

Budget-In-Brief

Fiscal Year 2014-2015



*"To protect and serve the citizens of Conroe and
exceed their expectations"*



City of Conroe, Texas Fiscal Year 2014-2015



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Police Chief

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Director of Parks &
Recreation

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Executive Director of Conroe
Industrial Development Corporation

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October 1, 2014

The City of Conroe is pleased to present the fiscal year 2014-2015 “Budget-In-Brief.” This document summarizes the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014, and ending September 30, 2015.

A city’s budget presents in financial terms a plan to accomplish its objectives during the upcoming fiscal year. Budget preparation is an ongoing process as the City Council discusses priorities, commits to projects, and provides feedback to the staff on various proposals. The staff then translates that information into a financial action plan.

The budget for FY 2014-2015 is a balanced, conservative plan that continues our previous commitments toward quality services and facilities and addresses opportunities for additional improvements.

I must commend the ongoing work of the City Council, City Administration, the Management Team, and all of our fine City employees. We are indeed focused on our mission statement:

“To protect and serve the citizens of Conroe and exceed their expectations.”

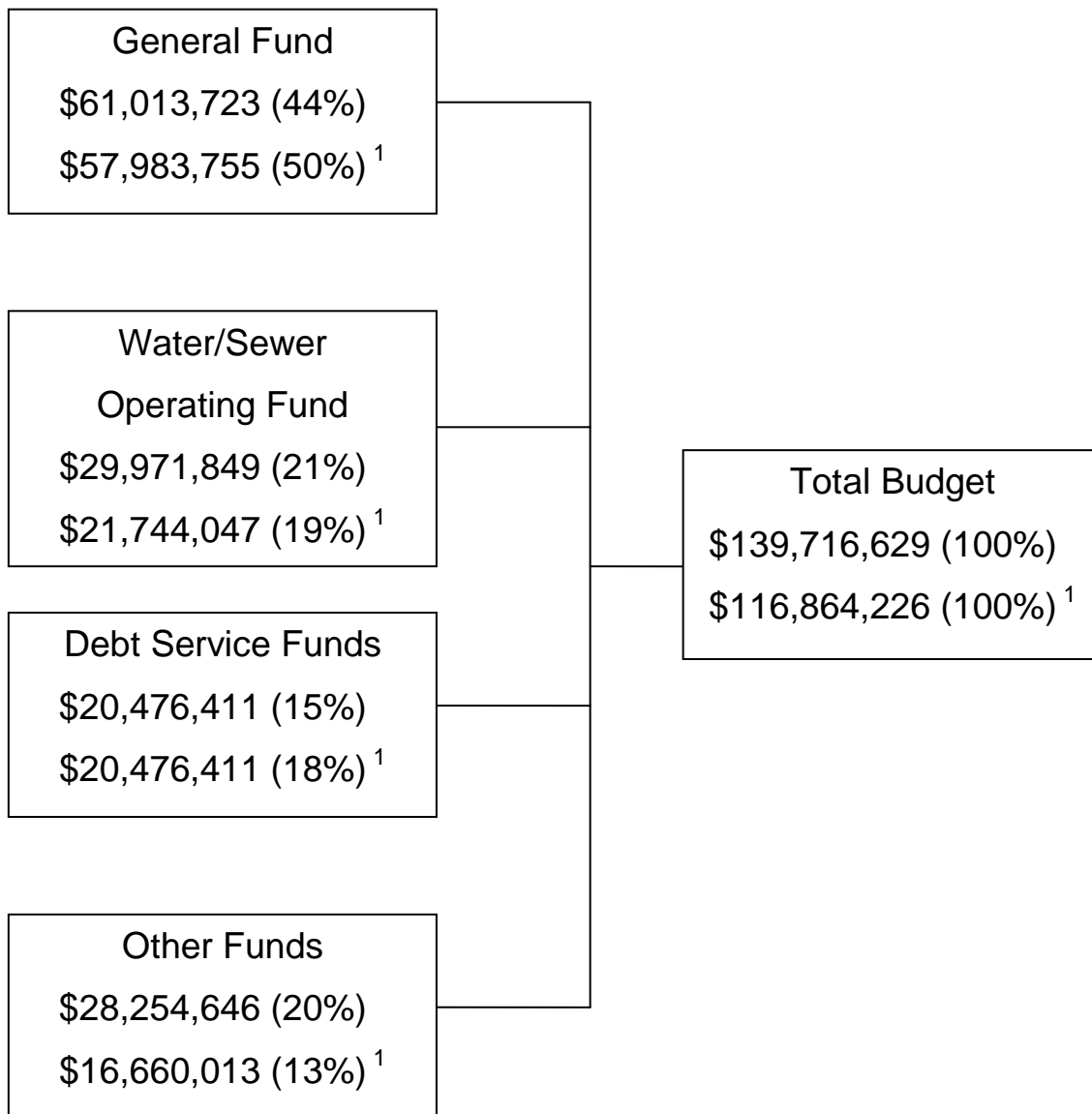
Sincerely,

Webb Melder

Mayor

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Organization of the Total Budget



1. These figures represent the budgeted expenditures net of interfund transfers.

FY 2014-2015 Budget Summary

On August 28, 2014, the Conroe City Council approved a \$139,716,629 budget with a 3% contingent appropriation for FY 2014-2015 Net of interfund transfers, the total budget is \$116,864,226. The approved budget consists of the General, Water and Sewer Operating, Debt Service, and Other Operating Funds.

General Fund

The General Fund accounts for 44 percent of the budget and supports basic services such as police, fire, parks, recreation, streets, and other community services. It is the general operating fund of the City and is used to account for all transactions and operations of governmental units that are not accounted for in another fund. The General Fund also is used to account for transactions financed from taxes or other general revenues.

Water and Sewer Operating Fund

The Water and Sewer Operating Fund comprises 21 percent of the budget. This fund is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the costs of providing water and sewer services are financed through user charges.

Debt Service Funds

The Debt Service Funds category is composed of three funds: General Obligation Debt Service Fund, Water and Sewer Debt Service Fund, and Conroe Industrial Development Corporation (CIDC) Debt Service Fund. These three funds account for 15 percent of the budget and pay for the annual interest and principal costs of the City's debt.

The General Obligation Debt Service Fund provides for the payment of the City's certificates of obligation and other tax-supported debt issued to finance the tax-based portion of the City's Capital Improvement Program.

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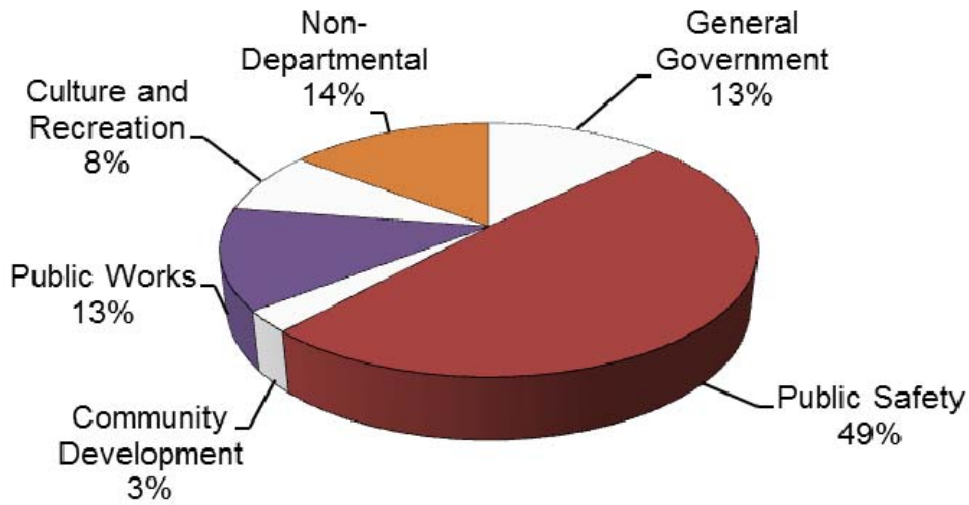
The Water and Sewer Debt Service Fund provides for the retirement of revenue-supported bonds that are used to pay the cost of improvements to the City's water and wastewater system. This debt is repaid with revenues collected from utility customers. The CIDC Debt Service Fund provides the funds necessary to retire the outstanding sales tax revenue-supported debt of the City. This debt consists of revenue-supported bonds that are used for economic development purposes and is repaid with a portion of the ½-cent sales tax charged within the City.

Other Operating Funds

The Other Funds category of the budget includes funds used to account for the proceeds of special revenues, other than expendable trusts or major capital projects. They make up 20 percent of the budget and include such funds as the Conroe Industrial Development Corporation (CIDC) Revenue Clearing Fund, CIDC General Fund, Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Fund, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Fund, Conroe Tower Fund, Oscar Johnson, Jr. Community Center (OJJCC) Fund, Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Fund, Water & Sewer Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Fund, Transportation Grants Fund, Fleet Services Fund, and the Self-Funded Insurance Fund.

General Fund Expenditures

\$61,013,723
(\$57,983,755)



General Fund Services

General Government

\$7,767,093

The General Government category is comprised of the Administration, Mayor & Council, Legal, Municipal Court, Finance, Community Development Block Grant Administration, Warehouse-Purchasing, Information Technology, and Human Resources departments. These departments are responsible for various functions of the City, including providing quality customer relations and accurate public information; coordinating and scheduling City Council meetings; handling media relations; providing legal services; providing disposition of violations of City ordinances and State law; managing finance, accounting, and utility billing; administering grants; acquiring supplies and services; maintaining computer hardware and

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software; and providing programs and consultations in the areas of employee recruitment, selection, compensation, and benefits.

Administration	\$ 509,832
Mayor & Council	585,898
Legal	564,193
Municipal Court	1,133,337
Finance & Administration	1,466,529
CDBG Administration	260,599
Warehouse-Purchasing	474,034
Information Technology	1,975,835
Human Resources	796,836
General Government Total	\$7,767,093

Public Safety **\$29,894,726**

The Public Safety category includes the Police Department and Fire Department. The Police Department is separated into eight divisions based on areas of responsibility: Police Administration, Support Services, Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Animal Services, Red Light Program, Traffic Services, and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Program. The Fire Department is responsible for preparing for and responding to fire, rescue, medical, and environmental emergencies.

Police Administration	\$ 1,454,035
Police Support Services	1,332,083
Police Patrol	9,898,027
Criminal Investigations	3,437,495
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Program	115,964
Police Animal Services	563,238
Red Light Program	396,910
Traffic Services	206,865
Fire	12,490,109
Public Safety Total	\$29,894,726

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Culture and Recreation

\$4,862,736

The Culture and Recreation category covers parks and recreation expenditures. Parks Administration and Parks Operations are responsible for providing beautiful parks and trails, multi-generational athletic and recreational services, and dedicated customer service to Conroe's citizens and employees. The Recreation Center provides athletic and recreational programs including, but not limited to: art, karate, dance/ballet, and gymnastics. Finally, the Aquatic Center provides safe, quality, and state of the art pools for the citizens of Conroe.

Parks Administration	\$ 504,212
Parks Operations	1,620,715
Recreation Center	1,368,847
Aquatic Center	1,368,962
Culture and Recreation Total	\$4,862,736

Community Development

\$1,697,814

The Community Development Department provides efficient, professional assistance to ensure responsible development practices that respect the natural landscape, cross timbers, bottomland, and floodplains. The department assists in completion of many ongoing projects and development relative to the City's building and permitting processes.

The Building Permits team provides review and inspections to ensure life, health, safety, and welfare by verifying compliance with the plumbing and City ordinances that protect the citizens of Conroe.

Community Development	\$1,697,814
Community Development Total	\$1,697,814

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Public Works

\$7,858,133

The Public Works category includes the Drainage, Streets, and Signal Maintenance Departments. The Drainage Department provides storm water control to the City by utilizing the resources dedicated to the maintenance of drainage ways. The Streets Department maintains streets, controls traffic, trims trees in the City rights-of-way, repairs curbs and gutters, installs and replaces directional marking, and maintains street signage. The Signal Maintenance Department provides efficient maintenance and operation of the traffic signals and illumination lighting within the city.

Drainage	\$ 898,875
Streets	3,777,874
Signal Maintenance	668,060
Engineering	2,513,324
Public Works Total	\$7,858,133

General Fund Non-Departmental

\$8,933,221

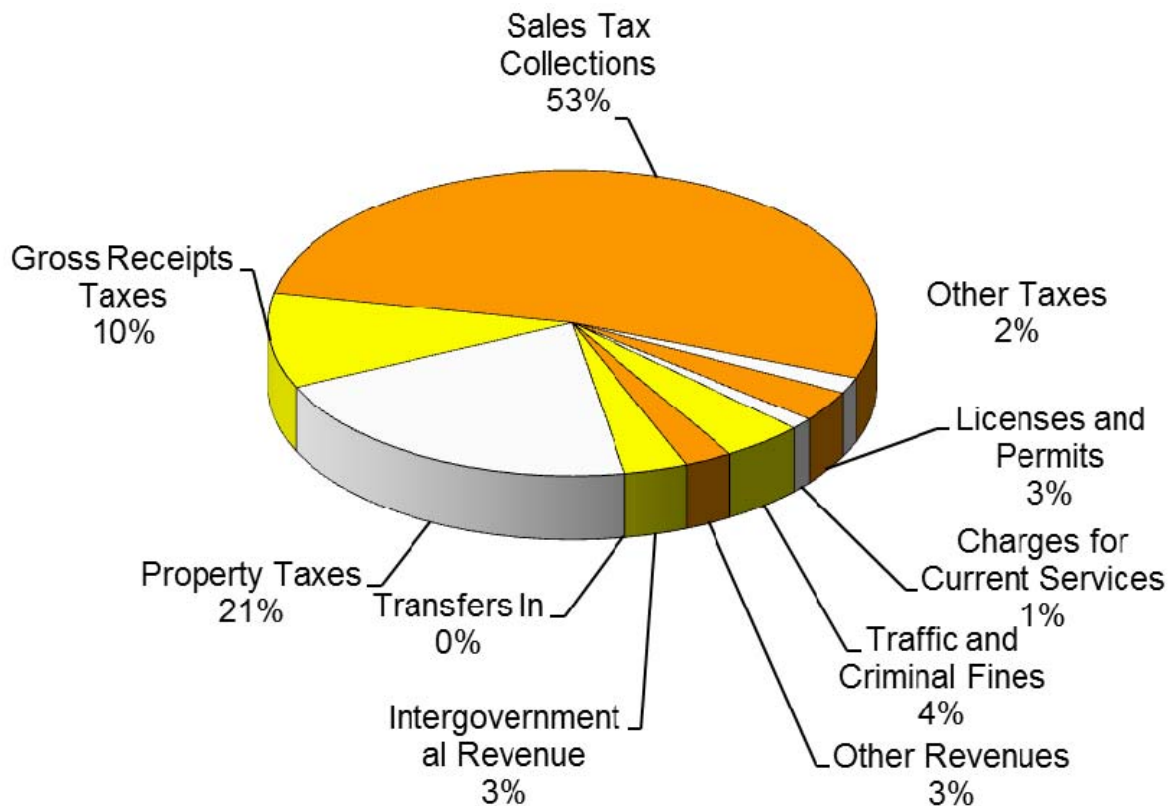
Within the General Fund, the Non-Departmental Department provides for transfers between funds for shared operating costs. Also included in the department are any expenses not falling within a single department activity that can be most efficiently handled in the aggregate for the entire General Fund.

Funding has been included in General Fund Non-Departmental for inter-fund transfers, contract services, and payments of the principal and interest for lease-purchase agreements.

General Fund Non-Departmental	\$8,933,221
General Fund Non-Departmental Total	\$8,933,221

General Fund Revenue Sources

\$57,144,578
(\$57,144,578)



*Other Revenues		
Interest on Investments		0.1%
Penalty & Interest		0.1%
Lease Income		0.1%
Recreational		1.4%
Parks Programs		0.7%
Animal Shelter Fees		0.0%
Unanticipated Revenues		0.1%
Donations		0.1%
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		2.6%

General Fund Revenue Sources

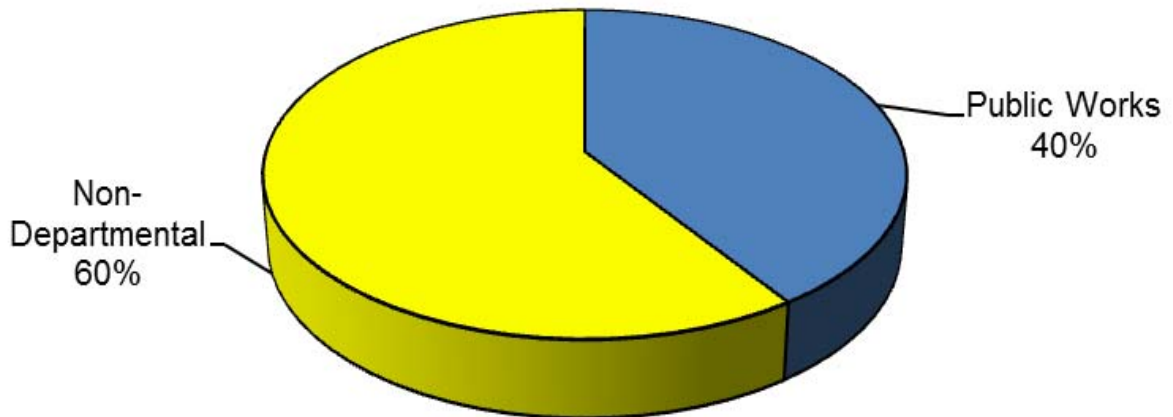
The General Fund has a number of revenue sources, the largest of which is Sales Tax. It constitutes 53 percent of all General Fund revenues. Additional sources of revenue include Property Taxes, Gross Receipts Taxes, Other Taxes, Licenses and Permits, Charges For Current Services, Traffic and Criminal Fines, Intergovernmental Revenue, and Other Revenue.

The tax roll of the City of Conroe continues to grow, increasing by 11.7% percent from FY 2013-2014. The July 25, 2014, Certified Tax Roll of \$4,829,793,550 marks an increase of \$506,967,419 over the previous year's certified roll on July 25.

Property Taxes	\$11,917,803
Gross Receipts Taxes	5,773,176
Sales Tax Collections	30,104,652
Other Taxes	969,158
Licenses and Permits	1,870,671
Charges for Current Services	688,971
Traffic and Criminal Fines	2,456,813
Other Revenues	1,453,212
Intergovernmental Revenue	1,910,122
General Fund Revenues Total	\$57,144,578

In FY 2014-2015, budgeted General Fund expenditures exceed General Fund revenues by \$3,869,145 due to one-time, non-recurring capital purchases. Additionally, this fund will maintain a reserve amount equal to 121.0 days (or 33.1%) of the fund's total expenditures.

**Water & Sewer Operating
Fund Expenses
\$29,971,849
(\$21,744,047)**



W & S Operating Fund Services

Public Works **\$12,126,453**

The Public Works category consists of eight departments: Utility Billing, Public Works, Water Conservation, Water, Waste Water Treatment Plant, Sewer Maintenance, Pump and Motor Maintenance, and Capital Project Construction.

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The Utility Billing Department's mission is to ensure accuracy in the assessment of user charges; maintain professional and responsive service; answer customer inquiries; and provide accurate and timely billings through progressive and innovative systems. It also strives to ensure accurate and efficient data collection of water and sewer usage, as well as to provide timely water meter installations and repair.

Public Works Administration is responsible for managing resources dedicated to the provision of water utilities and maintaining streets and drainage. This department assists in the engineering design standards and construction criteria for many programs required by State and Federal law. The department also updates all permits and plans the water distribution emergency response plan.

The Water Conservation department is responsible for developing water conservation strategies and methods. It also updates the Drought Contingency Plan, monitors water saved by Stage 2 restrictions, and educates utility customers through conservation meetings and marketing materials.

The Water Department provides the installation of large meter service and lines to residential and commercial customers. The department participates in relocating lines, repairing broken lines, replacing faulty meters, and constructing new lines.

The Waste Water Treatment Plant treats and discharges up to 10 million gallons of treated wastewater. Staff also handles the Industrial Pretreatment program by issuing permits to industrial users within the city limits and monitoring their discharge through monthly reports and inspections.

The Sewer Department performs sewer line maintenance and installation services to residential and commercial customers by utilizing resources dedicated to preventive maintenance and repair of utility infrastructure.

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The Pump & Motor Maintenance Department maintains lift stations, water wells, the wastewater treatment plant, city facilities, and downtown lighting.

The Project Construction Department is responsible for the major construction of water and sewer lines that provide safe distribution of water and wastewater service to the citizens of Conroe by utilizing resources dedicated to the preventive maintenance and repair of utility infrastructure.

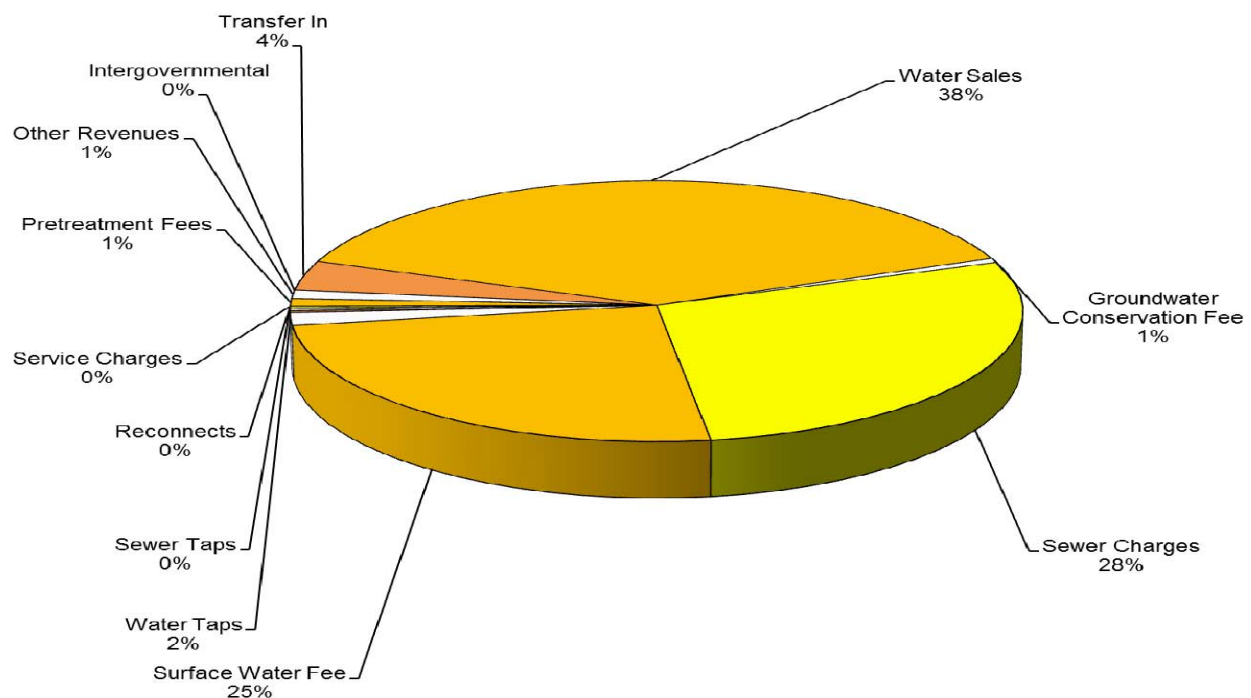
Utility Billing	\$ 808,795
Public Works Administration	861,655
Water Conservation	143,285
Water	3,836,519
Waste Water Treatment Plant	1,972,105
Sewer	1,408,302
Pump & Motor Maintenance	853,308
Project Construction	2,242,484
Public Works Total	\$12,126,453

W&S Operating Fund Non-Departmental **\$17,845,396**

The Water & Sewer Non-Departmental Department provides for transfers to the General Fund, Revenue Debt Service Fund, Conroe Tower Fund, and the Water & Sewer Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Fund. Also included in the department are any expenses that do not fall within a single department activity that can be most efficiently handled in the aggregate for the entire Water & Sewer Operating Fund. Additionally, the San Jacinto River Authority surface water conversion expenses are budgeted out of this department.

Water & Sewer Operating Fund Non-Departmental	\$17,845,396
W&S Operating Fund Non-Departmental Total	\$17,845,396

Water & Sewer Operating Fund Revenues \$31,117,702 (\$29,971,735)



*Other Revenues	
Interest on Investments	0.0%
Penalty & Interest	0.9%
Capital Recovery Fee	0.1%
Unanticipated Rev.	0.1%
Short & Over	0.0%
Interest-Other	0.0%
Recovery of Bad Debts	0.0%
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	1.1%

Water & Sewer Operating Fund Revenue Sources

The Water and Sewer Operating Fund has a variety of revenue sources, the most notable of which are Water Sales and Sewer Charges. Water Sales constitute 38 percent of fund revenues, while Sewer Charges constitute 28 percent. Additionally, the City recovers a Surface Water Fee that offsets expenses related to the surface water conversion agreement with the San Jacinto River Authority. The Surface Water Fee constitutes 25 percent of revenues. Other sources of revenue that support the fund are Water and Sewer Tap Fees, Groundwater Conservation Fee, Reconnection Charges, Pretreatment Fees, Interest Income, and Other Revenues.

Water and Sewer Operating Fund revenues are anticipated to increase. The FY 2014-2015 budget includes a water and sewer rate increase. Additionally, water bills will reflect a pass through fee charged to the City by the Lone Star Ground Water Conservation District. Proposed revenues for FY 2014-2015 assume an overall growth of 14.8 percent over FY 2013-2014 projections.

Water Sales	\$11,971,154
Groundwater Conservation Fee	170,740
Sewer Charges	8,762,133
Surface Water Fee	7,713,776
Water Taps	494,750
Sewer Taps	70,033
Reconnects	98,346
Service Charges	73,755
Pretreatment Fees	286,697
Other Revenues	330,351
Intergovernmental	-
Transfer In	1,145,967
Water & Sewer Operating Fund Revenue Total	\$31,117,702

**General Obligation Debt
Service Fund
\$10,074,031**

The General Obligation (G.O.) Debt Service Fund was established to account for the payment of principal and interest on outstanding tax supported debt. When this debt was issued, property taxes were pledged to repay the bondholders. Its primary revenue source, therefore, is property taxes.

A transfer in from the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) #3 Fund is also made for bonds that were sold to benefit that zone. This TIRZ was established to fund regional roadway improvements in the City. The City and the County both dedicate a portion of the taxes received from property value growth in the TIRZ, which is used to pay the principal and interest of the bonds. The bond proceeds have been used to widen and improve portions of League Line Road, Longmire Road, First Street, Ed Kharbat Drive, Crighton Road, and Gladstell Road. As additional growth occurs in the TIRZ, more bonds will be sold for additional improvements.

An additional transfer in is made from the Conroe Industrial Development Corporation (CIDC) Fund. This transfer covers the principal and interest costs for bonds that were issued to make improvements to the park system. The CIDC fund is made up of revenues from a 1/2-cent sales tax for economic development. These park improvements qualify as permissible projects for this particular sales tax.

2014-2015 G.O. Debt Service Expenditures:	\$10,074,031
2014-2015 G.O. Debt Service Revenues:	
Property Taxes	\$ 8,107,078
Penalties and Interest	45,136
Interest	23,735
Transfer In	3,400,797
G.O. Debt Services Revenues Total	\$11,576,746

Water & Sewer Debt Service Fund

\$6,332,887

The Water & Sewer Debt Service Fund provides the funds necessary to retire the outstanding revenue-supported debt of the city. Debt in this category consists of revenue-supported bonds that are used to pay the cost of improvements to the city's water and wastewater system, and it is repaid with revenues collected from utility customers.

The outstanding revenue bonds were issued with a pledge to repay bondholders from water and sewer revenues. The payments on these bonds are accounted for in this fund. Its main source of revenue is a transfer of money from the Water & Sewer Operating Fund. An additional transfer in will be made this year from the Conroe Industrial Development Corporation (CIDC) Fund. This transfer will cover the principal and interest costs for the water well that was constructed in the Conroe Park North Industrial Park.

2014-2015 W&S Debt Service Expenses:	\$6,332,887
2014-2015 W&S Debt Service Revenues:	
Transfer In	\$6,332,887
Interest Revenue	-
Utility Debt Service Revenues Total	\$6,332,887

CIDC Debt Service Fund

\$4,069,493

The Conroe Industrial Development Corporation (CIDC) Debt Service Fund provides the funds necessary to retire the outstanding sales tax-supported debt of the city. Debt in this category is repaid with the ½-cent sales tax for economic development.

There are five bond issues in the CIDC Debt Service Fund. Bonds issued in 1997 are for the construction of the west side sewer trunk main, additional sewer projects, and a police station. The bond series issued in 1999 was used to acquire and improve property to be used for the development of the Conroe Park North Industrial Park important to the economic growth and development of the City.

The bond series issued in 2008 was used to acquire additional property to expand the Conroe Park North Industrial Park.

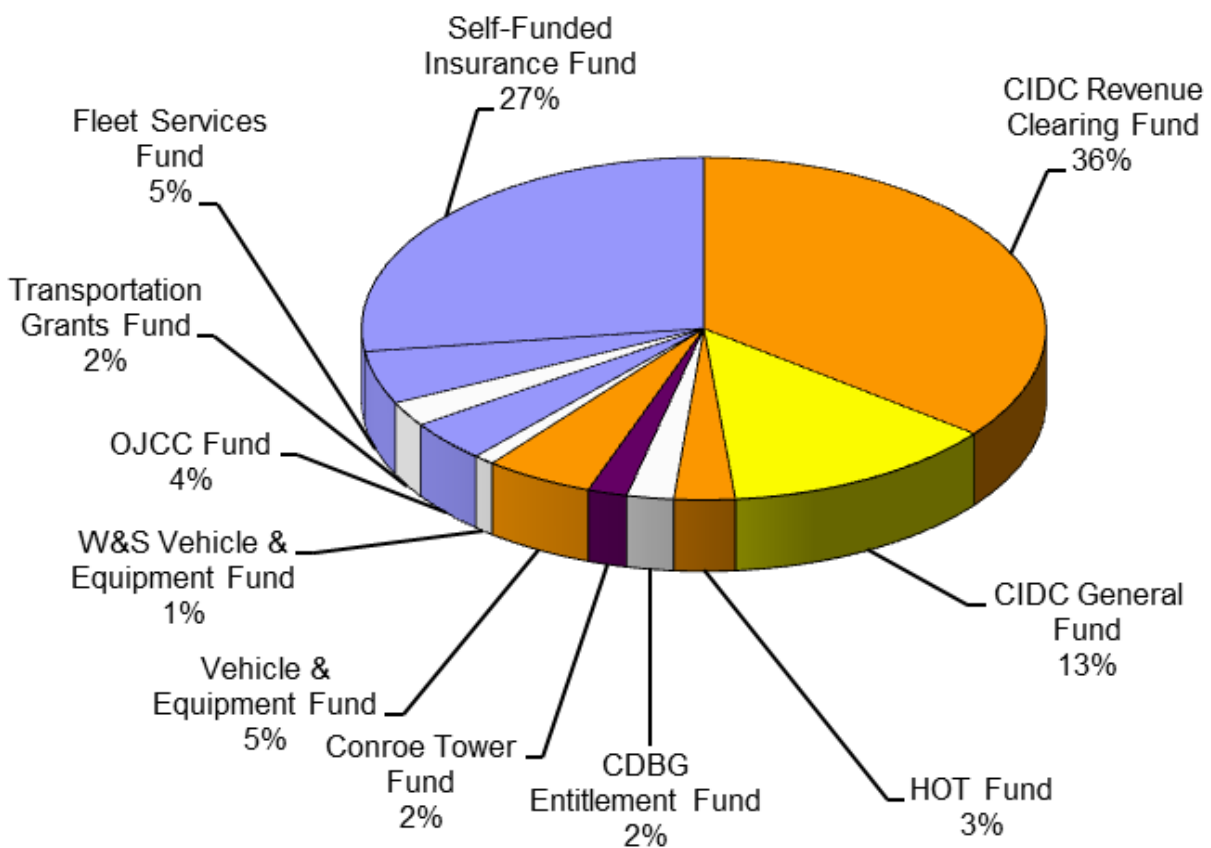
The bond series issued in 2011 was used to install streets, water, sewer, and drainage infrastructure in the industrial park as well as purchase land for the new Deison Technology Park. The bonds issued in 2012 were used to install infrastructure in the technology park. Its main source of revenue is a transfer from the CIDC Revenue Clearing Fund.

2014-2015 CIDC Debt Service Expenditures:	\$4,069,493
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2014-2015 CIDC Debt Service Revenues:

Transfer In	\$4,069,493
CIDC Debt Service Revenues Total	\$4,069,493

**Other Operating
Funds Expenditures
\$28,254,646
(\$16,660,013)**



Other Operating Funds

Vehicle & Equipment Replacement Fund **\$1,447,350**

The Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Fund accounts for revenues and expenses that are used to purchase replacement City vehicles and equipment for the City's general government funds. Revenue to the fund includes a transfer in from the General, Conroe Tower, Fleet Services, and OJJCC Funds.

Vehicle & Equipment Replacement Fund	\$1,447,350
Vehicle & Equipment Replacement Fund Total	\$1,447,350

W&S Vehicle & Equipment Replacement Fund **\$279,700**

The Water & Sewer (W&S) Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Fund accounts for revenues and expenses that are used to purchase replacement City vehicles and equipment that are used in the water and sewer enterprise fund. Revenue to the fund is from a transfer in from the Water & Sewer Operating Fund.

W&S Vehicle & Equipment Replacement Fund	\$279,700
W&S Vehicle & Equipment Replacement Total	\$279,700

CIDC General Fund **\$3,677,282**

In 1994, Conroe voters adopted a ½ cent sales tax for economic development. The money is controlled by a non-profit entity known as the Conroe Industrial Development Corporation (CIDC). The CIDC has a funding structure that includes three funds: CIDC Revenue Clearing, CIDC Debt Service, and CIDC General Fund. The CIDC General Fund includes expenditures for economic development incentives for companies located in the city. It also includes a transfer out to the General Obligation Debt

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Service Fund for the payment of principal and interest costs for bonds issued to benefit the parks system, as well as a transfer out to the Water & Sewer Debt Service Fund for the payment of principal and interest costs for the water well constructed in the Conroe Park North Industrial Park.

CIDC General Fund	\$3,677,282
CIDC General Fund Total	\$3,677,282

CIDC Revenue Clearing Fund **\$10,034,884**

The CIDC Revenue Clearing Fund was established as a pledge to creditors who purchased the bonds issued by the CIDC. The fund assures bondholders that the appropriate funding amount is withdrawn from the clearing fund each month and deposited into the debt service fund.

CIDC Revenue Clearing Fund	\$10,034,884
CIDC Revenue Clearing Fund Total	\$10,034,884

Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Fund **\$812,673**

The HOT Fund accounts for revenues and expenditures that are derived from a 7% hotel occupancy tax that must be used to promote the tourism and convention industry. Expenditures support the Conroe Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB).

Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Fund	\$812,673
Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Fund Total	\$812,673

CDBG Entitlement Fund **\$626,095**

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Fund was established to account for the annual payment the city receives from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for participation in the CDBG program. CDBG funds can be used to improve areas of a community that are populated with families that earn a low to moderate income.

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CDBG Entitlement Fund	\$626,095
CDBG Entitlement Fund Total	\$626,095

Conroe Tower Fund **\$524,395**

The Conroe Tower Fund was established to account for the rental income and expenditures of operating the Conroe Tower. Approximately 15,000 square feet of excess space in the Tower is leased to private businesses. The fund also receives transfers from the General Fund and the Water and Sewer Operating Fund in lieu of rental payments.

Conroe Tower Fund	\$524,395
Conroe Tower Fund Total	\$524,395

Transportation Grants Fund **\$662,943**

The Transportation Grants Fund was established to account for the mobility and transportation needs of the City of Conroe. Grants received from the Federal and State level and private funding will provide a fixed route transit service enabling riders to have greater benefits from work-related opportunities, shopping and access to governmental and medical services.

Transportation Grants Fund	\$662,943
Transportation Grants Fund Total	\$662,943

Fleet Services Fund **\$1,413,855**

The Fleet Services Fund was established to account for revenues and expenditures associated with the City's vehicles and rolling stock equipment. Fleet Services manages the service and maintenance of the City of Conroe and other local government fleets. Fleet Services staff performs vehicle and equipment repairs, maintenance, acquisition, and disposal.

Fleet Service Fund	\$1,413,855
Fleet Services Fund Total	\$1,413,855

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OJJCC Fund

\$1,102,554

The Oscar Johnson, Jr. Community Center (OJJCC) Fund was established to account for revenues and expenditures associated with the Oscar Johnson, Jr. Community Center. The center, located on 2.5 acres south of downtown, offers recognized after-school programs and summer day camps for children. It also offers adult education classes, special events, seasonal swimming, outdoor basketball courts, and community service opportunities for teens.

OJJCC Fund	\$1,102,554
OJJCC Fund Total	\$1,102,554

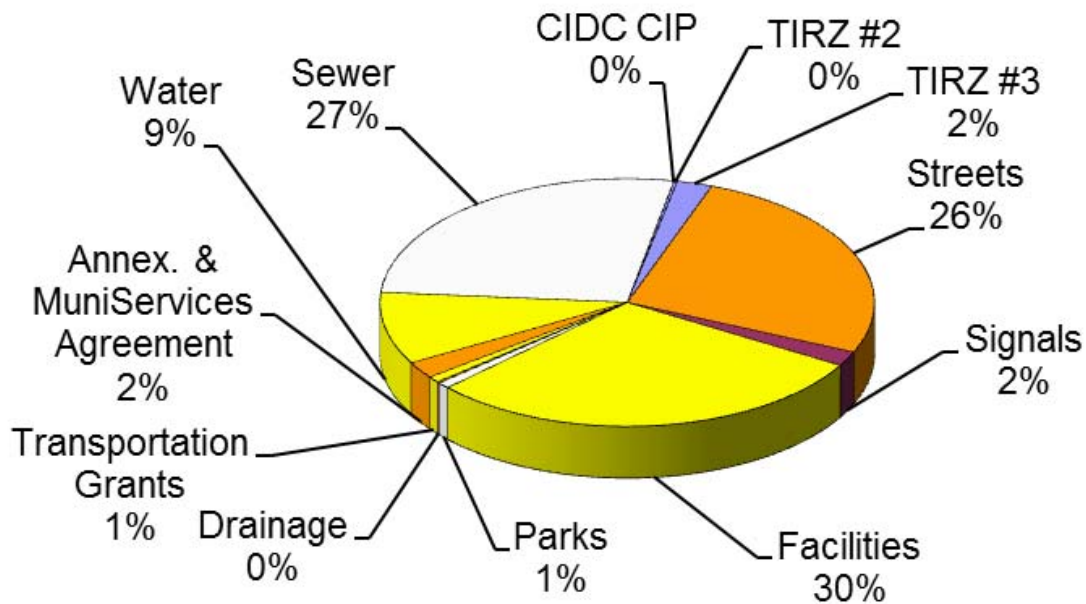
Self-Funded Insurance Fund

\$7,672,915

The Self-Funded Insurance Fund was established to account for revenues and expenditures related to employee health, dental, and vision insurance coverage. Revenues include employee health, dental, and vision premiums, and expenditures include health, dental, and vision claims as well as administration costs.

Self-Funded Insurance Fund	\$7,672,915
Self-Funded Insurance Fund Total	\$7,672,915

Capital Improvement Program Expenditures \$91,135,899



Capital Improvement Program

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) provides funding for streets, signals, facilities, parks, drainage, and transportation projects in the General Government CIP as well as projects for water and wastewater improvements in the Water and Sewer CIP. These capital assets are of significant value and have a useful life of twenty years or more. The CIDC CIP includes improvements to the Conroe Park North Industrial Park and Deison Technology Park.

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The 2014-2015 Capital Improvement Program is \$91,135,899, which includes projects that are currently in progress. Of this amount, 61% are for General Government improvements, 36% are for Water & Sewer improvements, and 3% are for other expenditures such as TIRZ #3 payments.

Major projects in these programs include:

Streets

- Street Rehab - PW - Dugan Area
- Sidewalk - Frazier Street
- Roadway Trans - Anderson Crossing Road Phase 1
- Roadway Trans - Wilson Road Widening - IH-45 to Frazier
- Roadway Trans - Peoples/Guinn/Schoettle Road Improvements
- Roadway Trans - FM 3083 Grade Separation
- Pedestrian Access & Transit Improvements
- Roadway Trans - League Line Road East
- Roadway Trans - TIRZ #3 - Crighton Road Widening
- Roadway Trans - Walden Road Overlay
- Roadway Trans - Grace Crossing Extension
- Roadway Trans - Vine/Gladiola/Avenue M Overlay
- Roadway Trans - McDade Estates Subdivision Overlay
- Roadway Trans - M.P. Clark Road
- Roadway Trans - Anderson Crossing Phase 2C

Signals

- Signals - 1st Street at Silverdale
- Signals - SH 75 at North Loop 336
- Signals - FM 1488 at Grace Crossing
- Signals - North Loop 336 at Oxford Dr
- Signals - Crighton Road at Ed Kharbat Drive
- Signals - Loop 336 at Owen Drive

Facilities

- Police & Municipal Court Facility
- Dean Towery Service Center Upgrades/Repairs

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Parks

- Carl Barton, Jr. Park Phase 6
- Candy Cane Park Access & Entrances

Drainage

- Drainage Project - PW - West Fork (McDade)/White Oak Creek
- Drainage Project - PW - East Forest Way Bridge
- Drainage - Alligator Creek Phase 1

Water

- Water Line - Anderson Crossing Road Phase 1
- Water Line - MUD #95 (SH242) Water Extension
- Water Plant - Water Well No. 23 & Storage Tank
- Water Line - FM 1488 Phase 1
- Water Plant - Surface Water System Improvements (SJRA)
- Water Line - Robinwood Subdivision Replacement
- Water Line Rehab - Milltown Area
- Water Line Rehab - 3rd Street, 1st Street, Montrose, Halo, Reaves

Sewer

- Treatment Plant – Existing Plant Rehab (Phase II)
- SSOI Program
- Sewer Line - Anderson Crossing Road - Phase 1
- Sewer Line - Live Oak Creek (SSOI)
- Sewer Line - MUD #95 (SH242) Sanitary Sewer
- Sewer Line - LaSalle at League Line
- Treatment Plant – Construction of New Plant (Phase IV)
- Sewer Line - SH 242 and FM 1488
- Sewer Line - Plantation Drive Trunk Line
- Sewer Rehab - SH 105/IH-45 Phase 2

Other

- Infrastructure Improv. near College Park & Windsor Lakes

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Budget Preparation Calendar

February

- Budget Kickoff

March

- Operating & CIP Budget submissions due to Finance

April

- Technical reviews of budget submissions
- Operating Budget submittal meetings with City Administrator

May

- Operating & CIP Budget meetings with City Administrator
- Preliminary Appraisal Roll due from Montgomery County Central Appraisal District (MCAD)

June

- Budget meetings with City Administrator
- Mayor, City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator/CFO, and Asst. Finance Director meet to discuss proposed budget

July

- Council Retreat

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Budget Preparation Calendar

July (continued)

- Proposed Budget submitted to the City Council, placed on file with the City Secretary, & posted on City website
- Chief Appraiser certifies the appraisal roll
- Submission of Effective and Rollback Tax Rates
- Vote to consider a tax increase (if needed)
- Submission of Certified Collection Rate

August

- First public hearing on tax rate (if needed)
- Public hearing on the budget
- Second public hearing on tax rate (if needed)
- Vote to ratify the property tax rate (if needed)
- City Council adopts the FY 2014-2015 Annual Budget
- City Council adopts the FY 2014-2015 Annual Tax Rate
- City Council adopts the FY 2014-2015 Capital Improvement Program

October

- Fiscal year 2014-2015 begins

FY 2014-2015 BUDGET-IN-BRIEF

City of Conroe Profile

2013 Population 61,564

Source: City of Conroe

Square Miles 61.1

Source: City of Conroe

City Government Information

Form of Government Council-Administrator

Number of Full-time City Employees 537

Citizens Per Employee 114.6

Source: City of Conroe

Taxation Information

Property Tax Rate \$0.4200 per \$100 Assessed Value

Total Taxable Value \$4,829,793,550

Taxable Value Per Capita \$78,452

Percent Increase in Property Tax Roll

From FY 2013-2014 to FY 2014-2015 11.7%

Source: Montgomery Central Appraisal District

Sales Tax Revenue (CY 2013) \$36,832,928

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

City Debt Information

FY 2013-2014:

Net Bonded Debt \$111,305,103

Debt Per Capita \$1,808

Debt as a Percent of Tax Base 2.5%

Source: City of Conroe

Climatological Summary

Annual Average Temperature (Daily Mean) 64°F

Annual Rainfall 37.59 Inches

Source: Weather Underground (<http://www.wunderground.com/>)

CITY OF CONROE, TEXAS

City of Conroe Profile

Transportation

Lone Star Executive Airport

Distance: 0.0 miles (located inside city limits)

Address: 10260 Carl Pickering Memorial Drive
Building 11A

Conroe, TX 77303

Website: www.lonestarexecutiveairport.org

Source: Montgomery County

George Bush Intercontinental Airport

Distance: 33.5 miles

Address: 2800 North Terminal Road
Houston, TX 77032

Website: www.fly2houston.com

Source: Houston Airport System

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