

CITY COUNCIL

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DESCRIPTION

The city's policy-making and legislative authority are vested in a governing council (city council) consisting of fifteen members. The city council's primary responsibilities are setting policies, ordinances, resolutions, and rules for the city; adopting the annual budget; and providing oversight of the executive branch, including city departments.

The election of city council members is non-partisan. (Candidates don't run as members of a particular political party.) Council members serve a 4-year term, and there are no term limits.



Atlanta Public Schools is an independent system with no governance from the mayor or city council. The school board is elected separately and hires the superintendent.

QUALIFICATIONS

City council candidates must:

- be at least 18 years old, a resident of the city for at least one year, a registered voter of the city, and not be an employee of the city
- pay qualifying fee of \$1,809.00 or file a pauper's affidavit showing inability to pay and obtain enough signatures on a qualifying petition
- qualify during qualifying period (August 17-20, 2021) or file notice of intention as a write-in candidate (by August 27, 2021) and publish notice in the *Fulton County Daily Report*

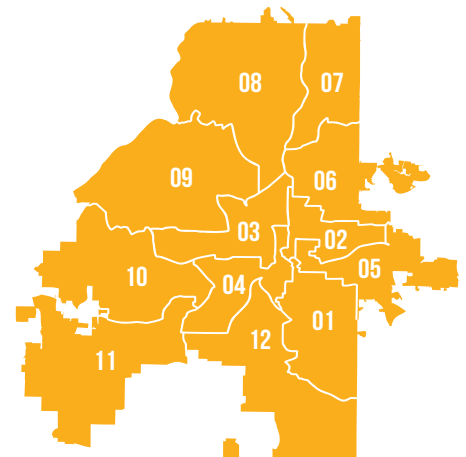
SALARY

Starting in 2022, city council members will receive an annual salary of \$72,360.

COMMITTEES

Each council member is appointed by the City Council President to serve on 3 or 4 committees:

- City Utilities
- Committee on Council
- Community Development & Human Services
- Finance / Executive
- Public Safety & Legal Administration
- Transportation
- Zoning



DISTRICTS & POSTS

12 Members are elected by voters from each council district

+ **3** Members are elected at-large by voters across the city

15 Total members of the city council



ATL INSIGHTS

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MUNICIPAL ELECTION DATES

Voting for Mayor, City Council, Municipal Judges, and the Board of Education:

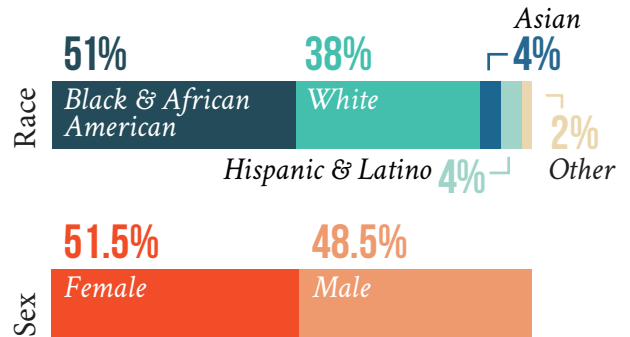
Tuesday, October 4, 2021: voter registration deadline

Tuesday, November 2, 2021: general election

Tuesday, November 30, 2021: run-off election

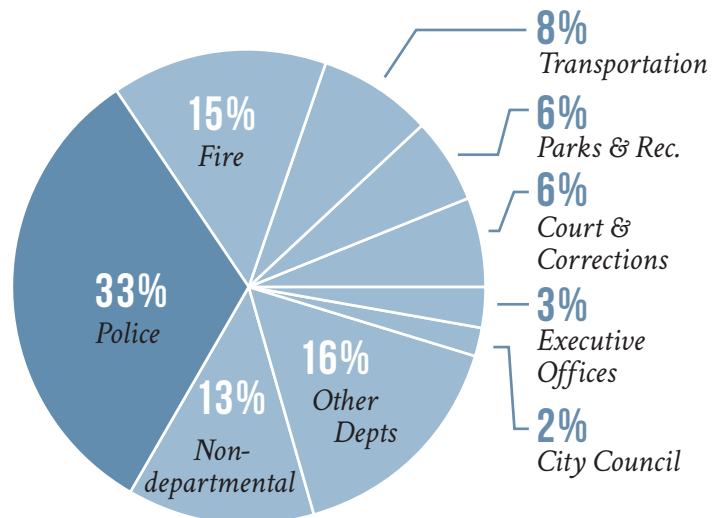
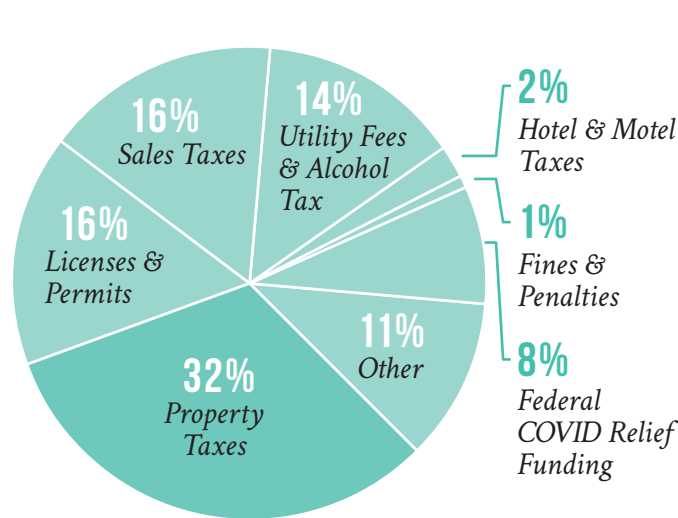
A run-off election will occur for any race where no candidate receives more than 50% of the vote.

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CITY BUDGETING

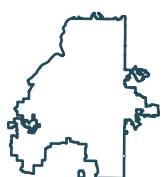
A breakdown of the FY2022 General Fund budget. It does not include special funds such as bonds and enterprise accounts such as the airport and water/sewer.



SOURCES OF REVENUE: \$710M

HOW MONEY IS SPENT: \$710M

OTHER FACTS



The City of Atlanta covers approximately 133 square miles approximately 507,000 residents.

\$2.04 BILLION total FY2022 budget, including enterprise and other funds

~30% OF PROPERTY TAX revenue collected in the city goes to the city government; **~70%** goes to the county and Atlanta Public Schools (APS)

~16% OF SALES TAX revenue collected in the city stays with the city; **~84%** goes to the state and APS

