



# Maintaining Low Costs in Our City

## The City of Cayce

The Only Full Service City in Lexington County



- City Museum
- Residential Sanitation
- Recycling
- Leaf & Limb Pick Up
- White Goods Pick Up
- Police, Fire & Dispatch
- Animal Services
- Water & Wastewater Plants
- 8 Miles of Trails

## A Comparison of Our Region

### Residential Sanitation Monthly Cost

- Cayce - \$10.50
- Pine Ridge - \$13.38
- Irmo - \$15.00
- S. Congaree - \$15.95

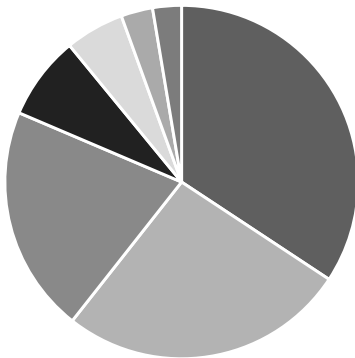
### Residential Property Tax

Citizens in Cayce pay approximately **\$70.00** less in property taxes than their neighbors in West Columbia. (*Home valued at \$100,000*)

### Lowest Water & Sewer Rates in SC

- Cayce - 21<sup>st</sup> lowest
- Swansea - 80<sup>th</sup> lowest
- Lexington - 95<sup>th</sup> lowest
- Irmo - 171<sup>st</sup> lowest

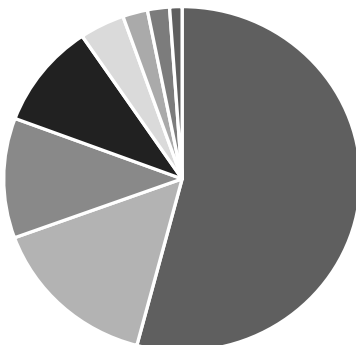
## General Fund Revenue for FY 15-16: \$11,208,886



- 1 License & Permits - 34.28%
- 2 Property Taxes - 26.34%
- 3 Miscellaneous - 20.79%
- 4 Fees for Service - 7.66%
- 5 Hospitality Tax - 5.40%
- 6 State Aid to Subdivisions - 2.90%
- 7 Fines & Forfeitures - 2.64%

## A Closer Look at the City of Cayce's FY 15-16 Budget

## General Fund Spending for FY 15-16: \$11,208,886



- 1 Public Safety - 54.08%
- 2 Parks & Public Works - 15.36%
- 3 Administrative - 11.26%
- 4 Miscellaneous - 9.84%
- 5 Community Planning - 4.08%
- 6 Judicial/Legal - 2.26%
- 7 Museum - 2.00%
- 8 Legislative - 1.12%

# Changes for the Coming Fiscal Year

Despite a decrease in funding and assistance and an increase in unfunded mandates from both the County and State, it is important that we operate conservatively so that our residents feel as little of that burden as possible. There will be a **\$1.06 per month** increase in residential water and sewer costs. (This is based on an average use of 8500 gallons per bimonthly bill.) There will be an increase in the residential sanitation fee of **\$1.50 per month**. This is the City of Cayce's plan to make residential sanitation completely self-sustainable so that citizens can keep this high quality service at a low cost. Additionally, there will be a **1.19 increase** in millage, which equates to approximately **50 cents per month** in yearly property taxes. (This is based on property valued at \$100,000.)

## Accomplishments from the Current Fiscal Year

### For Safety:

- ✓ Implemented Fire Hydrant Improvements
- ✓ Purchased New Fire Truck and Five New Police Cars
- ✓ Purchased Digital In-Car Cameras for All Patrol Cars
- ✓ Purchased Streetlights throughout the City as an additional Safety Measure

### For Cost Savings:

- ✓ Coordinated Over \$60 Million in Private Investments for Various Projects to Increase City Tax Base
- ✓ Received Clean and Unqualified Audit
- ✓ Received State Funding to Upgrade/Upsize the Main Waterline in the City
- ✓ Received \$30,000 in Grant Funding for a Drainage Study
- ✓ Received Federal Funding to Renovate Guignard Park
- ✓ Received Grant Funding to Upgrade Riverland Park (public private partnership)
- ✓ Established Hospitality Tax to Fund the Operation and Maintenance of the Cayce Historical Museum, Cayce Riverwalk and City Events

### For Improved Quality of Life:

- ✓ Implemented Business Façade Program
- ✓ Fostered Commercial and Residential Growth
- ✓ Revitalized Burnette Park (public private partnership)
- ✓ Acquired and Completed the Historic Timmerman Trail (public private partnership)
- ✓ Held a Successful City Centennial Celebration
- ✓ Highest Attendance in History of Tartan Day South at Historic Columbia Speedway
- ✓ Completed the Fourth and Final Phase of the Cayce Riverwalk Park
- ✓ Achieved the #1 Ranking as City to Locate in SC for Recent Graduates

## Important Notice to Residents

The City of Cayce will have a Public Hearing on the Budget on **June 17<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM**. As always, we welcome your input on how we can continue to make our City a place you are proud to call home. For more information on Cayce City Government and our budgeting process, please visit our website at [www.cityofcayce-sc.gov](http://www.cityofcayce-sc.gov). You can also follow us on Facebook or on Twitter at @CityofCayce.