

FY24
Recommended
Budget
Preview

City Manager Mary Bunting

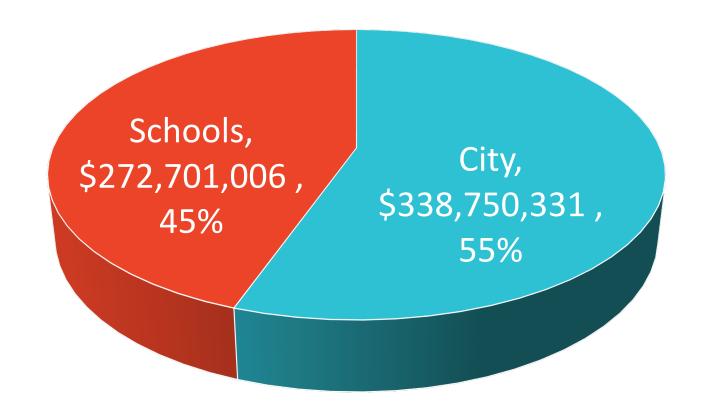
Proposed budget: \$611,451,337
Increase of 4.5%

LESS THAN Inflation for 2022, which was 6.5%



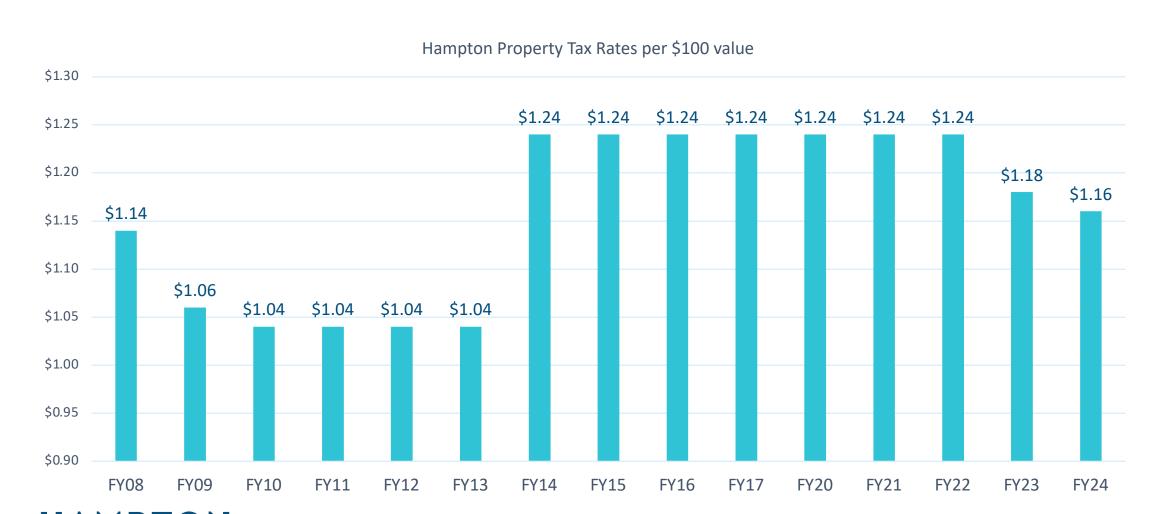


FY 24 budget overview





Proposing lowering property tax rate 2 cents



Personal property tax relief

Taxing cars at reduced value



Offset elevated used-car prices due to high demand

\$2.4 million total tax relief

User fee increases



Stormwater fee increase

Increased ditch maintenance \$12/year per household



Wastewater fee increase

Maintenance of aging pipes and pump stations

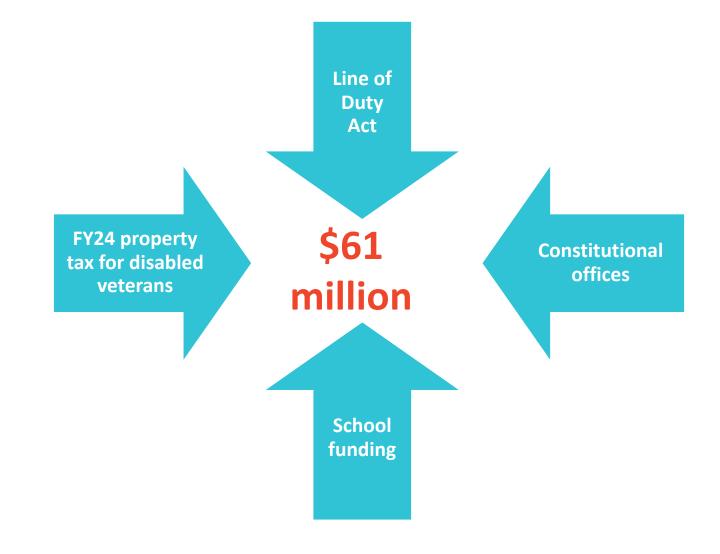
\$8.76/year per household



State mandates, funding shortfalls

If these State agencies and initiatives were fully funded by the State, the tax rate could be:

41 cents lower





Recommendations for employees



5% pay increases for full-time employees

Increase minimum wage to \$15/hour

"Step" plan for sworn public safety

Cover 80% of the increase in health-care premiums







Educated Citizens

- School budget recommendation is \$272,701,006, an increase of 1.7%
- City contribution to schools is \$91,804,718, an increase of 7.4%

Educated Citizens

Funding would provide:

- 5% raises for staff
- Renovations at 10 schools
- New Bethel High science and math wing (planned for FY28)







Youth violence prevention: New grants

Grants provide new program funding

- Commonwealth's Attorney's office: \$230,000 for Operation Ceasefire, a diversion program intended to give youth who have started a life of criminality the opportunity to choose a different path
- \$4.6 million in federal funds earmarked by Congressman Scott to continue work in prevention and in reaching those impacted by violence





Family Resilience & Economic Empowerment



Human Services/Social Services

- Adding case manager and family service specialists
- Rising caseload for Adult Services
- Programs for assistance to families in crisis
- Relocate Human Services to an updated office environment



Supporting community partners

\$500,000 for the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board

- Crisis Intervention Center
- Working with Police
- Trauma counseling



 Increases for Transitions, the Foodbank, the Center for Child and Family Services and the Peninsula Agency on Aging



Economic Growth = New revenue, benefits













Economic Growth











Living with Water



- The North Armistead Avenue road raising project
- Little Back River Road widening & drainage
- Dredging waterways
- Downtown bulkhead repairs



Placemaking

- Public art pilot program
- Citywide and downtown beautification
- Old Buckroe Road pedestrian improvements
- Parks Master Plan





Excellence in Government

- New positions in
 - Public Works operations
 - Traffic engineering
 - IT
 - Human Resources
 - Fleet
- Increased maintenance
 - Public facilities
 - Traffic signals, street signs













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Next Steps

- April 15: Full Manager's Recommended Budget released
 - Online at: <u>www.hampton.gov/budget</u>
 - Copies in Libraries by April 18
- April 26 & May 3: Council public hearings:
- May 10: Final Council budget vote



