



Durham

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FY 2018-2019

FY 18-19 Budget Keeps Tax Rate Unchanged Thanks to Growth and Expanded Tax Base

The Durham City Council approved the FY 2018-19 budget on June 18 with no change to the city's current tax rate of 57.86 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

"While all this growth in Durham increases demand for services, it also brings an expanded tax base. The taxable value for next fiscal year will grow by \$1.2 billion, or 4.46 percent, which is

more than twice the amount our financial model had projected," City Manager Tom Bonfield said. The increased tax revenue generated not only provides resources to respond to increased service demand, but also provides resources to pay for overall cost increases and additional revenues for affordable housing and park enhancement initiatives, and even some new initiatives, such as participatory budgeting."

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Upcoming City Holidays

Independence Day, July 4
Labor Day, September 3

For information about City holidays, garbage collection or other City services, contact Durham One Call.



Waste Disposal and Recycling Center
2115 E. Club Blvd., Durham
Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday: 7:30 a.m. - noon / Closed Sundays
Accepting old electronics, appliances, tires, yard waste and other recyclables.

Contact the Durham Convention & Visitors Bureau for public events and non-City holiday schedules at 919-687-0288.

The Citizens' Newsletter is published the first month of each quarter with the water bill. For the most current information, visit the website at durhamnc.gov.

Applicants Sought For 2018 Durham Neighborhood College

Deadline to Apply is August 3

City and County employees work hard every day to provide quality services making Durham a great place to live, work and play. Each organization has developed a strategic plan that provides a firm foundation for an excellent and sustainable quality of life.

Residents looking to play a more active role in their neighborhoods and the Durham community will get their chance to learn more about the strategic plans in the 2018 Durham Neighborhood College, a class designed specifically for residents to learn about the organization, operations and services of their local City and County governments. After a two-year hiatus, the award-winning Durham Neighborhood College program will return this fall with an emphasis on showing

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CenterFest Set For Sept. 15 and 16

Save the date for the 44th Annual CenterFest in downtown Durham on Sept. 15 and 16. More than 145 juried visual artists from 17 states will showcase their work along with 75 performing arts groups providing continuous music, dance and entertainment. Festival hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Visit www.centerfest.durhamarts.org.

Stay Informed With The City's Durham Information Network

The Durham Information Network represents the communications umbrella for information about the City, its events and activities. Included are all the platforms used by the City to provide information and engage residents. Visit durhamnc.gov/3011 for quick access to all of our communication tools including social media platforms.

Do Not Pour Grease Down The Drain!

- Allow grease to cool to a safe temperature after cooking
- Use a container with a re-sealable lid
- Pour the cooled oil and grease into the container
- Place a lid on the container and dispose of it in the garbage.
- Scrape or wipe cookware using a paper towel or spatula into the garbage before washing.

Notice Under The Americans With Disabilities Act

A person with a disability may receive an auxiliary aid or service to effectively participate in city government activities by contacting the ADA coordinator, 919-560-4197 or fax 919-560-4196, or at ADA@durhamnc.gov as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the event or deadline date.

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The proposed tax rate generates a tax bill of about \$1,048 per year, or about \$87.33 per month on a house valued at the median house value of \$181,104, the median house value for Durham, according to the Durham County Office of Tax Administration.

The total budget is \$510.9 million dollars, a 16 percent increase from last year, and includes a \$201.6 million budget for services covered by the general fund, a 6 percent increase from last year.

To review the budget, visit the City's Budget and Management Services Department webpage at durhamnc.gov/209/ or hard copies may be reviewed in the City Clerk's Office, and the Budget and Management Services Department at City Hall, 101 City Hall Plaza.

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participants how the strategic plans guide government officials in the development of sound planning and operations.

Applications are now available for the 2018 Durham Neighborhood College. This series of classes, co-sponsored by the City and County of Durham, consists of interactive sessions facilitated by various local government officials, allowing residents to learn about government operations and how they relate to the goals of the strategic plans.

The final day to apply for this year's session is Friday, August 3, 2018. The classes will be held on seven Thursday nights beginning September 6, 2018 from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Space in the Durham Neighborhood College is limited to 30 people. Applications will be accepted to create a diverse participant population from as many Durham neighborhoods as possible as well as residents living outside the city limits. For an application and information, visit durhamnc.gov/DocumentCenter/View/21539/.