



Fund Accounting

The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of balanced revenue and expenditures.

General Fund

- Principal sources of revenue come from property taxes, user fees, licenses and permits.
- Includes police, fire and all departments except utilities.

Hospitality Tax Funds

- Revenue generated by accommodations tax must be used for tourism-related functions, encouraging visitors to Rock Hill and therefore adding to the fund.
- Accommodations Tax--generated from hotel rooms
- Local Hospitality Fee--2% prepared food and beverage tax

Enterprise Funds

- Electric Fund
- Wastewater Fund
- Water Fund
- Stormwater Fund

General Budget Information

- The City's total budget is made up of several separate, self-contained funds.
- The budget is based on initiatives identified in the three-year strategic plan focused on Serving, Engaging and Growing. The strategic plan is based on input from the citizen survey and Council review.
- Cost-to-Serve analyses and rate comparisons are conducted annually to ensure rates remain competitive with other cities in South Carolina and our region.
- A capital improvement program is in place to plan, budget and finance the purchase and/or construction of large capital infrastructure, facilities, equipment and other fixed assets.
- Each year, staff proposes a year two budget to demonstrate how financial decisions in one year affect the future.
- Due to solid financial planning and efficient provision of quality services, the City remains financially strong, securing favorable interest rates for the benefit of taxpayers.



Proposed Budget at a Glance FY 2023/2024

PROPOSED
Workshop April 20, 2023
Fiscal Year 2023/2024

City of Rock Hill FY 2023/2024 Proposed Budget

Budget Overview

Budget Total \$289,798,058

- Total includes all funds.

Tax rate

- No proposed tax rate increase.
- The City has not had a property tax increase in 17 years.

Utility Rates

- No proposed electric rate change.
- No proposed water rate increase for the average monthly residential bill (\$1.70 decrease in base fee, 11% increase in volumetric fee).
- Proposed wastewater rate increase of \$2.16 to the average monthly residential bill to cover wastewater system capital projects.
- No proposed sanitation rate change.
- No proposed stormwater rate increase.
- Increase to average monthly residential bill would total \$2.16, or less than 1%.

City Council Members

John P. Gettys, Jr., Mayor
Derrick L. Lindsay, Mayor Pro-Tem
John A. Black, III
Kathy S. Pender
James C. Reno
Kevin H. Sutton
Perry L. Sutton

General Fund Initiatives

- No proposed millage rate increase. (Current rate is 93.5 mils.)
 - Last property tax increase of 3 mils was 2006/2007 to fund Street Crimes Unit.
- State-mandated additional 1% to fund state deficit of retirement funds.
- No proposed sanitation rate changes
- Proposed Positions
 - Full-time controller in Finance.
 - One full-time crew worker in Parks, Recreation & Tourism.
 - Full-time ombudsman to assist new businesses.
 - Two full-time refuse truck operators in Public Works.

Small & Medium Business Support

- The most recent Business Survey identified the top issue as “cost of doing business—taxes and fees.”
- Propose adding ombudsman to support entrepreneurs as they navigate City regulations.
- Propose implementing a business license forgiveness program for first-year businesses that estimate earning less than \$1 million in gross receipts.

Enterprise Funds

- \$5,252,494 budgeted for sewer work related to Pennies for Progress projects.
- \$1,831,081 budgeted for water work related to Pennies for Progress projects.
- \$745,840 budgeted for electric projects.
- Proposed Position
 - Full-time wastewater operator apprentice.

Growth Impact to Water Treatment

- Wholesale water customer sales have increased over 7% annually for the last five years due to population growth.
- Combined with inflation, the growth in processing has led to increases in chemical costs, energy usage and plant staffing.
 - Energy consumption has tripled since 2017 due to increase in equipment and pump usage.
 - Costs for chemicals have doubled or tripled annually due to increased water production.

