

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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DESCRIPTION

The council president presides at all city council meetings but is not a member of the council. They may speak on any matters before the council but cannot introduce any legislation. In order to speak, the council president must temporarily relinquish their role as presiding officer to the president *pro tempore* – a member of council chosen annually based on seniority.

The city council president is elected at-large (citywide) and serves a four-year term. There are no term limits for the council president.



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

Council president 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 a qualifying fee of \$1,860.00 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, the council president will receive an annual salary of \$74,400.

APPOINTMENTS

The council president appoints chairs and members of each of the council's standing committees:

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

DID YOU KNOW?



The council president only votes on legislation in the case of a 7-7 tie.



The council president exercises all powers and discharges all duties of the mayor in case of a vacancy in that office or during the disability of the mayor.



ATL INSIGHTS

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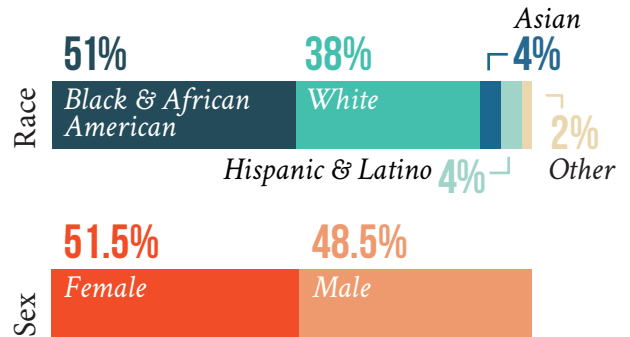
MUNICIPAL ELECTION DATES

Voting for Mayor, City Council President, City Council, Board of Education (School Board) and Municipal Judges:

- Tuesday, October 4, 2021:** voter registration deadline
- October 12–29:** early voting – including both Saturdays
- Tuesday, November 2, 2021:** general election
- Tuesday, November 30, 2021:** run-off election

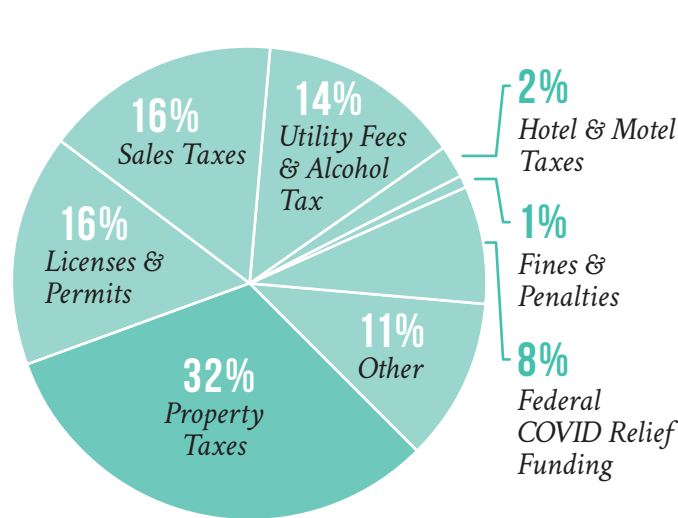
A run-off election will occur for any race where no candidate receives more than 50% of the vote.

ATL DEMOGRAPHICS

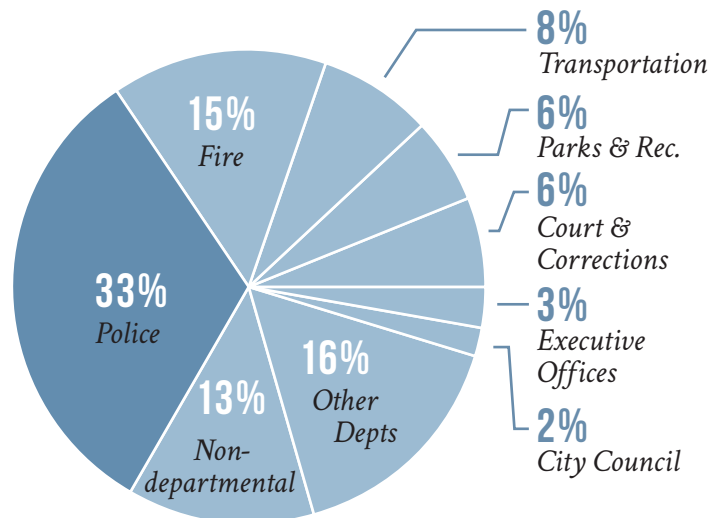


CITY BUDGETING

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.

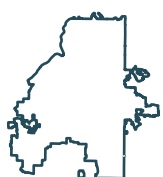


SOURCES OF REVENUE: \$710M



HOW MONEY IS SPENT: \$710M

OTHER FACTS



The City of Atlanta covers approximately 133 square miles approximately 500,000 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

