FY2027 BUDGET IN BRIEF

Adopted

Revised 9/2/2026

A Message from the City Manager

With a great sense of responsibility and pride, I present the **Adopted Budget** for Fiscal Year 2026-27. As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States, I am reminded that the City of Fayetteville is truly the “Can Do City!” Our residents and employees demonstrate this spirit every day by working hard, helping others, and meeting challenges head-on. This budget outlines how we plan to use City resources in the year ahead. We also know that national and global events can influence what happens here at home. That’s why thoughtful planning and steady leadership matter now more than ever.

This budget reflects our mission: “The City of Fayetteville provides quality and sustainable public services for our communities to thrive and businesses to grow.” It ensures we continue to provide the services our residents count on, while staying financially responsible and supporting City Council priorities.

Key Investments

- The **property tax rate** remains unchanged at 44.95 cents per $100 of assessed valuation. As the City’s largest source of revenue, property tax supports current city services, City Council priorities, and long-term capital investment.
- **Public Safety Investment** totals $123 million, including:
  - $78 million for the Fayetteville Police Department, a $5.6 million increase.
  - $43 million for the Fire Department, a $3.3 million increase.
  - $2.1 million for the Office of Community Safety
- **Addition of two mental health response units** to the Office of Community Safety. These teams will help respond to people in crisis and meet growing community needs.
- **Investment in our employees**, including:
  - Funding step increases for public safety staff
  - Providing a 3% pay raise to other employees
- **Solid Waste Fee increase** of $10 annually to offset higher fuel costs.

Built through teamwork, thoughtful discussion, and deliberate decision-making, this budget remains focused on three commitments: delivering strong services, safeguarding the City’s financial stability, and supporting our community.

Let us move forward together – leading with purpose, investing wisely, and serving with care. Together, we are building a future our residents can trust and be proud of.

Sincerely,
Dr. Douglas J. Hewett

FY2027 Total Operating Budget
(including intrabudget transfers)
$327,259,122

City Services at a Glance

City Council's Strategic Plan Priorities

As the City of Fayetteville continues to grow and thrive, the City Council has created and established a clear trajectory through a strategic plan that clarifies a forward-looking vision for our community's future, founded on vitality and sustainability. A comprehensive strategic planning process serves as the guiding framework, with the City Council convening annually to define, and sometimes refine, various priorities that support the goals of the City ensuring they remain responsive to the evolving requirements of our ever-growing community.

Many ongoing programs and services funded in the Adopted Budget support Council's Priorities. New funding associated with adopted strategic actions is highlighted below.

Priority 1: Continue implementing a comprehensive approach to community safety

- Implement Drone as First Responder program ($795,000)
- Restore frozen Police Officer positions ($1,095,056)
- Implement crisis-intervention model for behavioral and mental health with two response units ($444,000)

Priority 2: Enhance economic growth opportunities throughout the City

- Expand business support; increase access to capital & program participation through HUB General Contractor Program ($100,000)
- Implement a coordinated, citywide workforce pipeline strategy aligned with industry demand, supported by strategic partnerships and talent retention initiatives through the Next Generation Workforce Initiative ($100,000)
- A Convention Center Feasibility Study ($100,000)
- Corridor of Opportunity Program ($250,000)
- Support for 910 Festival - Fayetteville Next ($200,000)
- A new Downtown Manager Position ($150,000)

Priority 3: Expand housing and neighborhood revitalization and refurbishment efforts, with emphasis on mature neighborhoods and attainable housing needs

- Promote homebuyer assistance, gap financing, exterior improvement, technical assistance with emphasis on improvements to mature/older neighborhoods through a Mature Home Repair/Loan/Grant Program ($300,000)
- Infrastructure revitalization through the Sewer Connection Program ($200,000)

Priority 4: Improve and expand transportation, transit, and overall connectivity for residents.

- Additional General Fund support for transit operations ($898,273)
- Additional bus stop amenities, such as benches and trashcans ($300,000)

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Revenue Highlights

Tax Rate:

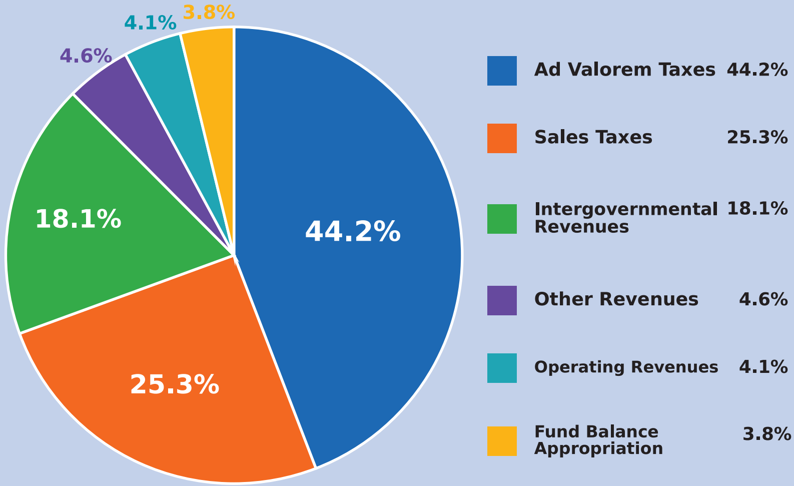
- The **property tax rate** remains unchanged at 44.95 cents per $100 of assessed valuation.
- The Central Business Tax District rate remains at 14.89 cents per $100 of assessed valuation.

City Fees:

- The base stormwater rate **remains $7 per month** per ERU; the FY27 fee schedule clarifies tiered single-family rates based on impervious surface area.
- The residential solid waste fee is at $285 per year, or approximately $23.75 per month, reflecting a $10 annual adjustment to help cover higher fuel costs.
- Transit fare revenue is budgeted based on current fare rates.
- The FY27 fee schedule includes targeted updates to selected service fees, including Development Services, Fire, Parks, Public Services, Solid Waste and Stormwater.

Where does the money come from?

FY2027 General Fund Funding Sources



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Expenditures by Function

Public Safety	44.70%
Transportation	8.60%
General Govt./Other	21.20%
Infrastructure	8.70%
Parks, Recreation and Maintenance	9.70%
Solid Waste	7.0%

Personnel by Function

Public Safety	964.5
Transportation	180.5
General Govt./Other	271.25
Infrastructure	127.6
Parks, Recreation and Maintenance	172
Solid Waste	87.65

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