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City Council Approves New Sign Ordinance

The City Council approved Ordinance No. 462-2008, Sign Regulations on 9-18-08. These new regulations are easier to understand and enforce. Listed are the major changes:

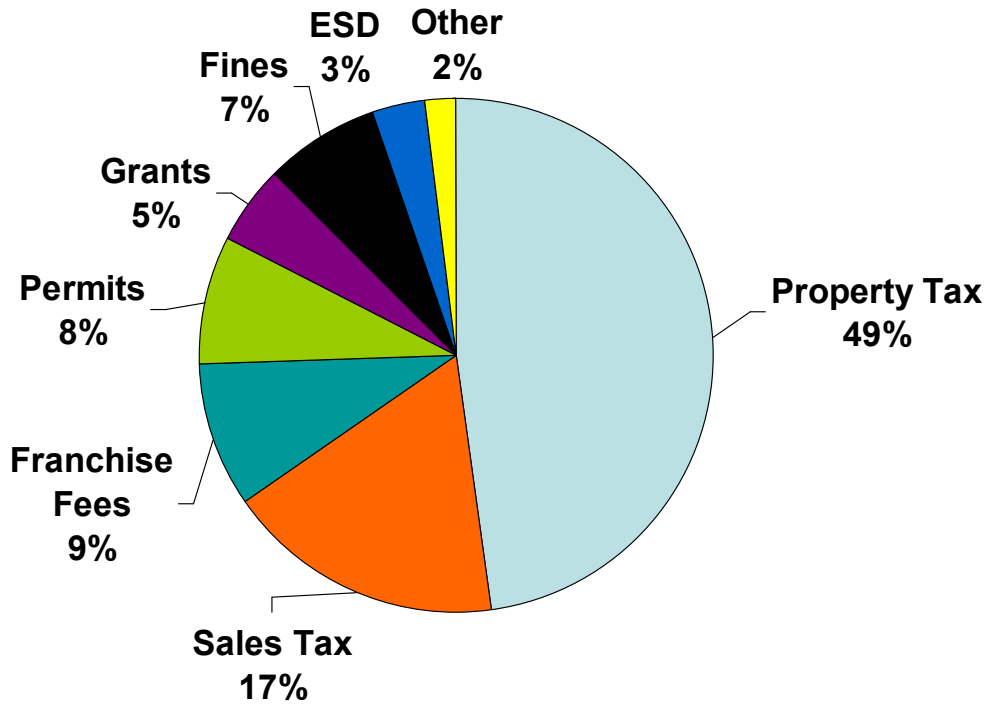
1. Kiosk Signs – this is a new section that permits Kiosk signs. Kiosk signs are intended to provide a uniform, coordinated method of providing homebuilders and developers a means of utilizing directional signs while minimizing the negative impacts of weekend homebuilder's signs on the appearance of the City.
2. Multi-Tenant Signs – this is a new section that permits multi-tenant signs in accordance with the regulations of this section.
3. A new penalty section has been added to allow enforcement of signs that are illegally placed on the right-of-ways of the City of Joshua. This is a civil penalty in the amount of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for a first offense and not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each subsequent offense.
4. Garage Sale Signs – the regulations allow for city issued signs only, 1 sign per premise and signs must be removed within 3 days after completion of the garage sale.
5. Portable Signs – the regulations allow for 1 sign per premise (not tenant or business) at any one time, portable signs must be 300' from any other portable sign, there is a 60 day maximum time limit and a maximum of 2 displays per year.

To receive a copy of this ordinance please call the City Secretary at 817-558-7447 or you can pick one up at City Hall, 101 S. Main, Joshua, TX.

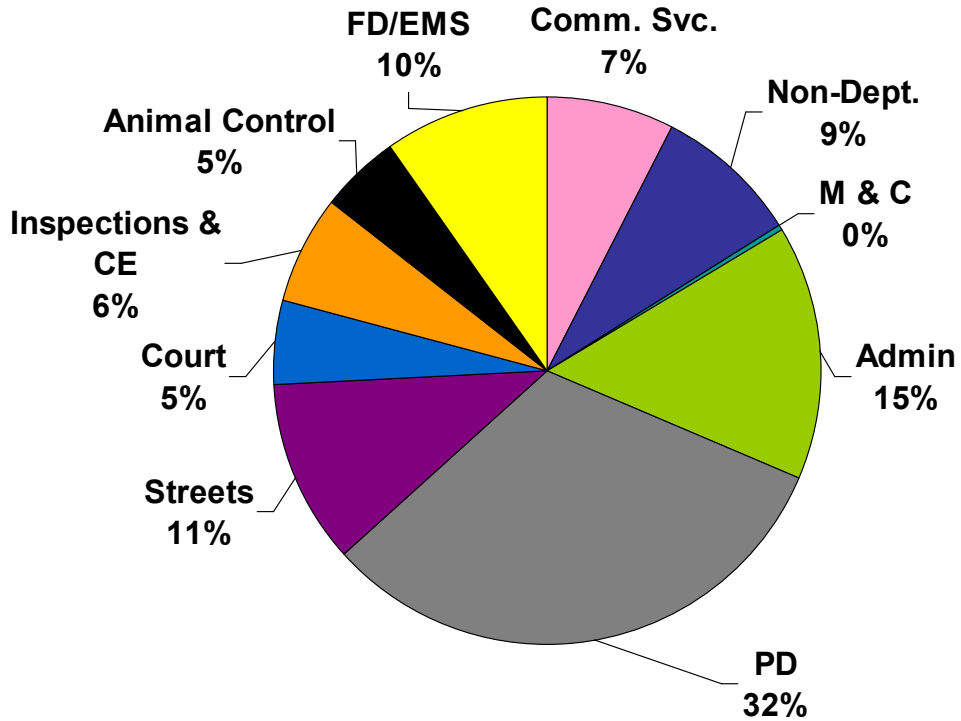
Happy New Fiscal Year!

The City of Joshua started a new fiscal year October 1st. The City's fiscal year begins October 1st and ends September 30th. After holding two budget work sessions and two public hearings, the City Council adopted a budget September 15th that appropriated expenditures of \$2,767,720 from the City's General Fund for the 2008/2009 fiscal year. The Council also adopted a tax rate of \$0.653476 per \$100 valuation which is slightly lower than the tax rate for the previous fiscal year, but generates additional revenue than the previous year because of new construction and increased property values. A copy of the proposed budget has been available on the City's web site since August 15th, and a copy of the City's final adopted budget will be placed on the City's web site www.cityofjoshuatx.us in the near future. The following graphs provide a break down of revenues and expenditures for this fiscal year.

General Fund Budget
Total Revenues \$2,767,270



General Fund Budget
Total Expenditures \$2,767,270



Planning and Zoning Commission to Get its First Look at Draft Zoning Ordinance

For the last 4 months the City staff has been working with the City Attorney, City Planner and City Engineer to draft a revised Zoning Ordinance for consideration by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council. The Planning and Zoning Commission will get its first look at the draft ordinance at their meeting Monday October 6th at 6:30 pm. The Planning and Zoning Commission will not take any action on the ordinance at this time, but will only review the draft ordinance and begin to provide input on the final ordinance. Once the Planning and Zoning Commission has completed its review, the ordinance will be presented to the City Council for review. Before the final Zoning Ordinance can be adopted, public hearings must be held by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council. Notice of the hearings must be published in the newspaper at least 14 days before the hearing, and notice must be mailed to those within in 200 feet of any impacted properties. These public hearings will be scheduled and notices will be distributed once the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council have agreed to a final ordinance.

Fall Community Clean Up this Weekend

The next scheduled community clean up is October 3-5, 2008. Hours of operation are 7:00am – 7:00 pm. Tires and batteries will have a \$5.00 disposal fee. **Pesticides, chemicals and auto parts and any item with a compressor, will not be accepted.**

Garage Sale Permits now on City Website

You now can review a list of Garage Sales by checking the City website at www.cityofjoshuatx.us and click on Garage Sales.

Upcoming Events

Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting October 6, 2008 at 6:30 PM
4A Economic Development Board Meeting October 14, 2008 at 5:30 PM
4B Economic Development Board Meeting October 14, 2008 at 7:00 PM
City Council regular Meeting October 16, 2008 at 7:00 PM