

What do property taxes pay for?

When you call the police or fire department, play in a park, send your children to public school, check out a book at the library, or eat at an inspected restaurant, you are using services paid for by your property taxes. Your taxes also pay for services to help people move from welfare to work, protect children and senior citizens from abuse and neglect, protect our water and air from pollution, repair and build roads, and much more. Property taxes are a large source of revenue that fund these services you count on every day. For more information about Mecklenburg County's budget and services funded by your property taxes, visit www.MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

What property is taxed?

Property taxes are levied on real property (land and buildings), business personal property, registered motor vehicles, boats, trailers, and income-producing personal property. You pay taxes to Mecklenburg County and the municipality in which you live. If you live in Charlotte, Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville, Matthews, Mint Hill, or Pineville, you receive one tax bill for both county and municipal taxes. If you live in Stallings, you will receive a bill from the County and a bill from the town. Property owners in unincorporated Mecklenburg County pay additional taxes for their share of police services through the Law Enforcement Service District Tax.

How much will I pay in taxes?

The amount of property tax you pay is based on the assessed value of your property. The Tax Assessor assesses the value of all taxable property by the first of each year. The tax you pay is based on that value and the tax rate established by the elected city, county, or town officials. (Multiply the tax rate by each \$100 of assessed value). For example, the tax bill for a home assessed at \$200,000 in value is \$1,633.20 for County taxes and \$874.00 for Charlotte taxes.

What is the solid waste fee on my tax bill?

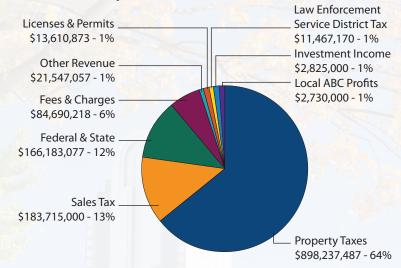
Owners of residential properties within Mecklenburg County pay a County solid waste fee of \$15 per residence, which funds recycling and waste reduction programs. Residential properties within the City of Charlotte and Huntersville are subject to both a County and City solid waste fee. The Charlotte fee, which funds the disposal cost of trash collected in Charlotte, is \$45 per single-family residence and \$27 per multiple-family residence. The Huntersville fee is \$54.00. The Davidson fee is \$201.00 for single-family residence and up to \$85.00 for multiple-family residence.

How do I change my address on my tax bill?

To change your mailing address for real estate and personal property tax bills, please visit www.MecklenburgCountyNC.gov and click Departments, Tax Collections to access the change instructions. For all registered motor vehicle tax bills, contact the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Address information for registered motor vehicles come directly from DMV. Please change your address within their offices, and they will send the corrected address information to the Tax Assessor's Office the next time you renew your license tag.

FY 2011-2012 Mecklenburg County Budget in Brief

Where the Money Comes From





www.MecklenburgCountyNC.gov

FY2012 Mecklenburg County Tax Rate:

\$0.8166 per \$100 of assessed value(\$1.0032 combined with Law Enforcement Services District Tax for Unincorporated Areas).

Total Revenue:

\$1,385,005,882

How the Money Is Used

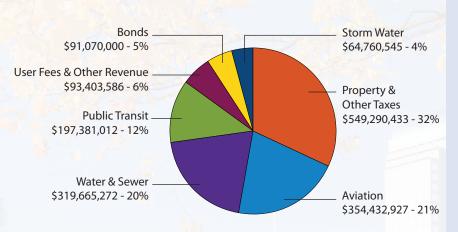
CMS Operating	\$328,339,101		23%
Community Health & Safety	290,338,291		20%
Effective & Efficient Government	172,059,380	12%	
CMS Debt Service	164,072,000	12%	
Social, Education & Economic	131,325,634	10%	
Sustainable Community	126,335,834	10%	
General Debt Service	90,503,869	7%	
Pay As You Go	32,343,773	2%	
CPCC Operating	25,900,000	2%	
CPCC Debt Service	18,828,000	1%	
CMS Capital Replacement	4,960,000	1%	
TOTALS	\$1,385,005,882		



For more details about the FY2012 budget go to www.MecklenburgCountyNC.gov

FY 2011-2012 City of Charlotte Budget in Brief

Where the Money Comes From





www.charmeck.org

FY2012 City of Charlotte Tax Rate:

\$0.4370 per \$100 of assessed value(\$1.2536 combined with Mecklenburg County rate)

Total Revenue:

\$1,670,003,775

How the Money Is Used

Aviation	\$354,432,927			21%
Public Safety	323,869,943			19%
Water & Sewer	319,665,272			19%
Public Works	281,553,136			17%
Public Transit	197,381,012		12%	
Economic Development	65,659,505	4%		
Storm Water	64,760,545	4%		
General Government	62,681,435	4%		
TOTALS	\$1,670,003,775			

Tax Rate Breakdown:

\$0.4370
\$0.0120
\$0.0650
\$0.3600

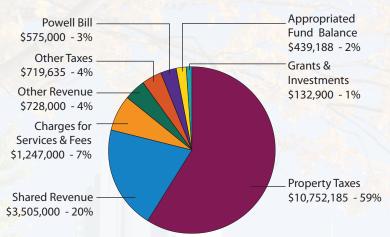
Municipal Tax Districts:

District 1 Tax Rate	\$.01680
District 2 Tax Rate	\$.04010
District 3 Tax Rate	\$.05260
District 4 Tax Rate	\$.06680
District 5 Tax Rate	\$.02790

(To determine the total tax rate for districts 2 and 3, add the rate for district 1).

FY 2011-2012 Town of Cornelius Budget in Brief

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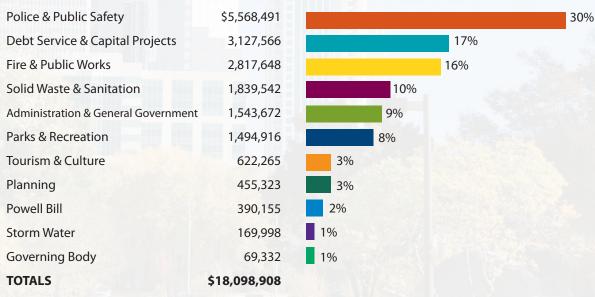
http://www.cornelius.org

FY2012 Cornelius Tax Rate:

\$.25 per \$100 of assessed value(\$1.0666 combined with Mecklenburg County rate).

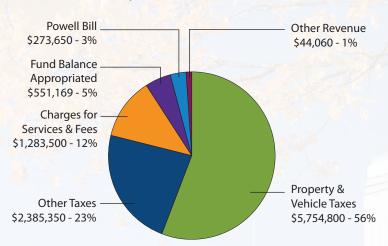
Total Revenue:

\$18,098,908



FY 2011-2012 Town of Davidson Budget in Brief

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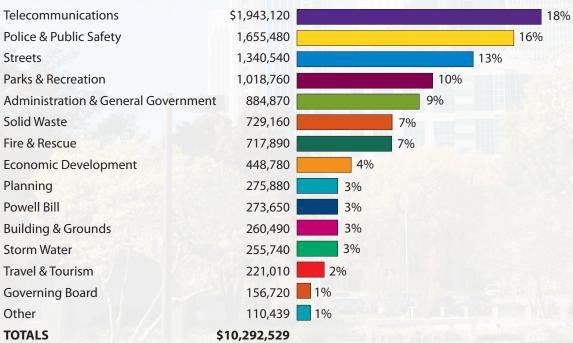


www.ci.davidson.nc.us

FY2012 Davidson Tax Rate:

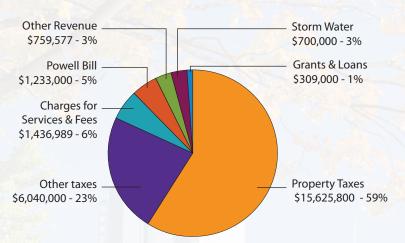
\$0.35 per \$100 of assessed value(\$1.1666 combined with Mecklenburg County rate).

Total Revenue: \$10,292,529



FY 2011-2012 Town of Huntersville Budget in Brief

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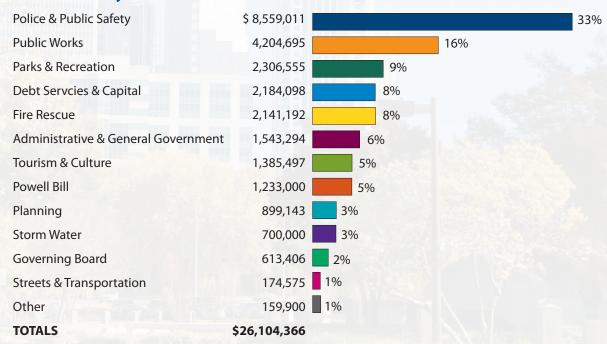
http://www.huntersville.org

FY2012 Huntersville Tax Rate:

\$0.2825 per \$100 of assessed value(\$1.0991 combined with Mecklenburg County rate).

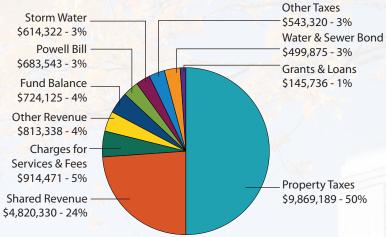
Total Revenue:

\$26,104,366



FY 2011-2012 Town of Matthews Budget in Brief

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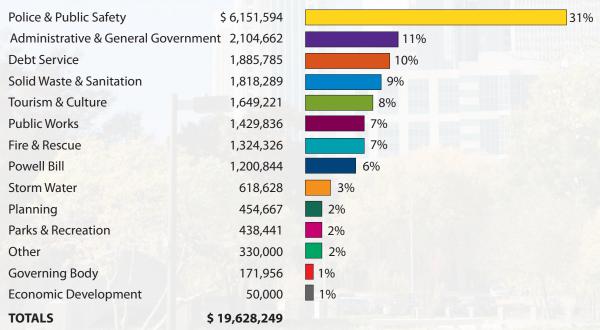
http://www.matthewsnc.com

FY2012 Matthews Tax Rate:

\$0.3025 per \$100 of assessed value (\$1.1191 combined with Mecklenburg County rate).

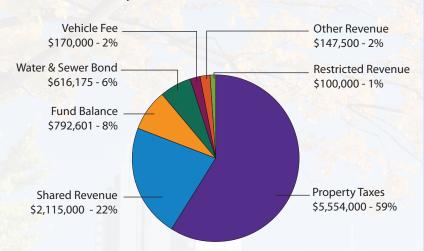
Total Revenue:

\$19,628,249



FY 2011-2012 Town of Mint Hill Budget in Brief

Where the Money Comes From





http://www.minthill.com

FY2012 Mint Hill Tax Rate:

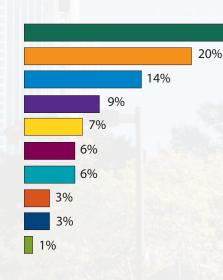
\$0.27 per \$100 of assessed value (\$1.0866 combined with Mecklenburg County rate)

31%

Total Revenue:

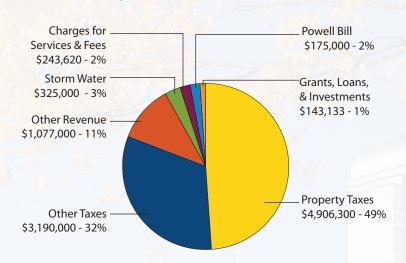
\$9,495,276

Police & Public Safety	\$2,970,203
Solid Waste	1,860,000
Fire & Rescue	1,312,368
Debt Service (including Water & Sewe	er) 887,379
Other	710,500
Administrative & General Governmen	nt 576,099
Streets & Transportation	546,618
Planning	323,360
Parks & Recreation	271,620
Governing Body	37,129
TOTALS	\$ 9,495,276



FY 2011-2012 Town of Pineville Budget in Brief

Where the Money Comes From





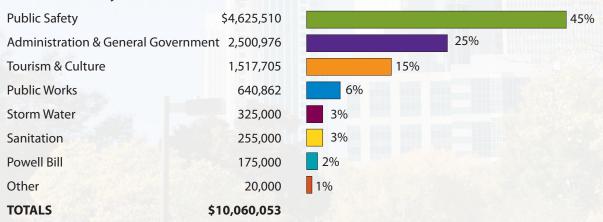
http://www.pinevillenc.net

FY2012 Pineville Tax Rate:

\$0.32 per \$100 of assessed value (\$1.1366 combined with Mecklenburg County rate).

Total Revenue:

\$10,060,053





Mecklenburg County, NC

Personal Property, Vehicle, and Real Estate Taxes











Pay online at

http://paytax.charmeck.org

Or Call **1-877-533-0072**

Official Payments charges a nominal fee for this service. A Fee Calculator is available at www.OfficialPayments.com to assist in calculating your convenience fee.



Officially Paid.

How do I pay my taxes?

There are five ways to pay your real estate and personal property taxes. Official Payments Corporation (OPC) will charge and retain a fee to process credit card and debit card internet and telephone transactions. Mecklenburg County does not receive any portion of the fee associated with this service. No fee is charged for eCheck transactions. Please use the entire 24-digit bill number for all forms of payment.

1. By Internet: Visit http://paytax.charmeck.org to use your credit/debit card or choose eCheck to have payment deducted

from your checking account. Fee charged for credit card and debit card transactions. The entire 24-digit

bill number is required.

2. By Telephone: Call toll-free 1-877-533-0072 to use your credit/debit card or choose eCheck to have payment deducted

from your checking account. Fee charged for credit card and debit card transactions. The entire 24-digit

bill number is required.

3. By Mail: Mail both the tax payment stub and the check or money order to Mecklenburg County Tax Collector,

PO Box 71063, Charlotte, NC 28272-1063. Make checks or money orders payable to Mecklenburg County

Tax Collector. The entire 24-digit bill number is required.

4. In Person: Robert L. (Bob) Walton Plaza at 700 East Stonewall Street. Monday-Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00

p.m. (cash, check, or money order only) or West Service Area Center at 4150 Wilkinson Blvd. Monday –

Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (cash, check, or money order only)

5. Online Banking:When you authorize a payment through your financial institution's online bill payment option, the funds are sent electronically from your bank. It may take up to four business days after the date you authorized

are sent electronically from your bank. It may take up to four business days after the date you authorized your financial institution to make the payment before it is posted to your account. The 24-digit bill number must be entered in the amount number field to ensure proper posting to your tax bill. Your payment will

be rejected and returned to the financial institution if the entire 24-digit bill number is missing or incorrect.

What is the County's check policy?

• Checks must have drawer's name, drawer's address, check number, financial institution's name, and MICR numbers preprinted on the check.

• Checks must have the current date, numbers printed and the amount paid spelled out, and a signature. Mecklenburg County does not accept starter, counter, altered, or photocopied checks.

What are the tax deadlines?

Property tax payments (except registered motor vehicles) are due September 1, 2011 and must be paid by January 5, 2012. If mailed, payments must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service (not by postage meter or overnight courier) on or before January 5, 2012 to avoid interest charges. Taxpayers whose payment is received on or after January 6, 2012 will be charged 2% interest for January and an additional 3/4% interest for each month thereafter until paid. Unpaid taxes (except registered motor vehicles) as of January 6, 2012 are subject to advertisement in a local newspaper as being delinquent and an additional fee for advertising would be added. Delinquent taxes are subject to garnishment, levy (seizure), and foreclosure.

What happens if my check is returned for no-sufficient funds?

A \$25.00 fee or 10% of the check, whichever is greater, with a maximum of \$1,000.00, will be charged for returned checks.

Still have questions?

- Visit our Web site at http://tax.charmeck.org.
- Contact the CharMeck Call Center by dialing 311 if calling within Mecklenburg County or 704-336-7600 for calls originating outside of Mecklenburg County.
- To learn more about Mecklenburg County and the services provided, log on to www.MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.