

North Carolina League of Municipalities

Municipalities Meeting Covid 19 Crisis
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ADVANCING ALL.

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Local Response/Critical Services Continuing

- Police/fire/emergency service
- Water/utility service
- Solid waste collection
- Homeless sheltering
- Development approvals and inspections—many departments are doing these functions remotely
- Street maintenance—clear for essential workers & businesses



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Small Businesses Lifeblood of Local Economies

- Restaurants, Hotels and Retailers Closed
- Laid Off Workers
- Economic Activity Depressed
- Small Business Loan Funds

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Revenue Stream Effects

Sales Taxes

- \$1.2-1.3 billion annually
- Make up 24 percent general operation budgets (median city)



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Revenue Stream Effects

Occupancy Taxes

- \$250-300 million annually
- Dedicated revenue to tourism industry promotions, events, facilities



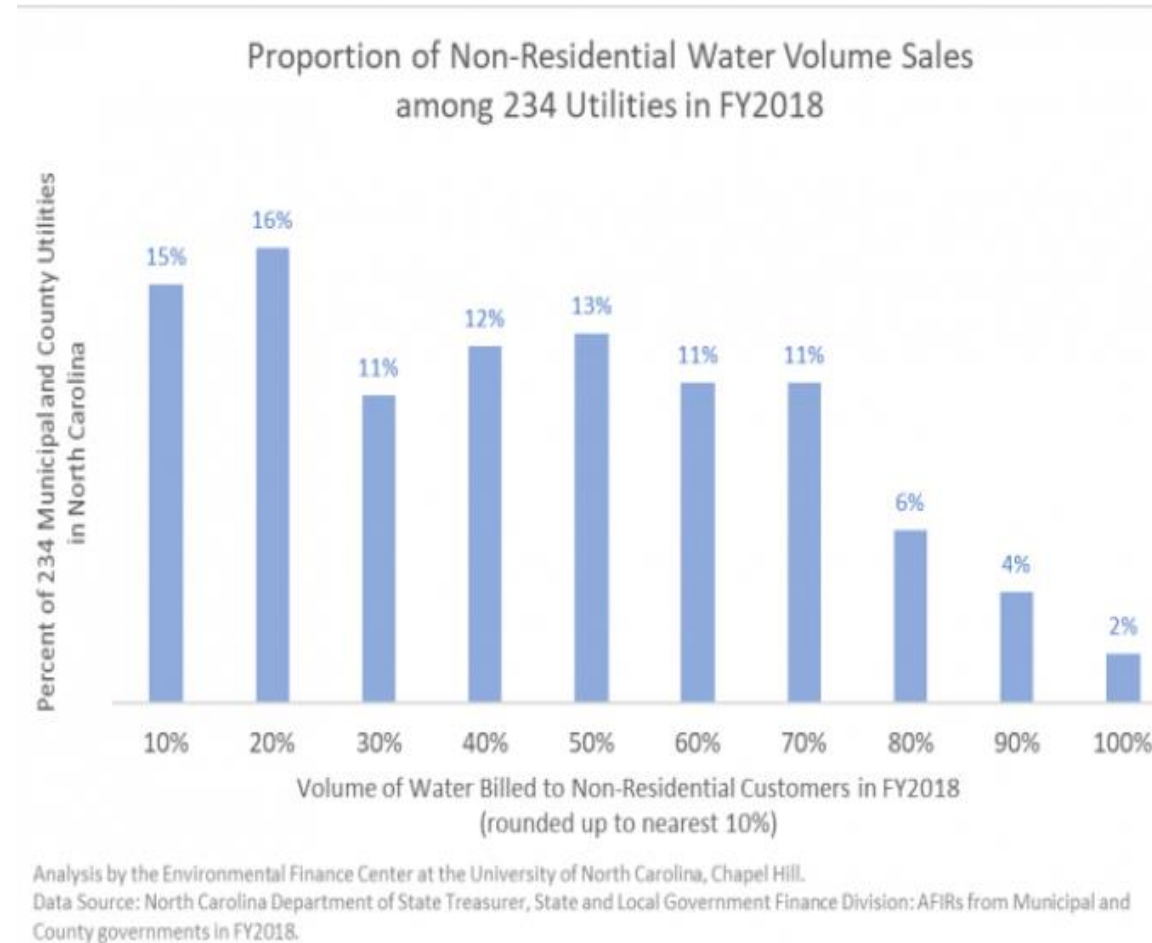
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Revenue Stream Effects

Utilities

- No Non-Payment Disconnections
- Expected Industrial Use Decline (1/3 of water systems bill a majority to non-residential customers)
- Struggling Rural Utilities



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Revenue Stream Effects

Extension of Deadlines

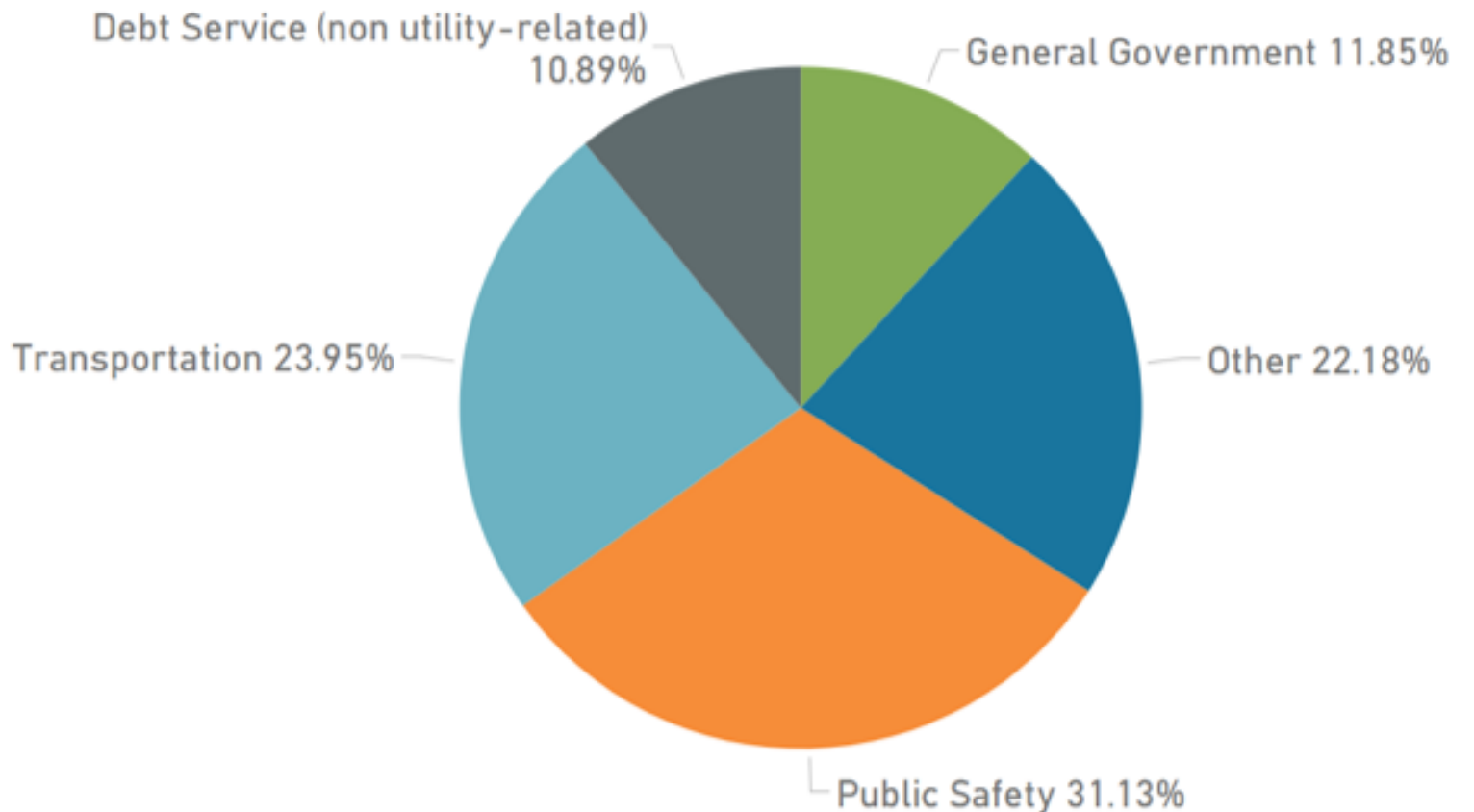
- DMV Vehicle Registration Tied to Property Tax Payments
- Others?



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Municipal Budgets (Non-Utility)



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Maintaining Cash Flows Will Be Crucial!

- 22,000 Street Miles Maintained by Cities and Towns
- Local Government-Owned Water Systems Serve 89% of State's Population
- Ten Largest Municipal Water Systems Serve 30% of the State's Population

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Other Pressing Issues

Clarify Authority to Meet Remotely

- Full Council, Other Board Meetings
- Public Hearings



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Other Pressing Issues

Broadband Access

- FIBER NC Act



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QUESTIONS?

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