

# City eBrief



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## New City Budget Passes Unanimously, No Property Tax Increase



The City of Sevierville Board of Mayor and Aldermen have unanimously passed the FY 2019 budget, which begins July 1, 2018. Numerous public meetings and workshops were held to discuss the budget and included many comments from residents. Much of the discussion concerned the need to address upcoming debt payments pertaining to Tourist Development Zone bonds. These bonds were issued to pay for significant infrastructure improvements for the purpose of increasing tourist related revenue. Infrastructure improvements include the

Convention Center, Golf Course, Downtown Parking Lot, improvements to Old Knoxville Highway, and others.

The Board and City staff worked together and received tremendous public input on how to meet this challenge without decreasing City services. The FY 2019 budget maintains all City services, maintains the current property tax rate, and sets a framework for addressing the TDZ debt now and in the future.

In the FY 2019 budget, several steps have been taken to provide additional revenue to meet TDZ bond payments. In addition to budget cuts, the FY 2019 City budget includes an increase in the Lodging Tax from 2% to 3%. No other taxes were increased or implemented, including the property tax which remains unchanged. There are increases in some Parks and Recreation fees, garbage collection fees and new fees for Fire Department inspection services. These changes are outlined in the following three articles.

## Parks & Recreation Fee Adjustments



Some Parks and Recreation fees have been increased effective July 1 for non-City residents. These increases are between 6% - 8%.

The only fee increase for City residents will be for the children's programs, which will begin in the fall. City residents will now be required to present proof of City residency to receive the City resident rate.

The Parks and Recreation website has detailed information on fees effective July 1. Click [here](#) to view this information.

## Public Works Fee Adjustments

Residential and commercial garbage collection fees will increase effective July 1. Residential curbside collection will increase from \$10/month to \$15/month per container. Commercial curbside collection will increase from \$20/month to \$25/month per container.

The new fees will better reflect the actual cost of providing these services.



## Fire Department Fee Adjustments

Fire Department fees for false alarm calls and CPR classes remain unchanged. There are a number of new fees that will take effect July 1. The new fees are for fire inspections, operational permits and construction permits pertaining to commercial structures or non-residential buildings where people gather.

Click [here](#) to view the new fees.



## City Fourth of July Holiday Facility & Service Schedules



The following service and facility schedules for the City of Sevierville will be in effect in observance of the Fourth of July holiday.

The City Park Family Aquatic Center will be open normal operating hours.

The Sevierville Golf Club will be open normal operating hours.

The July 2 regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen has been cancelled.

Residential garbage collection scheduled for Wednesday,

July 4 will be collected on Thursday, July 5. All garbage cans must be at curbside by 6AM as trucks may run earlier than normal.

Commercial dumpster collection scheduled for Wednesday, July 4 will be collected on Tuesday, July 3. City Hall will be closed Wednesday, July 4.

The Community Center and Civic Center will be closed Wednesday, July 4.

Sevierville Convention Center administrative offices will be closed Wednesday, July 4.

The Police Department records office will be closed Wednesday, July 4.

Water Department administrative offices will be closed Wednesday, July 4 (for emergency service, call 453-5522).

Public Works Department administrative offices will be closed Wednesday, July 4.

## Upcoming BMA Meetings

The next regular meeting of the [Board of Mayor and Aldermen](#) will be Monday, July 16 @ 6PM. The July 2 meeting has been cancelled.

All meetings will be held at the Sevierville Civic Center. Click [here](#) to view BMA Meeting and Workshop agendas and minutes.





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