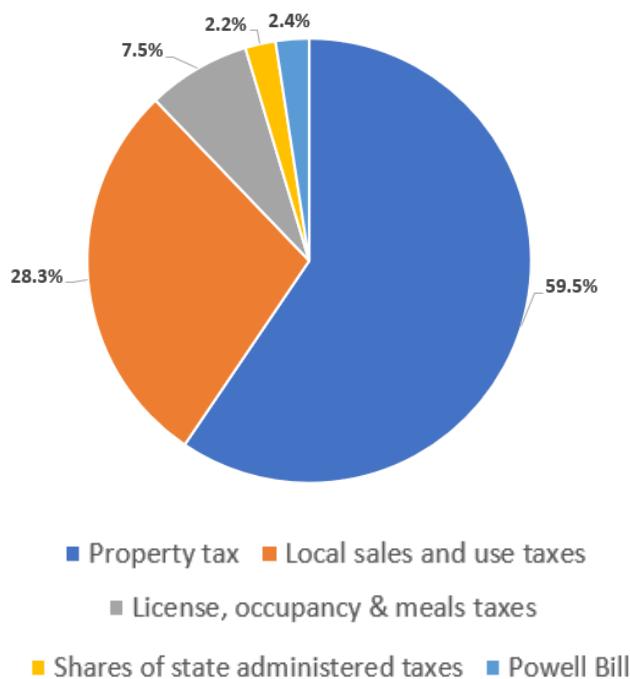


Municipal Services

Municipalities provide a variety of services to residents, most importantly police and fire protection and the building and maintaining of streets and bridges. Parks, street lighting, land-use planning, housing assistance and special events are also funded with property taxes. Water, sewer and solid waste disposal are also crucial services, but are funded through separate enterprise funds and not paid for with property tax dollars.

Municipal General Fund Revenues



Municipal General Fund Expenses

- **Public safety is typically the most substantial general fund expense, at about 50 percent of budget totals.**
- **With the addition of streets and public works, those percentages typically rise to more than 60 percent.**
- **General fund dollars also fund economic development projects and the infrastructure that cities build out to make them possible.**

With costs rising, how far do property taxes go?

- A penny per \$100 valuation in Raleigh raised ~\$11.6 million last fiscal year.
- In Mocksville, one penny raised about \$137,000.
- In Catawba, it raised roughly \$17,500.

