expenditures as salaries, supplies, utilities, materials, travel, and fuel.

**Ordinance** – formal legislative enactment by City Council which has the full force and effect of law within the boundaries of the City.

**Organization Chart** – diagram representing the authority, responsibility, and relationship among business structures within the organization.

**Other Expenses** – items of expenditure primarily for payments and contributions to other City funds, public agencies, and private/nonprofit agencies, which sell services to or receive a contribution from the City.

**Outside Services** – items of expenditure for services the City receives primarily from an outside company such as utilities, rent, travel, and advertising.

**Owning Fund** – total amount consisting of the original investment funds plus any interest earned that has been reinvested.

**Permanent Position** – any position which requires continuous service by an incumbent for an indefinite period without interruption.

**Performance Measures** – specific, quantitative indicators that track the work done or results achieved within an activity or program.

**Personnel Services** – operating budget expenditures for salaries and wages paid to City employees, including associated employee benefit costs.

**Program** – an organized group of related work activities within a department or service center focused on achieving a common goal, representing a specific use of City resources; each City department is usually responsible for several related service programs.

**Projected** – an estimation of revenues and expenditures based on past trends, current economic conditions, and future financial forecasts.

**Property Tax** – tax levied on the assessed value of real and personal property; generally, assessed value is 40 percent of market value.

**Proprietary Funds** – Funds used to account for the City's business-like activities, including all related assets, liabilities, equity, revenues, expenses, and transfers. The City uses two types of Proprietary Funds: Enterprise Funds and Internal Services Funds.

**Retired Debt** – full repayment of the principal and interest on long-term general debt.

**Revenue** – money or income received by the City from external sources, such as taxes collected, or an amount received for performing a service.

**Revenue Bonds** – bonds usually sold for constructing a project that will produce revenue for the government; bond revenue is pledged to pay the principal and interest due on the bond.

**Risk Management** – the coordinated and continuous effort to minimize potential financial and human resource losses arising from workers' compensation, liability, and property exposures.

**Self-Insurance** – the formal practice of assuming, fully or partially, the financial risks associated with losses, with specific accounts or funds set aside to cover those risks.

**Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST)** – a one percent sales tax approved by voters, dedicated exclusively to funding specified capital projects.

**Special Revenue Funds** – account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources, excluding special assessments, expendable trusts, or major capital projects; these funds are legally restricted to expenditures for designated purposes.

**Unclassified Service** – a categorization of employment in which the positions and employees who serve in them are not subject to Civil Service laws.

**User Charges** – fees paid directly by individuals or entities for receiving specific public services, such as water, sewer, and residential refuse services.

**Vision Statement** – a concise and inspiring description of an organization's long-term desired future and purpose.

# List of Acronyms and Initialisms

Acronym/ Initialism	Definition
<b>ACE</b>	Arts & Cultural Enrichment
<b>ACFR</b>	Annual Comprehensive Financial Report
<b>ACM</b>	Assistant City Manager
<b>ACTS</b>	Adolescents & Children Transforming Savannah
<b>ADA</b>	Americans with Disabilities Act
<b>AI</b>	Artificial Intelligence
<b>AMI</b>	Advanced Metering Infrastructure
<b>AMR</b>	Automatic Meter Reading
<b>ARPA</b>	American Rescue Plan Act
<b>ARV</b>	After Repair Value
<b>ASE</b>	Arts Southeast, Inc.
<b>ASD</b>	Autism Spectrum Disorder
<b>AWWA</b>	American Water Works Association
<b>BDA</b>	Bi-Directional Amplifier
<b>BHU</b>	Behavioral Health Unit
<b>BPTS</b>	Bacon Park Transfer Station
<b>CAC</b>	Cultural Affairs Commission
<b>CAD</b>	Computer-aided Dispatch
<b>CALEA</b>	Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act
<b>CALEA</b>	Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.
<b>CARES</b>	Coronavirus Aid, Relief, & Economic Security
<b>CASA</b>	Court Appointed Special Advocates
<b>CBRNE</b>	Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, & Explosive
<b>CBO</b>	Congressional Budget Office
<b>CCF</b>	Centum Cubic Feet equates to 100 cubic feet or 748 gallons of water
<b>CCS</b>	Chief of Community Services
<b>CDBG</b>	Community Development Block Grant
<b>CEMA</b>	Chatham Emergency Management Agency
<b>CGO</b>	Chief of Government Operations
<b>CHSA</b>	Community Housing Services Agency
<b>CID</b>	Criminal Investigation Division
<b>CIP</b>	Capital Improvement Program
<b>CIPA</b>	Chief of Information & Public Affairs
<b>CIPP</b>	Cure-in-place Piping
<b>CJIS</b>	Criminal Justice Information System
<b>CNT</b>	Counter Narcotic Team
<b>CNU</b>	Congress for the New Urbanism
<b>COC</b>	Continuum of Care
<b>COLA</b>	Cost-of-Living Adjustment
<b>COO</b>	Chief Operating Officer
<b>COPS</b>	Community Oriented Policing Services
<b>COS</b>	City of Savannah
<b>CPED</b>	Chief of Planning & Economic Development
<b>CPP</b>	Community Partnerships Program

<b>Acronym/ Initialism</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>CPS</b>	Cleo the Project Space
<b>CPSI</b>	Certified Playground Safety Inspector
<b>CRA</b>	Community Risk Assessment
<b>CRS</b>	Community Rating System
<b>CWR</b>	Chief of Water Resources
<b>CY</b>	Cubic Yard
<b>DBE</b>	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise
<b>DCA</b>	Department of Community Affairs
<b>DFCS</b>	Division of Family and Children Services
<b>DFRL</b>	Dean Forest Road Landfill
<b>DPI</b>	Disposable Personal Income
<b>DSA</b>	Downtown Savannah Authority
<b>EEO</b>	Equal Employment Opportunity
<b>EEOC</b>	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
<b>EGV</b>	End Gun Violence
<b>EMD</b>	Emergency Medical Dispatch
<b>EPA/EPD</b>	Environmental Protection Agency/Division
<b>ESPLOST</b>	Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax
<b>EV</b>	Electric Vehicle
<b>FASB</b>	Financial Accounting Standards Board
<b>FCPC</b>	First City Pride Center
<b>FEMA</b>	Federal Emergency Management Agency
<b>FOG</b>	Fats, Oils, and Greases
<b>FTE</b>	Full Time Equivalent
<b>FY</b>	Fiscal Year
<b>GAAP</b>	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
<b>GAAS</b>	Generally Accepted Auditing Standards
<b>GASB</b>	Governmental Accounting Standards Board
<b>GCCMA</b>	Georgia City/County Management Association
<b>GCIC</b>	Georgia Crime Information Center
<b>GDOT</b>	Georgia Department of Transportation
<b>GDP</b>	Gross Domestic Product
<b>GEFA</b>	Georgia Environmental Finance Authority
<b>GEM</b>	Get Excited & Move
<b>GEMA</b>	Georgia Emergency Management Agency
<b>GF</b>	General Fund
<b>GFOA</b>	Government Finance Officers Association
<b>GIS</b>	Geographic Information System
<b>GOHS</b>	Governor's Office of Highway Safety
<b>GPD</b>	Gallons Per Day
<b>GPS</b>	Global Positioning System
<b>GPTTO</b>	Gang Prevention Through Targeted Outreach
<b>GW</b>	General Wage Increase
<b>HBCU</b>	Historically Black Colleges and Universities
<b>HEAT</b>	Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic
<b>HOME</b>	Home Investment Partnership Program
<b>HSF</b>	Historic Savannah Foundation

<b>Acronym/ Initialism</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>HSI</b>	Housing Savannah, Inc.
<b>HUD</b>	U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development
<b>HVAC</b>	Heating, Ventilation, & Air Conditioning
<b>I&amp;D</b>	Industrial & Domestic
<b>ICE</b>	Immigration & Customs Enforcement
<b>ICMA</b>	International City/County Management Association
<b>I&amp;D</b>	Industrial & Domestic Water Plant
<b>IGA</b>	Intergovernmental Agreement
<b>IMT</b>	Incident Management Team
<b>IPA</b>	Information & Public Affairs
<b>IRPB</b>	International Research and Programs Branch
<b>ISO</b>	Insurance Services Offices
<b>ITRG</b>	Info-Tech Research Group
<b>ITS</b>	Innovation and Technology Services
<b>KPI</b>	Key Performance Indicators
<b>kWh</b>	Kilowatt-Hour
<b>LBA</b>	Land Bank Administration; Land Bank Authority
<b>LEAA</b>	Law Enforcement Assistance Administration
<b>LEPC</b>	Local Emergency Planning Committee
<b>L&amp;M</b>	License and Maintenance
<b>LMIG</b>	Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant
<b>LOST</b>	Local Option Sales Tax
<b>MDT</b>	Mobile Data Terminal
<b>MGD</b>	Million Gallons per Day
<b>MLK</b>	Martin Luther King, Junior Boulevard
<b>MOA</b>	Memorandum of Agreement
<b>MOU</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>MPC</b>	Metropolitan Planning Commission
<b>MSA</b>	Metropolitan Statistical Area
<b>MTEP</b>	Multi-year Training Exercise Plan
<b>MVR</b>	Motor Vehicle Report
<b>NAPA</b>	National Automotive Parts Association
<b>NCIC</b>	National Crime Information Center
<b>NFIP</b>	National Flood Insurance Program
<b>NFPA</b>	National Fire Protection Association
<b>NIBIN</b>	National Integrated Ballistic Information Network
<b>NIMS</b>	National Incident Management System
<b>NOGS</b>	North of Gwinnett Street
<b>NPDES</b>	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
<b>O.C.G.A</b>	Official Code of Georgia Annotated
<b>OJJDP</b>	Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
<b>OMB</b>	Office of Management & Budget
<b>ONSE</b>	Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement
<b>OPEB</b>	Other Post-employment Benefits
<b>ORR</b>	Open Records Request
<b>PAL</b>	Police Athletic League
<b>PED</b>	Planning & Economic Development
<b>PLC</b>	Program Logic Controller

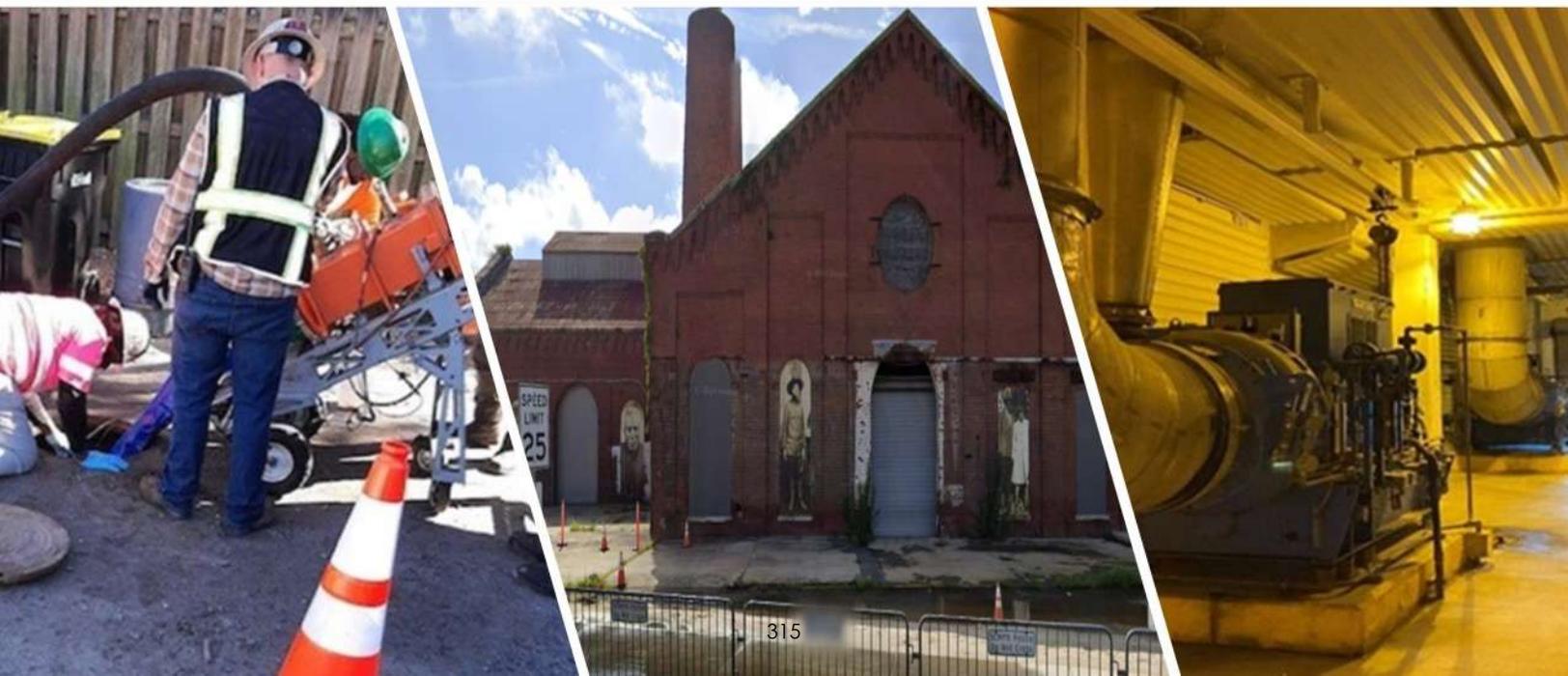
<b>Acronym/ Initialism</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>POR</b>	Per Occupied Room
<b>PSAP</b>	Public Safety Answering Point
<b>QAQC</b>	Quality Assurance Quality Control
<b>QI</b>	Quantum Intelligence
<b>RLS</b>	Recreation & Leisure Services
<b>RMS</b>	Records Management System
<b>ROW</b>	Right-of-Way
<b>RRDA</b>	Resource Recovery Development Authority
<b>SAGIS</b>	Savannah Area Geographic Information System
<b>SAHF</b>	Savannah Affordable Housing Fund
<b>SARIC</b>	Savannah Area Regional Intelligence Center
<b>SBAC</b>	Small Business Assistance Corporation
<b>SBE</b>	Savannah Business Enterprise
<b>SBF</b>	Savannah Book Festival
<b>SBHF</b>	Savannah Black Heritage Festival
<b>SBT</b>	Savannah Ballet Theatre
<b>SCAC</b>	Savannah Cultural Arts Center
<b>SCAD</b>	Savannah College of Art and Design
<b>SCADA</b>	Supervisory Control & Data Acquisition
<b>SCBA</b>	Self-contained Breathing Apparatus
<b>SCCPSS</b>	Savannah-Chatham County Public School System
<b>SEDA</b>	Savannah Economic Development Authority
<b>SEFT</b>	Special Events, Film, & Tourism
<b>SEGARRN</b>	Southeast Georgia Regional Radio Network
<b>SER</b>	Service Enhancement Request
<b>SFD</b>	Savannah Fire Department
<b>SGTV</b>	Savannah Government Television
<b>SIP</b>	Savannah Impact Program
<b>SJA</b>	Savannah Jazz Association
<b>SMF</b>	Savannah Music Festival
<b>SPD</b>	Savannah Police Department
<b>SPLOST</b>	Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax
<b>SPO</b>	Savannah Philharmonic Orchestra
<b>SSM</b>	Sea Maritime Museum
<b>SSO</b>	Sanitary Sewer Backup/Overflow
<b>SWAP</b>	Source Water Assessment Program
<b>TAC</b>	Tourism Advisory Committee
<b>TAD</b>	Tax Allocation District
<b>TBD</b>	To Be Determined
<b>TCO</b>	Tourism Compliance Officer
<b>TMA</b>	Telfair Museum of Art
<b>TMDL</b>	Total Maximum Daily Limit
<b>TMSC</b>	Tybee Island Marine Science Center
<b>TPA</b>	Third Party Administrator
<b>TPD</b>	Tourism Product Development
<b>USDA</b>	United States Department of Agriculture
<b>UV</b>	Ultraviolet
<b>UVT</b>	Ultraviolet Transmission

<b>Acronym/ Initialism</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>VFD</b>	Variable Frequency Drive
<b>VOS</b>	Virtual One-stop
<b>VRG</b>	Violence Reduction Grant
<b>W&amp;S</b>	Water & Sewer Fund
<b>WAD</b>	Weave-A-Dream
<b>W.A.G.E</b>	Working Artists for the Greater Economy
<b>WIA</b>	Workforce Investment Act
<b>WIOA</b>	Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act
<b>WSC</b>	WorkSource Coastal
<b>YMCA</b>	Young Men's Christian Association

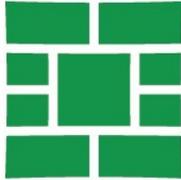


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# Capital Improvement Program



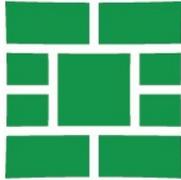
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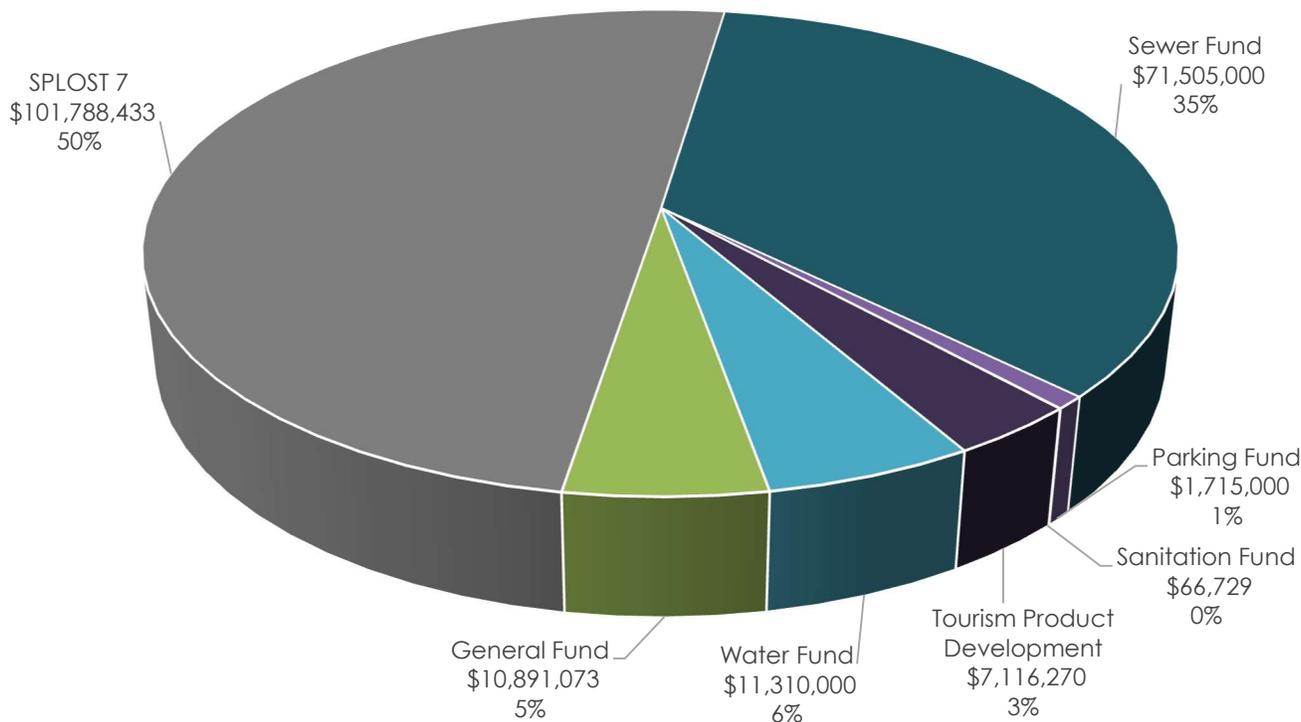


# Capital Improvement Planning

The City of Savannah regularly undertakes projects to improve public facilities and infrastructure assets for the benefit of its citizens. These projects, collectively referred to as the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), include initiatives such as the construction and renovation of public facilities, acquisition of assets, street repaving, replacement of water and wastewater lines, and the purchase of new fleet vehicles and other equipment. The capital improvement spending plan for the next five years is described within this section.

Capital Improvement Projects vary in scope. Some may require years of planning and construction while others may be completed in a shorter timeframe. The City's five-year CIP encompassing FY26 through FY30 totals approximately \$790.9 million. The first year of the five-year plan, which is formally adopted by the City Council, totals approximately \$204.4 million for FY26.

Below is the breakdown of the FY26 capital budget by revenue source<sup>1</sup>. The following pages discuss the Capital Budget preparation process, strategies, funding history details, and highlights of FY26 projects as well as the five-year plan overview.



**Total FY26 Capital Budget**  
**\$204,392,505**

<sup>1</sup> The General Fund total includes the 40 percent of the General Fund Cemetery Lot Sales revenue budgeted to support capital cemetery preservation and improvements, shown elsewhere as "Cemetery Fund" revenue.

# Capital Budget Preparation & Strategies

## Preparation

The Capital Budget is a multi-year spending authorization. As a result, there is a distinction between what the City plans to spend in the next fiscal year and the new appropriations required to be approved in the budget. The capital program is funded using a combination of General and Enterprise Fund revenues as well as proceeds from sources such as special purpose taxes, bond issuance, and grant awards. Development of the five-year capital plan is coordinated with the development of the annual operating budget. Projects included in the plan's first year are adopted as a part of the annual operating budget. The remaining years of the capital program serve as a planning guide which is reviewed and modified in subsequent years where applicable. Before the plan is updated, the current capital ledger is reviewed for progress and accomplishments to gain additional insights that are used in the City's ongoing planning process.

## 2026-2030 Capital Budget Process



The 2026-2030 capital plan was collaboratively developed by staff from all service centers. Key groups include:

- Office of Management & Budget (OMB) Staff – Chief Budget Officer, Capital Analyst
- Project Managers – Staff from all service centers who are responsible for project scope, budget, implementation, and timing
- Capital Review Team – All service center chiefs, project managers, OMB staff, as well as subject matter experts (SMEs) and department heads as selected by the service center chiefs
- Financial Review Team – City Manager, all service center chiefs, Chief Budget Officer, Chief Financial Officer

Prior to kickoff, OMB staff meet with the City Manager for direction regarding priorities and approval of the capital process and timeline. The first step of the annual process is to review the projects in the existing five-year plan and evaluate if the project timelines and funding schedules are still appropriate. Project Managers review and edit existing project workbooks as well as submit new capital request workbooks to propose additional projects during a three-week window, generally in June. Upon the close of the submission window, OMB staff reviews the submissions for completeness and creates a central listing for the Capital Review Team to review all submissions and prioritize as a group in mid-July. OMB staff combines the Capital Review Team recommendations with the City Manager's input and drafts a plan to fund as many of the highest

priority projects as projected revenues can support. OMB presents the draft plan during the Capital Budget Review Team (BRT) Meeting and makes edits as directed by the City Manager with the advisement of the service center chiefs. The Financial Review Team continues to provide updates and edits through September, and October kicks-off the Capital Budget Book development.

Requested projects are prioritized for funding based upon:

- Impact to public health & safety
- Objectives that enhance equity
- Strategic goals & deliverables
- Contractual obligations
- Project schedules & readiness
- Operating budget impact

Projects that address immediate health and/or safety concerns and projects required under contractual obligations are top priorities and must be funded. A high priority is also assigned to completing projects in progress prior to considering funding new initiatives. All projects are evaluated for alignment with strategic goals and deliverables, and operating budget impact must be considered to ensure the City is able to maintain the asset upon project completion. Finally, project managers and leadership use a variety of both quantitative and qualitative data sources to identify the greatest areas of need and prioritize projects to maximize investment effectiveness within the remaining available revenue. Data sources are a mix of internal and external. For example, a community center renovation may be identified as a need and prioritized in accordance with internal data points such as the material condition of the facility as identified by staff in the course of regular operations and/or planned inspections. It might also be identified by the public as a need via external means such as 311 tickets, visitor comment cards, and communications through Council. Nearly every project will be prioritized using more than one data source. There may be several facilities in the same or nearly the same material condition, yet insufficient revenue available to include them all in the plan. These projects would be further prioritized using data sources such as average usage and distance to similar services.

Efforts are ongoing to continually expand communications and improve transparency related to the capital budget.

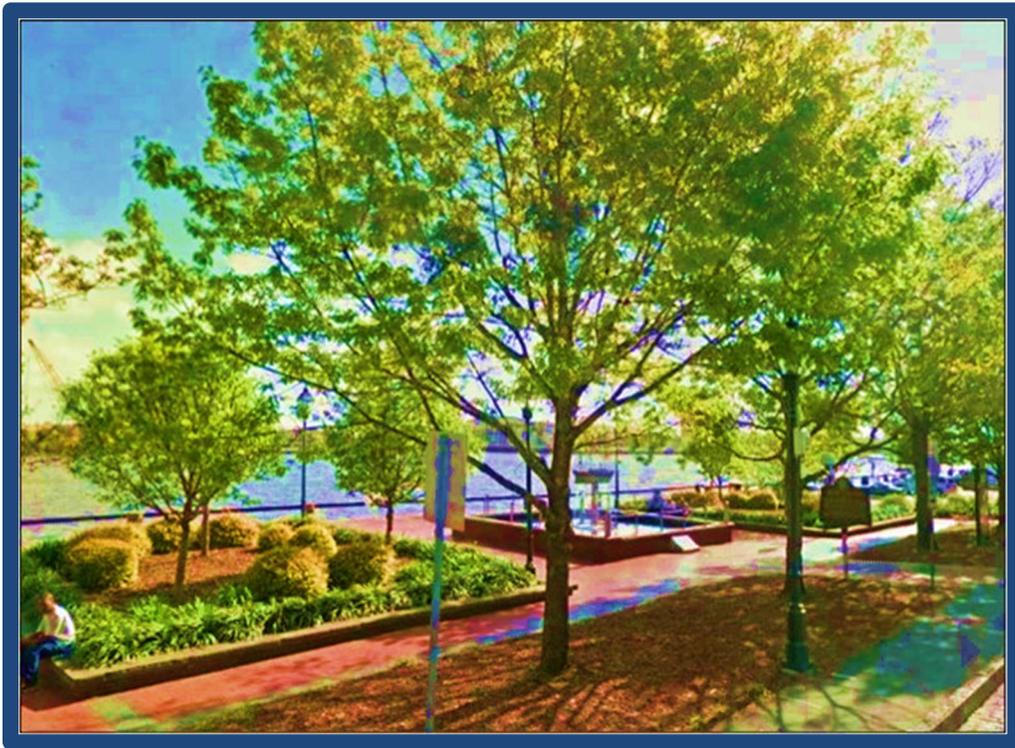
## Strategies

**Budget strategies for development of the 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program seek to:**

- Provide the necessary funding and infrastructure to meet agreement obligations, identify sustainable solutions to environmental challenges, and move collaborative projects into implementation
- Address long-standing deferred maintenance and space-planning needs across all municipal facility types including general administration, community and recreation centers, and public safety buildings
- Maintain infrastructure and capital assets, preserve and restore the City's historic assets, and expand neighborhood revitalization and economic development investment throughout all of Savannah
- Program the Tourism Project Development (TPD) funding source as defined by O.C.G.A. 48-13-51(b), prioritized according to the Council resolution passed May 25, 2023 (TPD Resolution) and project readiness
- Program final Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) 7 allocations to eligible high priority projects

**Future capital planning actions will include:**

- Evaluation of the five-year plan and project review process to ensure alignment with updates to the City's strategic vision and priorities
- Focus on equitable capital investment City-wide, engaging the public, and utilizing wide-ranging data sources for effective prioritization
- Development of improved communication and collaboration tools, both internal and external
- Annual review of available funding sources for critical capital needs



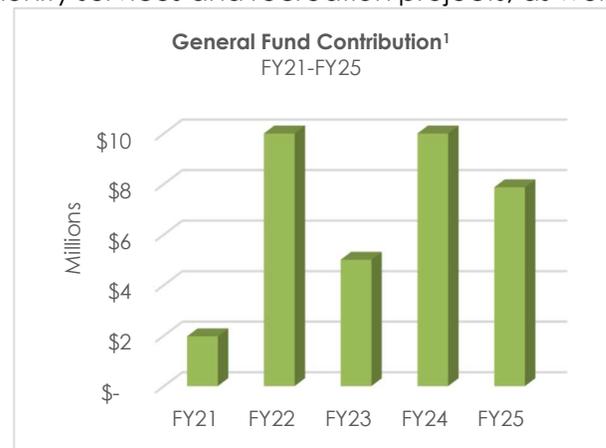
# Historical Capital Funding & Outlook

The capital budget focuses primarily on the new allocations proposed for the five-year period. However, in contrast to the operating budget, the capital ledger includes previously funded projects that are still in progress in addition to the new allocations. Over the last five years, the City has budgeted more than \$640 million in capital projects for the community. As of September 30, 2025 the active capital ledger had an available balance of more than \$360 million supporting ongoing project implementation, including approximately \$54.1 million for drainage improvements, \$46.4 million for public development and recreation, and \$38.8 million for traffic management, street, and sidewalk improvements. For active project information and updates, visit <https://www.savannahga.gov/3766/Get-Project-Updates>.

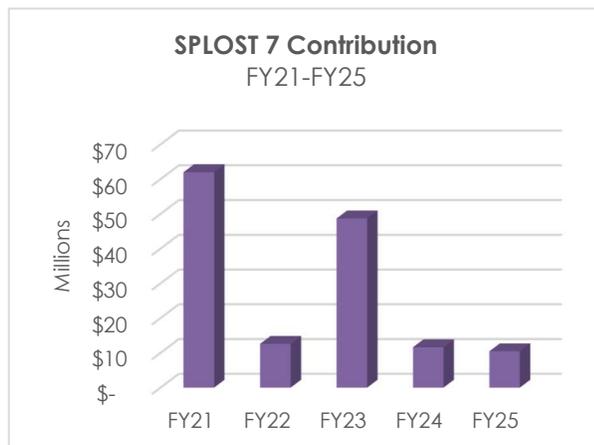
## Significant Funding Sources

### General Fund

The General Fund is an unrestricted revenue source and supports general government projects such as public safety facilities and equipment, community services and recreation projects, as well as drainage and stormwater infrastructure management. General Fund revenues available for capital investment are highly dependent upon annual operating budget decisions. Full consideration of operating budget impact is also particularly essential for General Fund planning, due to projects initially being funded by other sources such as SPLOST requiring General Fund support for the ongoing maintenance and operation of the assets. The graph to the right shows the adopted General Fund<sup>1</sup> contributions from 2021 through 2025.



### SPLOST 7



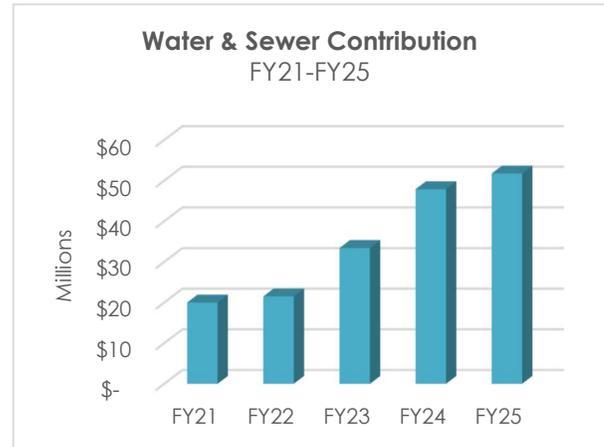
Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) is a restricted revenue source, required to be approved by voter referendum. SPLOST revenues support a wide variety of initiatives, but are particularly useful in providing funding for drainage and transportation improvements that do not have the support of an enterprise fund. From the beginning of collections in October of 2020 through the 2025 Adopted Budget, more than \$145 million SPLOST 7 has been allocated, including \$67 million for drainage improvements, \$37 million for street, sidewalk, and traffic management improvements, and more than \$16 million for public

development and recreation improvements. SPLOST 7 has been a significant funding source, comprising 13.4 to 68.4 percent of total annual adopted capital allocations.

<sup>1</sup> FY22 does not include the additional \$39 million American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) one-time capital contribution.

## Water & Sewer Funds

Water and sewer utility rates are projected five years into the future to anticipate growing needs for operation and maintenance of the water and sewer infrastructure while minimizing impact to user rates. The graph to the right shows budgeted historical capital investments from the Water & Sewer Fund. Ranging from \$20 million up to nearly \$52 million annually in the last five-year period, the Water & Sewer Funds consistently contribute a significant appropriation to the capital fund. Adopted Water & Sewer Fund allocations were 66.1 percent of the total FY25 Adopted Capital Plan.



## Outlook

Faster than anticipated economic recovery as well as special revenue sources such as the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and SPLOST 7 have recently provided the City the opportunity to address longstanding priority capital needs. However, considering remaining deferred maintenance deficits, rising costs, and the uncertain national and international economic forecast, careful assessment of ongoing expenses is recommended to ensure the City can properly operate and maintain assets after the initial capital investment.

Some of the out-year projected General Fund allocations necessary to fund essential projects are more than double the standard starting point of a one-mill equivalent. A major driver of that increase is the end of the SPLOST 7 authorization in September of FY26. Approximately 29 to 37 percent of the annual FY27-FY30 General Fund planned allocations support street repaving, sidewalk rehabilitation, and traffic calming initiatives that are currently funded by SPLOST 7. SPLOST 7 is also defraying the cost of major new facility construction projects that are necessary to house the increasing City staff and necessary to expand services to the growing community. However, the FY27-FY30 projected General Fund capital costs include additional public safety new construction as well as substantial reinvestment required to bring existing facilities to standards. The increased capital allocation needs may require operational belt tightening and/or identification of new revenue sources.

Significant bond issuances are anticipated over the next five years, particularly to support Sewer and I&D Water infrastructure improvements. The estimated debt service and annual investment required for the proposed Water and Sewer Fund projects are included in the utility rate plans. Bond issuance for Tourism Product Development projects is projected to facilitate completing priority projects, with future collections supporting the debt service.

The proposed FY26-FY30 capital plan is robust and addresses many strategic priorities. However, not all priority projects have been funded due to revenue availability limitations and operational capacity for implementation. See the Appendix for a listing of unfunded projects that will be prioritized for consideration if additional revenues are identified throughout the course of the year.

# Capital Budget Overview

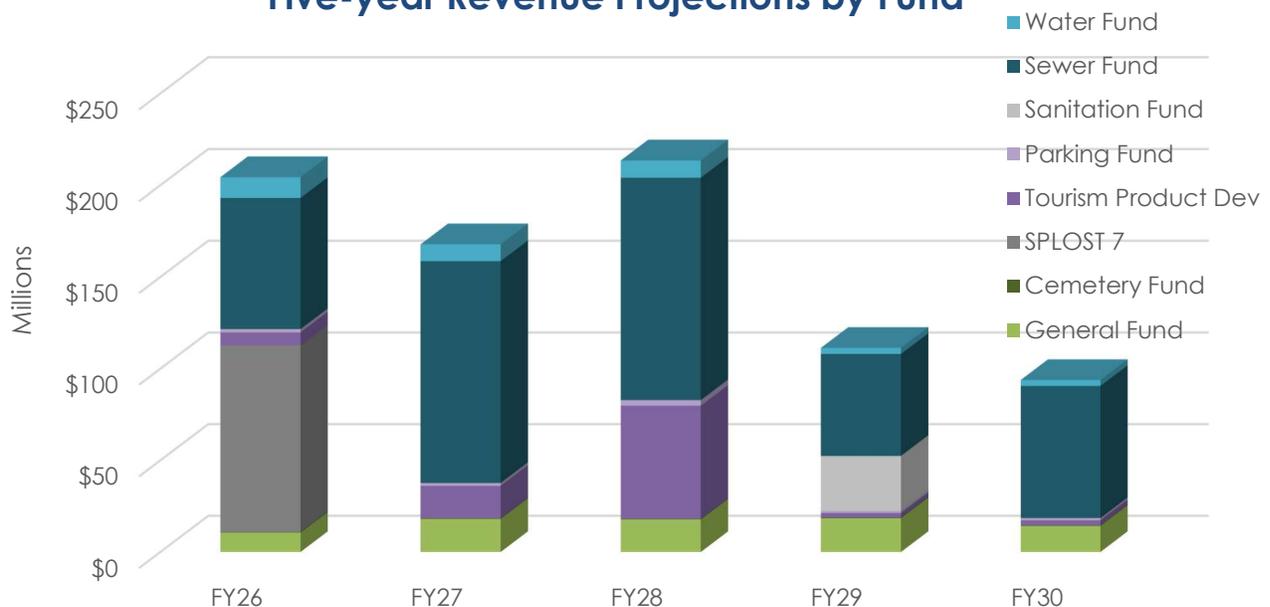
## 2026-2030 Capital Budget Overview

The five-year Capital Improvement Program revenue sources are projected to total \$790,873,470. The table below provides a breakdown of allocations by year and funding source. See the fund description pages for more details.

### Current funding highlights include:

- Total FY26-FY28 allocations are significantly higher than they have been, with annual amounts close to five-year totals of previous capital plans. This is primarily driven by SPLOST 7 Tier V, planned Tourism Product Development (TPD) bonds, and major investment in the City's water treatment infrastructure.
- FY26-FY30 General Fund annual allocations are projected up to 121 percent higher than the standard contribution assumption due to the end of SPLOST 7 collections and substantial new construction and deferred maintenance facility needs.

### Five-year Revenue Projections by Fund



Funding Source	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	5-year Total
General Fund	10,606,073	18,125,462	17,793,462	18,480,462	14,295,462	79,300,921
Cemetery Fund <sup>1</sup>	285,000	285,000	285,000	285,000	285,000	1,425,000
SPLOST 7	101,788,433	-	-	-	-	101,788,433
Tourism Product Dev <sup>2</sup>	7,116,270	17,699,153	61,715,128	2,528,276	2,761,560	91,820,387
Parking Fund	1,715,000	1,565,000	3,050,000	1,135,000	1,155,000	8,620,000
Sanitation Fund	66,729	-	-	30,000,000	-	30,066,729
Sewer Fund	71,505,000	121,005,000	121,280,000	55,661,000	72,061,000	441,512,000
Water Fund	11,310,000	9,120,000	9,370,000	3,270,000	3,270,000	36,340,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$204,392,505</b>	<b>\$167,799,615</b>	<b>\$213,493,590</b>	<b>\$111,359,738</b>	<b>\$93,828,022</b>	<b>\$790,873,470</b>

<sup>1</sup> 40 percent of General Fund cemetery lot sales revenue is budgeted to support capital cemetery preservation and improvements.

<sup>2</sup> TPD bond issuances are anticipated in FY27 and FY28 to facilitate project implementation. FY29 and FY30 allocations estimate remaining revenue available after covering new debt service.

# Funding by Improvement Category

Improvement Category	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	5-year Total
Cemetery	285,000	285,000	285,000	285,000	285,000	1,425,000
Civic Center	40,000,000	-	-	-	-	40,000,000
Community Development	9,116,270	17,699,153	62,665,128	2,528,276	431,307	92,440,134
Drainage	2,250,000	1,125,000	1,950,000	1,950,000	1,950,000	9,225,000
Public Building	64,696,073	15,726,362	13,279,362	15,696,362	15,121,362	124,519,521
Recreation	1,500,000	150,000	-	200,000	2,330,253	4,180,253
Squares & Monuments	350,000	9,100	9,100	9,100	9,100	386,400
Streets & Sidewalks	5,253,433	4,650,000	4,800,000	4,850,000	4,850,000	24,403,433
Traffic Management	930,000	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000	3,930,000
Sanitation	-	-	-	30,000,000	-	30,000,000
Sewer	68,505,000	118,005,000	117,780,000	51,661,000	64,061,000	420,012,000
Water	5,110,000	3,720,000	3,970,000	3,270,000	3,270,000	19,340,000
Other	6,396,729	5,680,000	8,005,000	160,000	770,000	21,011,729
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$204,392,505</b>	<b>\$167,799,615</b>	<b>\$213,493,590</b>	<b>\$111,359,738</b>	<b>\$93,828,022</b>	<b>\$790,873,470</b>

## FY26 Capital Plan Highlights

Funds are allocated to cover a variety of project categories as permitted by revenue source and availability. Project categories align closely with the type of infrastructure or improvement being acquired or constructed. A project category can include improvements that support a variety of strategic priorities.

- \$40 million is budgeted from SPLOST 7 Tier V collections in the **Civic Center** improvements category to support the renovation of the Johnny Mercer Theatre and partial restoration of the Oglethorpe square plan.
- **Community Development & Recreation** projects constitute \$10,616,270 of FY26 capital allocations to a variety of projects that support neighborhood interconnectivity and mobility, housing solutions, and projects that encourage economic development opportunity throughout the City.
- **Squares & Monuments, Park & Tree,** and **Cemetery** improvement projects total \$635 thousand in FY26 and support neighborhood revitalization and economic development by preserving, restoring, and improving the City's historic greenspaces, hardscapes, and fountains.
- New **Drainage** allocations in FY26 total \$2,250,000 and include \$1.4 million of neighborhood drainage improvements supported by the Stormwater Utility<sup>1</sup> as well as the continuation of ongoing rehabilitation of the City's storm sewers over the five-year period.
- The **Public Buildings** category accounts for \$64,696,073 of planned FY26 capital funding and represents unprecedented investment in both new construction and existing facility rehabilitation. Projects include all types of buildings such as general administration, parking garages, public safety, and community centers.

<sup>1</sup> See the General Fund description page for more details.

- **Traffic Management** and **Street & Sidewalk** improvements account for \$6,183,433 of planned FY26 capital allocations for mobility improvements throughout the City, almost solely funded by SPLOST 7. Investments include an early warning system for the President Street railroad crossing as well as ongoing sidewalk installation and repair, street resurfacing, and traffic calming projects.
- **Water** and **Sewer** improvements account for \$73,615,000 or 36 percent of FY26 planned capital investments and are consistently a significant component of the total Capital Budget. Many Water and Sewer Improvement projects prepare the City for compliance with anticipated federal and state regulation changes regarding groundwater use, as well as increased capacity demand as the service area expands.
- The **Other Projects** category accounts for \$6,396,729 of FY26 allocations and addresses a wide variety of strategic priorities. Year-one funding supports ongoing investment in the City's water metering system modernization and improvement, fuel site upgrades for Sanitation, and expansion of parking garage electric vehicle (EV) charging stations.

## FY26 Funding Source Details

The following pages provide an overview of the funding sources supporting capital improvement projects funded in FY26. Funding Source pages include a description of each of the various revenue sources that support the Capital Fund, five-year capital contribution projections for each fund, and a list of projects included in year-one allocations.



# General Fund

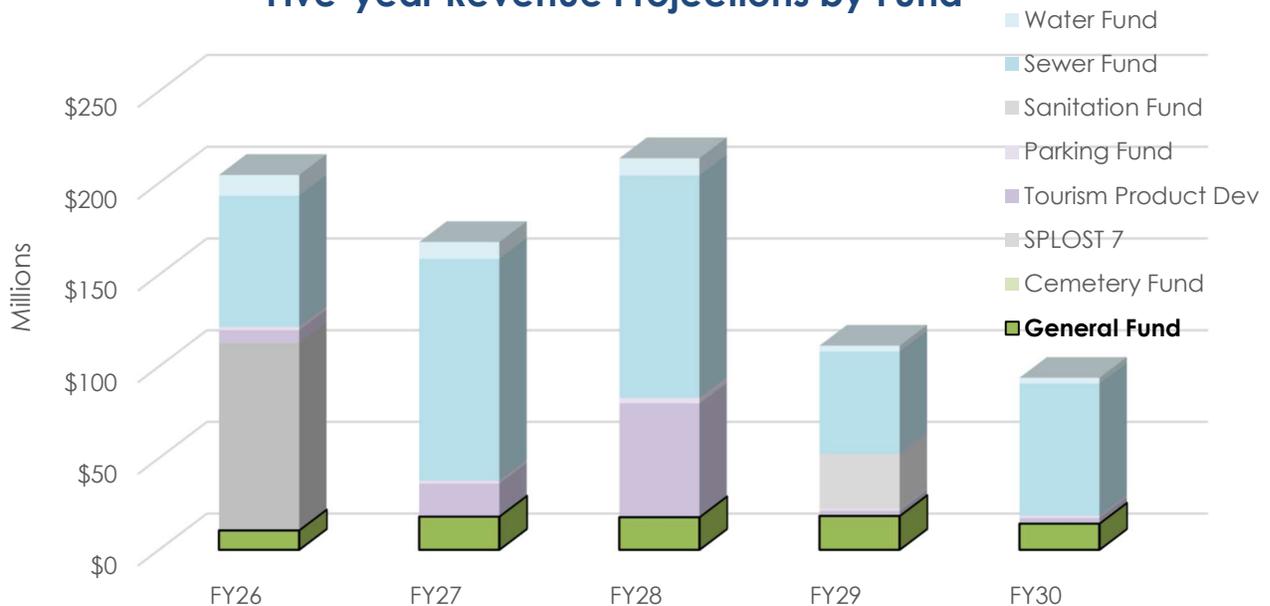
The General Fund is the overall operating fund for the City of Savannah. This fund accounts for revenue and expenditures for general government services. General funds can be applied to capital projects in all improvement categories. The General Fund is supported by taxes, fees, fines, permits, licenses, charges for services, and interest income. In 2026, the General Fund includes \$1.4 million of neighborhood drainage improvement projects that are supported by the proposed Stormwater Utility. If adopted, future capital plans will show the Stormwater Utility as a separate funding source with revenues projected across the five-year plan term.

As mentioned previously, investment in public buildings is necessary not only to support expanding staff and services, but also to ensure existing facilities are safe and efficient. Deferred maintenance and new construction needs are a major driver of the increase in the projected General Fund contributions to capital, and projects in this improvement category constitute 41.7 to 62 percent of annual General Fund allocations. Although out-year projects include new construction, FY26 Public Building projects in the General Fund all focus on existing buildings, and there's approximately a 60/40 split between Public Safety and General Administration facilities.

Year-one allocations also include \$1.5 million for recreation improvements, \$350 thousand to restore the Ellis Square Fountain, and \$180 thousand for an early warning system related to the President Street railroad crossing.

Funding Source	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	5-Year Total
General Fund	10,606,073	18,125,462	17,793,462	18,480,462	14,295,462	<b>\$ 79,300,921</b>

### Five-year Revenue Projections by Fund

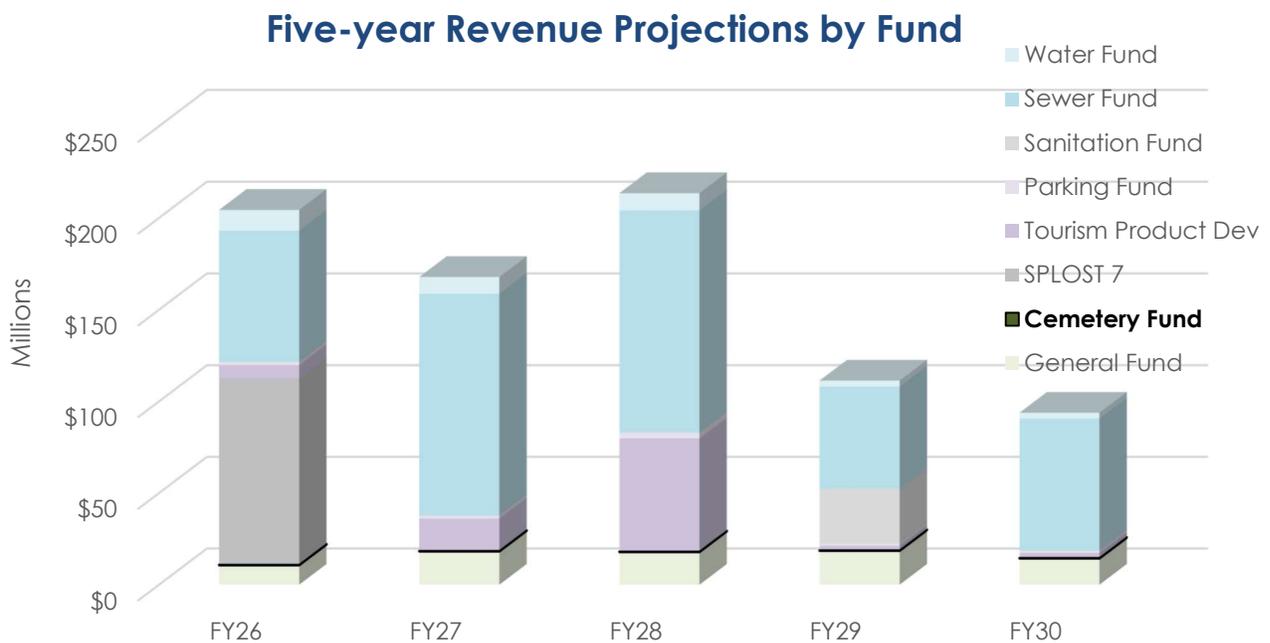


<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Project Category</b>	<b>2026 Proposed</b>
Cedar Grove Plantation Drive Canal Improvements	Drainage	\$200,000
Evergreen Drainage Improvements	Drainage	\$200,000
Forsyth Park Field Drainage Survey & Design	Drainage	\$150,000
Liberty Parkway & Staley Avenue Culvert Replacement	Drainage	\$350,000
Louisville & Lathrope Avenue Drainage Improvements	Drainage	\$250,000
Possum Canal Improvements	Drainage	\$250,000
Storm Sewer Rehabilitation	Drainage	\$850,000
Deferred Facility Maintenance Program	Public Building	\$1,916,073
Facility HVAC Rehabilitation & Replacement	Public Building	\$500,000
SFD Headquarters Rehabilitation	Public Building	\$3,000,000
SPD Administration Building Expansion & Improvement	Public Building	\$910,000
Community Center & Gym Improvements	Recreation	\$600,000
Daffin Park Accessibility Improvements	Recreation	\$500,000
Forsyth Park Courts Renovation	Recreation	\$400,000
Ellis Square Fountain Restoration	Squares & Monuments	\$350,000
President Street Railroad Early Warning System	Traffic Management	\$180,000

# Cemetery Fund

Access to Savannah's municipal cemeteries is considered a public service and treated as such within the General Fund rather than a business-type/enterprise activity that would require a fee structure to garner self-sustaining revenues. Although there is not an official fund, 40 percent of the General Fund's cemetery lot sale revenue is reserved for cemetery improvement projects and referred to as the Cemetery Fund. Investment in the City's historic cemeteries plays an important role in creating and preserving the signature atmosphere of Savannah.

Funding Source	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	5-Year Total
Cemetery Fund	285,000	285,000	285,000	285,000	285,000	\$ 1,425,000



Project Name	Project Category	2026 Proposed
Evergreen Cemetery Acquisition & Rehabilitation	Cemetery	\$208,000
Laurel Grove North Ravine Beautification	Cemetery	\$77,000

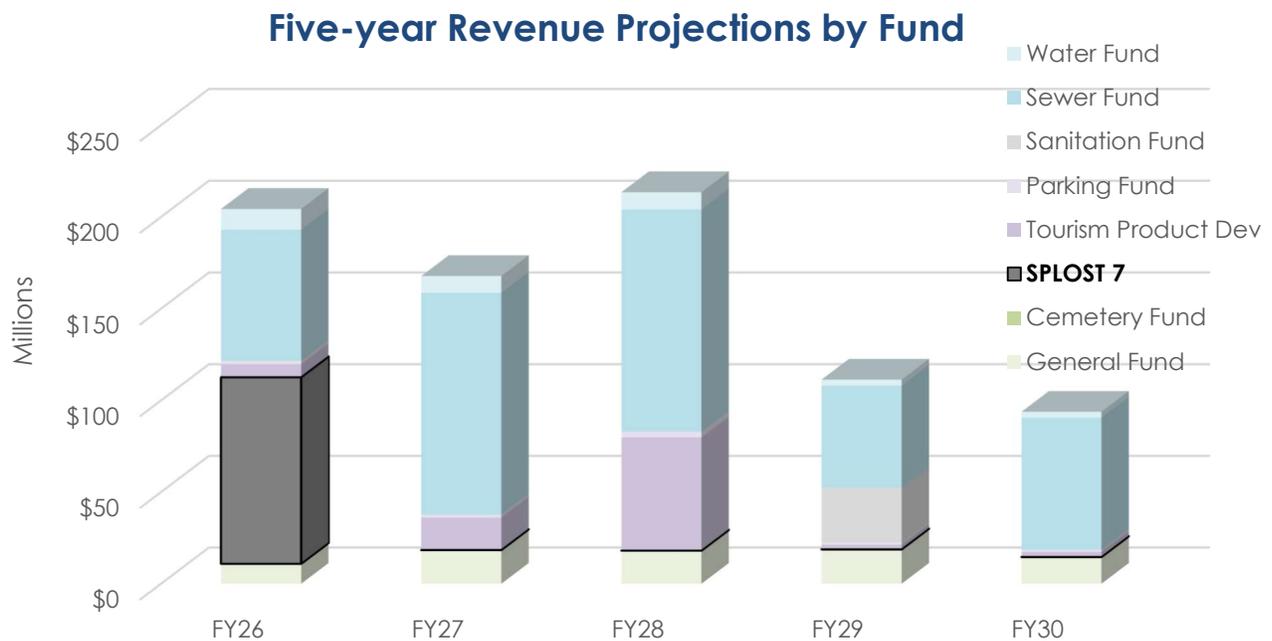
# SPLOST

Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) revenue collection must be approved by voter referendum, have a specific collection period, and can only be applied to approved projects or project categories. The SPLOST 7 collection period began in 2020 and continues through September 2026. The Appendix includes a table showing the six-year SPLOST 7 plan over the full collection period. If SPLOST 8 is approved by voters, collections will begin in October of 2026, and it will be included as a funding source in the capital plan starting with the FY27-FY31 book.

The July 26, 2019 SPLOST 7 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) specifies distribution of revenues between the county and municipalities for total collections up to \$440 million. The IGA further specifies that revenues above \$440 million be distributed on a pro-rata population basis as established by the 2020 Decennial Census. This final distribution category is known as "Tier V" of SPLOST 7. Some of the Tier V allocations have already been made, such as \$5 million for SPD Headquarters and \$1.5 million for SFD Training Facilities Improvement approved by Council as part of the FY25 first quarter capital budget adjustment. However, the majority of Tier V allocations are included in FY26 during the final year of collections.

In addition to approximately \$8 million supporting ongoing annual Blighted Property Acquisition & Redevelopment and street, sidewalk, and traffic management projects, the FY26 SPLOST 7 allocation includes approximately \$92 million of Tier V revenues supporting major projects such as the Civic Center renovation, Northwest Precinct Construction, and a new municipal building at the Floyd Adams Complex. Without this funding source, the General Fund would have incurred approximately \$7.4 million in annual debt service for twenty years to complete these projects, which is nearly equivalent to the current annual General Fund contribution to the Capital Fund. Tier V also funds design for a Highlands SPD Substation and \$1.5 million for Community Center Modernization.

Funding Source	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	5-Year Total
SPLOST 7	101,788,433	-	-	-	-	\$ 101,788,433



<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Project Category</b>	<b>2026 Proposed</b>
Civic Center Redevelopment	Civic Center	\$40,000,000
City-wide Blighted Property Acquisition & Redevelopment	Community Development	\$2,000,000
Community Center Modernization	Public Building	\$1,500,000
Highlands SPD Substation	Public Building	\$205,000
Municipal Building Construction	Public Building	\$36,600,000
Northwest Precinct Construction	Public Building	\$15,480,000
Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) Resurfacing	Streets & Sidewalks	\$600,000
Sidewalk Replacements & New Installations	Streets & Sidewalks	\$1,000,000
Street Paving & Pavement Rehabilitation	Streets & Sidewalks	\$3,653,433
Traffic Safety & Calming	Traffic Management	\$750,000

# Tourism Product Development

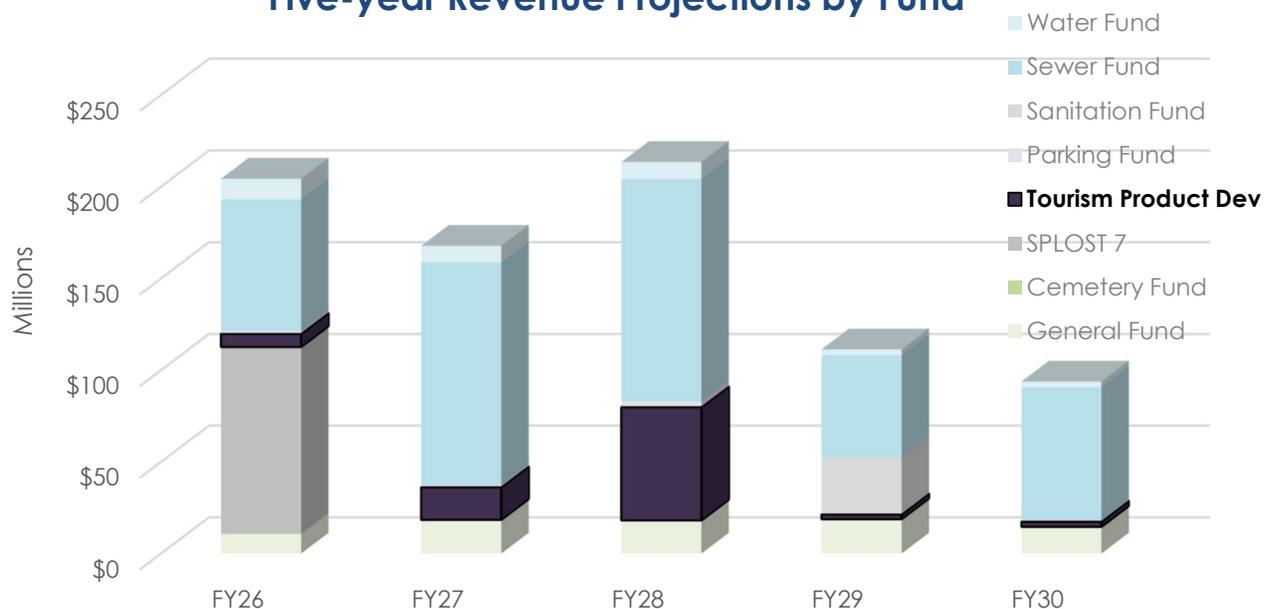
During the 2023 State Legislative Session, the Georgia General Assembly and Governor passed legislation enabling the City to adjust the hotel/motel tax from six percent to eight percent, subject to spending restrictions identified in O.C.G.A 48-13-51(b). City Council passed a resolution on February 25, 2021, establishing that 14.7 percent of the revenues collected at an eight percent tax rate would be dedicated to Tourism Product Development (TPD), and projects have been prioritized according to the TPD Resolution<sup>1</sup> passed May 25, 2023.

Collections at the new rate began in September of 2023. With only one full year of collections at the new rate, Tourism Product Development revenue projections are still preliminary and forecast at a 3.0 percent increase annually. The current five-year plan anticipates potential bond issue requests in the out-years to expedite project implementation. Bond issue requests will require presentation to and approval by Council, and the debt service would be supported by ongoing Tourism Product Development revenues, reducing the revenue available for pay-go allocations in FY28-FY30.

It is important to remember that only year-one of the capital plan is adopted by Council. FY27-FY30 are included for planning and forecasting purposes but are evaluated and edited as necessary for approval on an annual basis with particular consideration to available revenues and implementation readiness.

Funding Source	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	5-Year Total
Tourism Product Dev	7,116,270	7,329,758	6,715,128	2,528,276	2,761,560	\$ 26,450,992
TPD Bond	-	10,369,395	55,000,000	-	-	\$ 65,369,395
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,116,270</b>	<b>\$17,699,153</b>	<b>\$61,715,128</b>	<b>\$2,528,276</b>	<b>\$2,761,560</b>	<b>\$ 91,820,387</b>

## Five-year Revenue Projections by Fund



<sup>1</sup> See the Appendix for a copy of the TPD Resolution and additional information regarding project prioritization in accordance with the resolution and implementation readiness.

Project Name	Project Category	2026 Proposed
Savannah Waterfront Redevelopment <sup>1</sup>	Community Development	\$3,500,000
Waterworks Building Redevelopment <sup>2</sup>	Community Development	\$1,252,155
Westside Neighborhoods Connectivity <sup>2</sup>	Community Development	\$664,115
Springfield Terrace School Rehabilitation <sup>3</sup>	Community Development	\$1,700,000

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<sup>1</sup> Per the TPD Resolution, at least \$30 million TPD revenue will be dedicated to the redevelopment of River Street, Savannah's Waterfront.

<sup>2</sup> Per the TPD Resolution, at least \$37 million TPD revenue will be dedicated to the redevelopment of Historic Waterworks Building and connections between the Historic District, westside neighborhoods, and the Enmarket Arena.

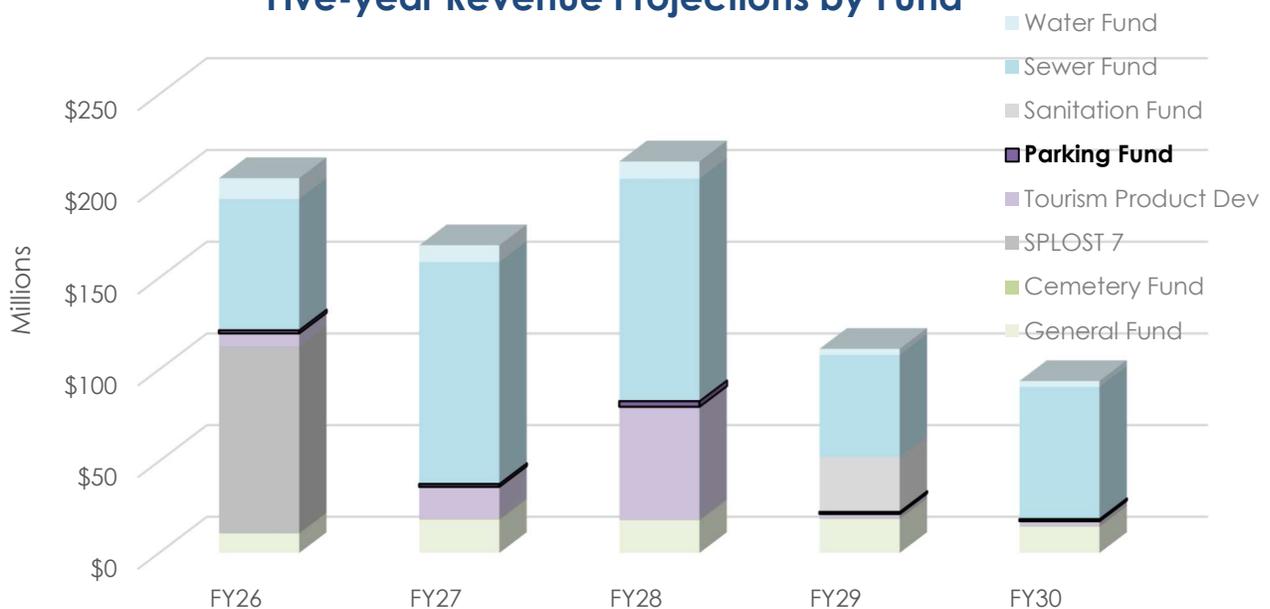
<sup>3</sup> This project is funded as the "Museum Development" element prioritized in the TPD Resolution.

# Parking Fund

Parking Fund capital projects often support garage capital maintenance, parking improvements, and are sometimes combined with other sources such as bond funding for large construction projects. In 2026, the main focus of Parking Fund revenue projects is continuing planned capital maintenance programming to ensure public safety and maximize the life of the City's asset investments.

Funding Source	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	5-Year Total
Parking Fund	1,715,000	1,565,000	3,050,000	1,135,000	1,155,000	\$ <b>8,620,000</b>

### Five-year Revenue Projections by Fund



Project Name	Project Category	2026 Proposed
Parking Garage Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations	Other	\$130,000
Bryan Street Garage Floor Repairs	Public Building	\$210,000
Robinson Garage Floor Repairs	Public Building	\$320,000
State Street Garage Floor Repairs	Public Building	\$320,000
Whitaker Garage Repairs	Public Building	\$150,000
Liberty Street Garage Floor Repairs	Public Building	\$585,000

# Utility Enterprise Funds

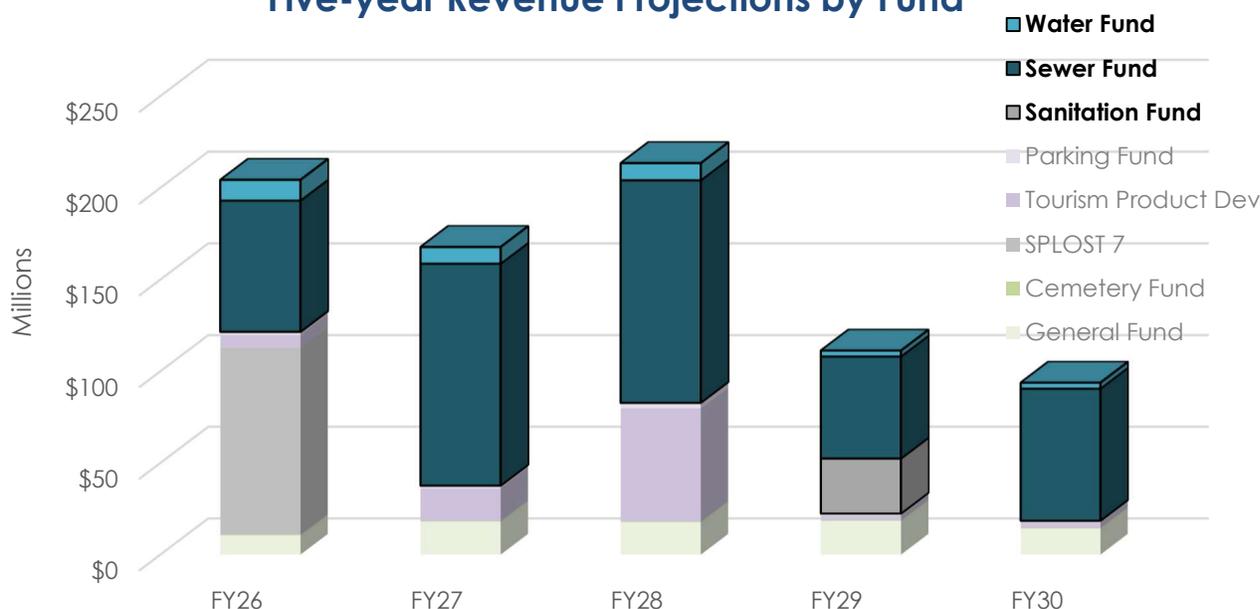
Utility Enterprise Funds include the Water, Sewer, and Sanitation Funds. Operating and capital needs are projected and planned to ensure stable customer rates and reliable service delivery. Utility Enterprise Fund capital planning includes both consideration of the City's current needs related to growth, development and sustainability, as well as planning for future expansion opportunities.

The current five-year plan funds large-scale construction, ongoing planned capital investment, and reserve expansion for potential regulatory changes, particularly regarding environmental compliance including groundwater extraction limits. In consideration of the impact that water and sanitary sewer services have on the fundamental health and safety of the public as well as the essential nature of these services to all residential, non-profit, and commercial operations, the five-year plan includes aggressive investment in the City's water treatment infrastructure.

Sanitation Fund capital investment is carefully budgeted to ensure funding availability for higher priority operational improvements and landfill expansion needs while limiting customer rate increases. The Sanitation Fund supports fuel site upgrades in FY26, and construction of Sanitation Headquarters is projected in FY29.

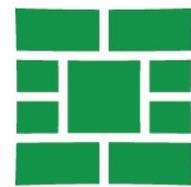
Funding Source	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	5-Year Total
Water Fund	11,310,000	9,120,000	9,370,000	3,270,000	3,270,000	\$ 36,340,000
Sewer Fund	71,505,000	121,005,000	121,280,000	55,661,000	72,061,000	\$ 441,512,000
Sanitation Fund	66,729	-	-	30,000,000	-	\$ 30,066,729
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$82,881,729</b>	<b>\$130,125,000</b>	<b>\$130,650,000</b>	<b>\$88,931,000</b>	<b>\$75,331,000</b>	<b>\$ 507,918,729</b>

## Five-year Revenue Projections by Fund



Project Name	Project Category	2026 Proposed
Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Technology Investment	Other	\$6,200,000
Sanitation Fuel Site Upgrades	Other	\$66,729
President Street Office Building Improvements	Public Building	\$3,000,000
Blower Replacement	Sewer	\$3,000,000
Chatham Pump Stations Engineering	Sewer	\$500,000
Conveyance System Monitoring	Sewer	\$200,000
Force Main Pigging	Sewer	\$130,000
Generator Rehab	Sewer	\$1,500,000
Georgetown Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) Upgrades	Sewer	\$42,000,000
Grit System Replacement	Sewer	\$3,500,000
Hopeton Offsite Sewer Infrastructure	Sewer	\$30,000
Lift Station 38/39 Force Main & Improvements	Sewer	\$600,000
Lift Station Rehabilitation	Sewer	\$3,500,000
Paulson Interceptor	Sewer	\$2,500,000
President Street Diffusers	Sewer	\$500,000
President Street WRF Primary Clarifiers Repairs	Sewer	\$1,000,000
Regional Plant Pond Dredging	Sewer	\$500,000
Conveyance Supervisory Control & Data Acquisition (SCADA) Improvements	Sewer	\$300,000
Sewer Line Rehabilitation	Sewer	\$3,845,000
Sluice Gate Replacement	Sewer	\$125,000
Treatment Plant Capital Improvements	Sewer	\$1,000,000
Treatment Plant Capital Maintenance	Sewer	\$1,000,000
Treatment Plant Expansion	Sewer	\$600,000
Treatment Plant Program Logic Controller Upgrade	Sewer	\$1,000,000
Vernon River Watershed Management	Sewer	\$175,000
Wilshire Bar Screen/Effluent Holding Tank	Sewer	\$600,000
Wilshire WRF Feasibility Study	Sewer	\$400,000
Agonic Road Rehabilitation	Water	\$1,300,000
Fire Hydrant Replacement Program	Water	\$10,000
I&D SCADA Improvements	Water	\$400,000
I&D Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) Upgrade	Water	\$50,000
Lead/Copper Rule	Water	\$400,000
Miscellaneous Water Line Replacements	Water	\$1,300,000
Valve Replacement Program	Water	\$750,000
Water Distribution SCADA Improvements	Water	\$300,000
Water Line Rehabilitation	Water	\$110,000
Well Preventive Maintenance	Water	\$150,000
West Gwinnett 42" Valve Restoration	Water	\$140,000
West River Street 12" Water Main	Water	\$200,000

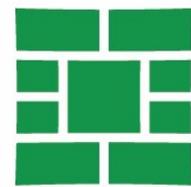
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# Unfunded Priority Projects

Many priority projects cannot be funded on an annual basis due to a variety of reasons, most commonly because sufficient revenues are not available. Other reasons that a project may be deferred include neighborhoods being unready for the disruption, insufficient workload capacity of City workers and/or contractors to implement, or other funding sources (such as grant or SPLOST) may be available to fulfill the need. Projects such as Civic Center Redevelopment, Light-up Savannah, and New SPD Southside Precinct will be at least partially funded by SPLOST 8 if approved by voters.

As funding becomes available throughout the course of the year, whether by revenues realized above budget or by expenses realized below budget, these priority projects may be considered for implementation.

Unfunded Priority Capital Needs	5-year Total
Civic Center Redevelopment <sup>1</sup>	\$86,600,000
New SPD Southside Precinct	\$16,725,000
New Bacon Park Community Center	\$11,000,000
New Middleground Community Center	\$11,000,000
Stiles Avenue Phase II	\$8,300,000
Cemetery Roadway Paving	\$7,015,000
Brick Drainage Pipeline Rehabilitation	\$6,000,000
Drainage Culvert Improvements	\$6,000,000
Highland Park Development	\$5,500,000
SFD Equipment Replacement	\$9,796,970
Guy Minnick Park Improvements	\$5,000,000
Forsyth Park Field Renovation	\$3,700,000
SFD Training Facility Phase II	\$3,000,000
Morris Field Renovation	\$3,000,000
Scarborough Complex Improvements	\$2,800,000
Whitaker Street Sidewalk Improvements	\$2,600,000
Playground Replacement	\$2,500,000
Abercorn Median Revitalization	\$2,050,000
Historic Monument/Fountain Restoration	\$1,750,000
SPD Traffic & Records Building Improvement	\$1,650,000
Windsor & Largo Traffic Circle	\$1,583,000
Light-up Savannah	\$1,500,000
Park Walking Trail Rehabilitations	\$1,400,000
Permitting Software	\$1,000,000
Swimming Pool Upgrades/Renovation/Acquisition	\$1,000,000
Hudson Hill Park Renovation	\$600,000
Park Walking Trail Development	\$600,000
Public Art Installations	\$500,000
Savannah Powder Magazine Park Plan & Design	\$500,000
Bacon Park Tennis Facility Lighting Improvements	\$400,000
Louisville/MLK Improvements	\$380,000
Pump Station Rehabilitation	\$375,000
Cemetery Comprehensive Plan	\$375,000
Park & Square Sidewalk Repair	\$325,000

<sup>1</sup> The total estimated cost of this project excluding a parking facility is \$127.8 million. To date, the General Fund has provided \$1.2 million for initial planning and design activities, and the FY26 Proposed Budget includes \$40 million SPLOST 7 Tier V, leaving a funding gap of \$86.6 million. \$40 million is expected to be funded by SPLOST 8 pending voter approval. The remaining funding plan is in development and may require debt issuance in FY27 or FY28.

<b>Unfunded Priority Capital Needs</b>	<b>5-year Total</b>
Fleet Parking Lot Resurfacing	\$228,121
Daffin Park Tennis Court Improvements	\$200,000
Emergency Personnel Tracking Software	\$200,000
Policy Governance Software	\$200,000
Mohawk Lake Park Pedestrian Bridge	\$100,000
Human Resources Recruitment Software	\$60,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 207,513,091</b>

# TPD Resolution

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE HOTEL/MOTEL EXCISE TAX UNDER O.C.G.A. 48-13-51(b); TO ALL NECESSARY ACTS TO ACCOMPLISH THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, Savannah City Council passed a resolution on February 25, 2021 requesting the Georgia General Assembly pass legislation enabling the City of Savannah to move into a new Hotel Motel Tax Authorization Clause O.C.G.A. 48-13-51(b);

WHEREAS, Savannah City Council's requesting resolution outlined the Tourism Product Development Projects for which Hotel Motel Tax would fund as the following: \$20 million redevelopment of Savannah's waterfront; \$10 million renovation of the Historic Water Works building; \$10 million expansion of the Tide to Town Urban Trail Network; \$17 million to create trails, sidewalks and other connections between the Historic District, westside neighborhoods and the new arena; \$3.5 million for museum development; \$2 million for a water access facility on Savannah's southside; \$2 million for wayfinding signage; and \$1 million for West Bay Street gateway enhancements; and

WHEREAS, during the 2023 State Legislative Session, the Georgia General Assembly and Governor passed legislation enabling the City of Savannah to adjust their hotel/motel tax from six percent to eight percent, subject to spending restrictions identified in O.C.G.A. 48-13-51(b); and

WHEREAS, the City of Savannah desires to adopt a Hotel Motel Tax rate of eight percent; and,

WHEREAS, all Hotel Motel Tax revenues and Tourism Product Development Projects must comply with the definitions and requirements of O.C.G.A. 48-13-51(b); and,

WHEREAS, Hotel Motel Tax revenues have grown since Savannah City Council's passage of the February 25, 2021 requesting resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah will prioritize Tourism Product Development Projects in the following manner:

1. Redevelopment of River Street, Savannah's Waterfront in the amount of \$30 million dollars;
2. Redevelopment of Historic Waterworks Building and connections between the Historic District, westside neighborhoods and the Enmarket Arena in the amount of \$37 million dollars;
3. Development and construction of the Tide to Town trail network in the amount of \$10 million dollars; and
4. Completion of the remaining tourism product development projects within the resolution in the amount of \$8.5 million dollars.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; In the event of excess Hotel Motel Tax collections, the City of Savannah would allocate the excess revenue to cover additional tourism product development costs in the prioritized fashion listed above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any and all resolutions, or any part thereof, in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. The new hotel/motel tax rate and allocations outlined in this resolution shall be effective on September 1, 2023.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, this the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2023.

  
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Van R. Johnson, II  
Mayor of Savannah

Attest:

  
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Mark Massey  
Clerk of Council



# Potential Resurfacing Locations

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The draft list of proposed resurfacing locations for each district is developed by combining citizen requests with internal subject matter expert (SME) recommendations based upon data sources such as road condition assessments and usage reports. It is important to note that this list is highly subject to change. Additional priority locations may be added, particularly to address immediate safety concerns, and sites requiring additional repairs or presenting conflicts with utility work and/or construction may be deferred to a later work plan.

## District 1

- Alfred Street, between Almond Court & Hopper Street
- Berrien Street, between Purse Street & Selma Street
- Fair Street, between King Street & Division Street
- Hopper Street, between Alfred Street & Darling Street
- King Street, between Fair Street & Hopper Street
- Magazine Avenue, limits to be determined based on development conflicts
- Savannah Harbor, between International & Resort Drive
- Telfair Street, Railroad Crossing (Tremont End) & W Gwinnett Street

## District 2

- Anderson Street, between MLK Boulevard & Reynolds Street
- Henry Street, between E Broad Street & MLK Boulevard
- Joe Street, between Paulsen Street & Bilbo Canal Street
- Joe Street, between Harmon Street & Paulson Street
- Jos Lane, between Paulsen Street & Bilbo Canal Street
- Maupus Avenue, between Bull Street & Drayton Street
- Paulsen Street, between Rockefeller Street & E Gwinnett Street
- Rockefeller Street, between Harmon Street & Dead end
- Rockefeller Street, between Pavement Joint at Church & Harmon Street
- Wolf Street, between Harmon Street & Bilbo Canal Street

## District 3

- Athena Drive, between DeRenne Avenue & Vicksburg Drive
- Compton Road, between Street Johns & Glenwood Road
- E 52nd Street, between Skidaway Road & Truman Parkway
- Glenwood Drive, between Skidaway Road & LaRoche Avenue
- Skidaway Road, between Victory Drive & Pavement Joint at 52<sup>nd</sup> Street
- Spartan Drive, between Saint Johns Avenue & LaRoche Avenue
- Saint Johns Avenue, between Skidaway Road & Sandra Street

#### **District 4**

- Atwood Street, between Montgomery Street & Wesley Street
- Beaumont Drive, between Skidaway Road & Howard Foss
- Cindy Avenue, between Montgomery Street & Kandlewood Drive
- Dolphine Drive, between LaFitte Drive & Dead end
- Jasmine Court, between Jasmine Street & Dead end
- LaFitte Drive, between Bona Bella Avenue & DeRenne Avenue
- McLaws Street, between Halsey Street & Andover Drive
- Travis Street, between White Bluff Road & Dead end
- Waters Avenue, between Montgomery Street & Mall Boulevard
- Wesley Street, between White Bluff Road & Cindy Avenue
- White Bluff Road, between Tibet Avenue & Pavement Joint at Truman Parkway

#### **District 5**

- Fairfax Drive, between Berkley Place & Monterey Avenue
- Monterey Avenue, between Fairfax Drive & Cumberland Drive
- Cumberland Drive, between Monterey Avenue & Berkley Place
- Heroes Way, between Pavement Joint at Mohawk Curve & Shawnee Street
- White Bluff Road, between Montgomery Cross Road & Tibet Avenue
- Middleground Road NW, between Curve & Abercorn Street
- Tremont Road, between Dead end & 516 Off-ramp

#### **District 6**

- Windsor Road, between Stillwood Drive & Largo Drive
- Fiddlers Court, between Vernon River & Dead end
- Bordeau Lane, between White Bluff & 700 feet
- Largo Drive, between Windsor Road & Hover Creek Road
- Balboa Boulevard, between Van Nuys Boulevard & Wilshire Boulevard
- White Bluff Road, between Davidson Avenue & Austin Drive
- Wilshire Drive, between Balboa Boulevard & Largo Drive
- Windsor Road, between Largo Drive & Sunny Brook

# Potential New Sidewalk Locations

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Like the draft list of street resurfacing locations, the draft list of proposed new sidewalk locations for each district is based on citizen requests as well as internal recommendations. In 2026, it is estimated that one to three locations per district will be constructed, with selection based on constructability and overall feasibility. As with the draft resurfacing list, the draft sidewalk list is highly subject to change. Sites requiring additional design work due to obstacles, right-of-way limitations, or natural obstructions will be deferred to a later phase, and additional priority locations may be added as needed for further consideration.

## District 1

- Cloverdale Drive, between Eleanor Street & Stiles Avenue
- Fell Street, between Stratford Street & Bay Street
- Hopkins Street, between 41<sup>st</sup> Street & Ogeechee Road
- McIntyre Street, between Richards Street & Stratford Street
- Richards Street, between West Street & McIntyre Street
- Sedona Drive (Highlands Falls), between Windslow Circle & RedWall Circle
- Stratford Street, between Lily Street & Augusta Avenue

## District 2

- East Broad Street (east side), between East 31<sup>st</sup> Street & East 34<sup>th</sup> Street
- East Broad Street (east side), between Hamilton Court & East 37<sup>th</sup> Street
- East Broad Street (west side), between Anderson Lane & East 31<sup>st</sup> Street
- East Broad Street (west side), between East 36<sup>th</sup> Lane & Hamilton Court
- East Henry Street (north side), from Ash Street to 300 feet west of Ash Street
- Joe Street, between Harmon Street & Burton Court
- Waldburg Street, between East Broad Street & Paulsen Street

## District 3

- 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, between Ash Street & Oakland Drive
- E Gwinnett Street, Long Drive & dead end
- Glynnwood Avenue, between LaRoche Avenue & Skidaway Road
- Goebel Avenue, between Kinzie Avenue & Skidaway Road
- Nevada Street, between Beech Street & Capital Street
- New Mexico Street, between Capital Street & Nevada Street
- Treat Street, between Mississippi Street & Gwinnett Street

**District 4**

- Battey Street, between Columbus Drive & 55<sup>th</sup> Lane (under design)
- 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, between Reynolds Street & Atlantic Avenue
- 65<sup>th</sup> Street, between Battey Street & Habersham Street
- Abercorn Street, between 55<sup>th</sup> & Street 67<sup>th</sup> Street
- Abercorn Street, between 67<sup>th</sup> Street & DeRenne Avenue
- Waters Avenue, between 52<sup>nd</sup> Street & 56<sup>th</sup> Street
- White Bluff Road, between Janet Drive & McLaws Street

**District 5**

- Abercorn Street, between Echols Avenue & Montgomery Cross Road
- Abercorn Street, between Montgomery Cross Road & Tibet Avenue
- Abercorn Street, between Television Circle & Tibet Avenue
- Abercorn Street, between White Bluff & Montgomery Cross Road
- Exchange Street, between Montgomery Street & Florance Street
- Fluke Street (west), between Staley Avenue & Sherman Avenue
- Staley Avenue (south side), between Mildred Street & Fluke Street

**District 6**

- Coffee Bluff Road, between Coffee Point Drive & Austin Drive (under design)
- Largo Drive, between Windsor Road & Tribble Park Driveway
- Mohawk Street, between Middleground Road & Apache Avenue
- White Bluff Road, between Austin Drive & Windsor Road

# Tourism Product Development (TPD) 5-year Detail

Tourism Product Development (TPD) projects have been prioritized in accordance with Council's May 25, 2023 Resolution combined with consideration of project readiness and available revenues. The first year of the capital plan is adopted concurrently with the operating budget, and the out-years of the plan are drafted for planning and forecasting purposes. Years 2027 through 2030 are draft estimates only that will be reviewed and updated annually to reflect updated revenue projections and project implementation timelines. The five-year TPD plan includes cash-on-hand allocations as well as potential bond issuance estimates to facilitate implementation of priority projects. Pay-go or cash-on-hand collections are allocated for planning and design costs, with potential bond issuances supporting construction for large-scale projects including River Street and the Waterworks Building. Out-year available cash-on-hand is forecast assuming a 3 percent growth rate, then reduced in the years following a bond issuance, roughly estimating debt service at five percent for 20 years.

Not all of the projects specified in the resolution are currently projected for funding in the five-year plan due to revenue availability and implementation readiness, however all projects specified in the resolution will be funded at least to the levels specified in the resolution prior to TPD revenues being allocated to other allowable projects and/or expenses as provided by law.

TPD Project	LTD	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	Total	Remaining Resolution Amt
Redevelopment of River Street <sup>1</sup>	1,500,000	3,500,000	-	55,000,000	-	-	60,000,000	(30,000,000)
Waterworks Building Redevelopment <sup>1,2</sup>	8,378,450	1,252,155	10,369,395	-	-	-	20,000,000	-
Westside Neighborhoods Connectivity <sup>2</sup>	-	664,115	5,629,758	6,715,128	2,528,276	431,307	15,968,584	1,031,416
Tide to Town Urban Trail Network	2,000,000	-	-	-	-	2,330,253	4,330,253	5,669,747
Museum Development (Springfield Terrace School)	1,250,000	1,700,000	-	-	-	-	2,950,000	550,000
Southside Water Access	300,000	-	1,700,000	-	-	-	2,000,000	-
Wayfinding Signage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000,000
West Bay Street Gate Enhancements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000,000
<i>Estimated Debt Service</i>	-	-	-	834,523	5,247,865	5,247,865		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,428,450</b>	<b>\$ 7,116,270</b>	<b>\$ 17,699,153</b>	<b>\$ 62,549,651</b>	<b>\$ 7,776,141</b>	<b>\$ 8,009,425</b>		

<sup>1</sup>Purple text indicates potential bond amount

<sup>2</sup>Westside Neighborhoods Connectivity assigned a separate project activity from the Waterworks Building Redevelopment to facilitate project management and financial accounting, however the projects are still projected for total funding of at least \$37M as specified in the TPD Resolution.

# Six-year SPLOST 7 Implementation/Allocation Plan

Project Name	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	6-Year Total
Springfield Canal Drainage Improvements	6,000,000	2,000,000	37,000,000	-	-	-	45,000,000
LMIG Resurfacing	49,984	520,000	550,000	550,000	600,000	600,000	2,869,984
Street Paving & Pavement Rehab	3,499,133	3,000,867	3,300,000	2,450,000	3,500,000	3,653,433	19,403,433
Casey South Drainage Improvements (Phase IIB)	22,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	22,000,000
Traffic Safety and Calming	1,000,000	750,000	750,000	1,000,000	1,237,704	750,000	5,487,704
Sidewalk Replacement & New Installation	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	2,000,000	1,100,000	1,000,000	7,400,000
Abercorn Streetscape (CNU)	-	-	500,000	-	2,500,000	-	3,000,000
City Hall Historic Renovation	-	3,000,000	-	-	2,000,000	-	5,000,000
Grant Center Replacement	2,224,189	-	-	-	-	-	2,224,189
Grayson Stadium Improvements	80,000	420,000	2,000,000	-	3,000,000	-	5,500,000
Riverwalk Extension	2,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	2,000,000
Waters Avenue Revitalization (Phase III)	1,512,296	-	-	-	-	-	1,512,296
Pool Rehabilitation & Improvements	1,250,000	295,000	-	-	-	-	1,545,000
Southside Community Center	-	1,000,000	-	-	-	-	1,000,000
Tide to Town	-	-	1,000,000	-	-	-	1,000,000
Daffin Park Improvements	-	205,000	-	-	-	-	205,000
Liberty City (Parking and Facility)	-	300,000	-	-	-	-	300,000
Blighted Property Acquisition & Redevelopment	2,000,000	-	1,000,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,000,000	10,000,000
Broughton Street Streetscape	7,853,319	-	-	-	-	-	7,853,319
Eastside Early Learning Center	-	-	-	3,125,000	-	-	3,125,000
Police Headquarters Renovation	3,200,000	-	1,500,000	-	5,000,000	-	9,700,000
Northwest Precinct Construction	-	-	-	-	400,000	15,480,000	15,880,000
Public Safety Technology Improvements	-	-	-	-	600,000	-	600,000
Fire Truck Replacement	1,998,990	-	-	-	-	-	1,998,990
Downtown Streetscape GO Bonds Retirement	6,700,000	-	-	-	-	-	6,700,000
Guy Minnick Park Improvements	-	-	-	-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000
Fiber Optic Cable Replacement	-	-	-	-	3,000,000	-	3,000,000
Highlands SPD Substation	-	-	-	-	-	205,000	205,000
Community Center Modernization	-	-	-	-	-	1,500,000	1,500,000
Fire Training Facilities Improvement	-	-	-	-	1,500,000	-	1,500,000
Little Neck Road	-	-	-	-	10,000,000	-	10,000,000
Gamble Building Renovation	-	-	-	-	14,715,000	-	14,715,000
Municipal Building Construction	-	-	-	-	-	36,600,000	36,600,000
Civic Center Redevelopment	-	-	-	-	-	40,000,000	40,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$62,467,911</b>	<b>\$12,590,867</b>	<b>\$48,700,000</b>	<b>\$11,625,000</b>	<b>\$53,652,704</b>	<b>\$101,788,433</b>	<b>\$290,824,915</b>

Black text indicates Tier I projects (\$155.8 million), blue text indicates Tier III projects (\$10 million), and purple text indicates Tier V projects (\$125 million) as defined by the July 26, 2019 SPLOST 7 IGA. FY21-FY24 numbers represent allocations including adjustments for actual costs where appropriate. FY25 includes both adopted and projected allocations. FY26 represents final proposed budget allocations, and SPLOST 7 will not appear in future budget publications. Any future right-sizing will be done via capital budget adjustment.

