CITY OF KENT, WA
2015 – 2016 BIENNIUM
BUDGET
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### 2015 – 2016 Budget

- The Mayor's 2015 2016 Preliminary Budget is currently under development. Her budget message is scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup>, at which time her proposed budget will become public.
- As in previous years, the budget process was tremendously difficult, especially for the General Fund, and again required the Mayor to make tough decisions on how to spend our valuable resources.
- The 2015 -2016 budget is balanced and sustainable for the biennium.
- The following high level information concerning some of our base expenditure and revenue projections.

# 2015 – 2016 Assumptions (30,000 foot view)

#### **Expenditure Assumptions**

- COLA of 2.2% each year (June 2014 CPI-W Seattle / Tacoma / Bremerton), in accordance with labor contracts.
- Healthcare flat for 2015 (to use fund balance), then 3% increase in 2016.
- Continue increase Fleet reserves for vehicle replacements until full annual funding is reached.
- Mandates and contracts funded at required levels.
- 2014 ongoing positions, totaling 641.605
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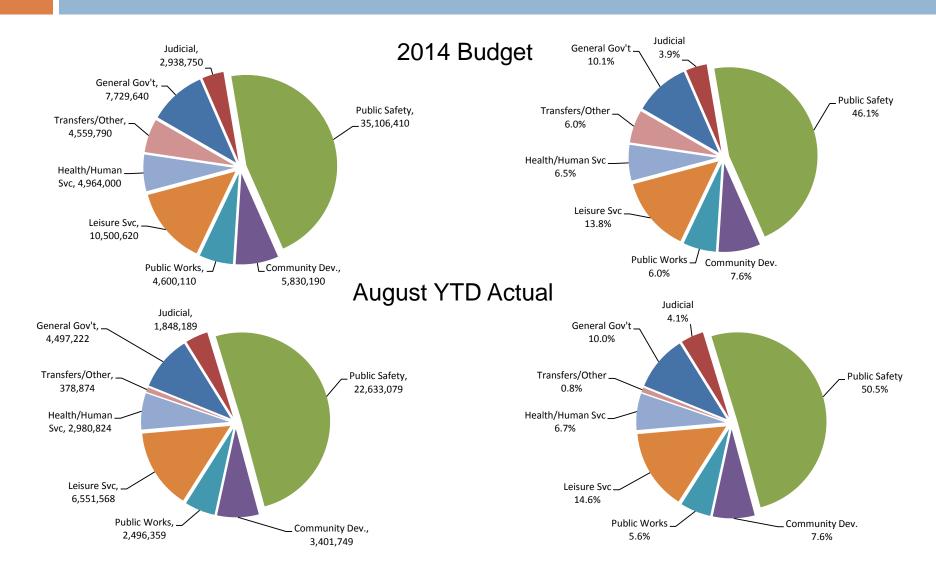
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Other Funds: 220.10

#### **Revenue Assumptions**

- Property Tax 1% increase, plus new construction of \$75,000 per year.
- Sales Tax reset based on 2013 actual, with 1% growth.
- External Utility Tax reset based on 2013 actual, with .5% growth
- Internal Utility Tax .5% growth on water, drainage; known city/kc metro increases on sewer.
- All state-shared revenues remain at their 2014 funding levels.
- Permits/Plans Review 2.2% June CPI-W (Seattle/Tacoma/Bremerton).
- The following remained essentially flat:
  - Cultural & Recreation Fees
  - Fines & Forfeitures
  - Interest Income
  - Rents, contributions and other miscellaneous revenues

## General Fund 2014 Expense by Category



## General Fund 2014 Expense by Type

