

General Fund Summary

THE CITY OF
COLUMBUS

The general fund provides financial support for the city's basic services. Many divisions are funded solely by the general fund, others receive general fund subsidies, and some have multiple funding sources.

Revenues, excluding the unencumbered balance, encumbrance cancellations, and transfers from other funds, are projected at \$919.7 million, an increase of 2.5 percent from 2019 revenue projections. A description of the major revenue sources of the general fund is provided below, followed by a revenue summary table.

Income Tax

The primary source of revenue to the general fund is the income tax. Columbus' income tax was first instituted in 1947 at 0.5 percent. Subsequent increases of 0.5 percent occurred in each of the years 1956, 1971, 1982, and 2009. The current income tax rate is 2.5 percent.

The city levies an income tax on all wages, salaries, commissions, other compensation paid to employees, and on net proceeds of business operations in the city. Pursuant to Columbus City Code, Section 361.37, 75 percent of all income tax collections are deposited in the general fund for general fund operations and 25 percent of collections are deposited in a separate fund to service debt on capital improvements.

Approximately 82 percent of income taxes are collected through employer withholdings. Payments are made to the city on a statutorily prescribed basis.

The income tax is the largest source of revenue for general fund operations. In 2020, income tax revenues to the general fund are estimated at \$719.7 million, which is 75 percent of total general fund resources and 78 percent of total general fund revenue. This represents a three percent growth over 2019 projections.

Property Tax

The city annually receives property taxes equal to 3.14 mills of assessed tangible and real property and public utility located in the city. Property taxes are collected by Franklin, Fairfield, and Delaware counties, and are typically remitted to the city on a semi-annual basis. Collections are based on the prior year's assessed valuations, established by state law at 35 percent of appraised market value for real property and at 100 percent of true value for public utility property. Taxes are collected one year in arrears for real property.

Pursuant to Ohio statute and Columbus City Codes, property tax revenue is used for three purposes: certain debt service requirements, partial payment of police and fire pension costs,

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and general fund operations. State law requires that the first two obligations be met before property tax revenue can be deposited into the general fund for general operations. Because the city pays debt service on non-enterprise capital improvements from the special income tax (SIT) fund, property tax revenues are deposited directly in the general fund. The 2020 estimate for property tax collections is \$50.7 million, an increase of 0.6 percent over the 2019 projection.



Hotel/Motel Tax

During 2014, Columbus City Code, Section 371.02, was amended and as a result, the general fund no longer receives a deposit from hotel/motel taxes. The 2019 and 2020 projections for general fund hotel/motel tax receipts are \$0.

Kilowatt-Hour Tax

Beginning in 2001, a tax was levied on users of electricity provided by the Division of Electricity. Known as the kilowatt-hour (KWH) tax, state statutes allow that funds collected from users located within the city be deposited into the city's general fund. These revenues are estimated at \$3.4 million for 2020.

Casino Tax

In 2009, a constitutional amendment was passed in Ohio, allowing for casinos in four Ohio cities (Columbus, Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Toledo). In 2012, as casinos opened in the State of Ohio, the state began collecting taxes on casino revenues. The city receives a portion of revenue from the gross casino revenue county fund and the gross casino revenue host city fund. After moneys are set aside for Nationwide Arena and debt service, the balance of revenue received will be deposited into the general fund. The 2020 estimate for the general

fund deposit for casino tax revenues is \$6.8 million, an increase of 1.1 percent over 2019 projections.

Shared Revenues

Local government fund (LGF) revenues represent portions of various State of Ohio taxes which are shared with local governments within the state. The local community funds, formerly known as the local government fund, and the local government revenue assistance fund are now combined as the local community funds from the State of Ohio. This category also includes the city's share of any residual estate taxes and other smaller taxes. Total revenues are projected at \$23.8 million in 2020, a 6.9 percent increase over projected 2019 revenues.

Fines and Penalties

The City of Columbus receives 100 percent of all municipal court costs and fines assessed in cases initiated by the city (excluding those that have been earmarked for special purposes such as computerization of court functions), as well as fines assessed for traffic and parking violations. In addition, the city receives a percentage of court costs and fines assessed in cases initiated by the state, county, or other municipalities and tried in the Franklin County Municipal Court. Revenues from fines and penalties are projected at \$19.6 million in 2020, a three percent increase over 2019 collections.

Charges for Service

Sources of revenue in this category include pro rata charges, third party reimbursements for emergency medical services, parking meter revenues and other parking charges, and revenue from various divisions that charge for services. These include auto impounding fees, sales of impounded autos, certain fire protection and dispatching service charges, and revenue from the collection of income taxes and prosecution services for other municipalities and villages. Total revenues from charges for service are projected at \$63.2 million in 2020, a two percent increase over 2019 estimates.

Pursuant to Ordinance 2293-2018, all independent funds of the city are assessed an administrative service charge of 4.5 percent of revenues, the proceeds of which are deposited into the general fund. This charge, referred to as "pro rata", represents a fee for certain services performed by administrative divisions for enterprise, special revenue, grant, and internal service divisions for which no specific service charge is assessed. Services include, but are not limited to, debt administration and budget preparation provided by the Finance and Management Department, legal services provided by the City Attorney, financial reporting and assistance provided by the City Auditor, and maintenance and cleaning services provided by the Division of Facilities Management.

Investment Earnings

Investment earnings are deposited into the fund in which they were earned. The Treasury Investment Board, consisting of the City Treasurer, City Auditor, and the Director of Finance and Management, is responsible for investing the city's liquid assets. To ensure the creditworthiness of the investment of public moneys, federal statutes restrict municipal investment to U.S. government securities, bank certificates of deposit, and repurchase agreements. General fund investment earnings are projected to yield \$17.9 million in 2020, a 10.1 percent decrease from 2019 estimates.

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License and Permit Fees

This category consists primarily of cable communications fees and fees charged by the Department of Public Safety for the issuance and enforcement of City of Columbus licenses and permits. The city charges cable companies a service permit fee for the ability to operate a cable system in the City of Columbus, equal to 5 percent of cable operator gross revenues. Fees in this category are estimated at \$12.4 million in 2020, of which Cable TV permits are expected to be approximately \$8.9 million.

Other Revenue

This category includes various unclaimed funds, refunds, and miscellaneous revenue. The 2020 estimate is \$2.2 million.

Encumbrance Cancellations

These funds represent moneys set aside in prior fiscal years for expenditures that subsequently were not made. Funds can then be made available for use through the cancellation of encumbrances. The estimate for 2020 is \$5.0 million.

Other Miscellaneous Transfers

The basic city services fund was established in 2012 to meet future budget needs due to reductions in the state local government fund and estate tax revenue. A transfer from the basic city services fund into the general fund will not be needed for 2020.



**GENERAL FUND
REVENUE BY SOURCE AND YEAR
HISTORICAL AND PROJECTED**

2016 - 2020

SOURCE	2016	PERCENT	2017	PERCENT	2018	PERCENT	2019	PERCENT	2020	PERCENT	PERCENT
	ACTUAL	CHANGE	ACTUAL	CHANGE	ACTUAL	CHANGE	PROJECTED	CHANGE	PROJECTED	CHANGE	OF TOTAL
Income Tax	\$ 629,935,274	4.60%	\$ 656,889,243	4.28%	\$ 668,685,419	1.80%	\$ 698,777,000	4.50%	\$ 719,742,000	3.00%	74.58%
Property Tax	42,751,069	0.61%	44,710,636	4.58%	49,246,740	10.15%	50,395,000	2.33%	50,712,000	0.63%	5.26%
Kilowatt Hour Tax	3,132,269	(2.12%)	2,915,539	(6.92%)	3,320,402	13.89%	3,350,000	0.89%	3,350,000	0.00%	0.35%
Hotel/Motel Tax	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	0.00%
TOTAL TAXES	675,818,612	4.30%	704,515,418	4.25%	721,252,561	2.38%	752,522,000	4.34%	773,804,000	2.83%	80.19%
Local Government Fund	20,086,211	(8.94%)	19,555,955	(2.64%)	19,891,400	1.72%	20,996,000	5.55%	22,494,000	7.13%	2.33%
Estate Tax	61,072	1294.97%	20,913	(65.76%)	-	(100.00%)	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	0.00%
Liquor Permit Fee, Other	1,309,088	3.54%	1,308,313	(0.06%)	1,336,345	2.14%	1,274,000	(4.67%)	1,313,000	3.06%	0.14%
Casino Tax	6,790,167	7.25%	6,734,707	(0.82%)	6,943,951	3.11%	6,752,314	(2.76%)	6,824,000	1.06%	0.71%
TOTAL SHARED REVENUE	28,246,538	(4.76%)	27,619,888	(2.22%)	28,171,696	2.00%	29,022,314	3.02%	30,631,000	5.54%	3.17%
License and Permit Fees	12,464,834	(4.19%)	11,600,987	(6.93%)	11,929,719	2.83%	12,356,000	3.57%	12,431,000	0.61%	1.29%
Fines and Penalties	18,929,539	0.13%	18,650,054	(1.48%)	18,478,699	(0.92%)	18,988,000	2.76%	19,564,000	3.03%	2.03%
Investment Earnings	7,119,830	25.04%	8,792,163	23.49%	12,240,506	39.22%	19,900,000	62.57%	17,900,000	(10.05%)	1.85%
Charges for Service	61,857,674	(2.41%)	65,170,008	5.35%	65,689,652	0.80%	61,984,000	(5.64%)	63,234,000	2.02%	6.55%
All Other	2,081,741	21.79%	2,404,812	15.52%	3,083,164	28.21%	2,169,000	(29.65%)	2,169,000	0.00%	0.22%
TOTAL OTHER REVENUES	102,453,618	(0.25%)	106,618,024	4.06%	111,421,740	4.51%	115,397,000	3.57%	115,298,000	(0.09%)	11.95%
TOTAL ALL REVENUES	806,518,768	3.36%	838,753,330	4.00%	860,845,997	2.63%	896,941,314	4.19%	919,733,000	2.54%	95.31%
Encumbrance Cancellations	4,975,349	(49.59%)	6,374,423	28.12%	8,090,989	26.93%	9,000,000	11.23%	5,000,000	(44.44%)	0.52%
Unencumbered Balance	30,721,859	5.31%	30,205,726	(1.68%)	17,670,166	(41.50%)	16,170,686	(8.49%)	36,267,000	124.28%	3.76%
Fund Transfers	4,063,974	19.20%	4,307,714	6.00%	3,833,900	(11.00%)	3,346,000	(12.73%)	4,000,000	19.55%	0.41%
Other Misc. Transfers	1,830,000	(67.97%)	-	(100.00%)	16,784,000	N/A	12,962,619	(22.77%)	-	(100.00%)	0.00%
Total Annual Resources	848,109,950	2.37%	879,641,193	3.72%	907,225,051	3.14%	938,420,619	3.44%	965,000,000	2.83%	100.00%
27th Pay Period Reserve Fund	17,749,786	15.02%	20,137,786	13.45%	22,596,786	12.21%	25,129,786	11.21%	27,738,786	10.38%	
Economic Stabilization Fund	69,522,302	4.17%	73,945,877	6.36%	76,180,089	3.02%	80,571,004	5.76%	84,571,004	4.96%	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND AVAILABLE RESOURCES	\$ 935,382,038	2.72%	\$ 973,724,856	4.10%	\$ 1,006,001,926	3.31%	\$ 1,044,121,409	3.79%	\$ 1,077,309,790	3.18%	



Expenditures and Personnel

The following tables provide summary detail on general fund expenditures and personnel levels:

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GENERAL FUND 2020 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY BY AREA OF EXPENSE								
Department/Division	Personnel	Materials	Services	Other	Capital	Transfers	Totals	
City Council	\$ 4,600,980	\$ 28,000	\$ 249,123	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,881,103	
<u>City Auditor</u>								
City Auditor	4,057,737	27,600	712,731	1,000	-	-	4,799,068	
Income Tax	8,627,066	78,500	1,246,663	500	-	-	9,952,729	
Total	12,684,803	106,100	1,959,394	1,500	-	-	14,751,797	
City Treasurer	1,152,190	4,200	316,900	-	-	-	1,473,290	
<u>City Attorney</u>								
City Attorney	13,083,077	85,200	410,312	3,000	-	-	13,581,589	
Real Estate	155,321	-	-	-	-	-	155,321	
Total	13,238,398	85,200	410,312	3,000	-	-	13,736,910	
Municipal Court Judges	17,669,897	60,300	1,995,249	-	-	490,000	20,215,446	
Municipal Court Clerk	11,782,809	139,734	845,321	-	-	-	12,767,864	
Civil Service	3,667,417	21,400	735,187	3,500	-	-	4,427,504	
<u>Public Safety</u>								
Administration	2,190,475	10,367	5,927,210	100	-	-	8,128,152	
Support Services	5,060,118	427,175	2,428,105	5,800	-	-	7,921,198	
Police	332,926,400	4,742,414	16,396,181	255,000	-	5,650,427	359,970,422	
Fire	252,624,178	4,413,729	12,097,328	125,000	-	2,118,390	271,378,625	
Total	592,801,171	9,593,685	36,848,824	385,900	-	7,768,817	647,398,397	
<u>Office of the Mayor</u>								
Mayor	4,380,702	15,000	524,427	1,250	-	-	4,921,379	
Office of Diversity & Inclusion	1,522,200	8,500	226,687	-	-	-	1,757,387	
Total	5,902,902	23,500	751,114	1,250	-	-	6,678,766	
Education	541,897	7,500	6,112,513	-	-	-	6,661,910	
<u>Development</u>								
Administration	3,170,658	22,600	3,007,751	1,000	-	-	6,202,009	
Econ. Development	1,833,111	8,000	2,626,423	1,000	-	-	4,468,534	
Code Enforcement	8,250,760	53,900	818,231	7,000	-	-	9,129,891	
Planning	1,822,633	9,000	66,710	1,000	-	-	1,899,343	
Housing	1,836,860	11,500	5,649,450	1,000	-	-	7,498,810	
Land Redevelopment	677,974	-	1,000	-	-	-	678,974	
Total	17,591,996	105,000	12,169,565	11,000	-	-	29,877,561	
<u>Finance and Management</u>								
Finance Administration	2,783,667	43,500	2,550,267	-	-	-	5,377,434	
Financial Management	3,083,127	15,290	1,819,479	-	-	-	4,917,896	
Facilities Management	8,027,305	674,800	8,961,931	2,000	-	-	17,666,036	
Total	13,894,099	733,590	13,331,677	2,000	-	-	27,961,366	
Finance City-wide	-	-	-	-	-	40,749,696	40,749,696	
Finance Technology (Pays of agency bills)	-	-	20,260,570	-	-	-	20,260,570	
Human Resources	1,858,311	28,409	1,236,096	-	-	-	3,122,816	
Neighborhoods	4,654,922	34,000	1,325,628	1,500	-	52,500	6,068,550	
Health	-	-	-	-	-	26,716,803	26,716,803	
Recreation and Parks	-	-	-	-	-	43,030,613	43,030,613	
<u>Public Service</u>								
Administration	697,795	-	14,617	-	-	-	712,412	
Refuse Collection	17,654,928	161,900	15,627,798	52,000	10,000	-	33,506,626	
Total	18,352,723	161,900	15,642,415	52,000	10,000	-	34,219,038	
Total General Operating Fund	\$ 720,394,515	\$ 11,132,518	\$ 114,189,888	\$ 464,650	\$ 10,000	\$ 118,808,429	\$ 965,000,000	

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GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE AND BUDGET SUMMARY						
	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2019 Projected	2020 Proposed	% Change	
City Council	\$ 4,398,402	\$ 4,286,128	\$ 4,547,424	\$ 4,881,103	7.34%	
City Auditor						
City Auditor	4,674,967	4,518,648	4,394,183	4,799,068	9.21%	
Income Tax	9,057,441	9,027,551	8,830,092	9,952,729	12.71%	
Total	13,732,408	13,546,199	13,224,275	14,751,797	11.55%	
City Treasurer	1,133,722	1,193,919	1,315,626	1,473,290	11.98%	
City Attorney						
City Attorney	12,540,334	13,508,467	13,379,542	13,581,589	1.51%	
Real Estate	110,511	132,829	143,290	155,321	8.40%	
Total	12,650,845	13,641,296	13,522,832	13,736,910	1.58%	
Municipal Court Judges	18,261,141	18,862,874	19,459,472	20,215,446	3.88%	
Municipal Court Clerk	12,070,543	12,400,074	12,577,539	12,767,864	1.51%	
Civil Service	4,123,876	4,164,871	4,489,138	4,427,504	(1.37%)	
Public Safety						
Administration	6,993,430	7,974,950	8,051,531	8,128,152	0.95%	
Support Services	7,105,893	6,634,876	7,030,141	7,921,198	12.67%	
Police	320,451,188	337,892,617	345,247,634	359,970,422	4.26%	
Fire	247,901,990	258,044,710	265,662,293	271,378,625	2.15%	
Total	582,452,501	610,547,154	625,991,599	647,398,397	3.42%	
Office of the Mayor						
Mayor	3,207,359	4,018,678	4,225,244	4,921,379	16.48%	
Office of Diversity & Inclusion	1,479,418	1,074,201	1,009,572	1,757,387	74.07%	
Total	4,686,777	5,092,879	5,234,816	6,678,766	27.58%	
Education	6,207,228	5,349,282	6,523,841	6,661,910	2.12%	
Development						
Administration	5,368,335	5,611,678	6,083,505	6,202,009	1.95%	
Economic Development	20,285,083	18,976,767	16,843,939	4,468,534	(73.47%)	
Code Enforcement	7,002,088	7,667,631	7,704,898	9,129,891	18.49%	
Planning	1,860,285	1,864,057	1,836,669	1,899,343	3.41%	
Housing	6,024,038	6,502,559	6,556,453	7,498,810	14.37%	
Land Redevelopment	660,699	663,598	652,703	678,974	4.02%	
Total	41,200,528	41,286,289	39,678,167	29,877,561	(24.70%)	
Finance and Management						
Finance Administration	6,607,026	5,459,091	5,164,513	5,377,434	4.12%	
Financial Management	4,595,817	3,617,119	4,690,488	4,917,896	4.85%	
Facilities Management	16,591,225	18,926,789	16,084,258	17,666,036	9.83%	
Total	27,794,068	28,002,999	25,939,259	27,961,366	7.80%	
Citywide Technology	18,403,272	17,300,249	16,784,320	20,260,570	20.71%	
Finance City-wide	9,689,904	7,090,414	9,422,346	40,749,696	332.48%	
Human Resources	2,705,455	2,868,931	2,981,374	3,122,816	4.74%	
Neighborhoods	3,886,610	4,583,599	5,149,148	6,068,550	17.86%	
Health	21,997,003	23,095,550	24,001,456	26,716,803	11.31%	
Recreation and Parks	40,133,854	41,162,178	39,623,114	43,030,613	8.60%	
Public Service						
Administration	1,594,234	1,321,762	674,018	712,412	5.70%	
Refuse Collection	32,843,058	33,023,011	31,013,237	33,506,626	8.04%	
Traffic Management	2,005,598	2,275,559	-	-	0.00%	
Total	36,442,890	36,620,332	31,687,255	34,219,038	7.99%	
Total General Operating Fund	\$ 861,971,027	\$ 891,095,217	\$ 902,153,000	\$ 965,000,000	6.97%	

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GENERAL FUND PERSONNEL SUMMARY -- FULL-TIME				
	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2019 Budgeted	2020 Proposed
City Council	43	39	42	42
<u>City Auditor</u>				
City Auditor	26	29	29	31
Income Tax	80	75	82	84
Total	106	104	111	115
City Treasurer	8	8	8	9
<u>City Attorney</u>				
City Attorney	118	126	125	124
Real Estate	1	1	1	1
Total	119	127	126	125
Municipal Court Judges	189	193	199	208
Municipal Court Clerk	152	161	164	165
Civil Service	35	36	36	36
<u>Public Safety</u>				
Administration	10	11	12	14
Support Services	45	42	46	46
Police- Non Uniformed	388	370	412	412
Police- Uniformed	1,921	1,953	1,951	1,963
Fire- Non Uniformed	47	48	51	51
Fire- Uniformed	1,576	1,591	1,596	1,606
Total	3,987	4,015	4,068	4,092
<u>Office of the Mayor</u>				
Mayor	26	27	29	31
Office of Diversity and Inclusion	11	4	11	14
Total	37	31	40	45
Education	4	4	4	4
<u>Development</u>				
Administration	23	23	24	24
Economic Development	9	9	9	15
Code Enforcement	59	67	72	84
Planning	16	16	18	17
Housing	0	8	9	18
Land Redevelopment	5	7	7	7
Total	112	130	139	165
<u>Finance and Management</u>				
Administration	27	29	29	29
Financial Management	24	25	27	27
Facilities Management	80	87	90	90
Total	131	141	146	146
Human Resources	14	14	14	15
Neighborhoods	35	40	45	48
<u>Public Service</u>				
Administration	5	6	6	6
Refuse Collection	197	191	226	226
Total	202	197	232	232
Total General Fund	5,174	5,240	5,374	5,447

The numbers represented in the 2017 and 2018 columns are year-end actuals, while 2019 and 2020 are budgeted.

October 17, 2019

Per the Charter of the City of Columbus, the Mayor's estimate of the expense of conducting the affairs of the City for the following fiscal year shall be submitted to City Council on or before the fifteenth day of November in each year. The estimate shall be compiled from certain information obtained from various city departments, including a statement from the City Auditor of the total probable revenue for the period covered by the Mayor's estimate. This statement shall serve as the City Auditor's Statement of Available Resources for Fiscal Year 2020.

City of Columbus, Ohio
Statement of Estimated Available Resources – General Operating Fund [1000-100010]

Original Estimate

ESTIMATED REVENUE:	
Income taxes	\$719,742,000
Property taxes	50,712,000
Investment earnings	17,900,000
Licenses and permits fees	12,431,000
Shared revenue	30,631,000
Charges for services	63,234,000
Fines and forfeits	19,564,000
Miscellaneous revenue	5,519,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED RESOURCES FROM REVENUE	\$919,733,000
TOTAL TRANSFERS IN	4,000,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED RESOURCES AND TRANSFERS	\$923,733,000
Estimated prior year encumbrance cancellations	5,000,000
Estimated 2019 Year End Fund Balance	36,267,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED AVAILABLE RESOURCES	\$965,000,000

This estimate includes an increase in 2020 income tax revenue of 3% over the 2019 revised estimate of income tax of \$698.8 million. The 2020 estimate of total resources from revenue is 2.83% greater than the 2019 revised estimate.

In addition to the total resources above, the Basic City Services Fund [1000-100017] has a balance of \$13,300,000 resulting from the 2019 rebate of 2017 Bureau of Worker's Compensation premiums. If transferred to the General Operating Fund, the Total Estimated Available Resources for 2020 becomes \$978,300,000.

See "Notes to the City Auditor's Statement of Estimated Available Resources" for additional information.

Megan N. Kilgore

Megan N. Kilgore, City Auditor



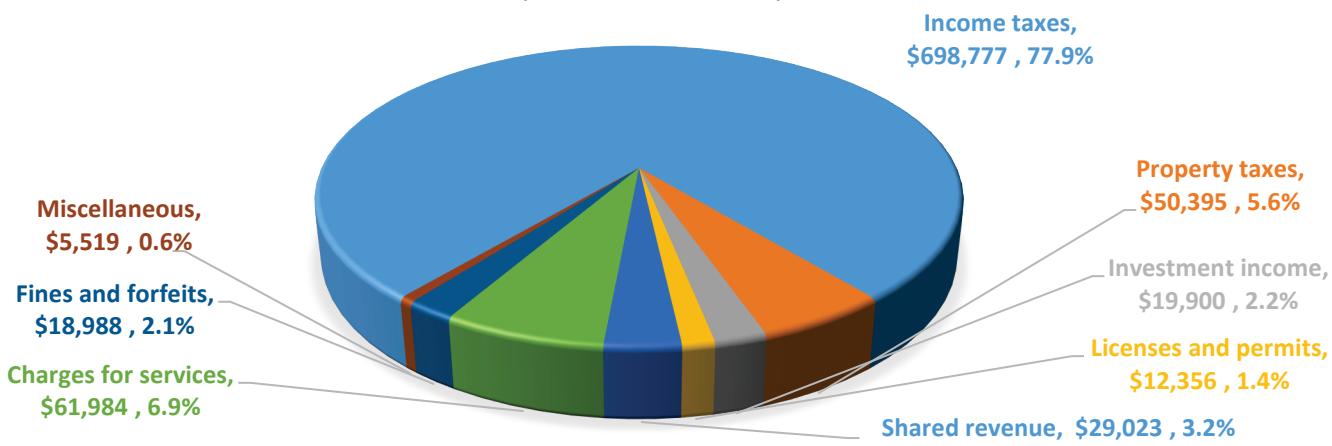
CITY OF COLUMBUS, OHIO
NOTES TO THE CITY AUDITOR'S STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED AVAILABLE RESOURCES
GENERAL OPERATING FUND

NOTE 1 – GENERAL OPERATING FUND RESOURCES

The 2020 general operating fund total estimated revenues for the City of Columbus (“City”) are approximately \$919.7 million. The revenue is generated through income tax, property tax, investment income, licenses and permits, charges for services, shared revenue, fines and forfeitures and other miscellaneous revenue. Total 2020 estimated resources for the general operating fund, which include revenues, transfers in, estimated cancellations of prior year encumbrances and the estimated year end cash balance at December 30, 2019 are \$965 million. Total estimated revenues for 2020 increased \$22.8 million or 2.54% over the revised estimated revenues for 2019 of \$896.9 million. Total estimated resources for 2020 represent a \$26.6 million or 2.83% increase over the revised estimate of total resources for 2019 of \$938.4 million. The graph below displays the total amount of estimated revenue attributable to each revenue category for both 2019 and 2020.

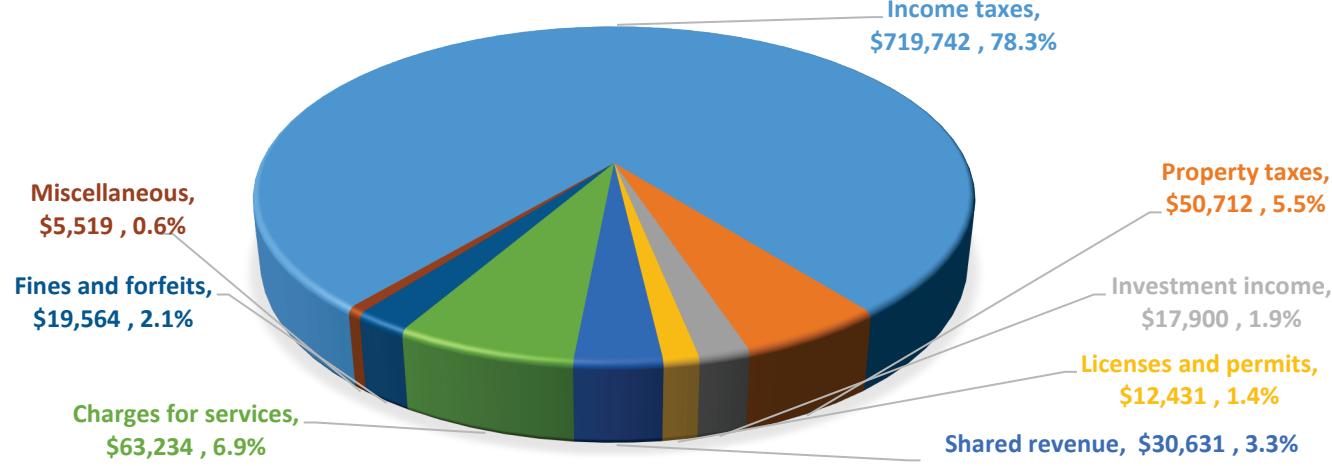
2019 REVISED ESTIMATE - GENERAL OPERATING FUND REVENUE

(\$AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)



2020 ORIGINAL ESTIMATE - GENERAL OPERATING FUND REVENUE

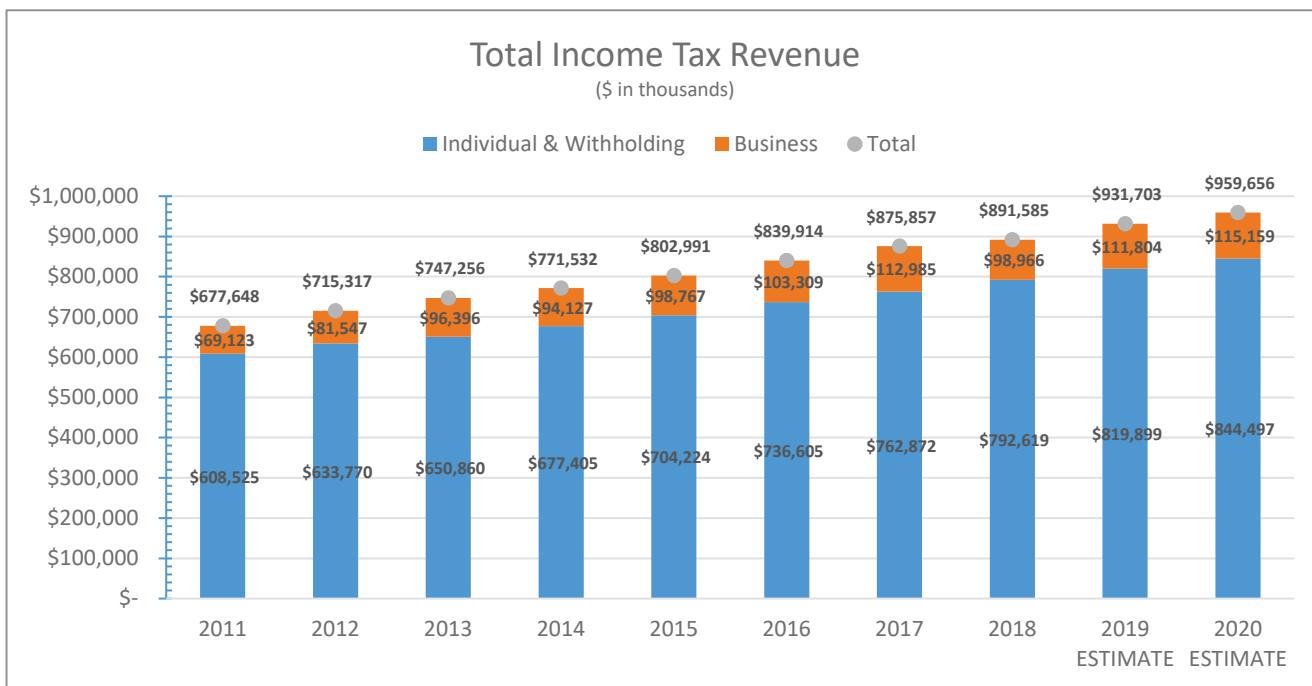
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NOTE 2 – INCOME TAX REVENUE

Income tax revenue represents approximately 78.3 % of total general fund revenues. *Total* income tax collection for 2020, after providing for refunds to taxpayers, are estimated at \$959.656 million. One fourth of the collections will be deposited into a debt services fund, more commonly known as the "Special Income Tax Fund". The remaining three fourths of the collections, approximately \$719.742 million, will be deposited in the City's general operating fund. The City's current income tax rate is 2.5%, which is levied on all wages, salaries, commissions, other compensation paid to employees, and on net profits of business operations in the City. Income tax revenues are estimated based upon trends in the local economy, changes in the job market, unemployment and timing of payments. The graph below shows total income tax collections/estimates over the past 10 years.



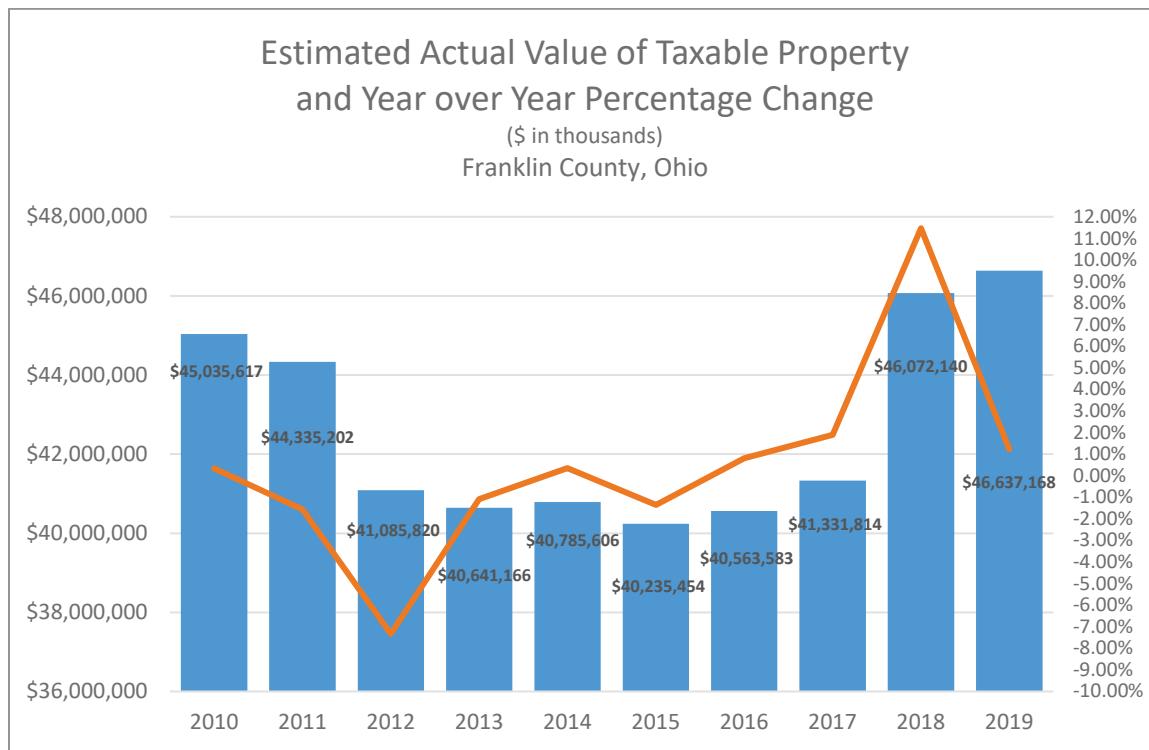
NOTE 3 – PROPERTY TAX REVENUE

The City's share of taxes collected in 2020 attributable to real properties is estimated at \$50.712 million, net of an estimated \$1.725 million retained by the counties and the state for certain of their costs. Amounts paid directly to the City from the State of Ohio, known as "rollbacks", are included herein. Property tax revenues are estimated based on trends in assessed valuation of property as determined by the county auditors. Assessed values on real property are established by state law at 35 percent of appraised market value. A revaluation of all property is required to be completed every sixth year. The last revaluation in Franklin County was completed in 2017. Ohio law prohibits taxation of property from all taxing authorities within a county in excess of 1 percent of assessed value without a vote of the people. Under current procedures, the City's share is .314 percent (3.14 mills) of assessed value. Increases in the property tax rate are restricted only by voter willingness to approve such increases.

Franklin County tax year 2019 assessed values for property tax amounts to be collected in 2020 will be available in December 2019. Preliminary indications are that assessed values will remain flat for tax year

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2019. The graph below shows total estimated actual taxable property value and the year over year percentage change for the past 10 years.



NOTE 4 – INVESTMENT INCOME

The City pools its cash and investments for maximum investing efficiency. Earnings on the pool are allocated to individual funds at the discretion of City Council after meeting certain requirements. Interest earnings in excess of amounts required to be allocated are recorded as revenue in the general fund. Based on the estimated amount of pooled cash and investments and projected interest rates, it is estimated that \$17.9 million will be posted as revenue to the general fund in 2020.

NOTE 5 – LICENSES AND PERMITS

It is estimated that various licenses and permits issued primarily by the City's Department of Public Safety will generate approximately \$3.269 million for the general fund in 2020. Cable permits are estimated to produce \$8.9 million, while other licenses and permits will add another \$262 thousand for a total of \$12.431 million in licenses and permits. These estimates are determined based on trending and recognition of changes in various license in permit fees and related activity from year to year.

NOTE 6 – SHARED REVENUE

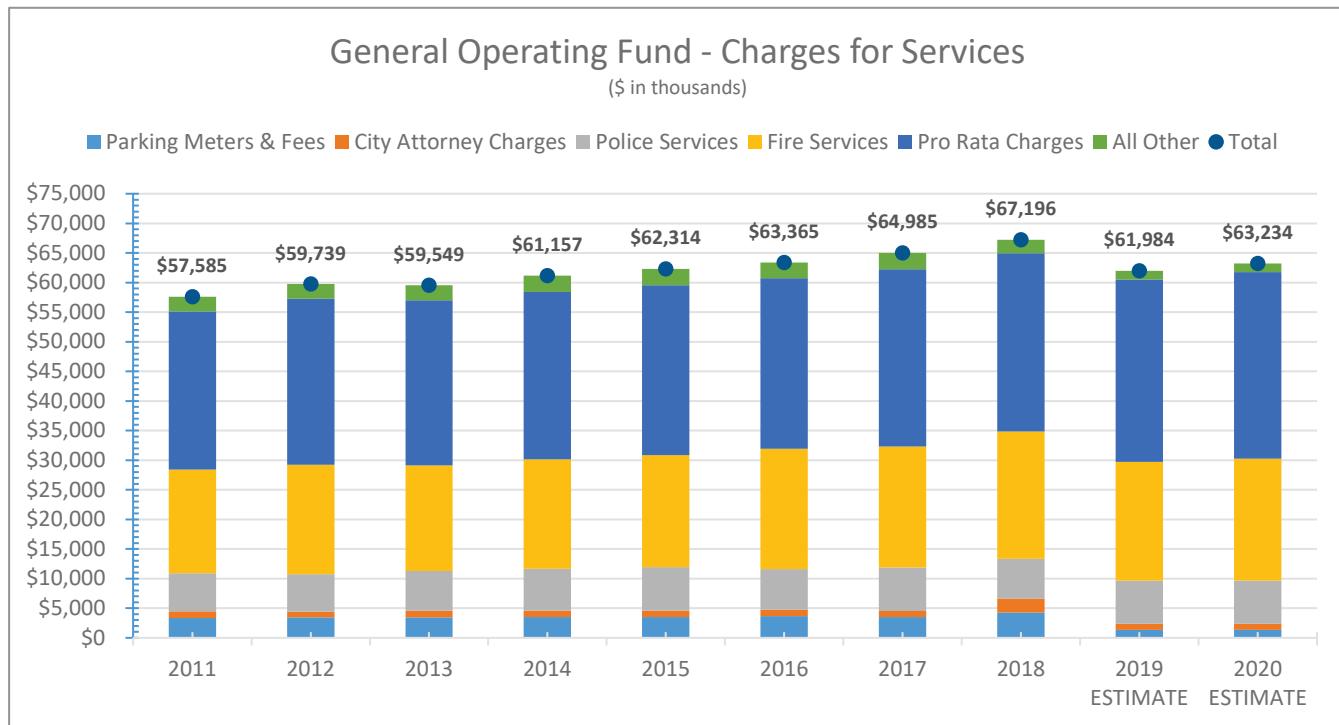
Shared revenues include portions of the various State of Ohio taxes which are shared with local governments within the State. It is estimated that these shared taxes will provide \$23.807 million.

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Additionally, the City receives Casino taxes as an allocation of county share portion and as a host city portion. Total casino taxes are estimated at \$11.131 million. The City has entered into various agreements funded with Casino taxes. For 2020 it is estimated that \$6.824 million in Casino taxes will remain in the general fund.

NOTE 7 – CHARGES FOR SERVICES

Charges for services in 2020 are estimated at \$63.234 million. The most significant revenue sources included in charges for services are for pro rata, Division of Fire Emergency Medical Services Billing, and special Police services. Pro Rata (or administrative charges to non-general operating fund divisions) represents certain operating costs borne by the general operating fund and then partially allocated to other funds of the City. Ordinance 2293-2018 calls for an assessment rate of 4.5% of revenues of the funds assessed, resulting in revenue to the general operating fund estimated at \$31.510 million for 2020. The Fire Services estimate of \$20.5 million includes fire Emergency Medical Services Billing for fees related to emergency medical transportation services of \$16.7 million for 2020. Special Police services include charges for policing schools, auto impound fees, policing special community and other events and is estimated to generate revenue of \$7.3 million in 2020. In 2018, City Council approved ordinance 1918-2018, which moves parking meter revenue and the related expenditures to the Parking Services Division of Public Service and into a special revenue fund for the purpose of funding parking programs throughout the City. This change resulted in a \$2.7 million decrease in parking meter revenue (and an equal reduction in parking meter related expenditures) in the general operating fund in 2019. These estimates are based on trending from year to year and identification of certain events that may cause fluctuations in the revenue (i.e. change in rates for non-general operating fund divisions will impact pro rata charges). The following graph demonstrates trending of charges for services revenue by source over a 10 year period.



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NOTE 8 – FINES AND FORFEITS

Fines, forfeitures, court costs, etc., resulting from operations of the Franklin County Municipal Court should produce approximately \$13.2 million in 2020, while the City's Parking Violations Bureau is expected to collect \$6.4 million in parking ticket fines. These estimates are 3% higher than the amounts estimated for 2019.

NOTE 9 – MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES

Miscellaneous revenues are estimated at \$5.519 million for 2020. Kilowatt hour (kWh) tax is permitted to be levied on users of electricity provided by the City's Division of Electricity. State statutes provide for the kWh tax to be deposited into the City's general operating fund and the City reports this amount as miscellaneous revenue. The kWh tax for 2020 is estimated at \$3.350 million. The remaining \$2.169 million estimated in miscellaneous revenue is for rents, refunds, reimbursements and other miscellaneous payments.

NOTE 10 – TRANSFER IN

Transfers from other funds for 2020 are estimated at \$4 million which represents 25% sharing by the Special Income Tax fund set aside of job incentive programs to be paid from the City's general operating fund. Although not included in the Total Estimated Available Resources for 2020, there is \$13.3 million in the Basic City Services Fund [Fund 1000; Subfund 100017] as a result of a 2019 refund of 2017 Bureau of Worker's Compensation premiums. If this amount was transferred into the General Operating Fund, the Total Estimated Available Resources for 2020 would be a total of \$978.3 million.

NOTE 11 – PRIOR YEAR ENCUMBRANCE CANCELLATIONS

Encumbrances which will be carried forward to 2020, but not used are estimated at \$5 million. These cancellations will increase unencumbered cash in 2020 to be used for operations. Cancellations are estimated based on trending of encumbrance amounts carried forward from year to year, as well as the amounts cancelled each year.

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NOTE 12 – ESTIMATED AVAILABLE BEGINNING BALANCE

The estimated available beginning balance to be used for 2020 operations is determined based on a 2019 third quarter review of actual revenues as compared to estimated revenues and actual expenditures as compared to the amount appropriated for the year. The beginning cash balance is estimated as follows:

General Operating Fund Estimated Beginning Cash Balance	(in thousands)
Beginning Cash Balance - January 1, 2019	\$ 58,380
Less - Outstanding Encumbrances at December 31, 2018	42,209
Unencumbered Cash Balance - January 1, 2019	16,171
Add - City Auditor's Estimated 2019 Receipts [Original Estimate]	875,270
Add - City Auditor's Estimated Encumbrance Cancellations [Original Estimate]	5,000
Add - Transfers In [Original Estimate]	17,713
Total Amount Available for Appropriations	\$ 914,154
Total Amount Appropriated for Expenditures	\$ 914,154
Projected Amount Available in Excess of Estimate	
Increase 2019 Revenue Estimate	\$ 20,267
Encumbrance Cancellations in Excess of Estimate	4,000
Projected Amount Available in Excess of Estimate	24,267
Projected Appropriation Surplus (Deficit)	
Total Appropriated as of September 30, 2019	914,154
Less 2019 Projected Operating Expenditures	902,154
Projected Appropriation Surplus (Deficit)	12,000
Projected Available Cash Balance - December 31, 2019	\$ 36,267