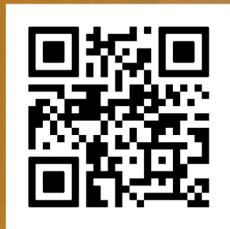


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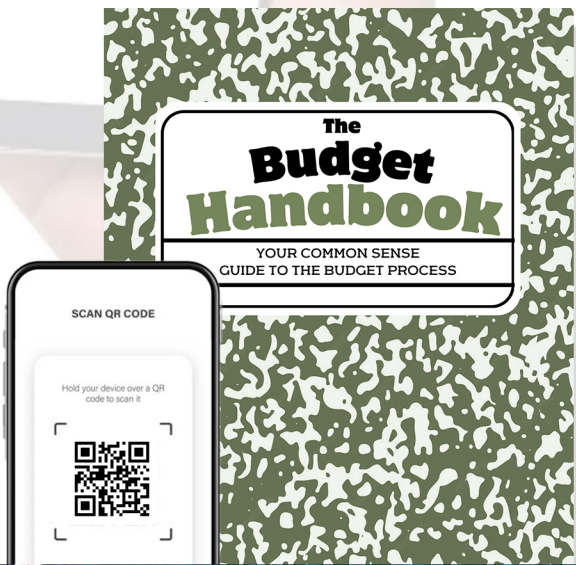


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FY2025 BUDGET

It's Budget Season in the City of Birmingham and we want to keep you up to speed on what that means and how your tax dollars are being put to use.

Here at the Birmingham City Council, we believe that it shouldn't take being elected to public office to know exactly how the City's budget comes together and how it's implemented every year.

Whereas the fiscal year begins on July 1st, the Council is constantly working towards maintaining a balanced budget.

Last year, our offices received roughly 16,000 calls, upwards of 12,000 emails, and we attended over 1,000 Neighborhood Association meetings. This is where the rubber meets the road and we hear from our residents about what priorities they would like to see reflected in the annual budget.

Departmental Budget Presentations

Mid March

Deadline for Budgets to be presented to Council

May 20th

The Mayor Council Act

The Mayor Council Act is the governing legislation that guides the way our municipal government is structured. Much like on the federal level, our municipal government is comprised of three main branches – Legislative (the City Council), Executive (the Mayor) and Judicial (the Municipal Court).

How it was

In 2016, the Alabama Legislature made changes to the Mayor Council Act, which impacted the way the annual process unfolds. Prior to the changes, the Council could make changes to the proposed budget unilaterally; now, any alteration needs written approval from the mayor's office.

Changes to the Mayor-Council Act after the 2016 legislative session granted Birmingham mayors autonomy when it comes to budgetary decisions, and limited the Council's ability to make changes.

How it is

By statute, the Council is still required to hold a public hearing on the budget, even though the legislative body's ability to make changes was overturned by the Alabama State Legislature in 2016. (Act No. 2013-376(HB 523), § 2(5.08)) That hearing typically happens soon after the Budget is formally submitted to the Council by May 20th every year. This year, the City Council and the Mayor held an additional budget town hall meeting on March 18th to hear our residents' thoughts and opinions on the budget.

YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK



Public Safety -- \$245,671,278
 Police Department: \$115,280,417
 Fire Departments: \$83,849,786
 Public Works: \$44,541,075



Infrastructure – \$38,121,023

Department of Transportation: \$13,061,851
 Traffic Calming: \$250,000
 Street Resurfacing: \$15,000,000
 Redevelopment and Infrastructure Projects: \$6,809,172
 Department of Public Works deferred maintenance: \$3 million



Education/Youth Services– \$25,338,005

Birmingham Public Library: \$15,472,985
 Birmingham Promise: \$2 million
 Department of Youth Services: \$3,308,416
 Birmingham City Schools (Mental Health Services Support): \$1 million
 BHM Financial Freedom financial literacy: \$1 million

Conflict resolution through Common Ground H.E.A.T. Curriculum: \$1 million
 Safe Haven Program: \$500,000
 RESTORE juvenile justice reentry: \$225,000
 Kids and Jobs Program: \$210,000 (Department of Youth Services)
 McWane Science Center: \$159,104
 Theatre and Arts: \$125,000
 High School Athletics: \$337,500



Blight Removal – \$4,000,000

Sidewalks: \$200,000
 Weed Abatement: \$2 million
 Demolition: \$1 million
 Land Bank Authority: \$500,000
 Recycling: \$300,000



Public Transportation – \$16,500,000

BJCTA fixed route service: \$11 million
 Birmingham Xpress bus rapid transit: \$3 million
 Birmingham On Demand powered by VIA: \$2.5 million



Parks and Greenspaces – \$26,456,567

Parks and Recreation: \$24,125,270
 Birmingham Civil Rights Institute capital improvements: \$1 million
 Ruffner Mountain: \$250,000
 Red Mountain Park: \$250,000
 Vulcan Park: \$525,000
 Cemetery Improvements/Maintenance: \$306,297

Economic Development: \$10,831,224

Capital Projects: \$6,031,951
 Department of Innovation and Economic Opportunity: \$4,515,273
 Jefferson County Port Authority: \$125,000
 Create Birmingham: \$150,000
 CAPS: \$9,000

Housing: \$9,765,934

Housing rehabilitation: \$2,765,820
 Housing opportunities for persons with AIDS: \$1,759,938
 HOME Investment Partnership Program: \$1,438,242
 Allocations for organizations focused on housing: \$3,801,934

Budget Hearing

Early-Mid June

Deadline for Council to adopt the budget

June 20th

Start of fiscal year

July 1st