City of Brookhaven, $G \mathrm{~A}$
2024 Proposed Budeet


Where Does it Come From?
General Fund Budget of \$35.4 million



## General Fund Revenues

Real Property Taxes ..... \$13,229,405
Other Taxes ..... 14,570,656
Licenses and Permits ..... 3,525,000
Charges for Services ..... 652,450
Fines and Forfeitures ..... 1,200,000
Investment Income ..... 293,339
Miscellaneous Revenue ..... 66,000
Other Financing Sources ..... 1,936,693
Total ..... \$35,473,543

## General Fund Top Five Revenues

Real Property Taxes \$13,229,405
Insurance Premium Taxes ..... 4,550,000
Franchise Tax ..... 3,675,000
Building Structures and Equipment ..... 3,100,000
Business and Occupational Tax ..... 2,155,127
Total ..... \$26,709,532

## Real Property Taxes

Description: A tax levied against the assessed value of real property owned by the resident of the host municipality or county. This assessed value is determined by the DeKalb Assessor's Office. Georgia Law does not dictate a maximum millage rate; however, the Brookhaven Charter limits the maximum millage rate at 3.35 mills.

Legal Authority: Georgia Code, Title 48, Chapter 5, Article 1 Brookhaven City Charter, Article 3, Section 24-53

Fund Name: General Fund
Account Number: 100-311100
Fee Schedule/Formula: Assessed Value x 40\%, less exemptions, x millage rate
Method of Collection: Billed by DeKalb County on an annual basis and revenues are remitted to the City as collected.

Collection Frequency: DeKalb County mails bills mid-year with the first payment being due on the $1^{\text {st }}$ of October and the second installment due on November $15^{\text {th }}$.

Exemptions: City Homestead Exemption (E.Host Credit) off the DeKalb County assessed value. Senior Exemption available to those who meet the income and age requirements.

Administering Authority: DeKalb County Tax Commissioner's Office

- Additional information can be found at the DeKalb Tax Commissioner's website at: https://www.dekalbcountyga.gov/taxation/property-tax
- Included in the appendix is a section entitled, "Understanding your DeKalb County Tax Bill" for additional information.

| Year | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Annual Total |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | $\$ 16,485$ |  | - | $\$ 1,041,439$ | $\$ 5,094,415$ |
| 2016 | $\$ 0$ | - | $\$ 1,624,210$ | $\$ 4,882,085$ | $\$ 6,506,295$ |
| 2017 | $\$ 18,720$ | - | $\$ 1,398,001$ | $\$ 5,861,894$ | $\$ 7,278,615$ |
| 2018 | $\$ 28,930$ | - | $\$ 2,227,771$ | $\$ 5,887,541$ | $\$ 8,144,242$ |
| 2019 | $-\$ 101,498$ | - | $\$ 1,709,532$ | $\$ 7,064,709$ | $\$ 8,672,743$ |
| 2020 | $\$ 34,779$ | - | $\$ 1,937,023$ | $\$ 7,449,976$ | $\$ 9,421,778$ |
| 2021 | $\$ 16,440$ | - | $\$ 961,439$ | $\$ 8,852,906$ | $\$ 9,830,785$ |
| 2022 | - | - | $\$ 3,515,895$ | $\$ 6,959,191$ | $\$ 10,475,086$ |

## Real Property Taxes: Revenue History




## Insurance Premium Tax

Description: Income received from the State Tax Commissioner as an excise tax charged to insurance companies that operate within the state of Georgia

Legal Authority: Georgia Code, Title 33, Chapter 8,
Fund Name: General Fund
Account Number: 100-316200
Fee Schedule/Formula: 1\% on life insurance and 2.5\% of all other gross premiums received in previous calendar year.

Method of Collection: Remitted directly to the City
Collection Frequency: Annually in October
Exemptions: N/A
Administering Authority: Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner

- Additional information can be found at:https://www.oci.ga.gov/PremiumTax/Home.aspx
$\left.\begin{array}{|c|r|r|r|r|r|}\hline & & & & & \\ \hline \text { Year } & \text { Q1 } & \text { Q2 } & \text { Q3 } & \text { Q4 } & \text { Annual Total } \\ \hline 2015 & \$ 0 & \$ 0 & & \$ 0 & \$ 2,836,021\end{array}\right) \$ 2,836,021$.

Insurance Premium Tax: Revenue History



## Franchise Tax

Description: This tax is levied against private entities who have been permitted to utilize public land for private use. Existing entities currently subject to the Brookhaven franchise tax are Georgia Power, Atlanta Gas Light, Comcast, BellSouth/ATT, and Google.

Legal Authority: Georgia Code, Title 36, Chapter 76
Fund Name: General Fund
Account Number: 100-311700, 100-311710, 100-311730
Fee Schedule/Formula: Varies based on the nature of the franchise agreement
Method of Collection: Remitted directly to the City
Collection Frequency: Dependent on the stipulations of the related franchise agreement
Exemptions: N/A
Administering Authority: City of Brookhaven Department of Finance

| Year | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Annual Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2015 | $\$ 2,159,240$ | $\$ 265,690$ | $\$ 132,845$ | $\$ 1,404,159$ | $\$ 3,961,934$ |
| 2016 | $\$ 2,535,797$ | $\$ 289,378$ | $\$ 286,846$ | $\$ 999,291$ | $\$ 4,111,311$ |
| 2017 | $\$ 2,828,659$ | $\$ 524,415$ | $\$ 533,260$ | $\$ 743,693$ | $\$ 4,630,028$ |
| 2018 | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 220,676$ | $\$ 217,745$ | $\$ 2,223,495$ | $\$ 2,661,916$ |
| 2019 | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 226,374$ | $\$ 207,707$ | $\$ 3,567,818$ | $\$ 4,630,029$ |
| 2020 | $\$ 17,664$ | $\$ 319,262$ | $\$ 208,956$ | $\$ 2,786,408$ | $\$ 3,332,292$ |
| 2021 | $\$ 86,843$ | $\$ 184,084$ | $\$ 356,936$ | $\$ 2,792,571$ | $\$ 3,420,434$ |
| 2022 | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 346,192$ | $\$ 260,398$ | $\$ 2,977,263$ | $\$ 3,583,853$ |

## Franchise Tax: Revenue History




## Building Structures and Equipment

Description: This account serves as the depository for the fees and charges assessed by the City's Department of Community Development. The fees include but are not limited to the charges associated with land use petitions, revisions to existing petitions, sign permits, and construction permits.

Legal Authority: Brookhaven Code of Ordinances Sec. 7-61
Brookhaven Code of Ordinances Sec. 2-177
Fund Name: General Fund
Account Number: 100-323100
Fee Schedule/Formula: Please refer to the attached fee schedule
Method of Collection: Varies based on service provided. Please contact Community Development for further details.

Collection Frequency: N/A
Exemptions: N/A
Administering Authority: City of Brookhaven Department of Community Development

| Year | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Annual <br> Total |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2015 | $\$ 318,431$ | $\$ 404,221$ | $\$ 507,531$ | $\$ 293,002$ | $\$ 1,523,186$ |
| 2016 | $\$ 1,064,842$ | $\$ 486,390$ | $\$ 595,787$ | $\$ 673,059$ | $\$ 2,820,079$ |
| 2017 | $\$ 1,063,958$ | $\$ 567,400$ | $\$ 837,959$ | $\$ 680,921$ | $\$ 3,150,238$ |
| 2018 | $\$ 1,024,502$ | $\$ 1,496,366$ | $\$ 804,580$ | $\$ 1,893,581$ | $\$ 5,219,029$ |
| 2019 | $\$ 928,006$ | $\$ 757,115$ | $\$ 912,164$ | $\$ 685,001$ | $\$ 3,336,286$ |
| 2020 | $\$ 726,253$ | $\$ 1,705,618$ | $\$ 6,459,860$ | $\$ 678,065$ | $\$ 9,569,798$ |
| 2021 | $\$ 1,123,389$ | $\$ 2,317,766$ | $\$ 741,089$ | $\$ 1,864,377$ | $\$ 6,046,621$ |
| 2022 | $\$ 897,852$ | $\$ 609,050$ | $\$ 1,322,176$ | $\$ 1,144,468$ | $\$ 3,973,545$ |

Note: $3^{\text {rd }}$ Quarter 2020 increase in revenue was due to a lump sum payment for fees related to the Children's Hospital of Atlanta project.

## Building Structures and Equipment: Revenue History



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## Business and Occupation Tax

Description: A tax that is applied towards individuals or entities wishing to engage in any business, profession, or occupation within City limits.

Legal Authority: Georgia Code, Title 48, Chapter 13, Article 1, Section 7
Brookhaven City Charter, Article 2, Section 15-27
Fund Name: General Fund
Account Number: 100-316100
Fee Schedule/Formula: Actual tax varies on a case-by-case basis and is dependent on the size and type of business. Total fee includes a base charge, per employee assessment, and a gross receipts tax

Method of Collection: This fee is collected at City Hall in the business license office once a successful application is approved or a renewal has been permitted.

Collection Frequency: This fee is collected annually and license must be renewed each year by April 30.

Exemptions: N/A
Administering Authority: City of Brookhaven Department of Finance

- Additional information can be found at: http://brookhavenga.gov/city-departments/finance/business-licensing

| Year | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Annual Total |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | $\$ 665,146$ | $\$ 1,503,735$ | $\$ 222,048$ | $\$ 67,908$ | $\$ 2,458,837$ |
| 2016 | $\$ 827,048$ | $\$ 1,129,683$ | $\$ 112,029$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 2,068,759$ |
| 2017 | $\$ 735,147$ | $\$ 1,288,082$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 48,704$ | $\$ 2,071,933$ |
| 2018 | $\$ 860,028$ | $\$ 1,063,857$ | $\$ 75,820$ | $\$ 169,357$ | $\$ 2,169,061$ |
| 2019 | $\$ 638,350$ | $\$ 1,149,338$ | $\$ 135,756$ | $\$ 20,131$ | $\$ 1,943,574$ |
| 2020 | $\$ 531,033$ | $\$ 648,259$ | $\$ 397,825$ | $\$ 102,482$ | $\$ 1,679,599$ |
| 2021 | $\$ 580,876$ | $\$ 718,068$ | $\$ 71,500$ | $\$ 170,328$ | $\$ 1,540,773$ |
| 2022 | $461,325.83$ | $931,021.87$ | $427,427.27$ | $326,969.15$ | $\$ 2,146,744$ |

## Business and Occupation Tax: Revenue History




## General Fund Expenditures by Department

| Mayor \& Council | \$806,926 |
| :--- | ---: |
| City Manager | $1,210,398$ |
| City Clerk | 300,330 |
| Finance | $1,913,162$ |
| City Attorney | 626,000 |
| Information Technology | $2,238,556$ |
| Human Resources | 470,983 |
| Facility Services | $3,058,578$ |
| Communications | $1,101,493$ |
| Municipal Court | 665,080 |
| Police | $14,501,331$ |
| Public Works | $2,290,190$ |
| Parks \& Recreation | $3,972,047$ |
| Community Development | $3,672,648$ |
| Non-Departmental | 317,314 |


| General Fund <br> Five Year Schedule of Sources and Uses of Funds and Changes in Fund Balance |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 |
| Beginning Balance (Unassigned) | \$11,073,836 | \$11,073,836 | \$10,881,551 | \$10,766,689 | \$10,736,801 |
| Sources of Funds |  |  |  |  |  |
| Taxes | \$27,800,061 | \$28,912,063 | \$30,068,546 | \$31,271,288 | \$32,522,139 |
| License and Permits | 3,525,000 | 3,701,250 | 3,886,313 | 4,080,628 | 4,284,660 |
| Charges for Services | 652,450 | 658,975 | 665,564 | 672,220 | 678,942 |
| Fines and Forfeitures | 1,200,000 | 1,212,000 | 1,224,120 | 1,236,361 | 1,248,725 |
| Investment Income | 293,339 | 296,272 | 299,235 | 302,227 | 305,250 |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | 66,000 | 66,660 | 67,327 | 68,000 | 68,680 |
| Other Financing Sources | 1,936,693 | 2,000,000 | 2,020,000 | 2,040,200 | 2,060,602 |
| Total Sources of Funds | \$35,473,543 | \$36,847,220 | \$38,231,104 | \$39,670,924 | \$41,168,997 |
| Available Sources | \$46,547,379 | \$47,921,056 | \$49,112,655 | \$50,437,613 | \$51,905,798 |
| Uses of Funds |  |  |  |  |  |
| Personnel Services | 22,093,842.00 | \$22,977,596 | \$23,896,700 | \$24,852,567 | \$25,846,670 |
| Purchased/Contracted Services | 15,765,883 | 16,554,177 | 17,050,802 | 17,562,327 | 18,089,196 |
| Supplies | 531,061 | 546,993 | 563,403 | 580,305 | 597,714 |
| Capital Outlay | 125,000 | 128,750 | 132,613 | 136,591 | 140,689 |
| Indirect Cost Allocation | $(4,192,243)$ | $(4,318,010)$ | $(4,447,551)$ | $(4,580,977)$ | $(4,718,406)$ |
| Other Costs | 1,100,000 | 1,100,000 | 1,100,000 | 1,100,000 | 1,100,000 |
| Other Financing Uses | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Total Uses of Funds | \$35,473,543 | \$37,039,505 | \$38,345,966 | \$39,700,812 | \$41,105,863 |
| Ending Balance | \$11,073,836 | \$10,881,551 | \$10,766,689 | \$10,736,801 | \$10,799,935 |

Note: The beginning fund balance in the shaded area in the table above reflects a projection of less than $25 \%$ of the stated policy amount.

Forecasting future activity requires various assumptions. The assumptions used in this model are based on past experience and anticipated future activity.

The growth rate assumptions are:

| Taxable Assessed Value | 4.0 percent |
| :--- | :--- |
| License \& Permits | 5.0 percent |
| Other Revenues | 1.0 percent |
| Personnel Services | 4.0 percent |
| Operating Expenses | 3.0 percent |

Budgets are monitored monthly through internal management reporting. Please see the Operating Budget Policy for the mechanism to amend the approved budget.

## Execution of the Budget Establishes Fund Balance...

Conservative execution of the annual budget, positive expenditure balances and revenues above projections will add to what is called the governmental fund balance. The purpose of the City's governmental fund balance presentation is to provide near-term information on balances of spendable resources. This information is useful and necessary in assessing the City's financial sustainability. As an example, the unassigned fund balance may serve as a measurement of the City's net resources available for spending in cases of emergency or economic uncertainty.

Included in the Financial Policies sections of this budget document is a financial policy that establishes an appropriate level of fund balance. The fund balance policy also defines different categories of fund balance as required by Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) statement 54. These categories include:

- Non-spendable
- Restricted
- Committed
- Assigned
- Unassigned

The definitions for each of these categories are detailed within the fund balance policy. The fund balance policy also includes rules for replenishment of the fund balance if it drops below the policy's stated target at fiscal year-end (FYE) of 25 percent of the subsequent year's approved expenditure budget.



