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RALEIGH'S BUDGET MAINTAINS ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND FINANCIAL STANDING

The Raleigh City Council adopted a net operating and capital budget for Fiscal Year 2009-10 (July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010) of \$697,702,049. The budget contains no property tax increase and eliminates 85 positions.

The \$385,239,344 General Fund operating budget is 1.7 percent more than the previous year's budget. The budget does not reduce public safety funding significantly or require staff lay-offs. It does maintain the City's high standards of fiscal planning, management, control and reserves expected from a AAA quality credit. The budget maintains Raleigh's property tax rate of 37.35 cents per \$100 of value and the lowest combined municipal costs in the Triangle and among the lowest in the state. (See chart at right.) For more information on the City of Raleigh's budget, visit www.raleighnc.gov.

CUSTOMER COSTS FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES FY 2009-10						
<i>This chart represents annualized costs for city services. Annual property tax is based on a single family residential unit valued at \$178,335. Annual water/sewer charges based on usage of 6,000 gallons per month.</i>						
	PROPERTY TAX RATE	ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX	ANNUAL SOLID WASTE FEES	ANNUAL WATER & SEWER CHARGES	ANNUAL STORM WATER FEES	TOTAL
Wake County Municipalities						
Raleigh	\$0.3735	\$666.08	\$123.60	\$488.13	\$48.00	\$1,325.81
Apex	\$0.3400	606.34	167.64	744.60	-	1,518.58
Cary	\$0.3300	588.51	168.00	787.32	-	1,543.83
Fuquay-Varina	\$0.3850	686.59	168.00	756.48	-	1,611.07
Garner	\$0.4900	873.84	-	487.14	-	1,360.98
Holly Springs	\$0.4150	740.09	162.00	814.20	-	1,716.29
Knightdale	\$0.4000	713.34	172.56	766.56	-	1,652.46
Morrisville	\$0.3665	653.60	-	1,012.08	-	1,665.68
Rolesville	\$0.4200	749.01	192.00	896.16	-	1,837.17
Wake Forest	\$0.5100	909.51	-	749.52	-	1,659.03
Wendell	\$0.4900	873.84	264.00	864.24	-	2,002.08
Zebulon	\$0.5000	891.68	204.00	1,095.60	-	2,191.28
Other Municipalities						
Asheville	\$0.4200	\$749.01	\$35.40	\$893.07	\$28.08	\$1,705.56
Carrboro	\$0.5894	1,051.11	-	1,053.12	-	2,104.23
Chapel Hill	\$0.4940	880.97	-	1,053.12	39.00	1,973.09
Charlotte	\$0.4586	817.84	45.00	577.73	74.40	1,514.97
Durham	\$0.5400	963.01	54.00	662.64	54.00	1,733.65
Fayetteville	\$0.4560	813.21	42.00	646.80	36.00	1,538.01
Greensboro	\$0.6350	1,132.43	-	543.71	32.40	1,708.53
Wilmington	\$0.3325	592.96	29.00	528.60	61.20	1,211.76
Winston-Salem	\$0.4675	833.72	-	374.86	51.00	1,259.57
Average	\$0.4482	\$799.37	\$87.01	\$752.17	\$20.19	\$1,658.74
* These municipalities have not yet provided their updated information for FY09. \$178,335 = Single Family Residential Housing Unit						
Last Update: July 13, 2009						

HOW YOUR TAX DOLLARS ARE SPENT

The Adopted Budget for the 2009-10 fiscal year each dollar paid in tax will be used in the following way:

Public Safety	22%
Public Works and Transit	7%
Leisure Services	9.5%
Capital Debt Service	29%
General Government	4.5%
Solid Waste Services	4%
Community Development Services	5%
Information Technology	2%
Financial Management	2%
Capital Improvements	3%
Public Utilities	12%



STOP! YOU CAN'T RECYCLE THAT!

So you've been putting yogurt cups, pizza boxes, and ceramic cups in your recycling bin. Guess what? These products cannot be recycled.

The following containers cannot be recycled:

- Non-bottle shaped plastic items, such as yogurt cups, bags, utensils, and margarine tubs;
- Pizza boxes; and,
- Non-food glass products such as ceramic cups, vases, dishes, plate glass, mirrors and light bulbs.

These items should be placed in the trash can, not the recycling bin. Putting them in the recycling bin with other acceptable recyclable items can be harmful to the City's recycling efforts.

"Non-bottle plastic items, even those with the same resin code on them, will melt at a different temperature during the recycling process. If they end up in the oven together, bottles will be burning up before the non-bottle products even begin to melt, sending the entire load to the landfill," said Linda Leighton, waste reduction specialist for the City of Raleigh Solid Waste Services Department.

"In the case of non-food glass items, again, each type glass melts at a difference temperature during the recycling process, resulting in bubbles, cracks and holes in newly manufactured glass bottles." Ms. Leighton added.

The City also is urging residents not to put acceptable items into plastic bags when their recycling bin is full. Instead use a box or other container.

Plastic bags are the nemesis of the recycling plant as they become tangled in equipment and burn up motors.

The following items are collected by the City of Raleigh's curbside recycling program:

- newspapers and all inserts;
- magazines and catalogs;
- white paper, including junk mail;
- plastic bottles. As of Oct. 1, a new state law bans plastic bottles from being put into landfills. Plastic bottles should only be placed in recycling bins;
- corrugated cardboard (only 3-feet by 3-feet pieces);
- paperboard, chipboard and paper tubes;
- steel food cans;
- aluminum beverage cans;
- aluminum foil and trays that are free of food debris;
- plastic beverage rings;
- glass food and beverage containers;
- gable-top cartons; and,
- aseptic (drink) boxes.

These items -- along with ink jet and toner cartridges and cell phones without accessories --- can also be taken to any of the City's seven recycling drop-off centers. Unless otherwise noted, the drop-off centers are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The recycling drop-off centers in Raleigh are located at:

- Jaycee Park, 2405 Wade Ave;
- Mini City Shopping Center, 4510 Capital Blvd, behind the Taco Bell and adjacent to Food Lion;
- Solid Waste Services Administrative Office at 400 W. Peace St. (7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday only);
- Brennan Station Shopping Center at the intersection of Creedmoor and Strickland roads. The drop-off center is located behind the shopping center off of Brennan Drive. Follow the large white water tower;
- City of Raleigh Yard Waste Center, 900 N. New Hope Road (open Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. only);
- Sam's Wholesale Club, 2537 S. Saunders St.; and,
- Habitat Wake ReStore at 2420 Raleigh Blvd (open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed on Sundays and Mondays).

For more information about the City of Raleigh's recycling programs, including how to obtain a recycling bin or order an additional bin, contact the City's Solid Waste Services Department at 996-6890 or visit the City's website at www.raleighnc.gov/recycling.



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- **RaleighParks** - This feed includes news and information on the City's park system;
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