

## Millage Rate Maintained

The City of Tallahassee has maintained a millage rate of 4.1 for five years, which is lower than many of its peers across Florida and other Leon county governments. This keeps the cost of home ownership affordable while still providing high-quality services.



## **Municipal Cost Comparison**

As a full-service municipality, the City provides electric, water, gas, sewer, and stormwater utilities for its citizens and customers outside its limits. Each year, its rates are very competitive with peer cities' across Florida. The City Commission has kept the costs of delivering top-notch utilities low and passes the savings on to customers.

Hollywood \$5.204 West Palm Beach \$4,586 Clearwater \$4,499 Fort Lauderdale \$4,265 Largo \$3,662 Orlando \$3,640 Pompano Beach \$3,616 Daytona Beach \$3,551 Pensacola \$3,518 Gainesville \$3,465 Tallahassee <u>\$3,177</u> Lakeland \$3,070



\$997,251 Emergency Prprdnss, \$810,442 Ethics Office, \$399,498

The FY21 operating budget is \$743.1 million across all funds with a \$161.8 million budget for the General Fund. To balance the funds in a difficult year, the following steps were taken:

- No across the board employee raises
- Increased employer contribution to healthcare costs
- Delaying increases to Fire-rate fees for citizens

The proposed capital budget for FY21 totals \$152.2 million and continues to invest within the community:

- \$23.1 million for public infrastructure projects
- \$10.1 million for new technology
- \$26.9 million at the Tallahassee International Airport
- \$92.1 million across the City's six utility departments
- Beginning the Public Safety Complex and new Senior Center



## **Challenges and Opportunities**

Facing the challenges brought forth by a global pandemic:

- Facilitating vaccinations with community partners
- Unknown federal economic stimulus or response
- Eviction moratorium expiring in December

- Growing income and wealth disparities for citizens resulting from recession
- Maintaining the course on strategic objectives despite revenue strains
- Promoting local economic recovery with capital funding
- Leading and innovating in the delivery of public services during a national crisis