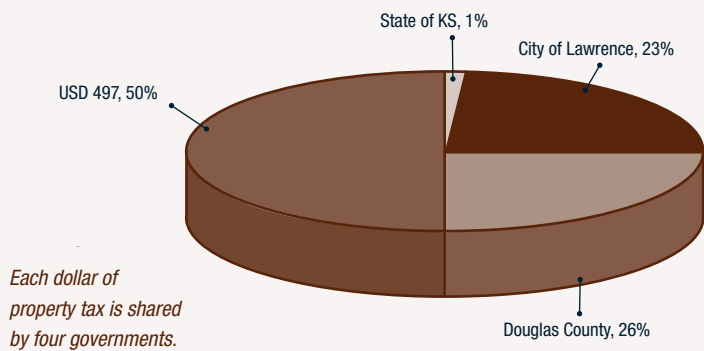


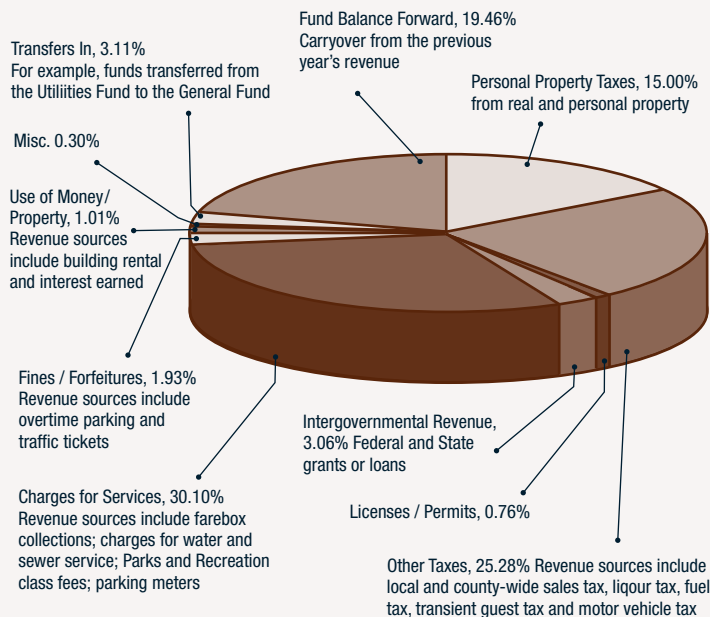
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City Budget

Where Your Property Tax Goes



City of Lawrence - 2007 Revenue Sources: Total - \$142,452,870



FAQ's Frequently Asked Questions

I am spring cleaning the garage and have car tires and a couch. Will solid waste take these?

Call the City of Lawrence Solid Waste Division at (785) 832-3022 to schedule curbside pickup for bulky items and tires. Refrigerators, washers, dryers and hide-a-beds can be collected. Up to five passenger tires per household per year. There is no additional charge for this collection service.

Can my family swim before summer?

A visit to the Indoor Aquatic Center, 4706 Overland Drive offers fun for the entire family. The Indoor Aquatic Center has a family pool with zero-depth entry, water slide and interactive children's play features; meeting rooms; shower/locker rooms and a café-style concession area and a 10 lane, 50-meter competition pool with diving well.

Call for hours and special events, (785) 832-SWIM.

What should I do if I think my water usage is too high?

Each person in a household typically uses 2,000 gallons of water per month. So, a typical four-person household uses approximately 8,000 gallons of water per month. This excludes any outside watering.

If your bill is higher than normal, there could be several reasons. For instance, you could have a leak, or your household may use the washing machine or dishwasher more than typical. Contact a Utility Billing Customer Service Representative at (785) 832-7878 to discuss the situation if you feel the additional water usage cannot be justified.

Do I need a permit to install a deck?

If your deck is 30 inches above grade, you will need to secure a building permit. Contact the Neighborhood Resources Department at (785) 832-7700 for more information.

If your deck is not 30 inches above grade, you will not need to secure a building permit, but you will need to follow the Deck and Construction Requirements available online at <http://www.lawrenceneighres.org>.

How can I learn about city news?

The City of Lawrence e-mails news and announcements when you sign up for e-updates. You can sign up online at www.lawrenceks.org. You can also have City Commission agendas delivered to your favorite e-mail address.

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We are committed to providing excellent city services that enhance the quality of life for the Lawrence community.

City services: a 24/7 operation

At all hours of the day and night, city employees are working



A day in the life of the city runs around the clock. City staff are working at all hours of the day and night to provide the broad array of services that keep our community thriving.

As a citizen of Lawrence you are continuously interacting with the services delivered by the City of Lawrence. During some contacts you are mindful of the city's efforts, such as a visit to a park or relying on emergency services, however, you might be less aware when you use a traffic signal or turn on the tap for water that city staff also provide those services.

- 12:30am**
an operator at the wastewater treatment plant monitors intake from the city's sanitary sewer system
- 1am**
a police officer responds to a call for service
- 2:17am**
unit from Lawrence Douglas County Fire Medical Department assists a woman having difficulty breathing
- 6:03am**
Lawrence Transit System bus departs Four Wheel Dr.
- 7:48am**
a school crossing guard helps three students cross a street on their way to school
- 8:03pm**
concrete crew from Public Works Department places a form for a curb to be poured later this morning
- 8:15am**
Utility Billing meter reader completes a residential reading
- 8:35am**
Parks and Recreation facilities crew empties trash bins in a neighborhood park
- 9:10am**
Parks and Recreation class begins a weaving project
- 9:47am**
an animal control officer delivers a stray dog to the humane society
- 10am**
central maintenance garage mechanic services a patrol car
- 10:15am**
Public Works maintenance worker removes oil stains in the parking stalls in the downtown parking garage
- 10:30am**
second grade elementary school class tours the safe house presented by Lawrence Douglas County Fire Medical Department
- 10:45am**
Parks and Recreation cemetery supervisor visits with a family about burial services
- 10:56am**
a technician in the Utilities Department collects water samples for quality testing
- 11am**
storm water engineer explains the purpose of a drainage easement to a prospective homebuyer
- 11:15am**
Information Systems technician responds to failing computer server
- 11:37am**
personnel recruiter schedules a job interview with an applicant
- 11:45am**
Municipal Court clerk receives a payment for a parking violation
- 12:20pm**
Parks and Recreation instructor leads 47 people in a lunchtime aerobic dance class
- 1:15pm**
a school resource officer talks with a student
- 1:27pm**
Utilities Department crew removes a manhole cover to clean a line
- 1:47pm**
a city/county planner talks with homeowners about a room addition
- 2pm**
a solid waste driver delivers yard waste collections to the composting facility
- 2:10pm**
street maintenance crew fills a pothole reported earlier on the pothole hotline
- 2:25pm**
a customer service representative from Utility Billing answers questions about establishing water service
- 2:30pm**
electrical inspector from Neighborhood Resources reviews a local retail store remodeling project
- 3pm**
Lawrence Douglas County Fire Medical training exercise begins
- 3:27pm**
recycling specialist writes letter outlining a neighborhood pilot program
- 3:40pm**
finance director receives statement of city sales tax for month
- 4:10pm**
naturalist at Prairie Park Nature Center feeds animals and fish
- 4:57pm**
unit from Lawrence Douglas County Fire Medical Department responds to a car fire
- 5:20pm**
assistant golf pro at Eagle Bend Golf Course checks in a foursome for a 5:35 tee time
- 6:15pm**
a lifeguard at the Indoor Aquatic Center takes roll at a learn-to-swim class
- 6:35pm**
Mayor calls the weekly City Commission meeting to order
- 7pm**
a human relations specialist begins a presentation on fair housing at a community education seminar
- 7:10pm**
Parks and Recreation instructor introduces bridge to 14 people in an introductory class
- 8pm**
a reference librarian helps a student locate a magazine article for a research paper
- 8:50pm**
Parks and Recreation volleyball official whistles the start of an adult sports match
- 9:57pm**
a grounds specialist at the Clinton Lake Softball Complex turns off the lights after an evening of softball games
- 11:15pm**
an operator at the Clinton Reservoir Water Treatment Plant records a reading
- 11:35pm**
Utilities Department staff answers a call reporting a water line break