What do property taxes pay for?
When you call the police or fire department, play in the park, send your children to public school, check out a book at the library, or eat at an inspected restaurant, you are using services paid for by your property taxes. Your taxes also pay for services to help people move from welfare to work, protect children and senior citizens from abuse and neglect, protect our water and air from pollution, repair and build roads, and much more. Property taxes are the largest source of revenue to fund these services you count on every day. For more information about Mecklenburg County’s budget, the services funded by your property taxes, and links to municipal websites, visit www.MeckNC.gov. For information about the budget for the City of Charlotte, visit www.CharlotteNC.gov. Budget information for Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville, Matthews, Mint Hill, and Pineville may be found on their respective websites.

What property is taxed?
Property taxes are levied on real property, such as land and buildings; business personal property, including office equipment, machinery, computer equipment and others; registered motor vehicles; individual personal property, such as boats, unregistered vehicles, campers and others; and other property as required by North Carolina Law.

How much will I pay in taxes?
The amount you pay is based on the assessed value of your property, the tax rate, and any other items included on the bill. The County Assessor assesses the value of all taxable property as of January 1st. The tax you pay is based on that value and the tax rate established by the elected city, county, or town officials. To calculate the taxes due, divide the assessed value by $100.00 and multiply the result by the tax rates. Also, add the fees charged to determine the total tax due. For example, the tax bill for a home assessed at $200,000 in value is $1,233.80 for County taxes and $696.20 for Charlotte taxes. Other charges, such as Solid Waste Fees, are added to the total due.

What are the Police and Fire Taxes?
Property owners in unincorporated Mecklenburg County pay taxes for police services through the Law Enforcement Service District Tax and for fire protection, including emergency services, through the Fire Protection Service District Tax.

How do I change the address on my tax bill?
To change the mailing address for real estate tax bills, please visit MeckNC.gov/AssessorsOffice/Pages/Change-of-Address
### FY 2021-2022 Mecklenburg County Budget Summary

#### FY 2022 Mecklenburg County Tax Rate:

- **Tax Rate:** $0.6169 per $100 of assessed value

#### Law Enforcement Service District Tax Rate:

- Charlotte (MCH) ............... $0.1781
- Cornelius (MCN) ............... $0.2290
- Davidson (MDV) ............... $0.1432
- Huntersville (MHT) .......... $0.1584
- Mint Hill (MMH) ............. $0.1558
- Pineville (MPN) .............. $0.1637

#### Fire Protection Service District Tax Rate:

- Charlotte (MCH) ............... $0.0800
- Cornelius (MCN) ............... $0.0612
- Davidson (MDV) ............... $0.0890
- Huntersville (MHT) .......... $0.0580
- Mint Hill (MMH) ............. $0.0750

### Where the Money Comes From:

- **Revenue:** $2,006,159,908
  
  - 60% - Property Taxes: $1,202,684,611
  - 18% - Sales Tax: $360,563,114
  - 6% - Charges for Services: $120,322,624
  - 6% - Federal & State: $119,011,456
  - 4% - Fund Balance: $75,508,436
  - 3% - Other Revenue: $55,972,631
  - 2% - Licenses & Permits: $34,849,626
  - 1% - Law Enforcement Service District Tax: $19,504,934
  - <1% - Fire Protection Service District Tax: $8,597,135
  - <1% - Local ABC Profits: $5,242,064
  - <1% - Investment Income: $3,903,277

### How the Money is Used:

- **Expenditures:** $2,006,159,908
  
  - 26% - CMS Operating: $526,898,334
  - 18% - Health & Human Services: $354,688,226
  - 9% - CMS Debt Service: $173,493,914
  - 9% - Administrative Services: $172,566,227
  - 8% - Detention & Court Support Services: $162,689,920
  - 7% - General Debt Service: $140,439,935
  - 6% - Land Use & Environmental Services: $115,729,110
  - 5% - Community Services: $107,341,914
  - 3% - Transit Sales Tax Pass-Through: $65,621,131
  - 3% - Business Partners: $54,197,429
  - 2% - CPCC Operating: $40,564,852
  - 2% - Financial Services: $40,022,146
  - 1% - Customer Satisfaction & Management: $27,680,354
  - 1% - CPCC Debt Service: $19,266,416
  - <1% - CMS Capital Replacement: $4,960,000

For more details about the FY2022 budget go to:

www.MeckNC.gov
FY 2021-2022 City of Charlotte Budget Summary

Where the Money Comes From:

Revenue: $2,705,939,363

- 45% - Charges for Services & Fees $1,212,656,060
- 24% - Other Revenue $660,207,563
- 20% - Property & Vehicle Taxes $528,442,705
- 10% - Other Taxes $284,818,423
- 1% - Powell Bill $19,814,612
- <1% - Debt Payment $0.0073
- <1% - Pay-As-You-Go $0.0677
- <1% - General Fund $0.2731

How the Money is Used:

Expenditures: $2,705,939,363

- 25% - General Fund $687,599,365
- 25% - Aviation $673,938,784
- 19% - Water & Sewer $538,717,276
- 9% - Charlotte Area Transit System $247,963,339
- 8% - Debt Service $229,079,086
- 4% - Storm Water $99,163,741
- 2% - General Capital Investment Plan $61,662,436
- 2% - Employee Health and Life Fund $53,726,837
- 1% - Convention Center $28,054,837
- 1% - Housing & Neighborhood Services Grants $24,352,561
- <1% - Public Safety and Other Grants $16,496,021
- <1% - Powell Bill $15,173,988
- <1% - Tourism Operating $9,019,943
- <1% - Municipal Service Districts $7,395,394
- <1% - Risk Management $5,711,766
- <1% - NASCAR Hall of Fame $4,725,000
- <1% - Public Safety 911 Services $2,550,000
- <1% - Pay-As-You-Go $608,989

Municipal Tax Districts:

- District 1 Tax Rate $0.0136
- District 2 Tax Rate $0.0363
- District 3 Tax Rate $0.0474
- District 4 Tax Rate $0.0390
- District 5 Tax Rate $0.0279

(The tax rates for districts 2 and 3 include the tax rate for district 1)
FY 2021-2022 Town of Cornelius Budget Summary

**FY 2022 Town of Cornelius Tax Rate:**
$0.222 per $100 of assessed value
($0.8389 combined with Mecklenburg County rate)

**Where the Money Comes From:**

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**How the Money is Used:**

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<td>4% - Contribution to Capital Project Fund $1,132,966</td>
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FY 2021-2022 Town of Davidson Budget Summary

Where the Money Comes From:

- 57% - Property & Vehicle Taxes $8,769,791
- 24% - Other Taxes $3,631,211
- 11% - Charges for Services & Fees $1,765,279
- 5% - Other Revenue $751,500
- 2% - Powell Bill $318,000
- 1% - Fund Balance Appropriated $215,000

Revenue: $15,450,782

How the Money is Used:

- 19% - Police Department $2,967,906
- 15% - Fire Department $2,365,538
- 11% - Non Dept.- Capital Projects $1,648,346
- 8% - Administration $1,286,416
- 7% - Solid Waste $1,084,000
- 6% - Public Works - Streets $1,012,963
- 6% - Public Works - Parks $963,320
- 4% - Non Dept. & Service Agencies $591,657
- 4% - Public Works - Buildings & Grounds $571,354
- 3% - Planning $519,542
- 3% - Travel & Tourism $451,809
- 3% - Parks & Recreation $432,525
- 2% - Powell Bill $318,000
- 2% - Affordable Housing $275,000
- 2% - Storm Water $260,000
- 2% - Equity & Inclusion $229,479
- 1% - Legal $200,451
- 1% - Economic Development $160,662
- 1% - Governing Body $111,815

Expenditures: $15,450,782

FY 2022 Town of Davidson Tax Rate:
$0.28 per $100 of assessed value
($0.9069 combined with Mecklenburg County rate)
Town of Huntersville
www.huntersville.org

FY 2021-2022 Town of Huntersville Budget Summary

Where the Money Comes From:

Property & Vehicle Taxes: $25,558,495 (45%)
Other Taxes: $14,354,000 (25.3%)
Other Revenue: $6,812,242 (12.0%)
Fund Balance Appropriated: $4,073,271 (7.2%)
Charges for Services & Fees: $3,210,321 (5.7%)
Powell Bill: $2,725,500 (4.8%)

TOTALS Revenue: $56,733,829 (100%)

How the Money is Used:

Police & Public Safety: $14,861,380 (26.2%)
Streets: $6,963,305 (12.3%)
Fire & Rescue: $4,966,679 (8.8%)
Contribution to Capital Projects Fund: $4,880,528 (8.6%)
Parks & Recreation: $4,459,755 (7.9%)
Solid Waste: $4,159,690 (7.3%)
Debt Service: $4,098,795 (7.2%)
Administrative & General Government: $3,604,558 (6.4%)
Powell Bill: $2,725,500 (4.8%)
Storm Water: $1,980,000 (3.5%)
Planning: $1,700,559 (3.0%)
Travel & Tourism: $1,350,000 (2.4%)
Economic Development: $369,287 (0.7%)
Other - Non Departmental: $309,980 (0.5%)
Governing Board: $303,813 (0.5%)

TOTALS Expenditures: $56,733,829 (100%)
**FY 2021-2022 Town of Matthews Budget Summary**

**FY 2022 Town of Matthews Tax Rate:**
$0.2950 per $100 of assessed value ($0.8969 combined with Mecklenburg County rate)

**Revenue:**
$28,152,358

- 56% - Property & Vehicle Taxes $15,624,324
- 27% - Other Taxes $7,637,000
- 7% - Other Revenue $2,026,390
- 6% - Charges for Services & Fees $1,751,000
- 3% - Powell Bill $724,000
- 1% - Fund Balance Appropriated $389,644

**Expenditures:**
$28,152,358

- 25% - Administrative & General Gov. $7,172,346
- 23% - Police & Public Safety $6,557,259
- 11% - Fire & Rescue $3,151,084
- 7% - Solid Waste $1,973,300
- 6% - Travel & Tourism $1,706,644
- 6% - Parks & Recreation $1,706,362
- 4% - Other - Non Departmental $1,038,563
- 3% - Streets $921,741
- 3% - Storm Water $900,000
- 3% - Contribution to Capital Projects Fund $800,793
- 3% - Powell Bill $724,000
- 2% - Telecommunications $683,943
- 2% - Planning $558,044
- 1% - Governing Board $253,279
- 1% - Economic Development $5,000
Town of Mint Hill

FY 2021-2022 Town of Mint Hill Budget Summary

FY 2022 Town of Mint Hill Tax Rate:
$0.255 per $100 of assessed value
($0.8719 combined with Mecklenburg County rate)

Where the Money Comes From:

- 38% - Property & Vehicle Taxes: $9,610,000
- 35% - Other Revenues: $8,855,250
- 16% - Other Taxes: $3,882,000
- 6% - Fund Balance Appropriated: $1,567,017
- 3% - Powell Bill: $740,000
- 2% - Charges for Services & Fees: $582,149

TOTALS: $25,236,416

How the Money is Used:

- 25% - Police & Public Safety: $6,406,386
- 19% - Streets: $4,792,991
- 13% - Parks & Recreation: $3,238,838
- 12% - Fire & Rescue: $3,149,521
- 10% - Other - Non Departmental: $2,411,358
- 9% - Solid Waste: $2,382,080
- 5% - Admin & General Government: $1,256,648
- 3% - Powell Bill: $740,000
- 2% - Storm Water: $537,149
- 1% - Travel & Tourism: $277,150
- 1% - Governing Board: 44,295

TOTALS: $25,236,416
FY 2022 Town of Pineville Tax Rate:
$0.33 per $100 of assessed value
($0.9469 combined with Mecklenburg County rate)

Where the Money Comes From:

Revenue: $14,352,046

- 59% - Property & Vehicle Taxes: $8,447,502
- 26% - Other Taxes: $3,641,000
- 8% - Fund Balance Appropriated: $1,193,544
- 3% - Storm Water: $450,000
- 2% - Powell Bill: $320,000
- 2% - Other Revenue: $300,000

How the Money is Used:

Expenditures: $14,352,046

- 41% - Police & Public Safety: $5,930,887
- 12% - Administrative & General Government: $1,813,647
- 10% - Travel & Tourism: $1,392,487
- 8% - Fire & Rescue: $1,155,874
- 7% - Public Works: $1,089,518
- 5% - Sanitation: $672,000
- 5% - Storm Water: $642,257
- 4% - Parks & Recreation: $576,727
- 4% - Planning: $512,530
- 2% - Powell Bill: $282,500
- 1% - Governing Board: $183,619
- 1% - Other - Non Departmental: $100,000
**Payment Options**

### MOST CONVENIENT OPTIONS

#### Via Website
- Pay online via [http://MeckNC.gov/paytax](http://MeckNC.gov/paytax)
- Tax bill number required
- eCheck and Credit/Debit cards accepted

#### Via Phone
- Call 1-800-994-1026
- Tax bill number required
- eCheck and Credit/Debit cards accepted

### ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

#### Drop Box
- 3205 Freedom Drive, Suite 3000
- Charlotte, NC 28208
- Use entrance E
- Located on wall to the left of the service points
- Check/Money Order only
- Tax bill number required on Check/Money Order

#### Mail
- Check/Money Order
- Payable to: Mecklenburg County Tax Collector
- Mail to:
  - Mecklenburg County Tax Collector
  - P.O. Box 71063
  - Charlotte, NC 28272-1063
- Tax bill number required on Check/Money Order

#### Online Banking
- Not recommended for payment of taxes
- Personal banking online bill pay
- 24-digit tax bill number in the account number field required
- Please see your bank’s online bill pay policies, as most banks advise against using online bill pay to pay taxes

### IMPORTANT NOTES

1. Checks must have drawer’s name, drawer’s address, check number, financial institution’s name, and MICR numbers preprinted on the check. In addition, the check should have the current date, numbers printed, the amount paid spelled out, and a signature. The Mecklenburg County Tax Collector does not accept starter, counter, altered, or photocopied checks.

2. If the entire tax bill number is not entered in the online bill pay account number field, the payment will be rejected and sent back to taxpayer’s bank. Any interest accrued due to a rejected payment cannot be removed from the tax bill. Bill numbers from previous payments must be deleted and replaced with a current bill number with each payment. Interest will apply if payment is received on or after the interest begins date.

### WHAT’S HAPPENING AT THE OTC

The Office of the Tax Collector (OTC) has enhanced its customer service experience by launching a queueing system at its service counter! The system is convenient and easy to use. Simply check-in at one of the 4 kiosks in the lobby when you arrive. Select the reason for your visit, and your ticket will be printed and added to the ticketing queue. Monitors and verbal announcements in the lobby will direct you to your customer service specialist for assistance. Select the text message option at check-in, and you’ll receive a text notification routing you for assistance.

Be informed. “Notify Me” is a subscription-based service offered by Mecklenburg County and the City of Charlotte at no charge to the public. With “Notify Me,” you can receive an alert whenever content of interest is updated or newsletters are published. You can choose to have alerts delivered to your email address and/or via text message. To receive alerts from the Office of the Tax Collector, visit our website at [http://MeckNC.gov/Taxes](http://MeckNC.gov/Taxes), click on Office of the Tax Collector, and then click the link for Notify Me. If you are a new user, you will be prompted to enter an email address and supply a zip code. You may access your user profile to make changes at any time, including removing yourself from receiving further updates.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Office of the Tax Collector: Telephone: 980-314-4400
Email: taxmeck@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov

### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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Twitter: @MeckCounty
How do I pay my taxes?
There are five ways to pay your real estate and personal property taxes. The 24-digit bill number is required when paying taxes.

1. By Internet: Visit http://MeckNC.gov/paytax to use your credit/debit card or choose eCheck to have payment deducted from your checking account. Please have your bill number ready.

2. By Telephone: Call toll-free 1-800-994-1026 to use your credit/debit card or choose eCheck to have payment deducted from your checking account. Please have your bill number ready.

3. By Mail: Mail both the tax payment stub and check or money order to Mecklenburg County Tax Collector, P.O. Box 71063, Charlotte, NC 28272-1063. If mailing payment without a payment stub, mail the check or money order to Mecklenburg County Tax Collector, P.O. Box 31457, Charlotte, NC 28231-1457. Make check or money order payable to Mecklenburg County Tax Collector. The entire 24-digit tax bill number is required.

4. In Person: Payments (cash, check, debit cards, credit cards, or money order only) are accepted Monday - Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at Valerie C. Woodard Center, 3205 Freedom Drive, Suite 3000, Charlotte, NC 28208. Use Entrance E. Drop Box located to the left of the service point counter is available for check and money order payments.

5. Online Banking: NOTE: This payment option is not recommended for payment of taxes. Any interest accrued due to a rejected payment cannot be removed from the tax bill. Funds are sent electronically or by check to the Mecklenburg County Tax Collector by your financial institution. A payment may take up to four business days, after it has been authorized, before it is applied to the tax bill. The entire 24-digit tax bill number must be entered on the online bill pay account number field to ensure proper payment posting to the tax bill. The payment will be rejected and sent back to the financial institution if the tax bill number is missing or incorrect. Interest will apply if payment is received after January 5, 2022. Tax bill numbers from previous payments must be deleted and replaced with a current tax bill number for each payment.

What is the County’s check policy?
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What are the tax deadlines?
Property tax payments (except registered motor vehicles) are due September 1, 2021 and must be paid by January 5, 2022. If mailed, payments must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service (not by postage meter) on or before January 5, 2022 to avoid interest charges. Taxpayers whose payment is received on or after January 6, 2022 will be charged 2% interest for January and an additional 3/4% interest for each month thereafter until paid. Unpaid real and personal property taxes (except registered motor vehicles) as of January 6, 2022 may be advertised in the local newspaper as being delinquent and an additional fee for advertising will be added. All delinquent taxes are subject to garnishment, levy (seizure), and foreclosure.

Still have questions?
• Visit our website at MeckNC.gov/taxes.
• Contact the CharMeck Call Center by dialing 311 if calling within Mecklenburg County or 704-336-7600 for all calls originating outside of Mecklenburg County.
• To learn more about Mecklenburg County and the services provided, visit www.MeckNC.gov.