

The background of the slide features a light blue banner with the word "ITHACA" in large, white, serif capital letters. To the right of the banner is a circular seal of the City of Ithaca, which includes a building illustration and the text "CITY OF ITHACA" around the perimeter.

Mayor's Proposed 2017 Budget

Monday October 3, 2016

6:00pm

Common Council Chambers

Mission

We strive to make Ithaca a
Model Community:

a great place to create, dream,
live, learn, work and play



Vision

We deliver high quality services
to preserve & enhance
the well-being of our community



Values

For those we employ and those we serve

I. People

We believe that:

- People are our greatest asset;
- Each person should be respected, developed, supported, and valued;
- Diversity should be celebrated through inclusion

II. Relationships

We believe in:

- Teamwork;
- Interdependent collaboration;
- Responsiveness;
- Sharing knowledge and expertise

III. Excellent Results

We believe in:

- Continuous improvement;
- Streamlined processes;
- Creativity;
- Quality service;
- Celebrating success



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- In 2017 the City of Ithaca tax levy will increase by 1.98%.

<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
\$21,765,380	\$22,195,764	\$430,384	1.98%

- This is below the tax cap of 2.03%
- Third lowest tax levy increase in past 16 years



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- The tax rate will drop by 6.6%, from \$12.89 per \$1,000 to \$12.04, a decrease of \$0.85.
- This is only the third time since 2001 that the tax rate has dropped.
- This is the lowest tax rate since 2003.



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- How can the tax levy increase by 1.98% if the tax rate drops by 6.6%?
- Total taxable assessed value in the City has grown from \$1.69 billion to \$1.84 billion, an increase of 9.18%.



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What is the tax impact to the average homeowner?

- The median change in city taxes for 1- and 2-family homes is a decrease of \$2.85, or 0.2%.
- This is for a house that was assessed at \$145,000 in 2015 and \$155,000 today.
- Over half of 1- and 2-family homeowners will see their taxes decrease.



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- The tax levy is increasing by 1.98%
- But the average homeowner will see a decrease in their taxes of 0.2%
- This is because single- and two-family homes are a smaller share of the taxable assessed value.
- We are seeing the benefits of increased development in the City of Ithaca.



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- Strategic Investments
 - Police and Fire
 - Funding the same number of officers and firefighters for 2016, plus the four new firefighters from the SAFER grant
 - Deputy Fire Chief funded, starting in December
 - Downtown outreach worker continues
 - Funding for re-entry program



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- Strategic Investments
 - DPW
 - Street Improvement
 - \$1 million in capital budget for various 2017 street reconstruction projects, increased from 2016
 - Assistant Chief Water Treatment Plant Operator, to help with succession

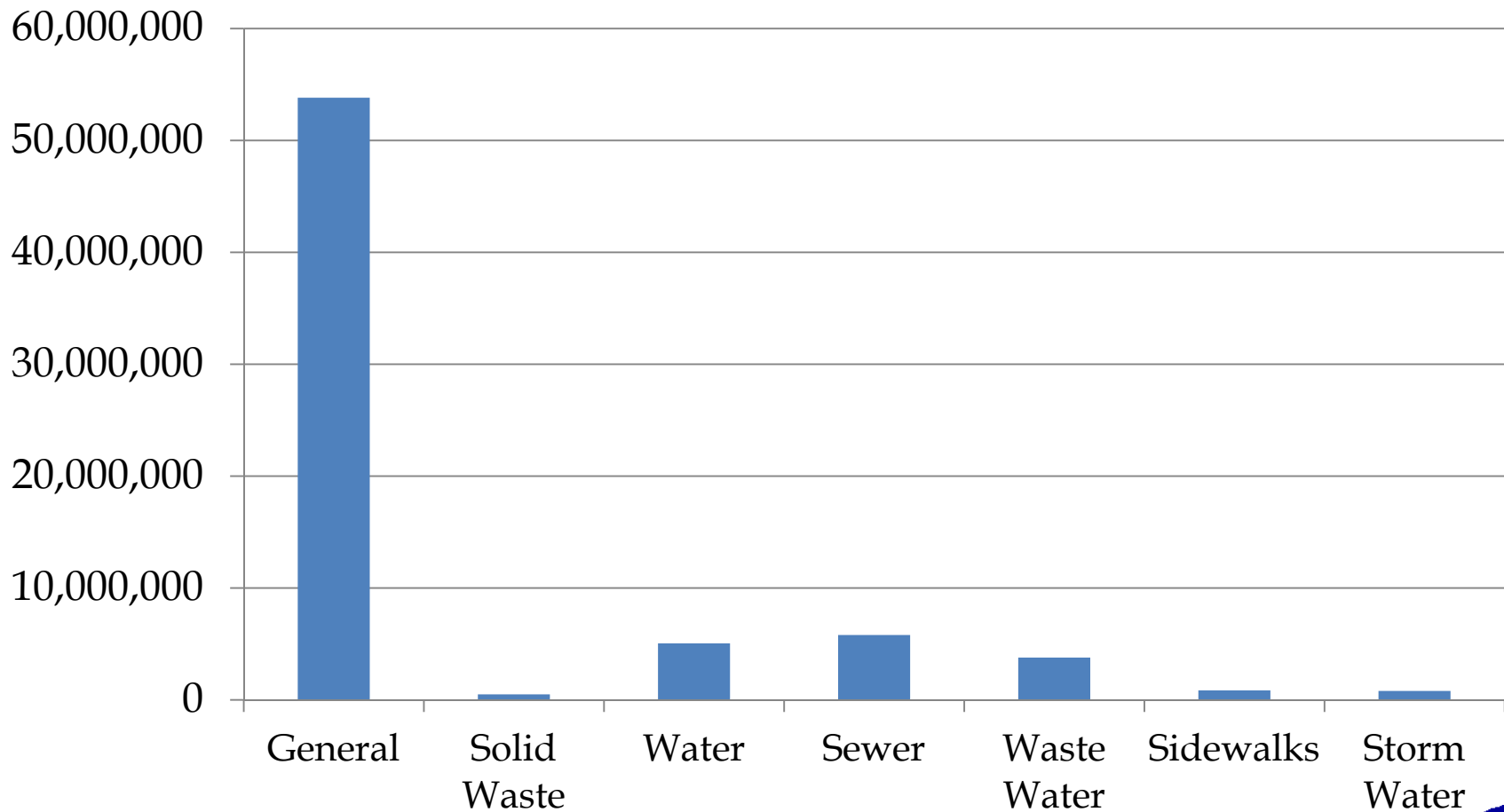


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- Strategic Investments
 - Planning/ Building/ Zoning/ ED Department
 - Continued shared funding of sustainability planner, funded jointly with the Town of Ithaca
 - New planner position starting in September 2017 to help backfill after two retirements of senior staff members from this department



Expenditures by Fund (2017 Mayor's Proposed Budget)

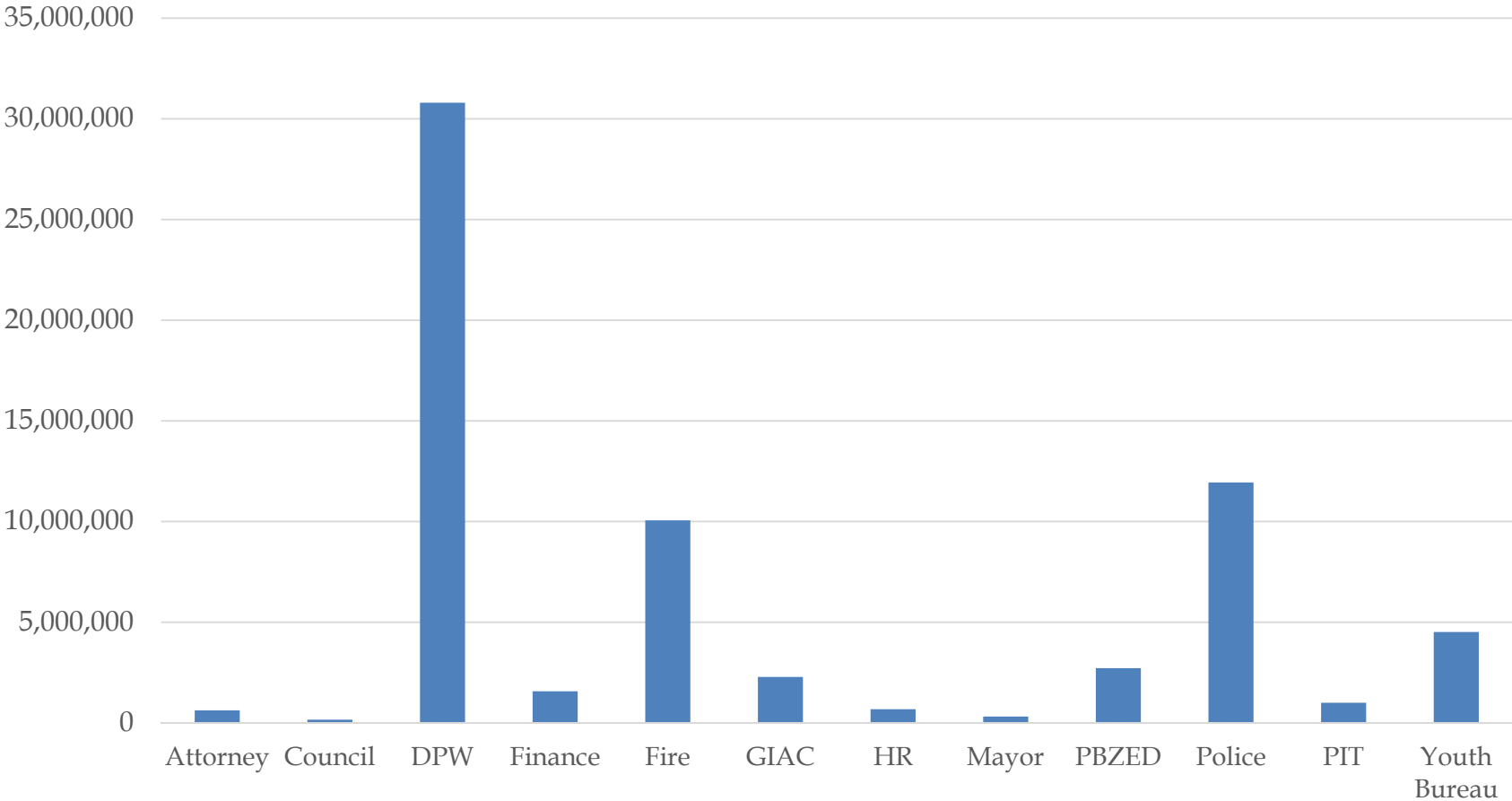


City Departments

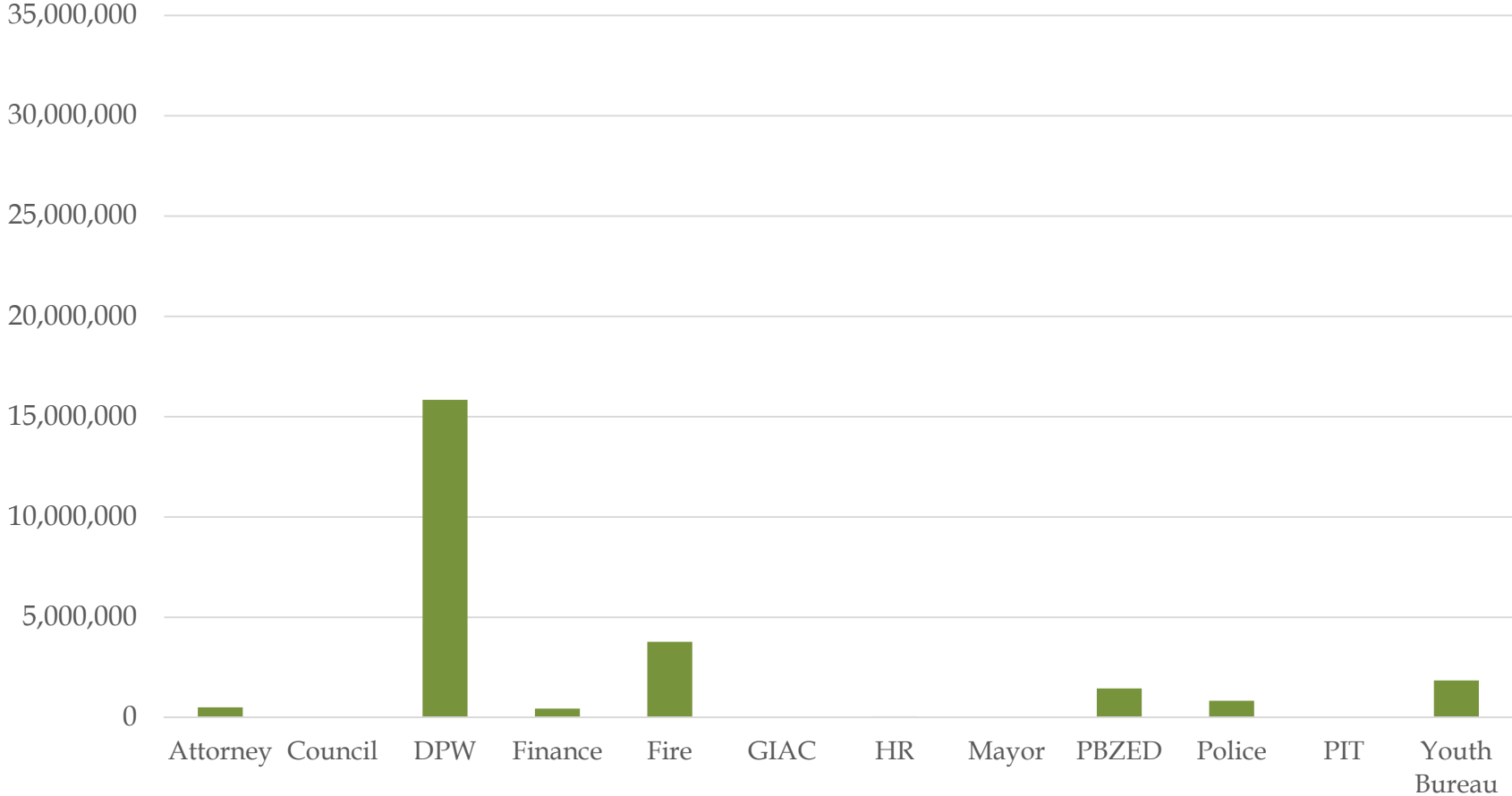
- Attorney's Office
- Common Council
- Department of Public Works
- Finance Department
- Fire Department
- Greater Ithaca Activities Center
- Human Resources
- Mayor's Office
- Planning, Building, Zoning, and Economic Development
- Police Department
- Public Information and Technology
- Youth Bureau



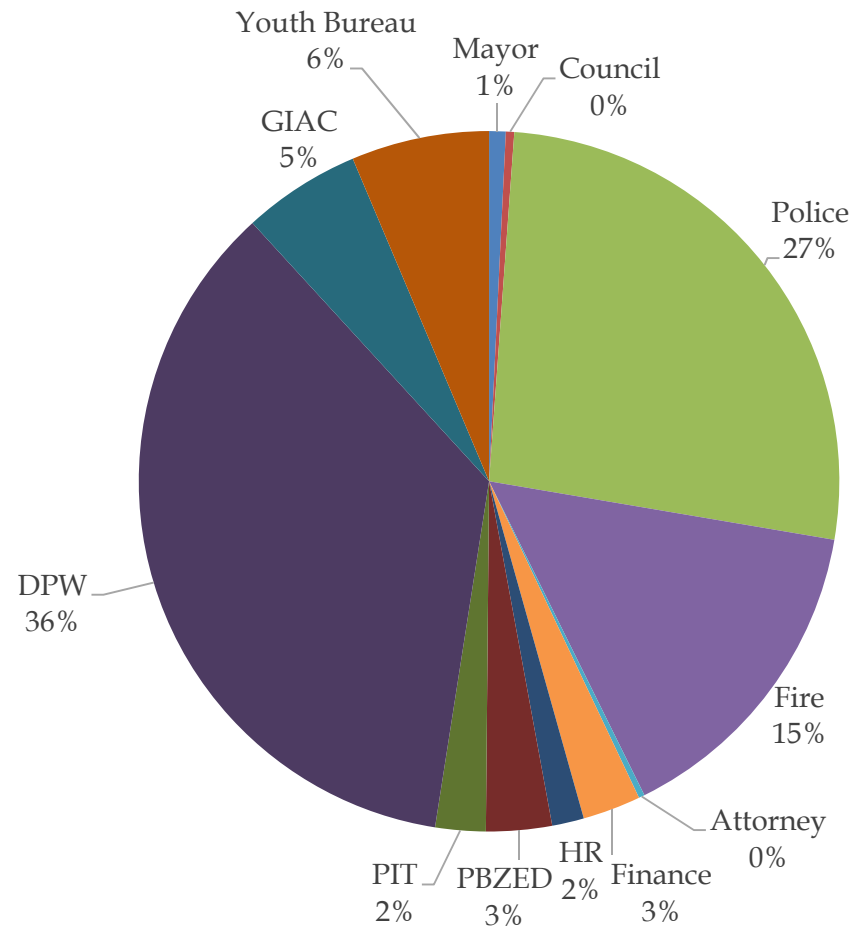
Expenditure by Department (2017 Budget)



Revenue by Department (2017 Budget)

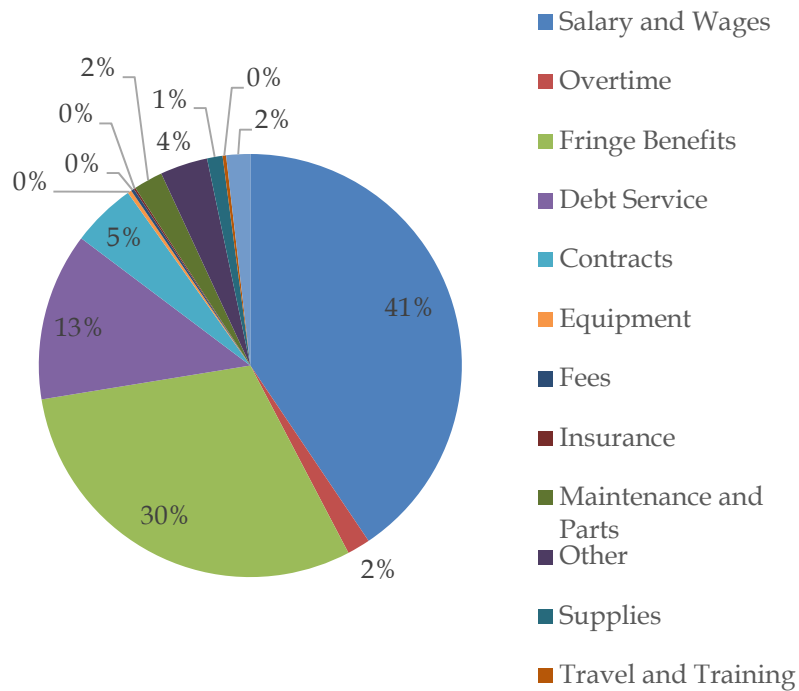


2017 General Fund Budget by Department (net of revenues)

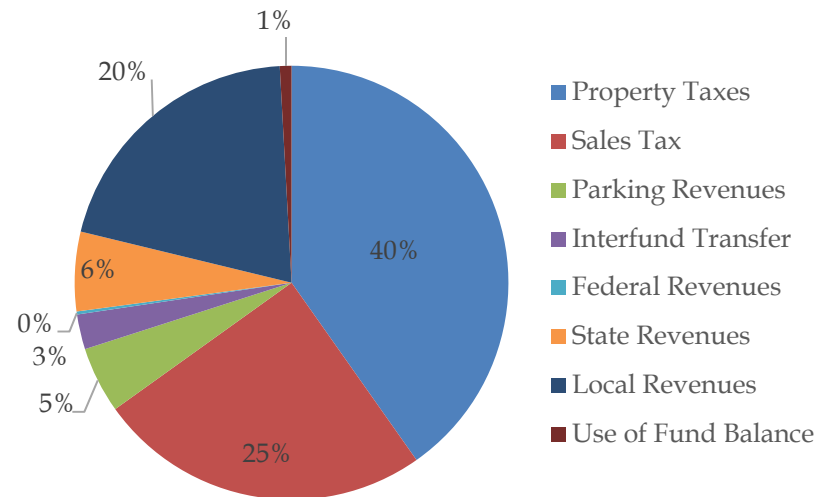


General Fund (2017 Budget)

Expenditures

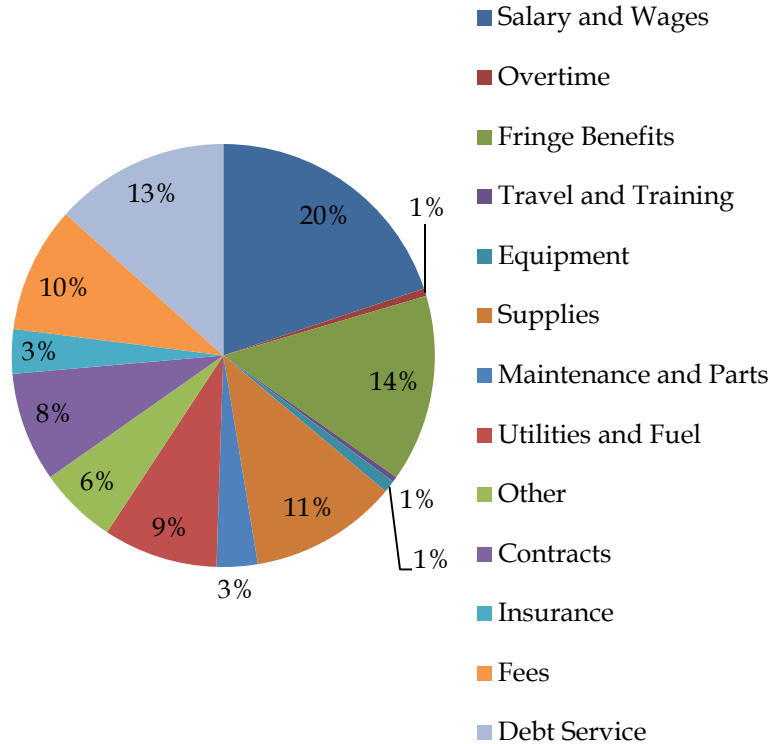


Revenues

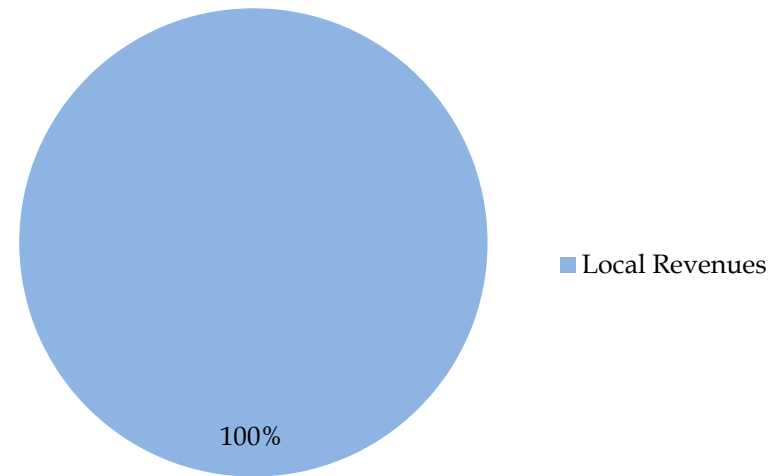


Joint Activity Fund (2017 Budget) (Wastewater Treatment)

Expenditures

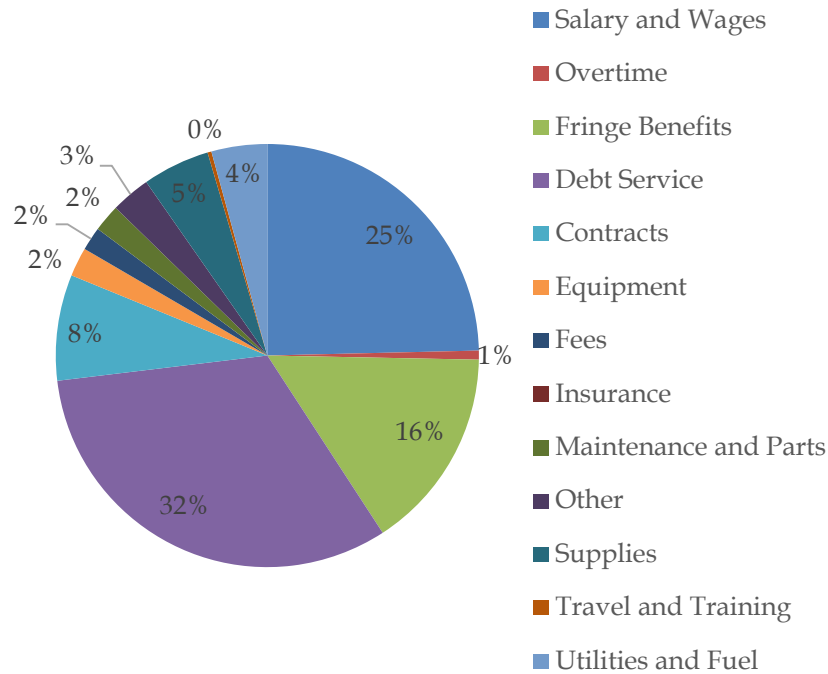


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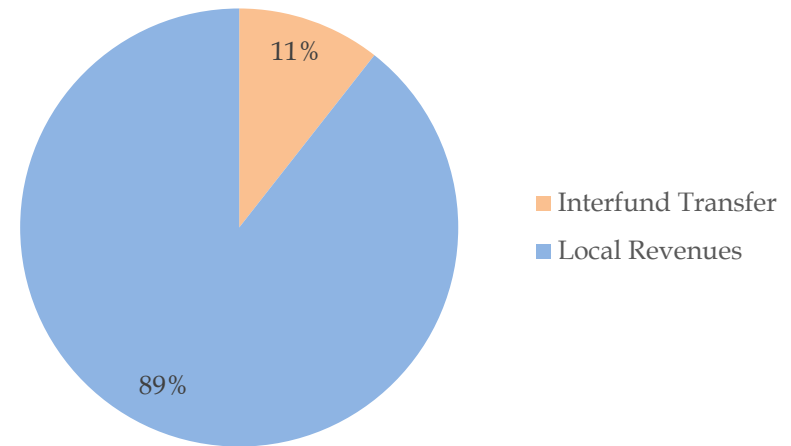


Water Fund (2017 Budget)

Expenditures

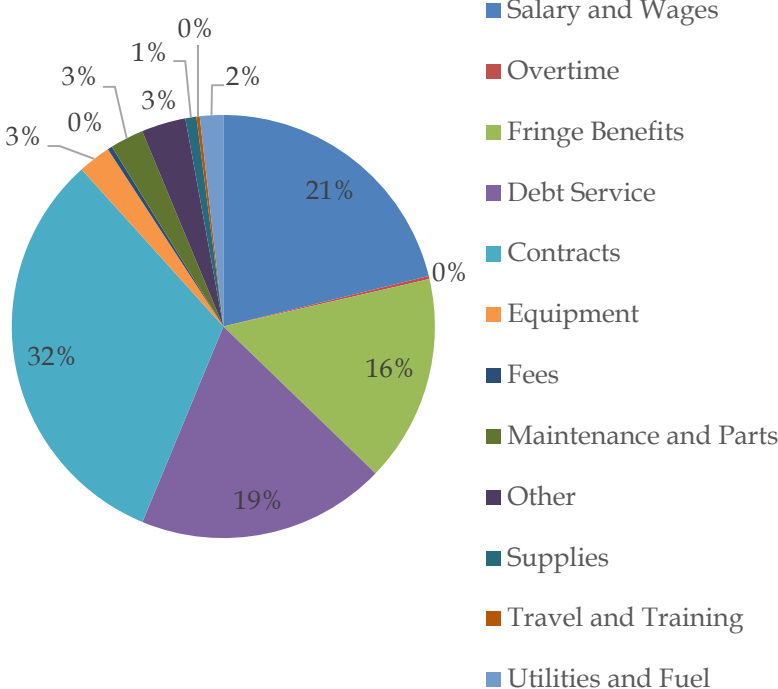


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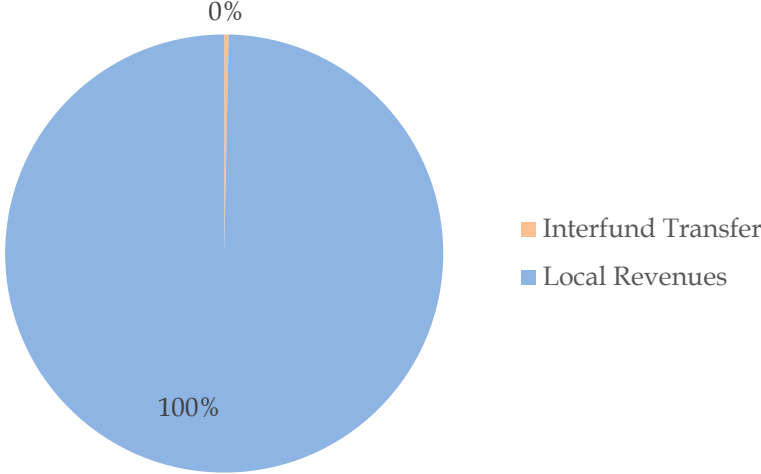


Sewer Fund (2017 Budget)

Expenditures

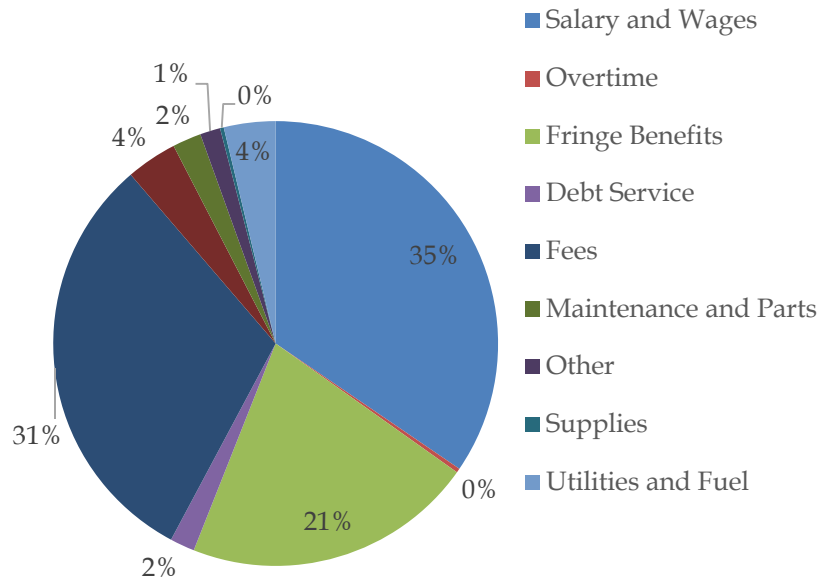


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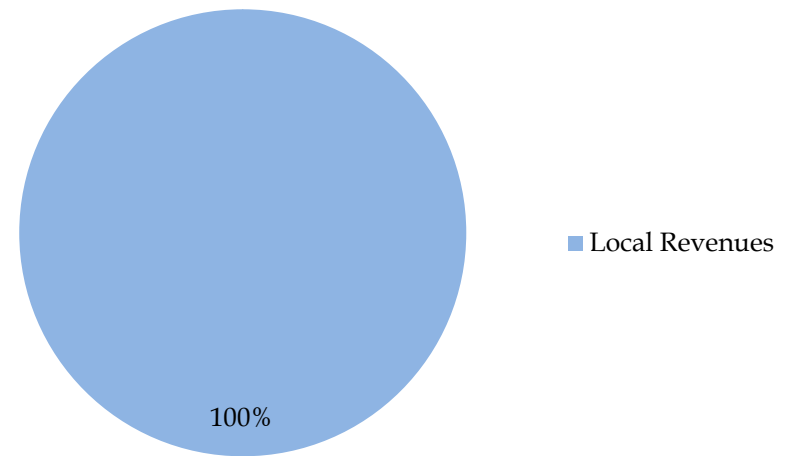


Solid Waste Fund (2017 Budget)

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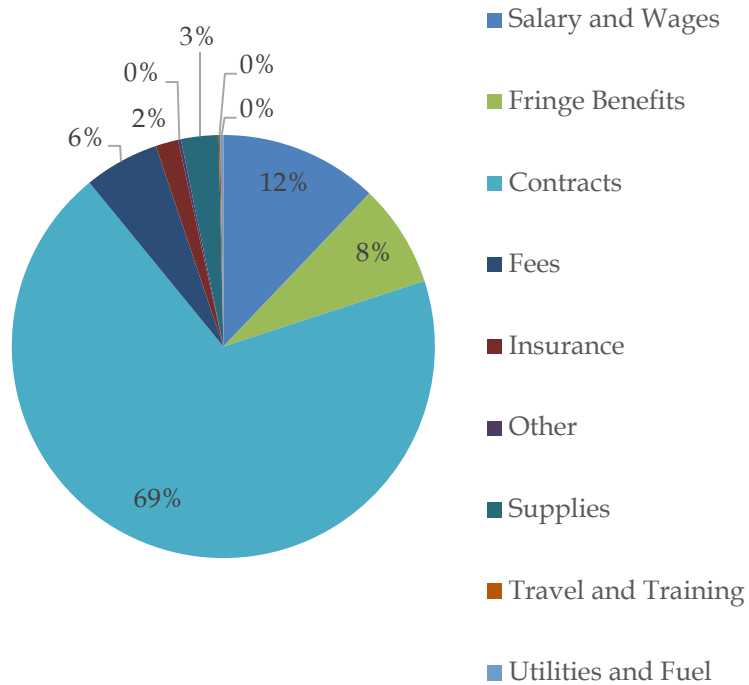


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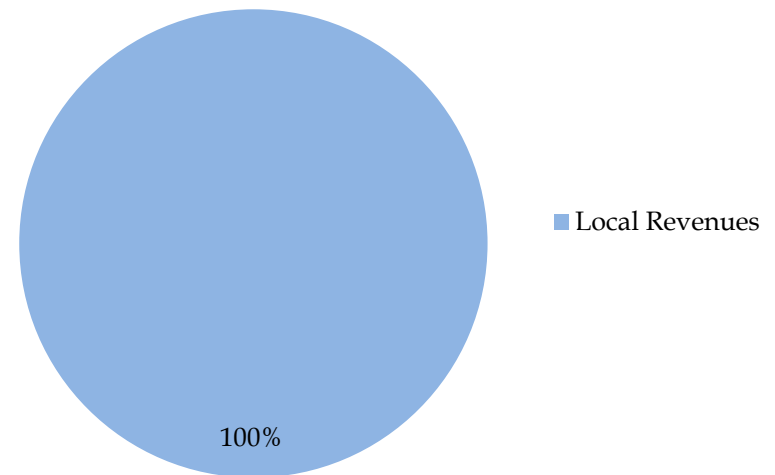


Sidewalk Fund (2017 Budget)

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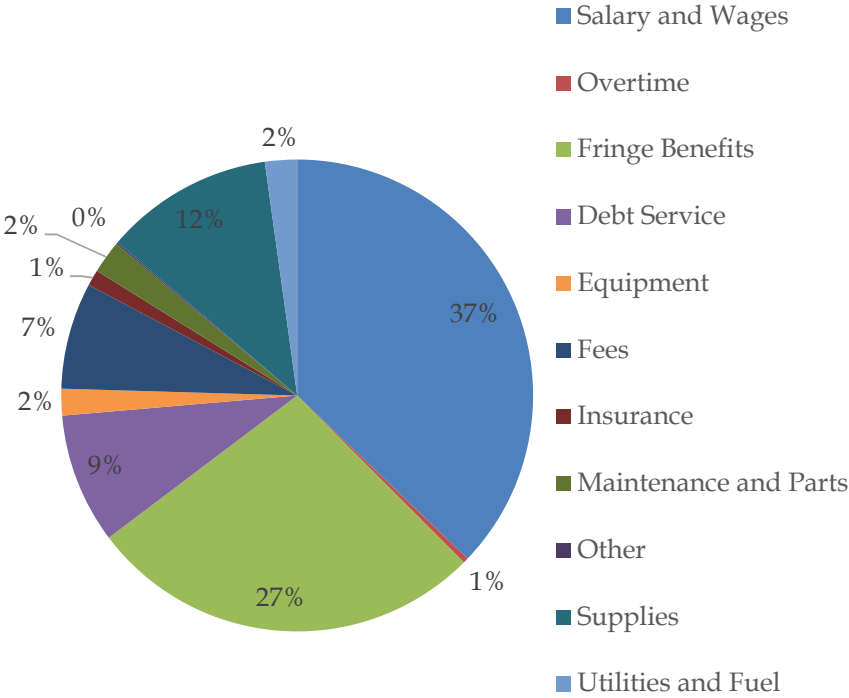


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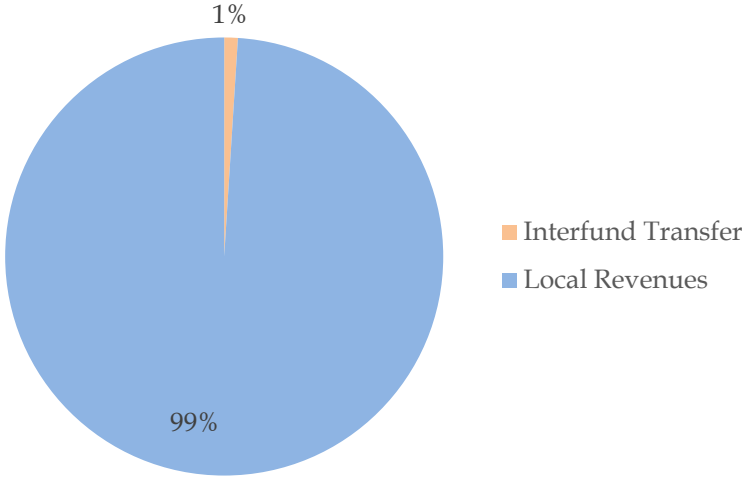


Stormwater Fund (2017 Budget)

Expenditures

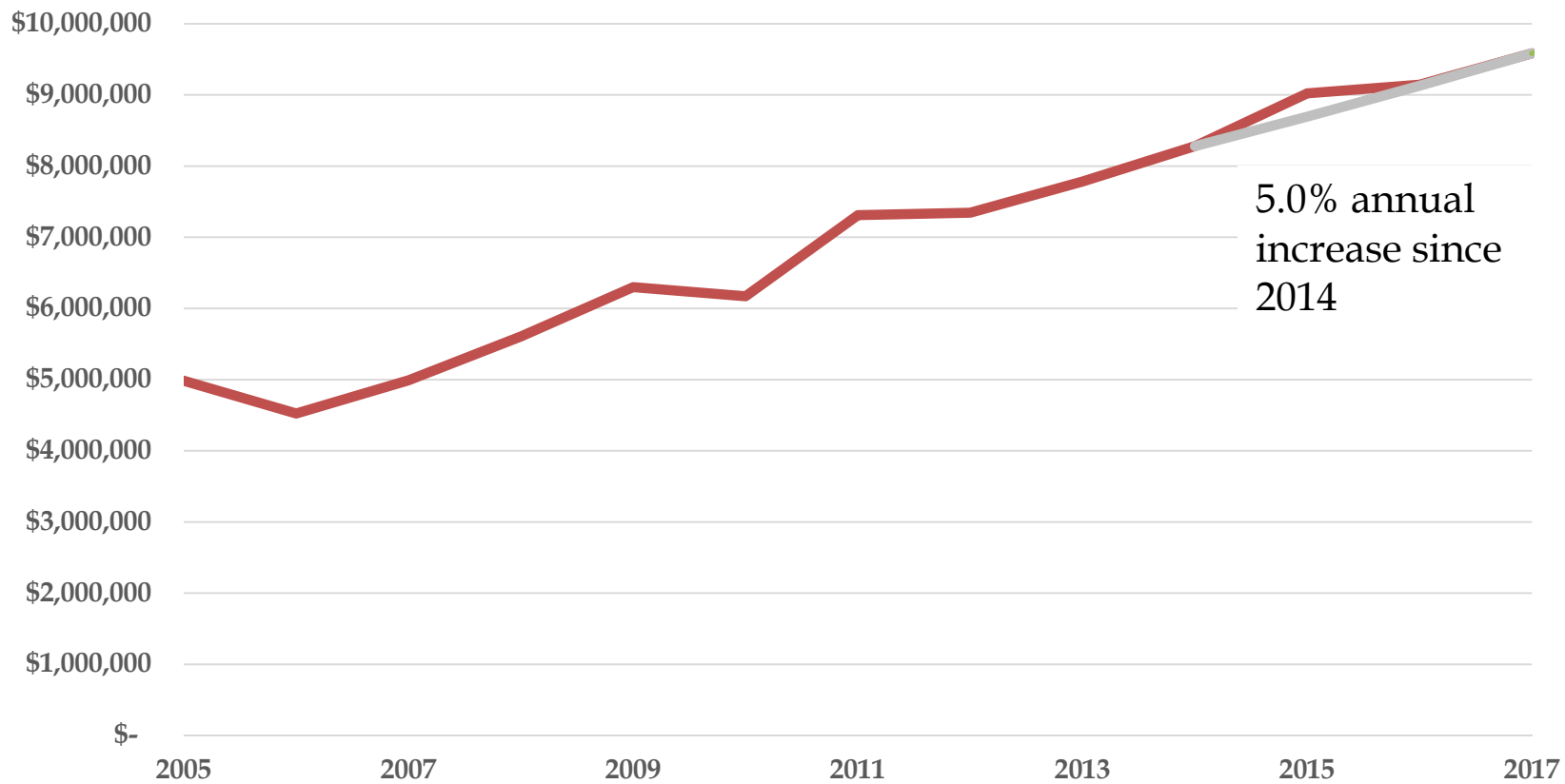


Revenues



15-year Budget Projections

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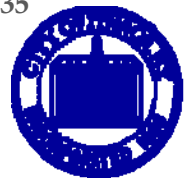
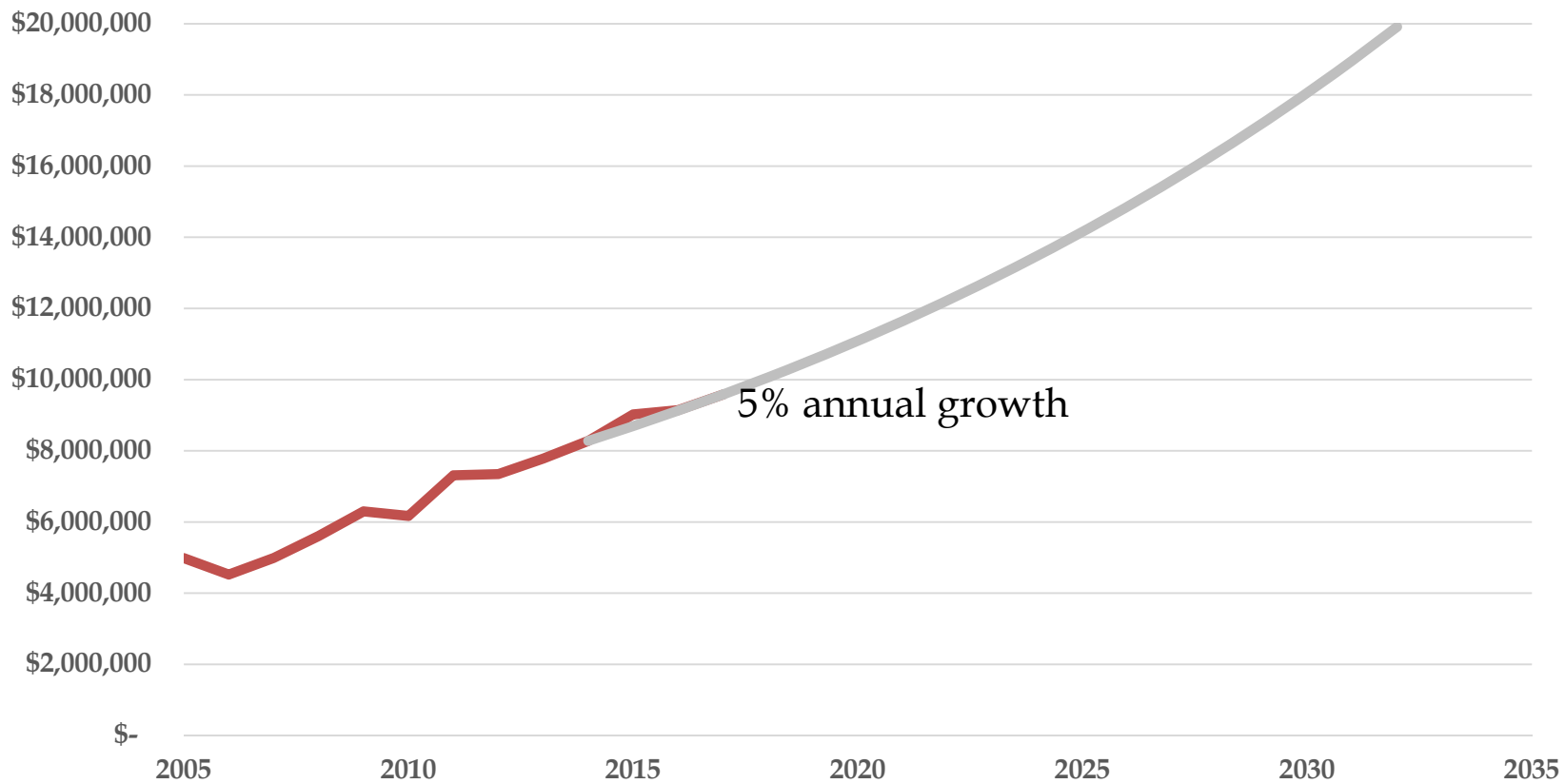


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increase since
2014

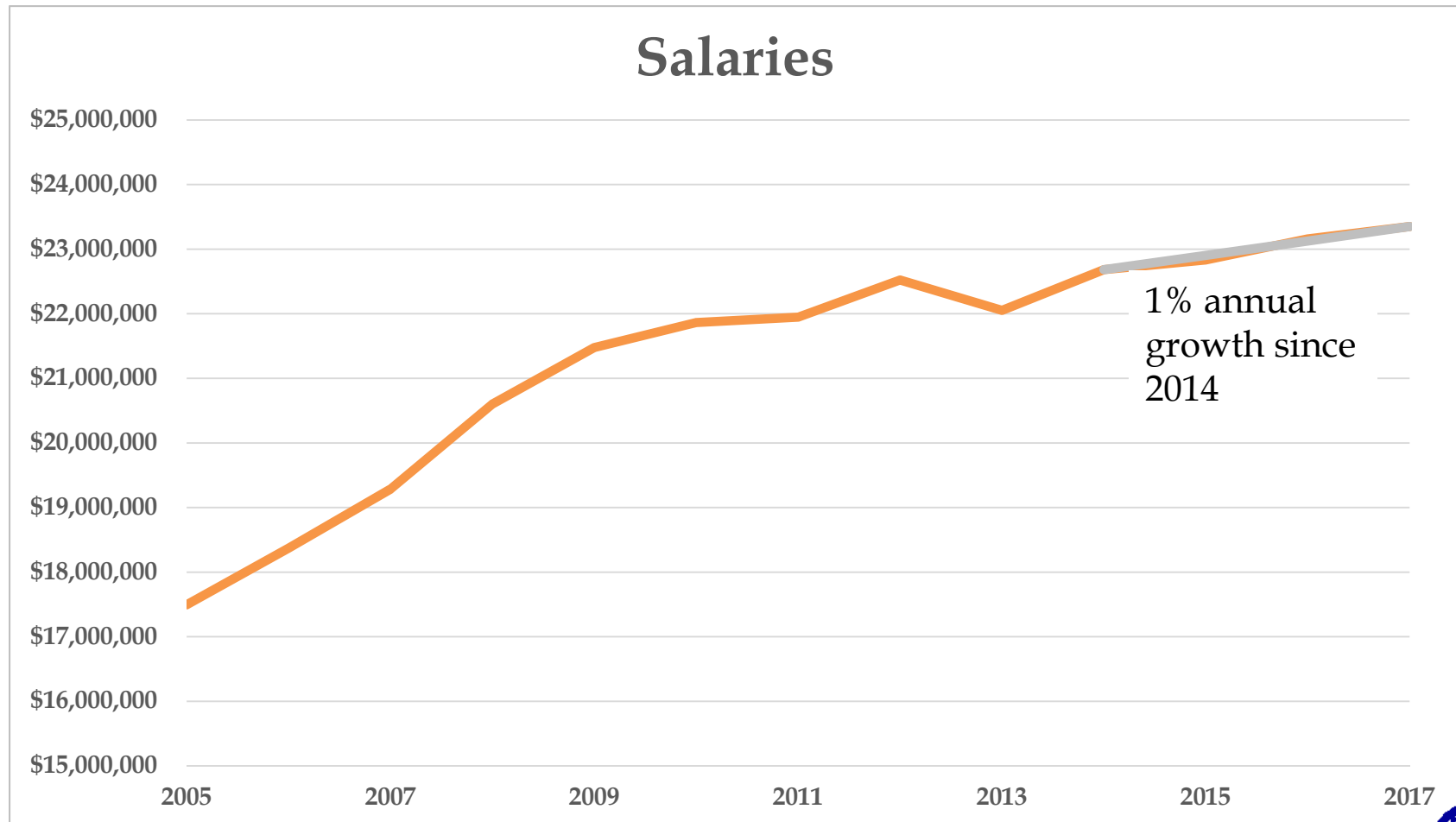


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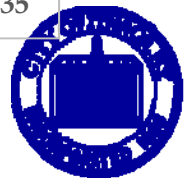
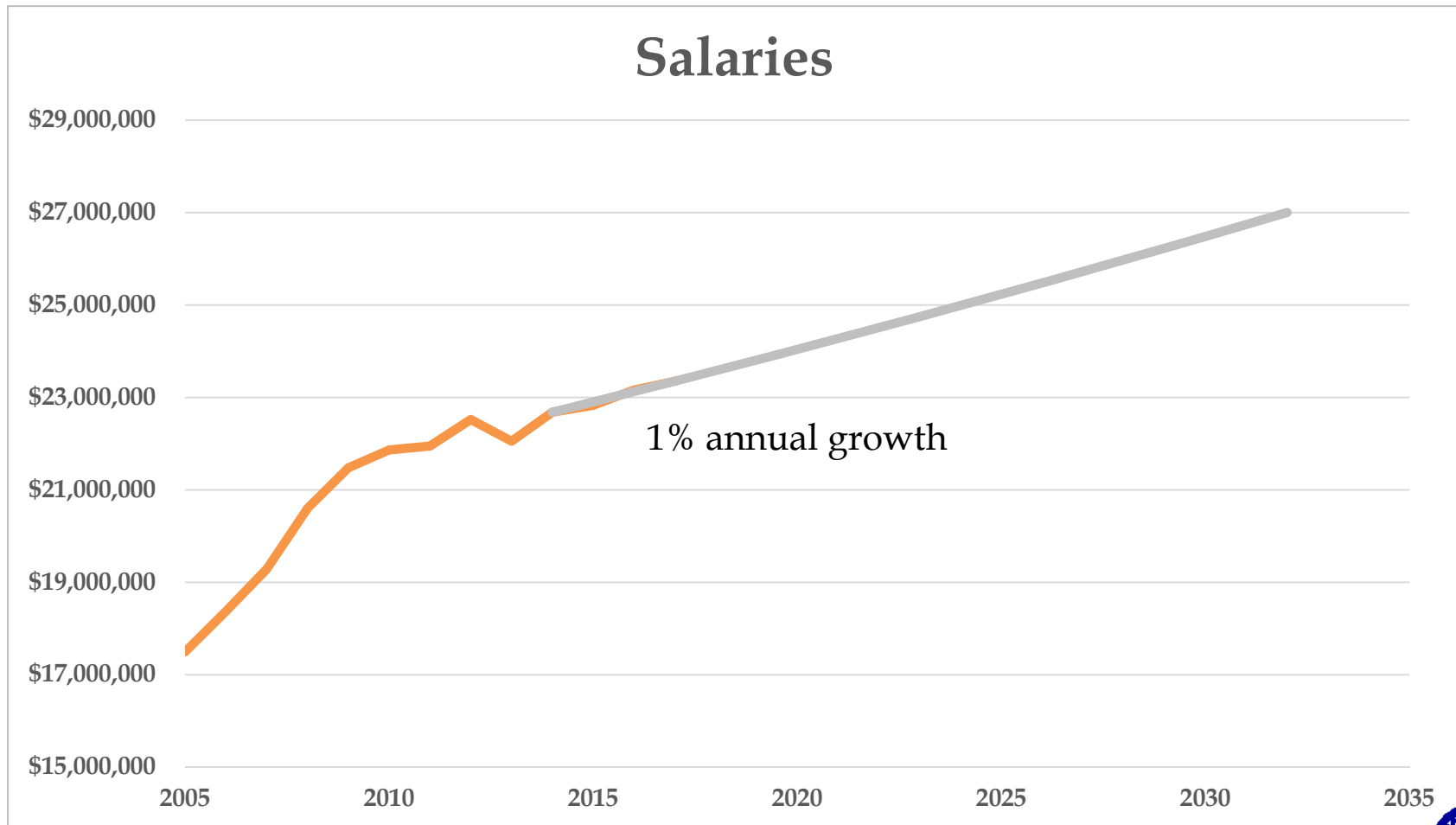
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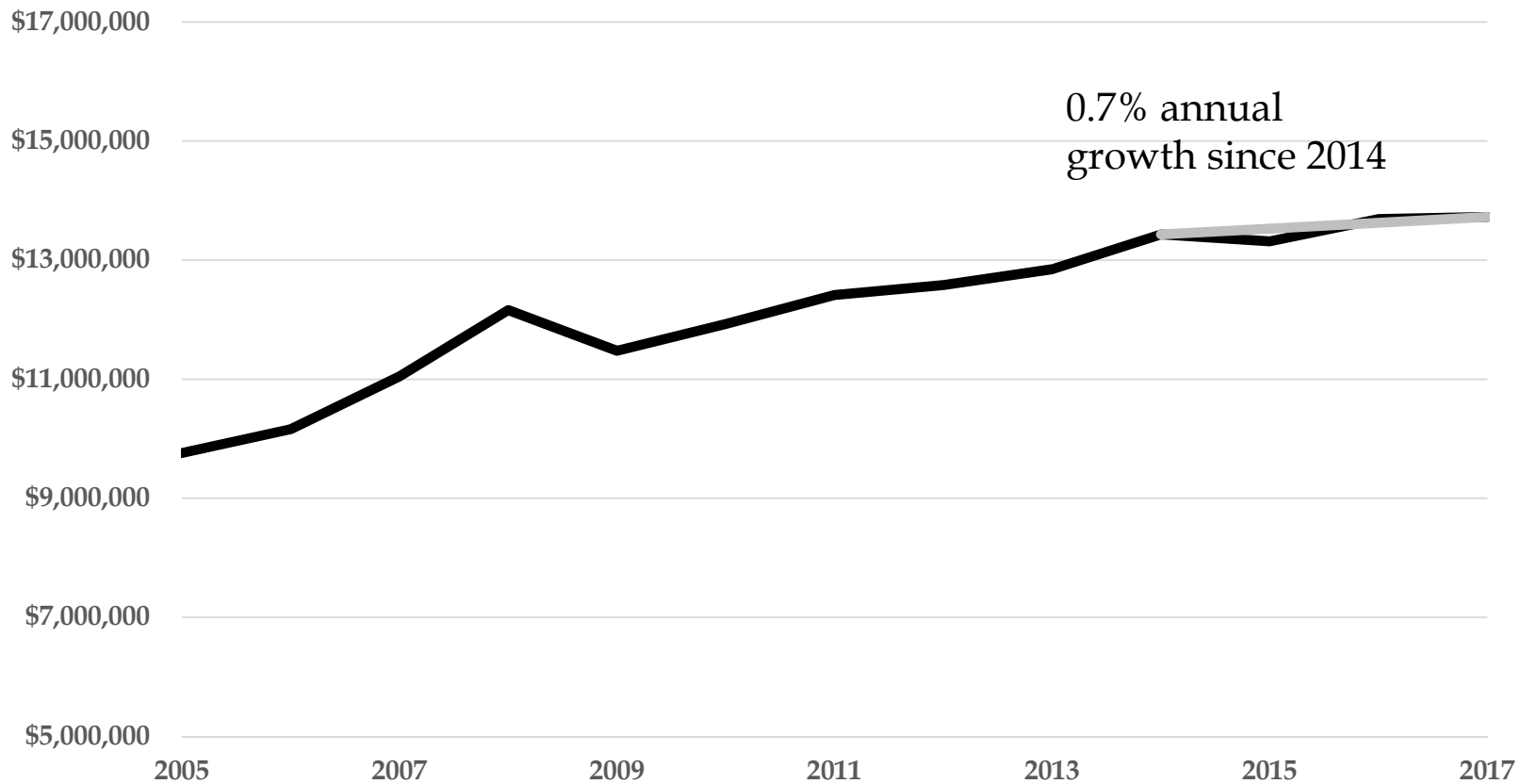


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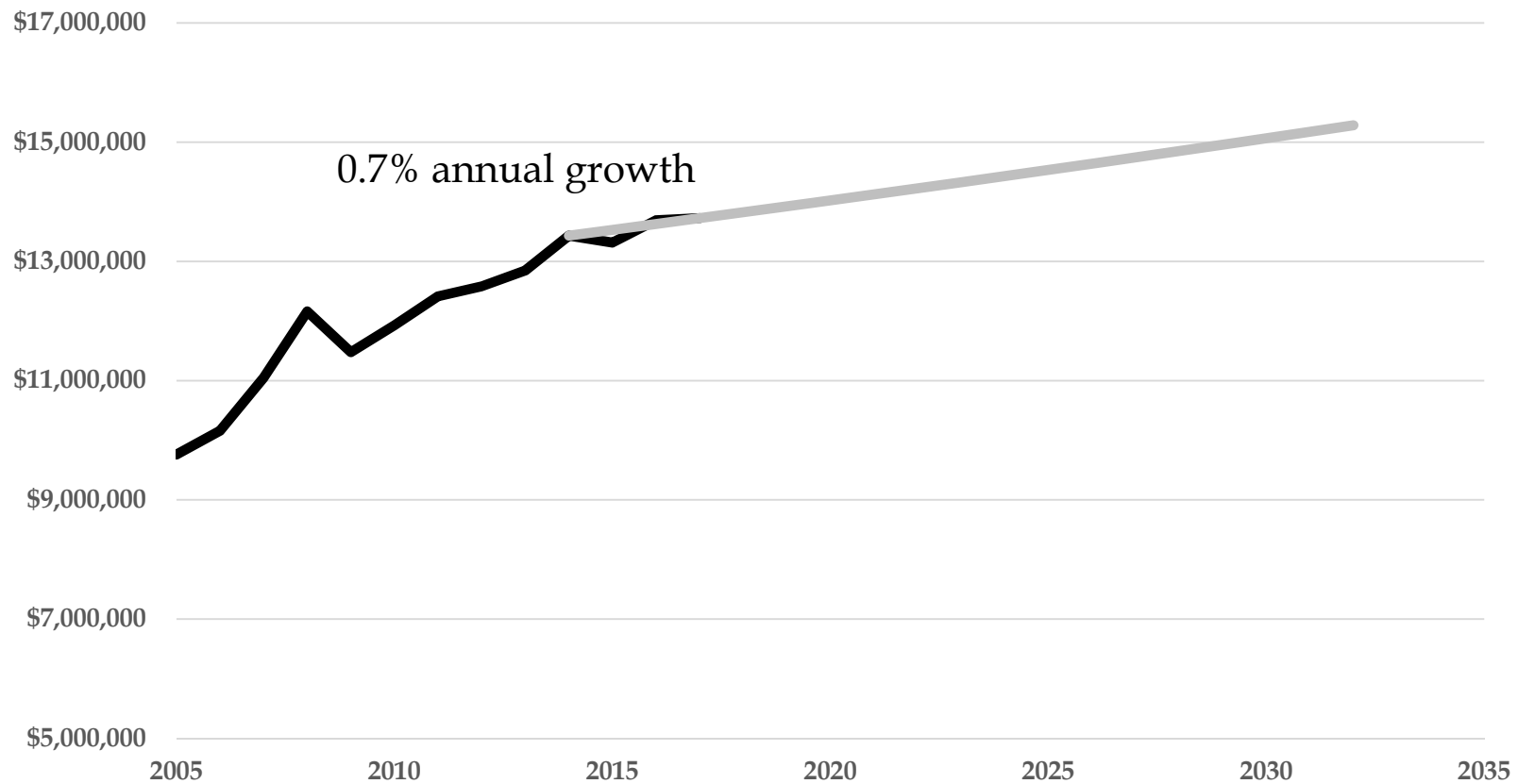
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Sales Tax Revenue



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Health Insurance (5% growth)	\$10,300,000 increase
Salaries (1% growth)	\$3,700,000 increase
<u>- Sales tax revenue (0.7% growth)</u>	<u>-\$1,600,000 increase</u>
Needed property tax revenue	\$12,400,000 increase

- This represents an annual property tax increase of 3.0%.
- This year's tax cap is 2.03%



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Summary

- In order to preserve services at current levels and support strategic investments, the City of Ithaca tax levy will increase by 1.98%
- Property owners will see a 6.6% decrease in their tax rate.
- As a result, the average homeowner will see a 0.2% decrease in their city taxes.

