



FY 2019 Recommended Budget Budget Question

Board Question #: 6

BUDGET QUESTION: What would it cost to include the dollar bill graphic with tax bills?

RESPONSE: Due to the timing of adoption of the budget and tax rate, we would not be able to include such a graphic in the first half bills that are mailed out in early May and have a payment due date of June. Printing of the inserts would have to occur in mid-March – in advance of adoption of the budget and tax rate – in order to be placed in the tax bills. Additionally, Budget staff would need time after adoption of the budget in mid-April to finalize the FY 2019 Budget numbers to create the final version of the dollar display. It would be the case every year that the graphic would not be in the first half bills.

If we were to include this as an insert for the second half taxes for real estate and personal property, the cost is estimated at \$2,977 if printed on a half-page¹ and \$4,152 if on a full page. Since bills are not mailed to real estate taxpayers whose mortgage company pays the tax from escrow, not all taxpayers will receive the insert.

Once the budget is adopted and the tax rate is approved, staff places the dollar graphic on the website as part of the budget document and also as part of the “Your Tax Dollars at Work” interactive portion of the website where taxpayers can input their assessed value and get the approximate breakdown by category of their tax bill (see attached). This webpage is currently available for access by all taxpayers for 2017 taxes and will be available to all taxpayers for 2018 taxes once the tax rate and budget have been adopted.

¹ Note that the printer does not recommend that the graphic be printed on a half-page, but Budget staff notes that the graphic is a half-page in the budget document and shows nicely.

Your Tax Dollars at Work

Your real estate tax bill is dependent upon the assessed value of your property and the tax rate set each year by the Board of Supervisors. This tool provides insight into which services are being funded with your real estate tax dollars.

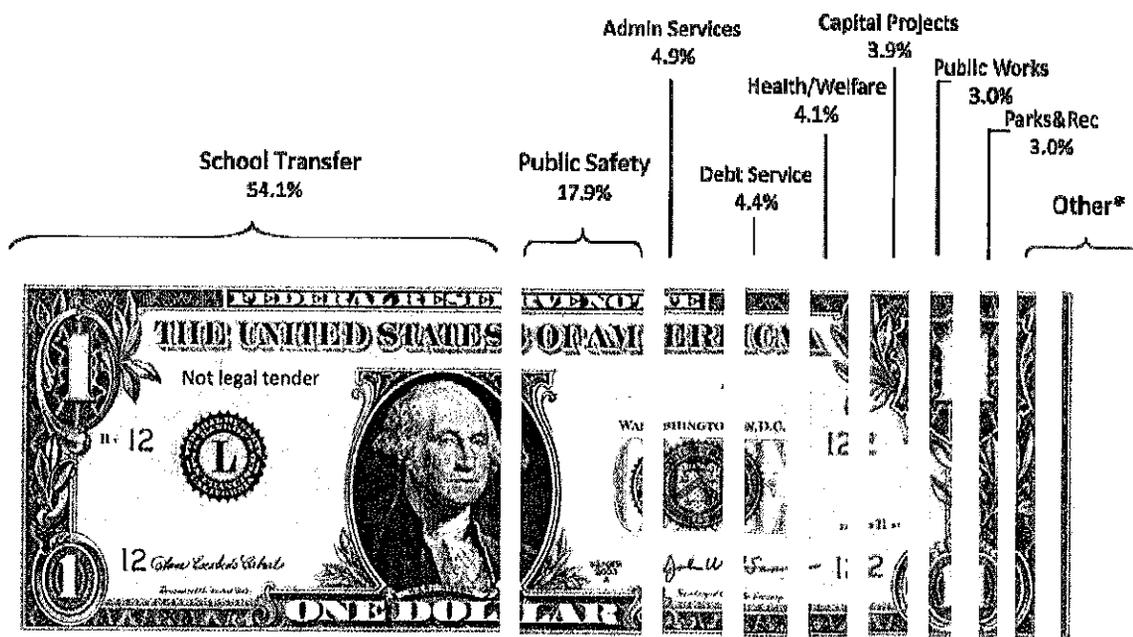
For a comprehensive look at the budget and all revenues and expenditures, [click here](#) to view the Budget Department's website.

If you have specific questions concerning your tax bill, please contact the Treasurer's Office at 540-507-7058 or [webpage](#).

Please Enter the Assessed Property Value(\$):

Don't know the assessed value? [Click Here](#)

Tax Revenue Generated: **\$ 0.00** (Based on the 2017 tax rate of \$0.85 per \$100 of assessed value)



**Other* includes Executive Services, Community Development, Judicial Administration, Transportation and Voter Services

| County Services | Your Real Estate Tax Contribution | % of Total |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| School Transfer | \$ | 54.1% |
| Public Safety | \$ | 17.9% |
| Admin Services | \$ | 4.9% |
| Debt Service | \$ | 4.4% |
| Health/Welfare | \$ | 4.1% |

| County Services | Your Real Estate Tax Contribution | % of Total |
|---|--|-------------------|
| Capital Projects | \$ | 3.9% |
| Public Works | \$ | 3.0% |
| Parks, Recreation & Cultural | \$ | 3.0% |
| Executive Services | \$ | 2.2% |
| Community Development | \$ | 1.1% |
| Judicial Administration | \$ | 0.9% |
| Transportation | \$ | 0.3% |
| Voter Services | \$ | 0.2% |