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WHERE YOUR CITY TAX DOLLARS GO?

The City of Asheville provides a wide range of basic services on which we all depend: police and fire protection, streets and sidewalks, water systems, garbage collection, and parks, just to name a few. These services are funded through a variety of revenue sources. Some City services, such as water, stormwater, household recycling, and downtown parking are fully paid for through the fees that are charged to the users of the system. However, most City services are paid for through some combination of revenue sources - user fees, taxes, grants, etc.

The largest single source of revenue for City services is the property tax. The property tax rate in the City of Asheville is 42 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. A property owner with a home valued at \$100,000 therefore pays \$420 annually in City property taxes.

The chart below demonstrates, for three different levels of property value, how much of a property owner's tax bill goes to support some of the City's major services.

		Property Value		
City Service	% of Your Total Tax Bill	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$500,000
		Dollar Breakdown	Dollar Breakdown	Dollar Breakdown
Police and law enforcement services	32.8%	\$206	\$413	\$688
Fire and emergency medical services	26.1%	\$164	\$329	\$548
Capital improvements & debt	10.6%	\$67	\$133	\$222
Public parks	5.2%	\$33	\$65	\$109
Garbage and recycling collection	4.5%	\$28	\$56	\$94
Community & economic development	4.2%	\$27	\$53	\$88

Recreation centers and programs	3.6%	\$22	\$45	\$75
Transportation Planning & Transit	3.2%	\$20	\$41	\$68
Street maintenance, repair and lighting	2.2%	\$14	\$27	\$46
Sidewalk maintenance and repair	1.8%	\$11	\$23	\$38
Yard waste and leaf collection	1.2%	\$8	\$15	\$25
US Cellular Center	1.1%	\$7	\$14	\$23
Festivals & Cultural Arts	1.1%	\$7	\$13	\$22
WNC Nature Center	1.0%	\$6	\$12	\$21
Downtown cleanliness	0.4%	\$3	\$5	\$9
Greenways	0.3%	\$2	\$4	\$7
Aston Park Tennis Center	0.3%	\$2	\$3	\$6
Snow removal	0.2%	\$1	\$2	\$4
Public swimming pools	0.2%	\$1	\$3	\$5
SkatePark	0.1%	\$1	\$1	\$2
McCormick Field	0.0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Municipal Golf Course	0.0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	100%	\$630	\$1260	\$2100