

Revenue Policies

The City will budget revenues conservatively so that the chance of a revenue shortage during the year is remote. This also will help finance contingencies and Budget amendments that were unforeseen when the Budget was first adopted.

The City will review annually all fees and charges to assure that they maintain their inflation-adjusted purchasing power.

Since different revenue sources impact classes of taxpayers differently, the City Council recognizes that the only way to minimize these different impacts is to have a diversified revenue system. These impacts will be considered in making any needed adjustments to the various sources of revenue.

The City will make every effort not to become too dependent on one source of revenue in order to minimize serious fluctuations in any year.

The City will consider market rates and rates of comparable cities in the region when changing tax rates, fees, and charges. The City will make every effort to maintain its favorable comparative position with other Tennessee cities in this regard, which has contributed to our economic development success.

All cash donations to any department or agency of the City shall be deposited with the City Clerk's Office. All purchases using such donations must be budgeted and will comply fully with the City's purchasing policies. The City cannot accept donations on behalf of an outside agency or group. Donations of equipment or supplies may be made directly to a department or agency of the City. Donated equipment meeting the definition of a fixed asset must be reported to the Purchasing Agent, for tagging and listing as a fixed asset.