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## 2012 City Budget Adopted

The 2012 Consolidated Municipal Budget totaling \$27,559,878 was approved by the City Council on November 21, 2011. The City's mill levy for 2012 (2011 tax year) is 74.21 mills, a 2.99 mill rate decrease from last year. Revenue from 66.40 mills will be collected for General Fund operating purposes and revenue from 7.81 mills will be applied to the City's Capital Projects Fund. The 2012 budget includes a \$1.20 per month increase in total sanitation and recycling fees for City residents.

The major funds and functional areas of expenditures for 2012 are:

2012 CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPAL BUDGET						
Fund	Personal Services	Operations & Maintenance	Lease Purchase	Capital	Debt Service	Total
General Fund	\$8,929,150	\$4,289,992	\$446,940	\$117,800	\$0	\$13,783,882
Savannah Bluff Lock & Dam	0	24,000	0	0	0	24,000
Sales Tax 2 Fund	18,971	24,000	0	0	0	42,971
Recreation Fund	0	21,000	0	0	0	21,000
Firemen's Fund	0	33,000	0	0	0	33,000
Street Improvements Fund	0	45,000	0	0	0	45,000
Riverfront/Central Core Fund	0	0	0	0	507,493	507,493
Capital Projects Fund	0	265,000	0	0	454,400	719,400
Sanitation Services Fund	1,804,678	1,124,082	462,442	1,000	0	3,392,202
Stormwater Utility Fund	420,386	93,536	7,878	61,480	0	583,280
Gross Revenue (Utilities)	0	28,000	0	0	2,065,945	2,093,945
O & M (Utilities)	2,397,492	3,609,029	98,084	185,100	0	6,289,705
Contingent Fund (Utilities)	0	0	0	24,000	0	24,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,570,677</b>	<b>\$9,556,639</b>	<b>\$1,015,344</b>	<b>\$389,380</b>	<b>\$3,027,838</b>	<b>\$27,559,878</b>

*Merry Christmas*   
*AND* *Happy New Year*

# Tax Notices Mailed IN JANUARY

Tax notices for real and personal property and on merchants' inventory for the 2011 tax year will be mailed to property owners in January. Tax payments are due by May 1, 2012. For those property owners whose taxes are escrowed by a mortgage company, tax notices will be mailed directly to the mortgage company.

The City tax office is located in the Finance Department on the first floor of the Municipal Center, 100 Georgia Avenue. Questions about taxes should be directed to 803-441-4215.

## Winter Base Period for SEWER RATES IN EFFECT

The City of North Augusta uses a "Winter Base Sewer Rate System" for calculating sewer service charges. Each utility customer is billed a sewer service charge based on actual water consumption during three winter base months – December 10 through March 9. Water meter readings are based on the actual water consumed for the month preceding the reading. The average consumption of these three months is then used for the remaining nine billing periods of the year. New customers with no winter base history are charged an amount equal to the average of all residential sewer customers. For more information about the Winter Base Rate System, please call 803-441-4212.

## 2012 Business License Renewals DUE FEBRUARY 1

Business license renewal applications for calendar year 2012 will be mailed to current license holders during the last week of December. Completed applications must be returned to the City on or before February 1, 2012 to avoid a ten percent delinquent payment penalty. The penalty will increase by an additional five percent each month until the application and fee are received.

License holders should carefully examine the information on the application to confirm its accuracy. Corrections or additions should be written directly on the application form. Once properly completed and signed, the application should be returned to the City with the correct fee. The turnaround time on a properly completed business license application is usually ten days or less.

The business license office is located on the first floor of the Municipal Center, 100 Georgia Avenue. Questions about business license renewals can be addressed by calling the City's Business License Clerk at 803-441-4214.

## Holiday and Sanitation SCHEDULE

### Christmas

Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26. City offices closed.  
No change in sanitation collection schedule.

### New Year's Day

Monday, January 2. City offices closed.  
No change in sanitation collection schedule.

### Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, January 16. City offices closed.  
There will be no sanitation service on Monday, January 16. Sanitation collection routes will be delayed by one day.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

POLICE & FIRE EMERGENCY ----- 911

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

Non Emergency----- 279-2121  
Administration----- 441-4251  
Records/Court Services----- 441-4271  
Investigations ----- 441-4274  
Animal Control ----- 441-4298

#### PARKS, RECREATION & LEISURE SERVICES

Riverview Park Activities Center----- 441-4300  
Activities Coordinator----- 441-4311  
Community Center ----- 441-4290

#### GENERAL SERVICES & FINANCE

Taxes----- 441-4215  
Utility - New Service/Disconnects----- 441-4219  
Utility Billing Services----- 441-4212  
Business Licenses (Non-Contractor) ----- 441-4214  
Human Resources ----- 441-4205  
Events and Facilities Supervisor ----- 441-4350

#### ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS

After-Hours Emergencies----- 279-2121  
Engineering----- 441-4223  
Building Standards----- 441-4227  
Code Compliance ----- 441-4258  
Permits----- 441-4227  
Business Licenses (Contractors) ----- 441-4227  
Sanitation Services----- 441-4223  
Sanitation - New Services ----- 441-4219  
Stormwater Management ----- 441-4295

#### PUBLIC UTILITIES

After-Hours Emergencies----- 279-2121  
Utility - New Service/Disconnects----- 441-4219  
Utility Billing----- 441-4212  
Water and Sewer Repairs ----- 441-4240  
Streets and Drains Repairs----- 441-4240

#### PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Zoning----- 442-4221  
Planning----- 442-4221  
Economic Development ----- 442-4221

#### ADMINISTRATION

Mayor----- 441-4202  
City Administrator ----- 441-4202

#### OTHER FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

Arts & Heritage Center ----- 441-4380  
North Augusta Chamber of Commerce ---- 279-2323  
Nancy Carson Library----- 279-5767  
North Augusta Health Center----- 278-3621  
Comcast (cable)----- 706-733-7712  
S.C. Electric & Gas----- 442-2000  
A T & T ----- 1-888-757-6500  
S.C. Department of Transportation -- 1-800-442-1368  
Magistrate----- 202-3580

**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS** are held every first and third Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers of the Municipal Center. Citizens are encouraged to attend these meetings.



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