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**TOPEKA**



# City of Topeka Budget

Public Listening Sessions

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# Introductory Questions

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1. What do you think of when you hear the word budget?
2. What is something that you wish you had a better understanding of in regards to the City of Topeka's finances?
3. What city services do you think we should increase?
4. Are there any city services you think we should decrease?



# Purpose

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The annual budget is a financial plan for the City of Topeka that serves two primary purposes:

- Planning
  - Projecting revenues and expenses helps the City create a balanced budget
  - Allows us to manage operations and service delivery
- Service Priorities
  - The budget outlines what services and programs the City will fund



# Budget Timeline

## May/June

- Departments and the Budget Office develop the proposed budget

## June/July

- Revenue Neutral Rate discussions and property tax revenue estimate
- Budget presented to Governing Body
- Public outreach

## August/September

- Budget is presented to Governing Body and adopted for the upcoming fiscal year



# Summary & Tax Breakdown for \$150,000 Property

**\$115.0M**

General Fund Budget

**\$369.5M**

Citywide Budget

Taxing Entity	Tax Mill Levy	Amount
Washburn University	3.450	\$59.51
USD 501 Topeka*	44.540	\$768.32
SNCO Library	8.192	\$141.31
State of Kansas	1.500	\$25.88
Shawnee County	48.653	\$839.26
Metro Transit Authority	4.200	\$72.45
Metro Topeka Airport Authority	2.157	\$37.21
<b>City of Topeka</b>	<b>36.952</b>	<b>\$637.42</b>
<b><u>Totals</u></b>	<b><u>149.644</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,581.36</u></b>

*If the City of Topeka adjusts its tax mill levy, every 1 mill corresponds to \$17.25 for a property appraised at \$150,000*



# How are my property taxes calculated?

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1. Multiply the appraised value by the appropriate "assessment percentage" of property which is **appraised value \* .115 = assessed value**

1.  $\$150,000 * .115 = \mathbf{\$17,250}$

2. Assessed Value \* Mill Levy / 1,000 = Tax Bill

1.  $((\$17,250) * (36.952)) / 1,000 = \mathbf{\$637.42}$



# Major Revenue Sources

**Fees for Service:** Customer charges for services such as water, stormwater, wastewater, and parking

**Franchise Fees:** Received from local utilities for the use of rights-of-ways

**Licenses & Permits:** Revenue for various permitting and licensing services in the City Clerk and Development Services divisions

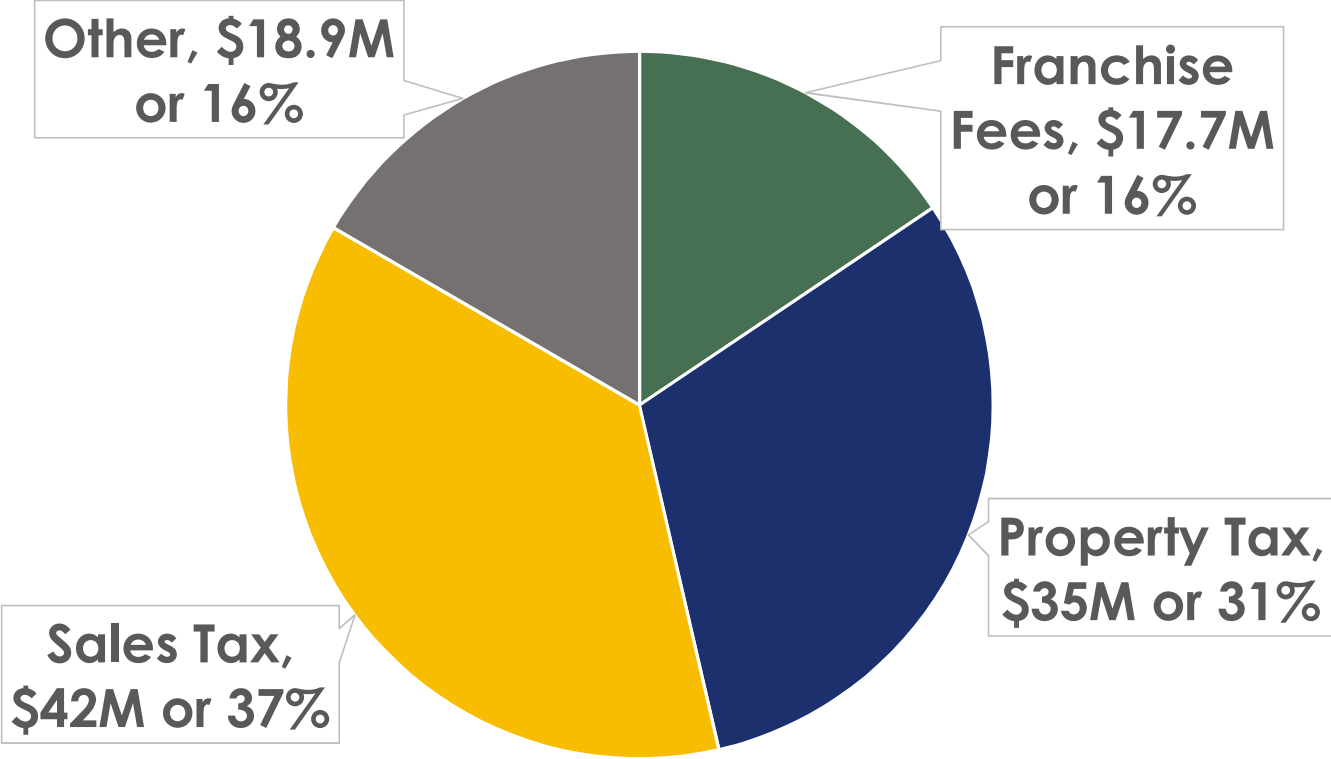
**Property Taxes:** Derived from taxes levied on real and personal property

**Sales Taxes:** The City of Topeka receives three sales taxes: two for direct operations and one for countywide purposes



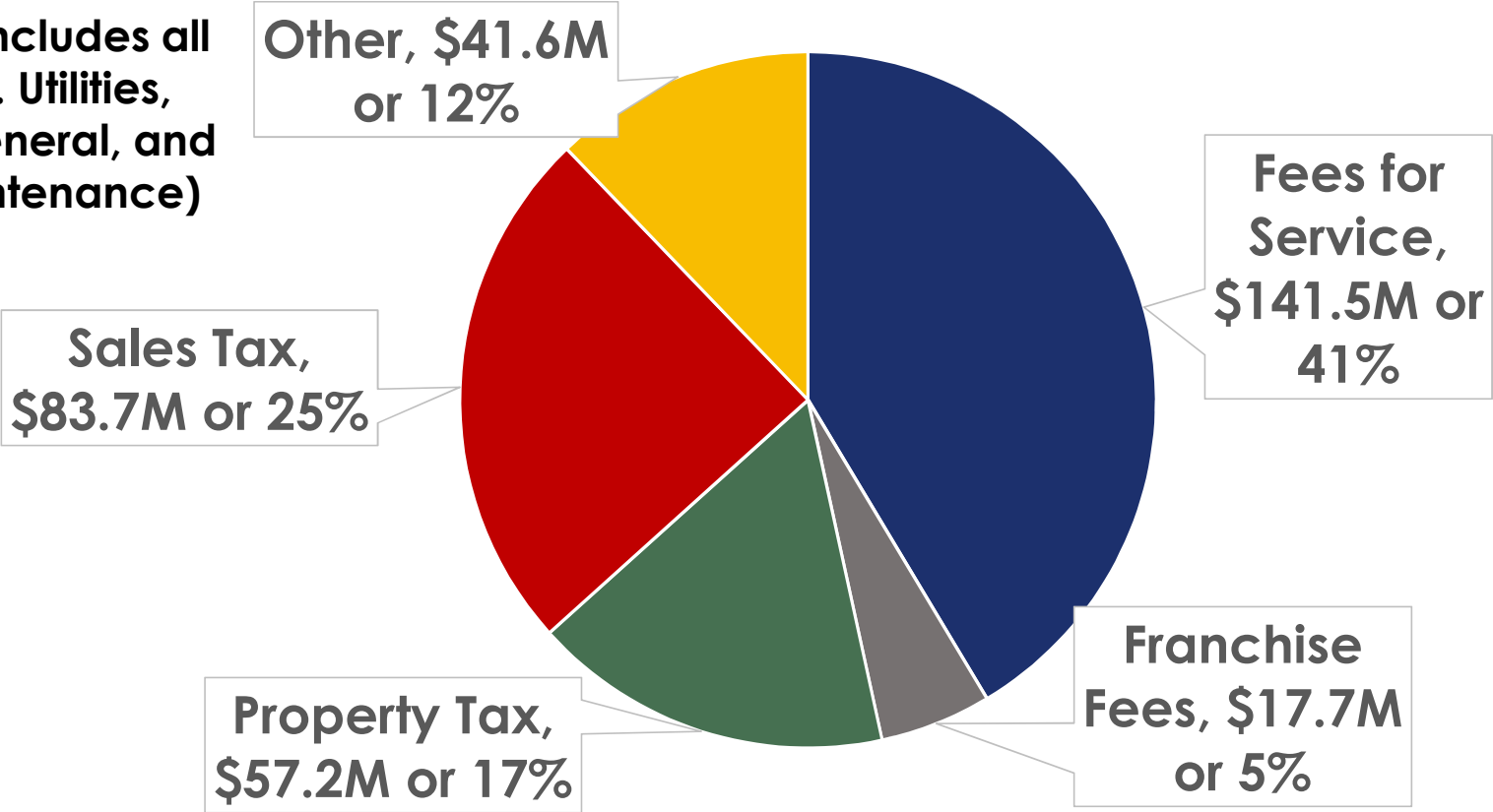


# General Fund Revenue Breakdown (2024 Budget)



# Citywide Revenue Breakdown (2024 Budget)

**Note: This includes all funds (i.e. Utilities, Parking, General, and Street Maintenance)**



# Expense Types

**Personnel:** Expenditures related to employee compensation and benefit costs

**Contractual:** Expenditures related to the operation of the City. Examples include insurance, utilities, and printing services

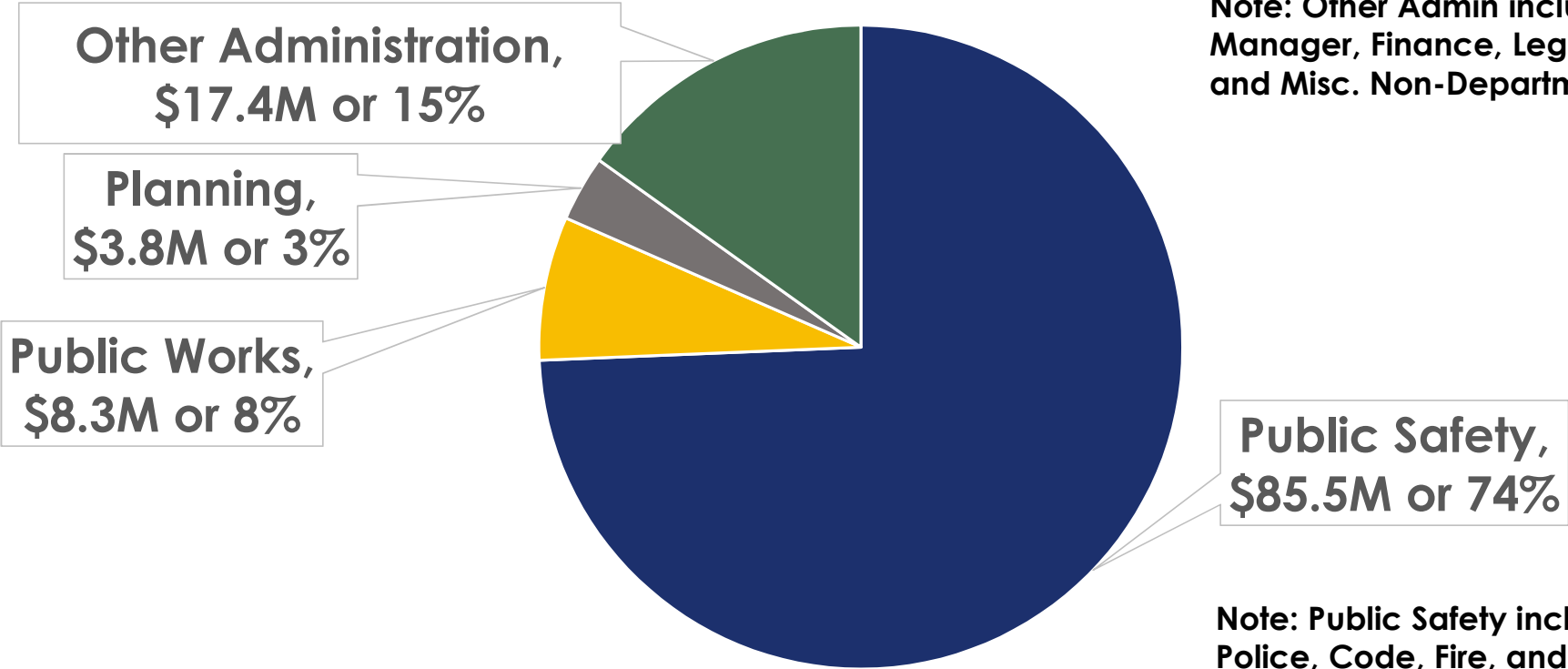
**Commodities:** Expenditures related to materials used to carry out city services. Examples include office supplies, rock salt, and fuel

**Debt:** Expenditures related to the payment of principal and interest of debt obligations

**Other Payments:** Expenditures in this category include transfers between funds and debt payments for the Enterprise Funds



# General Fund Expense Breakdown (2024 Budget)

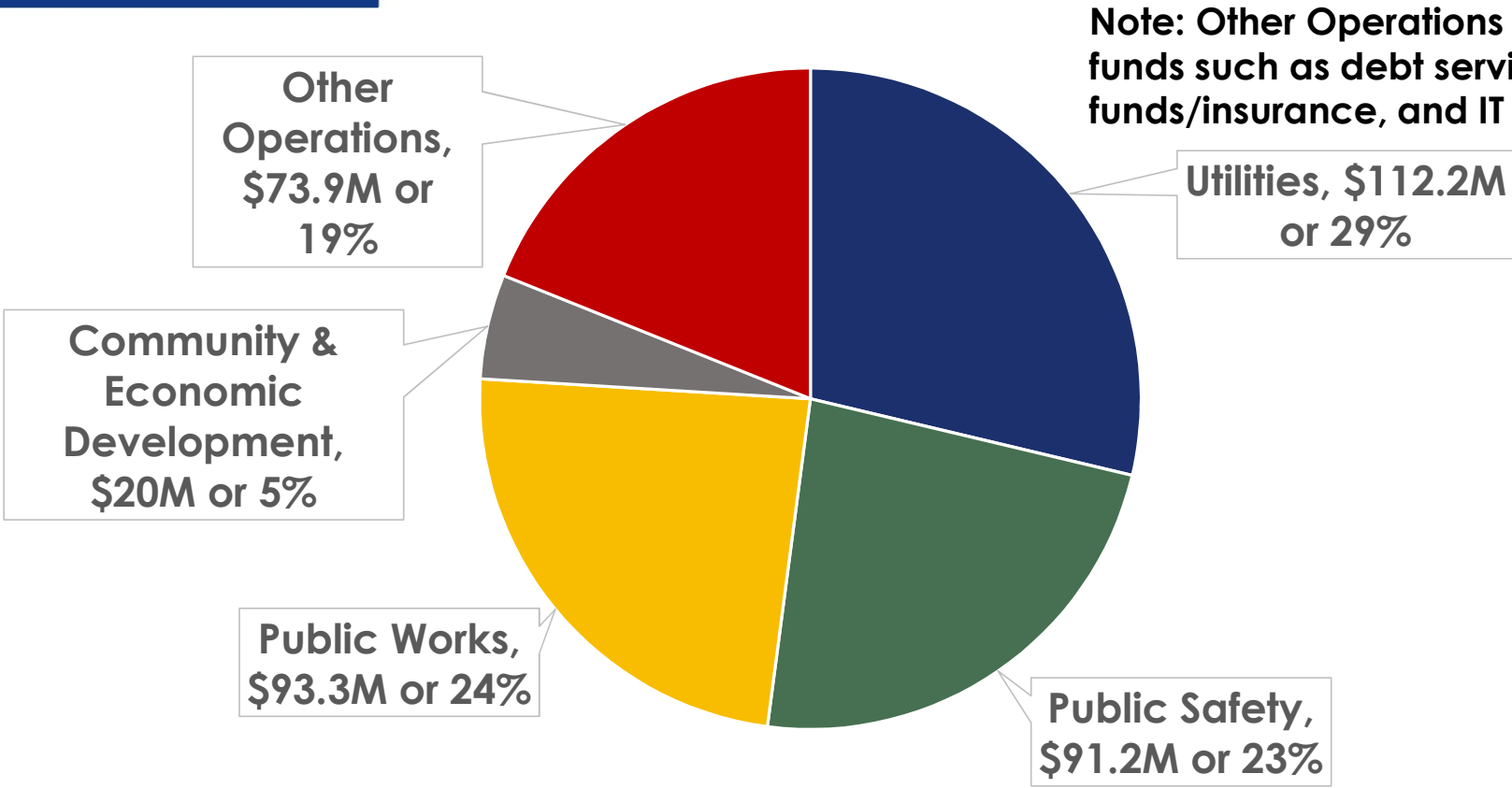


Note: Other Admin includes City Manager, Finance, Legal, HR, and Misc. Non-Departmental

Note: Public Safety includes Police, Code, Fire, and Municipal Court



# Citywide Expense Breakdown (2024 Budget)





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**Questions?**

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