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**FY2015
BUDGET**

Where does the
money come from?
And where does
it go?

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To the Citizens of Cedar Falls:

The Department of Administrative Services hereby submits the Budget Brochure for 2015. This report is intended to provide the public with a brief summary of the City's Budget for the fiscal year from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Since the complete FY15 document may contain data unfamiliar to many readers, we have tried to depict our budget highlights through graphics, charts, and condensed table presentation.

This financial information has been gathered from a much lengthier document. The three-year financial plan includes the FY2015 budget, FY2016 and FY2017 projections, the City Council goals, long-term financial strategies, and the Capital Improvement Program. The financial plan also includes charts illustrating property tax effects, debt service schedules, employee information, and other miscellaneous graphs and statistical information. If anyone would like to purchase a copy of a complete FY2015-2017 Financial Plan, they should contact the Department of Administrative Services at (319) 273-8600 or visit the City's website at www.cedarfalls.com.

**Cedar Falls FY15 Property Tax
Where the Property Tax is Spent**

Department or Fund	Total Levy Property Tax	Property Tax Per \$1,000
Administrative Services	5.98%	0.72
Admin./Leg./Miscellaneous	3.30%	0.39
Debt Service	5.89%	0.60
Developmental Services	4.94%	0.59
Fire Department	10.57%	1.26
Human & Leisure Services	14.02%	1.67
Levy - Cedar Falls Band	0.17%	0.02
Levy - Liability Insurance	1.07%	0.12
Levy - MET Transit	2.09%	0.25
Levy - Library	2.27%	0.27
Levy-EMA	1.96%	0.23
Library	4.39%	0.52
Mayor	0.43%	0.05
Police Department	20.74%	2.47
Public Works	3.51%	0.42
Trust & Agency	18.67%	2.23
Total Levy	100.00%	\$11.81

With a wide variety of services and \$74 million in budgeted revenues and expenses, YOUR EARLY INPUT AND PARTICIPATION can have a significant influence on the services, which are provided, and on how resources are allocated to those services. For this process to succeed, citizen participation early in the budget process is vital.

**SO PLEASE GET INVOLVED EARLY!
WHAT HAPPENS AND WHEN?**

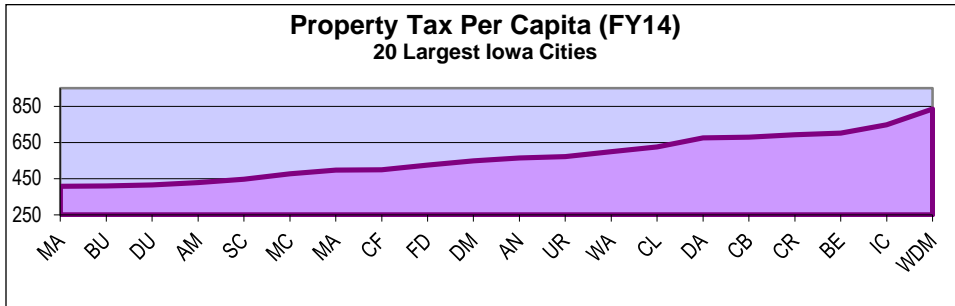
The City Budget process begins nearly twelve months before the actual start of the budget year, which runs from July 1st through June 30th. This process provides for:

- A substantial degree of citizen input
- Formal direction from elected officials
- Preparation of the proposed budget by City staff
- Final decision and adoption by the elected City Council

The FY2016 City Budget process includes the following tentatively scheduled meetings at City Hall. Citizens are welcome to attend.

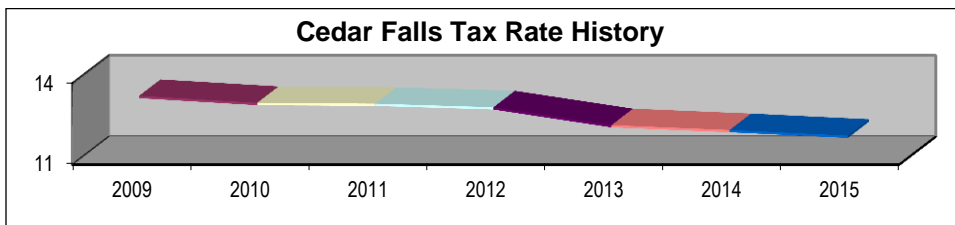
Monday, February 2, 2015	7:00 p.m.	Maximum Budget Set
Monday, February 16, 2015	7:00 p.m.	Public Hearing & Final Adoption of Budget

Prepared by the Administrative Services Department



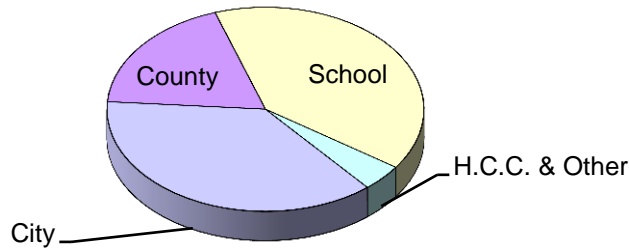
Cedar Falls local government continued to operate at one of the lowest per capita property tax rates among the 20 largest cities in Iowa in FY14.

City	FY14 Tax Per Capita	2010 Population	Abbreviation
Marshalltown	407.78	27,552	MA
Burlington	409.75	25,663	BU
Dubuque	415.32	57,637	DU
Ames	428.30	58,965	AM
Sioux City	446.96	82,684	SC
Mason City	476.77	28,079	MC
Marion	497.41	34,768	MA
Cedar Falls	499.09	39,260	CF
Fort Dodge	525.09	25,206	FD
Des Moines	548.56	203,433	DM
Ankeny	564.47	45,582	AN
Urbandale	572.06	39,463	UR
Waterloo	599.23	68,406	WA
Clinton	625.60	26,885	CL
Davenport	675.51	99,685	DA
Council Bluffs	679.53	62,230	CB
Cedar Rapids	692.98	126,326	CR
Bettendorf	702.01	33,217	BE
Iowa City	747.94	67,862	IC
West Des Moines	835.20	56,609	WDM
Average	567.48		



Between FY09 and FY15, the tax rate decreased \$1.47. In FY15, the rollback factor that determines residential taxable values increased from 52.82% to 54.40%. This combined with the decrease in tax rate will show a net effect of 1.20% increase for the average home owner. In FY15, the tax rate will decrease from \$12.02 to \$11.81.

**Breakdown of Property Taxes Paid
FY14**



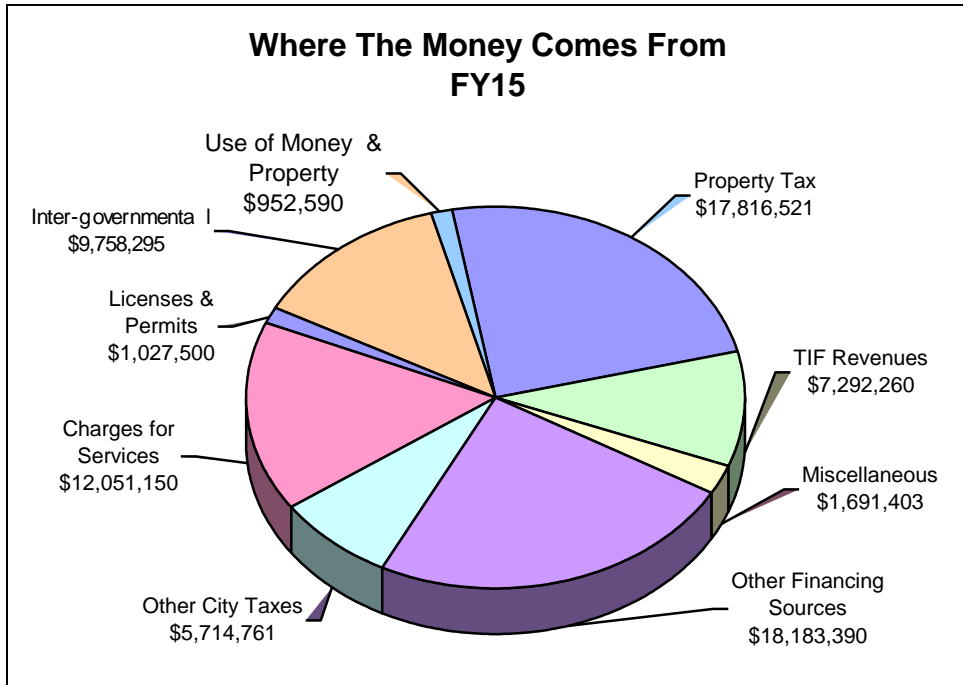
Taxes paid per \$1,000 of Taxable Valuation (FY14)

	(A)	X	(B)	=	(C)
City	\$12.02	X		=	
School District	\$12.83	X		=	
County	\$6.02	X		=	
H.C.C. & Other	\$1.37	X		=	
Less:					
Homestead Credit					()
Military Credit					()
Total	\$32.23				

To calculate the tax breakdown for your own home, divide your property's TAXABLE VALUE by 1,000; enter the result into column (B) and multiply by the figures in column (A).

- ❖ To calculate the Homestead Credit, divide \$4,850 by 1,000 and multiply by the total tax rate in Column (A). To calculate the Military credit, divide \$1,852 by 1,000 and multiply the total tax rate in column (A). Homestead and Military credits are deducted from the total tax due.

The following is an example for a home with a GROSS ASSESSED VALUE of \$100,000: \$100,000 x 52.8166% (State Rollback) = \$52,817 (Taxable Value)/1,000 = 52.82 x \$12.02 = \$634.90 paid in City taxes; \$677.68 paid in School taxes; \$317.98 paid in County taxes; \$72.36 paid in H.C.C. & Other taxes; and \$1,702.92 paid in total. If applicable, Military and Homestead credits would reduce the total tax due by \$216.01.



REVENUE TERMS

Property Taxes: Funds received from taxes levied against private property.

TIF Revenues: Funds provided by incremental increases in tax revenues derived from increased taxable valuations in TIF districts.

Other City Taxes: Funds received from local option sales tax and hotel/motel taxes.

Licenses and Permits: Fees paid by persons for various items such as building permits, burial permits, and business licenses.

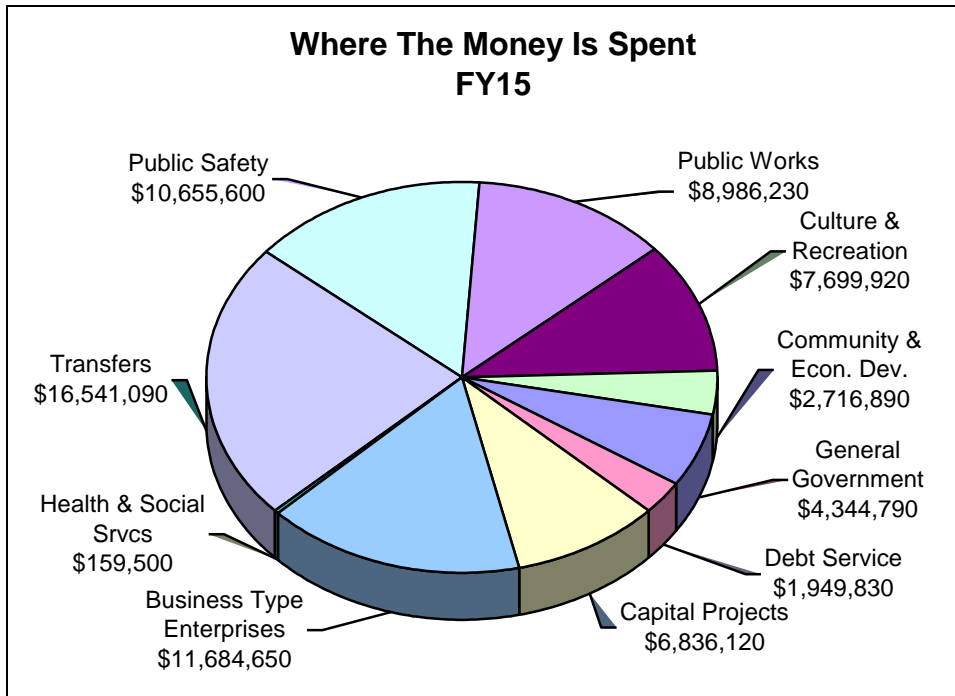
Use of Money & Property: Income received on investments and lease income.

Intergovernmental: Funds received from the Federal or State Government such as Block Grants, Rent Assistance, Road Use Tax, Liquor Profits, Backfill and funds received from the Cedar Falls Utilities.

Charges for Services: Fees paid by persons for services they use such as garbage collection, sewer rental and other services.

Miscellaneous: All other sources of revenue received, including refunds and donations.

Other Financing Sources: Monies transferred between various funds of the City and bond proceeds.



EXPENDITURE TERMS

Public Safety: Expenditures for police, fire, civil defense, inspections, and animal control.

Public Works: Expenditures for street repair, street construction, parking, street lighting, and engineering.

Health & Social Services: Expenditures for hospital and related health services.

Culture & Recreation: Expenditures for library, parks, recreation, cemetery, community center, and visitors and tourism.

Community & Economic Development: Expenditures for economic development, federal housing programs, and planning and zoning.

General Government: Expenditures for financial services, public records, legal, and cable television.

Debt Service: Expenditures for the retirement of principal and interest on bonds that are due during the budget year.

Capital Projects: Expenditures for major capital projects.

Business Type Enterprises: Expenditures for Refuse and Sewer operations.

Transfers: Expenditures transferred between various funds of the City.