

GENERAL FUND REVENUES

This section describes the major General Fund revenues received by the City.

Property Tax

Property tax is imposed on real property (land and permanently attached improvements such as buildings) and personal property (moveable property). It is based on the property's assessed value as determined by the County Assessor. The property tax rate is limited to 1% of the assessed value plus rates imposed to fund indebtedness approved by the voters. Estimated revenues are conservatively based on an anticipated 7.5% growth rate and no significant change in building activity.

Franchise Fees

State statutes provide Antioch with the authority to impose fees on utility companies and other businesses for the privilege of using City rights-of-way. The City receives various franchise fees from utilities, waste management, and cable companies. Some of these fees include impact fees that are dedicated to street paving throughout Antioch.

Business License

The business license tax is imposed on all entities except for financial institutions, residential facilities, public assembly buildings, public libraries and agriculture, conducting business within the City of Antioch. Revenues are estimated to increase in FY 2006-2007 due to the increased business activity in South Antioch.

Sales and Use Tax

Sales tax is imposed on retailers for the privilege of selling tangible personal property in California. One percent is collected by the State Board of Equalization and then allocated back to cities and counties based on a point-of-sale formula. The use tax complements the sales tax (at the same rate) and is imposed for transactions in which the sales tax is not collected by the seller. Estimated revenues are based on an anticipated 8% growth in retail sales and continued growth in retail establishments such as Slatten Ranch. Sales tax on fuel sales are also expected to continue to escalate sales tax receipts through the next fiscal year.

Motor Vehicle-in-Lieu

A vehicle license fee equivalent to 2% of the market value of motor vehicles is imposed annually by the State "in lieu" of local property taxes. This tax is primarily allocated based on population after being evenly divided between cities and counties. Estimated revenues are based on a 3% growth in fees. The State has the ability to take a portion of this revenue from the City to balance the State's own budget, which they have done in FY 2003-2004 through 2005-2006.

Planning, Permits and Fees

A variety of plan checking fees and building permits, related to development, are collected. Revenues help to support the City's building, planning and engineering activities. Revenues are expected to increase in FY 2006-2007 due to the change in fees and hourly charge rates with the update of the Master Fee Schedule.

Vehicle Code Fines

The City shares with the State and the County all fines collected upon conviction of a misdemeanor or an infraction in any municipal or justice court and bail moneys forfeited following conviction of a misdemeanor or infraction committed within City boundaries. Revenue from parking violations is also included in this amount. Estimates are based on historical activity.

Interest Earnings

The city earns revenues from the investment of idle funds. In making investment decisions, consideration is given to safety, liquidity, and yield. The Government code limits the City to certain types of investments. Market conditions have resulted in lower than expected interest earnings for FY2005-2006. Estimated Revenues are based on an overall return of 3%.

Revenues from Other Agencies

The city receives revenues from other agencies through specific agreements and State, Local and Federal grants. Some of the revenues included in this group, such as State Mandated Reimbursements and grants, are subject to funding availability and may not be realized in the year they are budgeted.

Service Charges

The City charges for a variety of planning, plan checking and inspection services. These revenues also help to support the City's building, planning and engineering activities. Charges for services to other agencies such as the City of Brentwood for 911 Service; and admin charges for Mello Roos and Assessment Districts are also in this section.

Interfund Charges and Transfers

Some funds provide services to other funds. The costs of providing these services are charged to the user funds based on a cost allocation plan. Certain General Fund departments provided services to Special Revenue, Capital, and Enterprise Funds.

