

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

BUDGET OVERVIEW

North Carolina's economy continues to improve at a slow pace. The state's unemployment rate at 9.2% continues to exceed the national rate of 7.7%. Non-farm jobs in the state grew by 2.3% in 2012 compared to the 1.3% in 2011. However, almost half of the new jobs created were in lower-paying industries, such as retail, accommodation and food services and administrative services. While employment has grown slowly, personal income growth has been stronger. This has led to improvement in retail sales during FY 2011-12 for non-residential construction activity. Sales for non-construction related goods are expected to continue growing at a moderate rate. As noted by the North Carolina League of Municipalities, the housing market appears to be ready for a recovery this year. Housing prices have hit bottom and started to rise again. This indicates that demand for housing is on the increase.

Locally, signs of an economic recovery include the low unemployment rate, increased taxable sales, and increased building permits. Orange County's unemployment rate is 5.9% as of March 2013, which is partially attributable to the nearby location of the University of North Carolina and Research Triangle Park. Total taxable sales in the County for FY 2011-12 (\$1,058,416,058) were 4% higher than for FY 2010-11 (\$1,017,355,199). As the table below shows, the number and value of commercial and residential building permits for the Town increased in FY 2011-12 from the prior year.

<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>Ended June 30</u>	<u>COMMERCIAL</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>RESIDENTIAL</u> <u>Value</u>
2008	298	\$4,469,526	468	\$ 22,796,800
2009	320	1,581,608	425	19,858,118
2010	228	14,177,902	547	23,614,500
2011	123	2,794,123	556	16,089,505
2012	531	18,534,892	594	20,328,808

Through the third quarter of FY 2012-13, revenues for the Town total \$15.6 million or 80% of the adopted budget. Property tax revenue collections are \$11,491,154 (99% of budget) and slightly above the \$11,471,487 collected last year at this time. Sales tax revenue collections through January total \$1.6 million, compared to \$1.5 million last year. Restricted and unrestricted intergovernmental revenues are 95% and 49% of budget respectively. Overall, total revenue collections for FY 2012-13 are expected to exceed the adopted budget.

Although there are positive signs of economic recovery, the Town continues to be cautious in its revenue projections for FY 2013-14. The Town continued the use of fiscal tools used over the past several years. Operating expenses were identified for reduction, total number of Town employees remains unchanged, capital item requests were re-prioritized and some deferred for purchase in future years. These efforts were undertaken as part of an overall strategy to:

- Implement Board priorities,
- Maintain current service delivery levels, and

- Avoid increasing the tax burden for Town residents.

The total recommended general fund operating budget for FY 2012-13 is \$20,735,656, an increase of \$1,283,663 or 6.6%. By law, municipalities are required to have a balanced budget where revenues must equal budgeted expenditures. Highlights of Town revenues and expenditures follow.

BUDGET PROCESS

The budget process is similar to past years, requiring departments to justify their operating budget for the continuation of services as well as any proposed new or expanded services. The continuation budget includes adjustments for price increases in the cost of goods and services; and may include projects and infrastructure expenditures reflected in the annual CIP which includes street resurfacing costs, vehicles, equipment, and debt service payments for capital commitments. All other requests are defined as “proposed changes” and are budgeted in a separate column.

REVENUES

Carrboro’s revenue stream has two broad types of revenues: recurring revenues and other financing sources which represent certain one-time inflows of revenue. Recurring revenues consist of property taxes, sales taxes, other taxes/licenses, and intergovernmental revenues and comprise approximately 91% of general fund revenues.

For FY 2013-14 total recurring revenues are projected to increase by 4.7% over FY 2012-13. This increase stems from increase in property tax revenues by 3.8% due to increased valuations; expected sales tax growth; and permits and fees as a result of private developments beginning or nearing construction.

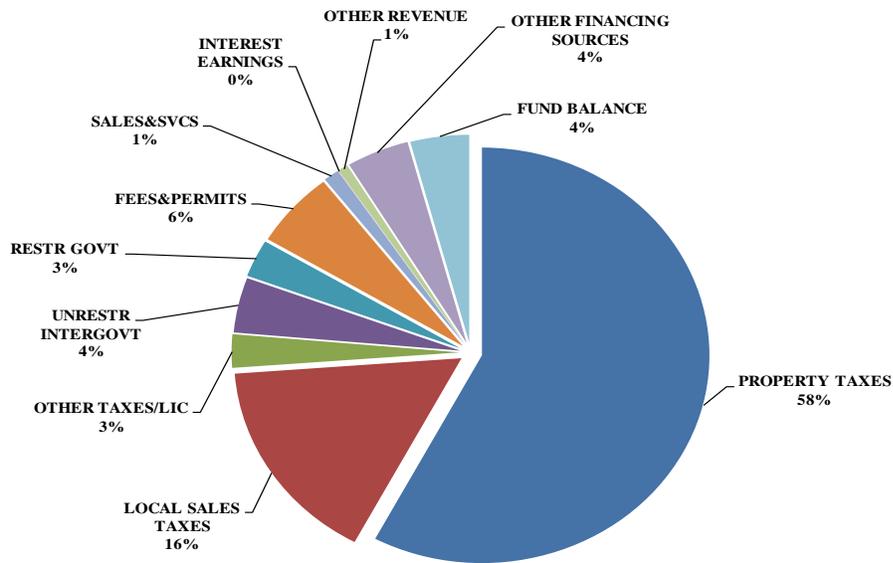
CATEGORY	% Change	CHANGES OVER PRIOR YEAR	FY 2013-14 RECOMMENDED REVENUE	FY 2012-13 ADOPTED REVENUE
PROPERTY TAXES	3.8%	\$441,352	\$11,979,989	\$11,538,637
LOCAL SALES TAXES	1.2%	\$38,571	\$3,325,816	\$3,287,245
OTHER TAXES/LIC	31.2%	\$127,556	\$536,046	\$408,490
UNRESTR INTERGOVT	2.8%	\$24,408	\$887,145	\$862,737
RESTR GOVT	1.1%	\$6,709	\$604,909	\$598,200
FEES & PERMITS	16.3%	\$172,144	\$1,226,295	\$1,054,151
SALES & SVCS	1.4%	\$3,300	\$233,145	\$229,845
INTEREST EARNINGS	-79.9%	(\$27,964)	\$7,036	\$35,000
OTHER REVENUE	93.3%	\$70,999	\$147,106	\$76,107
TOTAL RECURRING REVENUE	4.7%	\$857,075	\$18,947,487	\$18,090,412

Of the total general fund revenues, property and sales tax revenues make up 74% of total revenues and are projected to increase 3.8% and 1.2%, respectively, in FY 2013-14. The property tax valuation at January 31, 2013 was \$1,986,443,723 compared to \$1,972,777,796 at June 30, 2012. For FY 2013-14 total tax valuations are expected to grow by 3% from the June 30, 2012 value to \$2,031,961,150. Each penny on the tax rate is projected to generate approximately \$201,164. In addition, property tax relief is available for the elderly,

permanently-disabled persons, and veterans who meet income and other specific exemption requirements.

Overall sales tax receipts (\$1.6 million), reflecting seven months of collections for the year, are 50% of the FY 2012-13 adopted budget (\$3.2 million) with total collections for the year anticipated to be \$3.2 million. According to the N. C. League of Municipalities report, statewide sales tax distributions to local governments for the first six months of FY 2012-13 were 1.5% above the comparable period in FY 2011-12. The League of Municipalities anticipates that sales tax revenues for the current fiscal year will be 3% higher than FY 2011-12 collections. For FY 2013-14 statewide local sales tax are expected to grow by 3.0 – 3.5% from the FY 2012-13 level. This rate could be higher if single family residential construction rebounds in FY 2013-14.

FY 2013-14 GENERAL FUND - ALL REVENUES
\$20,735,656



Restricted intergovernmental revenues are not expected to experience any significant growth. In FY 2012-13 total Powell Bill revenues were \$477,977 versus budget of \$461,696; and, ABC Grant revenues were \$13,300 compared to a budget of \$12,500. No revenues are expected to be received from a SAFER grant or the Affordable Health Care Re-Insurance Program.

Unrestricted intergovernmental revenues overall are expected to grow by 3% in FY 2013-14, although not all sectors will experience growth. Revenues from Electricity Franchise Tax based on receipts from electric services within municipal boundaries are expected to increase statewide by 1.0% for FY 2012-13. The N. C. League of Municipalities is projecting a growth of 2.5% for

FY 2013-14. Electricity Franchise Tax revenues are highly sensitive to annual weather conditions.

Telecommunications Sales Tax revenues are expected to decrease by 5% statewide in FY 2012-13 according to the N. C. League of Municipalities. This decrease reflects the national decline in the number of landlines. This trend is expected to continue into FY 2013-14 with a projected 1.5% decrease in telecommunications Sales Tax revenues.

Piped Natural Gas Excise Tax revenues are highly dependent on winter temperatures which drive residential use of gas. Due to the colder temperatures last fall and winter, statewide distribution to municipalities for the first two quarters of FY 2012-13 have been 11.3% over FY 2011-12. However, they are not expected to continue this growth in the third and fourth quarter of 2012-13. For FY 2013-14 the League projects a statewide growth rate of 7% assuming that temperatures will continue to move towards normal levels. However, given the Town's population size and no expected significant change in residential use of gas, this level of growth may not be realized.

Video Programming Revenues are being affected by cable and satellite competition with internet based programs and the trend away from landlines to wireless services. For FY 2012-13, revenues statewide are expected to be 4.6% below FY 2011-12 level. For FY 2013-14 Video Programming Revenues are expected to decrease by 1%.

Unrestricted intergovernmental revenues from the beer and wine tax distributions are expected to grow modestly by 1%.

OTHER FINANCING

Other financing sources in the General Fund include inter-fund transfers, installment financing and fund balance appropriation. Revenues from other financing sources in FY 2013-14 total \$1,788,169. This is an increase of \$426,588 or 31.3% over the adopted FY 2012-13 budget.

CATEGORY	CHANGES OVER PRIOR YEAR	FY 2013-14 RECOMMENDED REVENUE	FY 2012-13 ADOPTED REVENUE
INTERFUND TRANSFERS	\$0	\$176,945	\$176,945
INSTALLMENT FINANCING	\$347,856	\$745,176	\$397,320
FUND BALANCE	\$78,732	\$866,048	\$787,316
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	\$426,588	\$1,788,169	\$1,361,581

The transfer from the Capital Reserve Fund of \$176,945 will be continued to partially offset the debt service for the fire station #2.

Installment financing will increase by 87.6% from \$397,320 to \$745,176. This increase is due to the acquisition of two solid waste vehicles at a cost of \$511,800. Also included are six replacement vehicles for police at a cost of \$233,376.

Following generally accepted accounting practices, the full cost of the financed equipment is budgeted (equipment purchased in that fiscal year) in addition to the lease payment. However,

an offsetting entry equal to the full cost value of the equipment is budgeted on the revenue side as lease proceeds. Thus, the true tax impact of the financed equipment is the lease value only. The full cost of financed equipment being purchased in FY 2013-14 equals \$745,176; the budgeted lease proceeds on the revenue side are also equal to this same amount. The debt service cost associated with borrowing the funds for the equipment and vehicles recommended for replacement is \$44,691 for 5 years.

Fund balance use is increased by 10% from \$787,316 to \$866,048; however as a percent of total revenues it remains at 4%.

EXPENDITURES

For FY 2013-14 total operating expenses increase by 6.7% to a total of \$20,735,656. Much of this increase is for \$511,800 capital outlay. Overall capital outlay expenses represent a 56% increase over the FY 2012-13 adopted budget.

Total personnel costs increase by 6% primarily due to a 3% across the board pay adjustment in FY 2012-13, a 1.9% across the board pay adjustment in FY 2013-14, and projected 10% increase in health insurance premiums.

EXPENDITURE	2012-13 ADOPTED BUDGET	2013-14 RECOMMENDED BUDGET	CHANGES OVER PRIOR YEAR BUDGET	% CHANGE
PERSONNEL	\$ 10,940,699	\$ 11,622,862	\$ 682,163	6.2%
OPERATIONS	\$ 7,879,692	\$ 8,175,299	\$ 295,607	3.8%
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 601,100	\$ 937,495	\$ 336,395	56.0%
TOTAL	\$ 19,421,491	\$ 20,735,656	\$ 1,314,165	6.8%

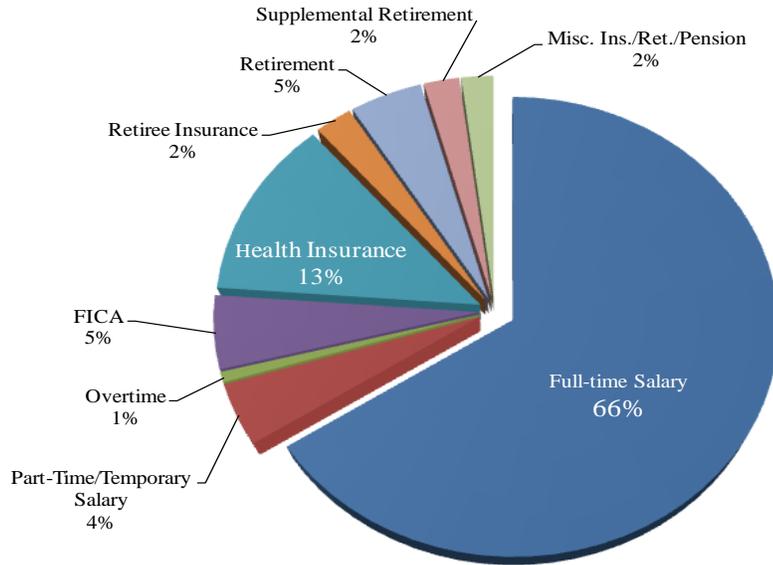
PERSONNEL

Total full-time equivalent positions for FY 2013-14 remain at 155.5. Because animal control services are now contracted to the county, the Animal Control Officer position has been eliminated. A new Solid Waste Equipment Operator position has been added to accommodate for travel time to Waste Industries Transfer Station in Durham.

Total personnel cost for FY 2013-14 increase by \$654,163 or 6.0%. This includes a 1.9% across the board pay increase for all regular employees at a cost of \$263,102. Other cost factors include the following increases:

- Health insurance premium increase by 10%;
- Retiree health insurance from \$240,000 to \$276,000;
- Tuition reimbursement from \$600 to \$5,250;
- Law Enforcement Officers Early Separation Allowance \$330,087 to \$420,397;
- Local Government Employees’ Retirement System (LGERS) mandatory employer contribution rate increase from 6.74% to 7.07% for general employees and 6.77% to 7.28% for law enforcement personnel. Depending upon future portfolio performance, these rates may increase in the coming years.

**FY 2013-14
Pay and Benefits**



In terms of health insurance costs for employees, a 10% increase in premiums is expected for the Town to maintain the existing plan and current level of benefits for the next year. A major factor that continues to affect personnel costs is the cost of health insurance for retirees, and early separation allowance for law enforcement officers. Since FY 2010-11 through the present, at least 12 employees have retired. At least two employees are expected to retire in FY 2013-14. As the number of retirees increase so does retiree health insurance costs. Subsequently, the cost of retiree health insurance is expected to total \$276,000 in FY 2013-14. This is an increase of 15% over the adopted FY 2012-13 budget. Similarly, there is an increase in the number of law enforcement officers retiring which drives the cost of the early separation allowance. As noted above, this cost will increase by \$54,310 or 60.3% in FY 2013-14.

Pay-for-performance is not included in the FY 2013-14 budget due to other service or program priorities requiring funding. When the Board of Aldermen approved the pay-for-performance plan, it was understood that performance pay amounts may vary from year to year depending on budget availability and labor market conditions. In future budget years, consideration will be given to funding a pay-for-performance system to financially reward individual employees based on their actual levels of performance.

OPERATING EXPENSES

The overall increase in General Fund operating expenses is \$303,607 more than last year. This is due mainly to increased costs for fair-free transit services (from \$1,240,000 to \$1,354,330); additional fuel to transport solid waste to Durham, and the upgrade of public safety radios

(\$95,000). Due to the payoff of some older debt with higher interest rates, debt service cost slightly decrease from \$1,415,681 to \$1,353,143.

CAPITAL OUTLAY

In accordance with the Town’s financial policies, the Town Manager develops and maintains a six-year capital improvement program (CIP) plan that includes long-term maintenance, infrastructure needs and technology needed for the community. The CIP for FY 203-14 through FY 2018-19 totals \$40.3 million as follows:

Type of Project	Amount	% of Total
Current Projects	\$10,757,219	26.7%
Mandated Storm Water	979,900	2.4%
Vehicles & Equipment	6,894,459	17.1%
Technology	207,500	0.5%
New Projects	21,470,384	53.3%
Total	\$40,309,462	100.0%

To undertake all projects in the CIP over the next six years, funding is anticipated to be needed from the following sources:

Type of Financing	Amount
Installment Financing	\$ 23,750,249
Capital Reserves	\$ 5,467,051
GO Bonds	\$ 4,365,975
General Fund	\$ 1,660,604
Capital Reserves - Matching Funds	\$ 1,390,776
Intergovernmental	\$ 3,122,033
Miscellaneous	\$ 552,773
Total	\$ 40,309,461

Details of the CIP can be reviewed on the Town’s web site at:
<http://www.townofcarrboro.org/MS/CIP/2011/TableofContents.htm>.

Projects in the CIP are incorporated into the annual operating budget request process based on affordability. Items are appropriated into the budget by the Board of Aldermen upon adoption of the budget. The CIP plan can affect all categories of spending in the budget, including personnel and operating costs in addition to capital outlay costs.

Based on the CIP, a total of \$1.8 million for vehicles and equipment was requested by departments for FY 2013-14. After re-prioritizing, these requests were reduced to a total of \$745,176 for the following departments.

Department	Vehicle	Cost
Police	Patrol - 6 Replacement Vehicles @ \$38,896 each	\$ 233,376
Public Works	Solid Waste - Fully Automated Autocar Expert 2000 - Replace #54	\$ 268,800
Public Works	Solid Waste - Front Loader - New Addition	\$ 243,000
	TOTAL	\$ 745,176

Other capital outlays include software upgrades to CAD and GIS information system (\$45,000), IT server replacement (\$28,750), police-2-citizen and live scan fingerprint system (\$39 000).

Contingent upon Town fund balance ratios remaining within the stated fiscal policy goal of 22.5% to 35%, CIP projects not funded or placed on hold may be proposed for funding through fund balance. In late June an agenda item is usually presented to the Board recommending projects to be funded via fund balance designation.

ALL OTHER FUNDS

While the general fund is the major operating budget for the Town, the annual budget includes the Special Revenue Fund and Capital Projects Fund. The Special Revenue Fund accounts for revenues and expenditures legally restricted or designated by the Board for specific program activities or services. Included in the Special Revenue Fund are: revolving loans for economic development or energy efficiency, affordable housing, and grants. The Capital Projects Fund accounts for capital projects that are financed (in whole or part) by the proceeds of bonds, notes, pay-go or other debt instruments for the construction or acquisition of a capital asset. Included in the Capital Projects Fund are: capital projects, capital reserve, GO bonds for sidewalks and greenways, and payment in lieu.

A transfer of \$176,945 is budgeted to offset debt service costs for the fire station #2. The transfer from the capital reserve fund is recognized as revenue to the general fund as Other Financing Sources with a corresponding expense budget in the debt service budget.

CONCLUSION

As the economy continues to slowly recover, we must continue to be cautiously optimistic. Town recurring revenues are showing signs of growth. Revenues from fees and permits are on track to exceed last year's, but this growth may not be sustainable if other approved private developments do not materialize.

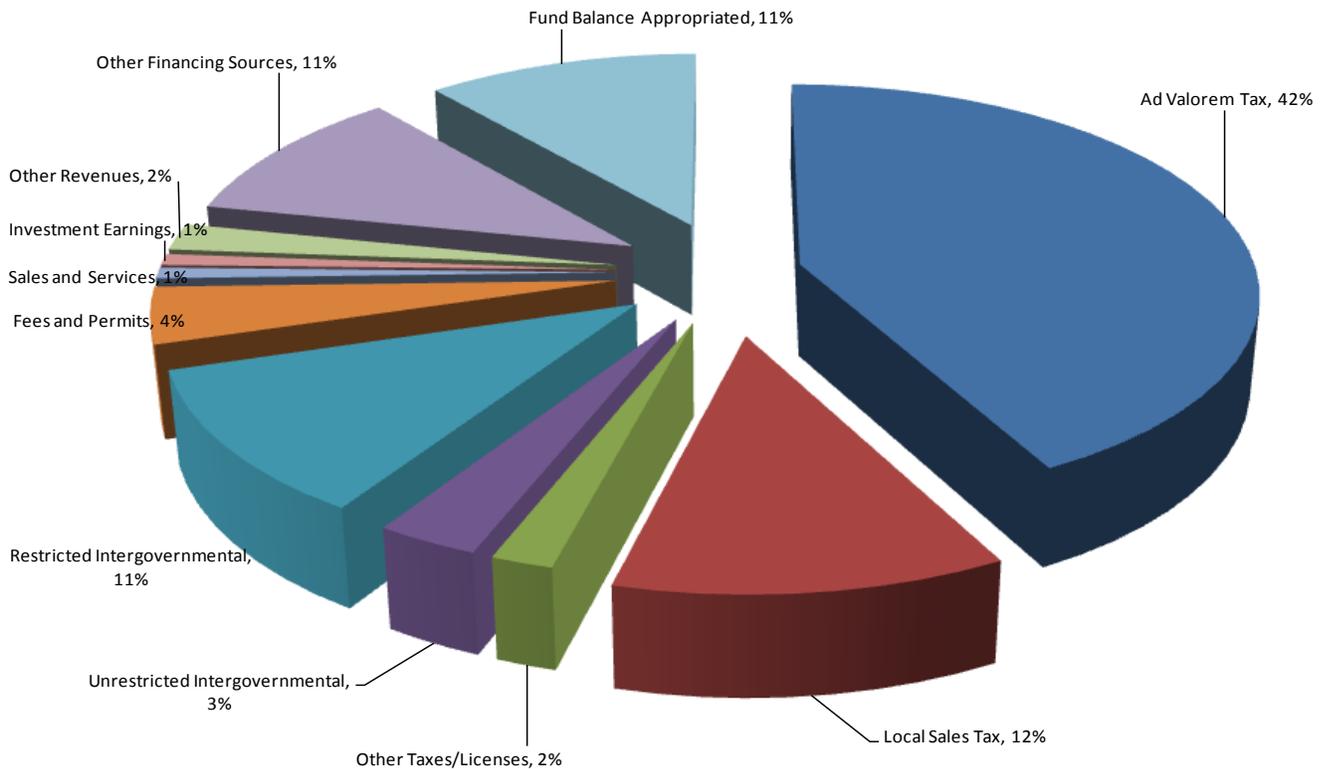
The challenge will be to adjust our operating environment to a slowly recovering economy with no clearly defined growth pattern(s). This will require evaluation and re-evaluation of priorities to maintain quality and delivery of Town services. We must continue to monitor and evaluate the potential impact of any state and local tax system changes that may be enacted by the General Assembly.

The Town has delayed some capital initiatives included in the CIP, including certain replacement vehicles and equipment. Whether these items get funded in a future year needs to be determined by a number of factors, including cost-benefit. As a general rule, all investments in capital equipment need to be scrutinized from a cost-benefit analysis and to gain maximum use of them to the fullest extent possible.

Given the slowly recovering economy and needs of the Town, careful and balanced choices are presented in the FY 2013-14 to provide for continued quality service delivery, carry out Board priorities, acquire needed capital items, and adjust the compensation for the Town's employees.

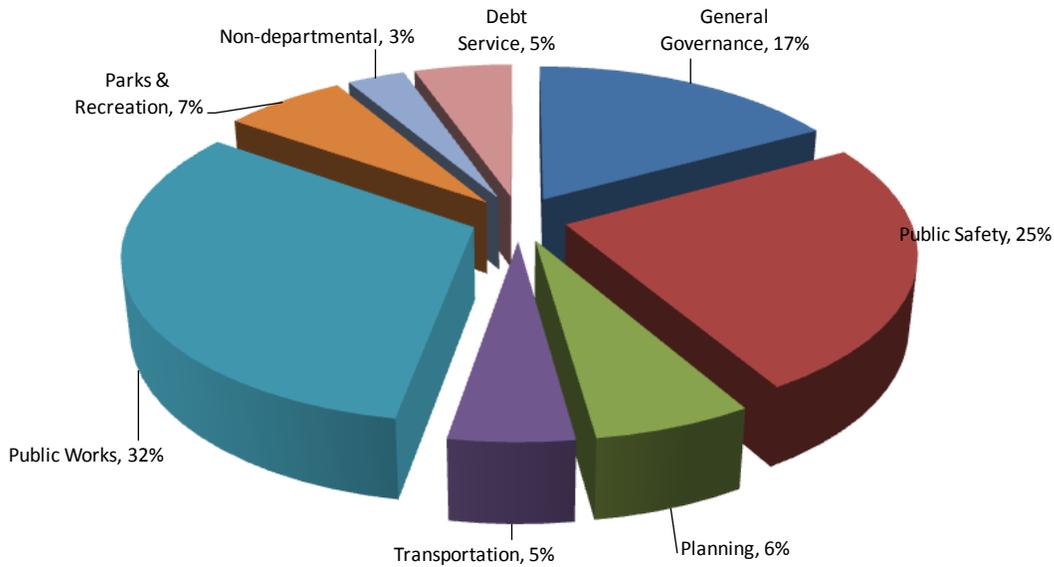
Revenue Summary - All Funds FY 2013-14 Budget by Fund Type

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Funds	Total All Funds
Ad Valorem Tax	\$11,979,989			\$ 11,979,989
Local Sales Tax	\$3,325,816			\$ 3,325,816
Other Taxes/Licenses	\$536,046			\$ 536,046
Unrestricted Intergovernmental	\$887,145			\$ 887,145
Restricted Intergovernmental	\$604,909	\$ 315,604	\$ 2,249,237	\$ 3,169,750
Fees and Permits	\$1,226,295			\$ 1,226,295
Sales and Services	\$233,145			\$ 233,145
Investment Earnings	\$7,036	\$ 84,267	\$ 153,895	\$ 245,198
Other Revenues	\$147,106	\$ 81,920	\$ 355,612	\$ 584,638
Other Financing Sources	\$922,121	\$ 36,397	\$ 2,041,798	\$ 3,000,316
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$866,048	\$ -	\$ 2,285,143	\$ 3,151,191
Total Budgeted Revenues	\$ 20,735,656	\$ 518,188	\$ 7,085,685	\$ 28,339,529



Expense Summary - All Funds FY 2013-14 Budget by Fund Type

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Funds	Total All Funds
Mayor and Board of Aldermen	\$ 256,249		\$ 30,099	\$ 286,348
Advisory Boards	\$ 16,550			\$ 16,550
Governance Support	\$ 444,468			\$ 444,468
Town Manager	\$ 272,170			\$ 272,170
Economic and Community Development	\$ 259,934	\$ 427,275	\$ -	\$ 687,209
Town Clerk	\$ 124,521			\$ 124,521
Management Services	\$ 1,062,435			\$ 1,062,435
Human Resources	\$ 540,044			\$ 540,044
Information Technology	\$ 1,169,068		\$ 219,198	\$ 1,388,266
Police	\$ 3,559,446			\$ 3,559,446
Fire	\$ 2,634,153	\$ 75,000	\$ 683,000	\$ 3,392,153
Planning	\$ 1,261,904	\$ 15,913	\$ 491,280	\$ 1,769,097
Transportation	\$ 1,396,423			\$ 1,396,423
Public Works	\$ 4,151,361		\$ 4,912,244	\$ 9,063,605
Parks and Recreation	\$ 1,505,496		\$ 400,025	\$ 1,905,521
Non-departmental	\$ 728,290		\$ 172,894	\$ 901,184
Debt Service	\$ 1,353,143		\$ 176,945	\$ 1,530,088
Total Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 20,735,656	\$ 518,188	\$ 7,085,685	\$ 28,339,529



MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SEILS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GIST TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE:

ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE

Town of Carrboro, North Carolina

FY 2013-14

Ordinance No. 20/2012-13

WHEREAS, the recommended budget for FY 2013-14 was submitted to the Board of Aldermen on May 7, 2013 by the Town Manager pursuant to G.S. 159-11 and filed with the Town Clerk pursuant to G.S. 159-12;

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2013, the Board of Aldermen held a public hearing on the budget pursuant to G.S. 159-12;

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2013, the Board of Aldermen adopted a budget ordinance making appropriations and levying taxes in such sums as the Board of Aldermen considers sufficient and proper in accordance with G.S. 159-13;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO, NORTH CAROLINA:

Section 1. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the Town of Carrboro and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014, according to the following schedules.

SCHEDULE A - GENERAL FUND

GENERAL GOVERNMENT		\$ 4,145,440
Mayor & Board of Alderman	\$ 256,249	
Advisory Boards	\$ 16,550	
Governance Support	\$ 444,468	
Town Manager	\$ 272,170	
Economic & Community Development	\$ 259,934	
Town Clerk	\$ 124,521	
Management Services	\$ 1,062,435	
Human Resources	\$ 540,044	
Information Technology	\$ 1,169,068	
PUBLIC SAFETY		\$ 6,193,599
Police	\$ 3,559,446	
Fire	\$ 2,634,153	
PLANNING		\$ 1,261,904
TRANSPORTATION		\$ 1,396,423
PUBLIC WORKS		\$ 4,151,361
RECREATION & PARKS		\$ 1,505,496

NONDEPARTMENTAL	\$ 728,290
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 1,353,143
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ 20,735,656

A)

SCHEDULE B – CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Transfer to General Fund for Debt Service	\$176,945
Transfer to General Fund for Street Resurfacing	<u>\$601,400</u>
	<u>\$778,345</u>

Section 2. It is estimated that revenues from the following major sources will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014 to meet the foregoing schedules:

SCHEDULE A - GENERAL FUND

Ad Valorem Tax	\$ 11,979,989
Local Sales Tax	\$ 3,325,816
Other Taxes/Licenses	\$ 536,046
Unrestricted Intergovernmental	\$ 887,145
Restricted Intergovernmental	\$ 604,909
Fees and Permits	\$ 1,226,295
Sales and Services	\$ 233,145
Investment Earnings	\$ 7,036
Other Revenues	\$ 147,106
Other Financing Sources	\$ 922,121
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ 866,048
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ 20,735,656

B) SCHEDULE B – CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Fund Balance Appropriated	\$778,345
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Section 3. Pursuant to GS 159-13.2, the Board of Aldermen may authorize and budget for capital projects and multi-year special revenue funds in its annual budget or project ordinance. The project ordinance authorizes all appropriations necessary for the completion of the projects.

Section 4. Charges for services and fees by Town Departments are levied in the amounts set forth in the Miscellaneous Fees and Charges Schedule.

Section 5. The following authorities shall apply:

- a. The Town Manager can transfer funds between departments and functions within the General Fund for pay plan adjustments, service level benefits, law enforcement separation allowance, unemployment insurance, and retiree, dependent, and permanent part-time health benefits without further action by the Board.
- b. The Town Manager can transfer funds within functions.

- c. When unassigned fund balance exceeds 35%, the Town Manager, in accordance with the Town fiscal policy, may set aside an amount in assigned fund balance for transfer to the capital projects fund for future projects.
- d. All operating funds encumbered or designated within fund balance for project expenditures as confirmed in the annual June 30, 2013 audit of the previous year shall be re-appropriated to Fiscal Year 2013-14 without further action by the Board.
- e. The Finance Officer may approve intradepartmental transfer requests between appropriation units and between programs (formally called “organizational units”) within the departmental budget.
- f. Transfers between funds and transfers from the non-fuel contingency account may be authorized only by the Board of Aldermen. The Board of Aldermen will appropriate funds from the Contingency account exclusively for government operations.
- g. In recognition of unpredictable fuel prices, a Fuel Contingency account has been established in the General Fund. The Town Manager may approve transfers from this Fuel Contingency account if needed by departments when their fuel line items are fully expended.
- h. The Orange County Tax Collector, is authorized, empowered, and commanded to collect the 2013 taxes set forth in the tax records filed in the office of the Orange County Tax Assessor, and in the tax receipts herewith delivered to the Tax Collector, in the amounts and from the taxpayers likewise set forth. Such taxes are hereby declared to be a first lien upon all real property of the respective taxpayers in the County of Orange. This section of the ordinance shall be a full and sufficient authority to direct, require, and enable the Orange County Tax Collector to levy on and sell any real or personal property of such taxpayers, for and on account thereof, in accordance with law.
- i. Under GS143-64.32, architectural, engineering, and surveying services with fees less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) may in writing be exempt from the RFQ (Request for Qualification) process.

Section 6. There is hereby levied the following rates of tax on each one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of taxable property as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2013 for the purpose of raising the revenue constituting the general property taxes as set forth in the foregoing estimates of revenue and in order to finance the foregoing appropriations.

General Fund\$5894

Section 7. In accordance with G.S. 159-13, a copy of this ordinance shall be filed with the Town Manager, the Finance Officer, and the Town Clerk.

The foregoing ordinance having been submitted to a vote received the following vote and was duly adopted this 18th day of June 2013:

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Chilton, Alderman Gist, Alderman Haven-O'Donnell, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Lavelle, Alderman Slade and Alderman Seils