



Module 1: OVERVIEW OF CITY GOVERNMENT

Boards & Commissions Training
City of Cedar Hill ♦ Updated June 2016

CEDAR HILL VISION STATEMENT

We envision Cedar Hill as a premier city that retains its distinctive character; where families and businesses flourish in a safe and clean environment.



CEDAR HILL MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the City of Cedar Hill is to deliver the highest quality municipal services to our citizens and customers consistent with our community values.



CITY COUNCIL PREMIER STATEMENTS

- Distinctive Character
- Safe
- Clean
- Excellent, Safe & Efficient Mobility
- Strong and Diverse Economy
- Vibrant Parks and Natural Beauty
- Texas Schools of Choice

CITY COUNCIL PREMIER STATEMENTS

- **Cedar Hill has Distinctive Character**

Cedar Hill's distinctive character is a part of what our City is and who our citizens represent. The character of the City is all encompassing and fosters community involvement and integration of our core value of maintaining our "small town feel."

- **Cedar Hill is Safe**

The City Council's highest priority and most significant use of taxpayer funds is to keep Cedar Hill a safe community. The City's Police and Fire departments are committed to taking proactive steps to make Cedar Hill a safe community.

- **Cedar Hill is Clean**

The City has a vision to provide premier services in a safe and clean environment. This includes providing proactive code enforcement, seeking opportunities to provide and promote green initiatives and supporting efforts to Keep Cedar Hill Beautiful.

- **Cedar Hill has Excellent, Safe & Efficient Mobility**

The City continues to strive to provide citizens with excellent, safe and efficient mobility, which includes providing fast and efficient street maintenance, sufficient water and sewer infrastructure and safe mobility throughout City streets.



CITY COUNCIL PREMIER STATEMENTS

- **Cedar Hill has a Strong and Diverse Economy**

Quality economic development is an important aspect of providing premier City services and infrastructure. The City will continue to make business retention a priority and offer competitive incentives for quality businesses to locate in Cedar Hill.

- **Cedar Hill has Vibrant Parks and Natural Beauty**

With some of the best parks in the area, Cedar Hill is setting a new standard to be the Central Park of the Metroplex. With so much development in the community, we have continued to emphasize the preservation of Cedar Hill's natural beauty and open space.

- **Cedar Hill has Texas Schools of Choice**

The City Council is committed to partnering with the Cedar Hill Independent School District, private intuitions, Northwood University, Cedar Valley College and the University of North Texas-Dallas, and others to be schools of choice in Texas.



CITY CHARTER

A City's Charter is similar to a Constitution.

- Adopted and amended only through local election
- Establishes the City's governmental structure
- Provides for the distribution of powers and duties among the various branches of government

COUNCIL – MANAGER

- The City of Cedar Hill has adopted the Council - Manager form of government
 - Combines the policy guidance and direction from elected officials with the managerial experience of an appointed City Manager
- Pursuant to the City Charter:
The City Council will appoint the City Manager, who in turn shall be responsible to the City Council for the execution of the laws and the administration of the City government

COUNCIL – MANAGER

MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Sets policy
- Approves the budget
- Adopts tax rate
- Appoints the City Manager and Municipal Court Judge
- Issues bonds
- Represents the whole community

CITY MANAGER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Implements City Council policy by managing day to day operations
- Prepares and implements budgets
- Makes recommendations to the City Council
- Enforces laws and ordinances
- Supervises all municipal employees and programs

CEDAR HILL CITY COUNCIL

- The City Council consists of seven members - one Mayor and six Council members
- Members serve 3-year terms
- All seats are elected at-large (4 seats must reside in specific geographic areas)

City Council:

Mayor Rob Franke

Mayor Pro Tem

Stephen Mason

Council Members:

Chris Parvin

Daniel C. Haydin, Jr.

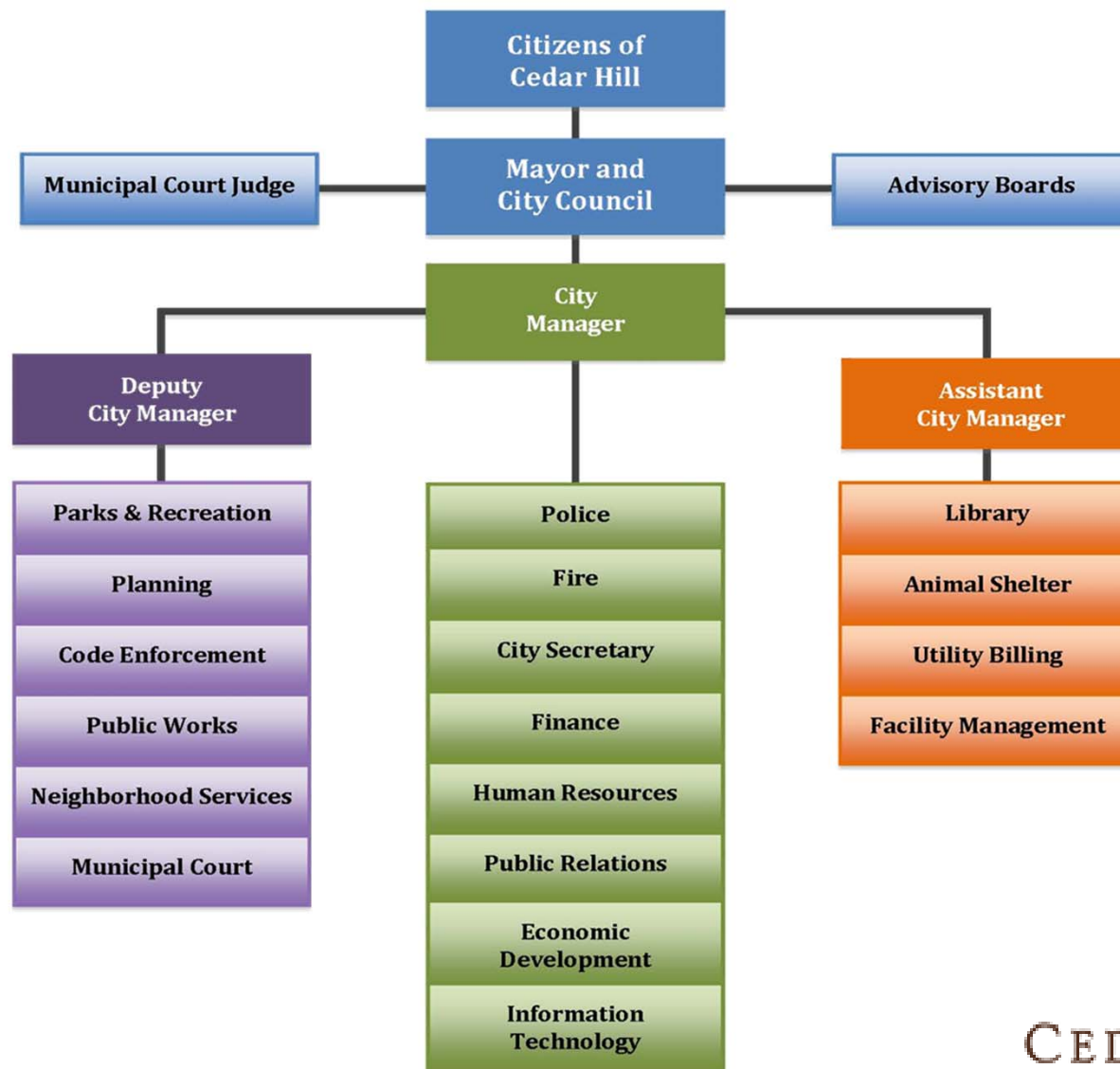
Clifford R. Shaw

Jami McCain

Wallace Swayze



CITY OF CEDAR HILL ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



MAJOR CITY SERVICES

- Police
- Fire & Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Water / Sewer
- Public Works
- Parks & Recreation
- Library
- Animal Shelter
- Municipal Court
- Code Enforcement
- Planning & Zoning
- Neighborhood Services
- Economic Development

SERVICES *NOT* PROVIDED BY THE CITY

- State and County Roads (e.g. Hwy 67, FM 1382)
 - Street construction and maintenance, Litter abatement
- Most Streetlights – Owned and maintained by Oncor
(<https://www.oncorstreetlight.com/>)
- Health & Human Services – Dallas County
(<http://www.dallascounty.org/hhs/>)
 - Immunizations, Medicaid, Well-Child services, Women, Infants & Children (WIC) program, and others
- Education – Cedar Hill Independent School District
(<http://www.chisd.com/>)
- Housing Programs – Dallas Housing Authority (<http://www.dhadal.com/>)
- Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center
(<http://tx.audubon.org/Dogwood.html>)
- Cedar Hill State Park
(http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/cedar_hill/)
- Public Transportation (e.g. Bus, Rail, Senior Transportation)

CITY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Advisory Boards provide input to City Council in policy development and governing decisions:

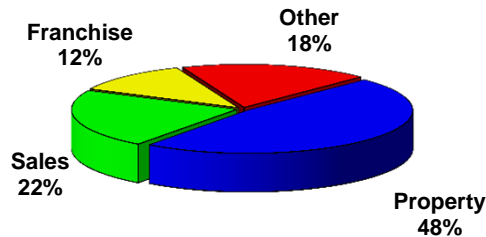
- Beautification and Environmental Sustainability (BES) Board
- Board of Adjustments
- Building Appeals & Advisory Board
- Capital Impact Fee Advisory Committee
- Community Development Corporation
- Economic Development Corporation
- Main Street Development & Preservation Board
- Neighborhood Advisory Board
- Parks & Recreation Board
- Planning & Zoning Commission
- Tourism Advisory Board
- Tri-City Animal Shelter Advisory Board
- Zula B. Wylie Public Library Board

ROLE OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

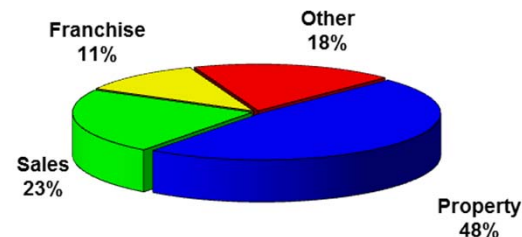
- Established by City Ordinance or Resolution to advise the City Council on matters concerning the City, or for performing specific duties as defined by the City Ordinance or City Council directive
- The responsibilities and duties of each Board are defined and outlined in the ordinance establishing the respective Board

FINANCING LOCAL GOVERNMENT

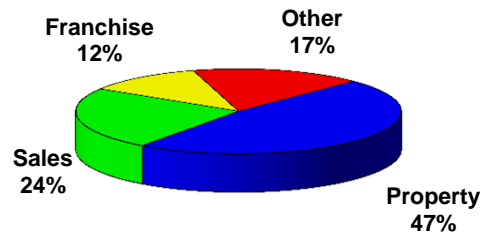
- General Fund – the majority of City operations and services are funded by Property and Sales Tax



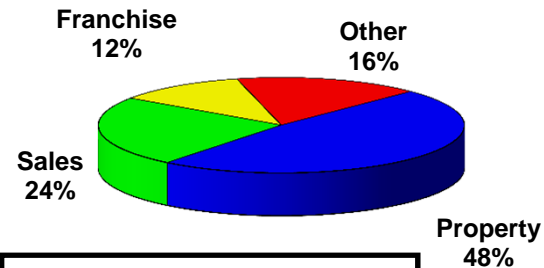
FYE 12 Actual
\$28,859,915



FYE 13 Actual
\$28,811,376



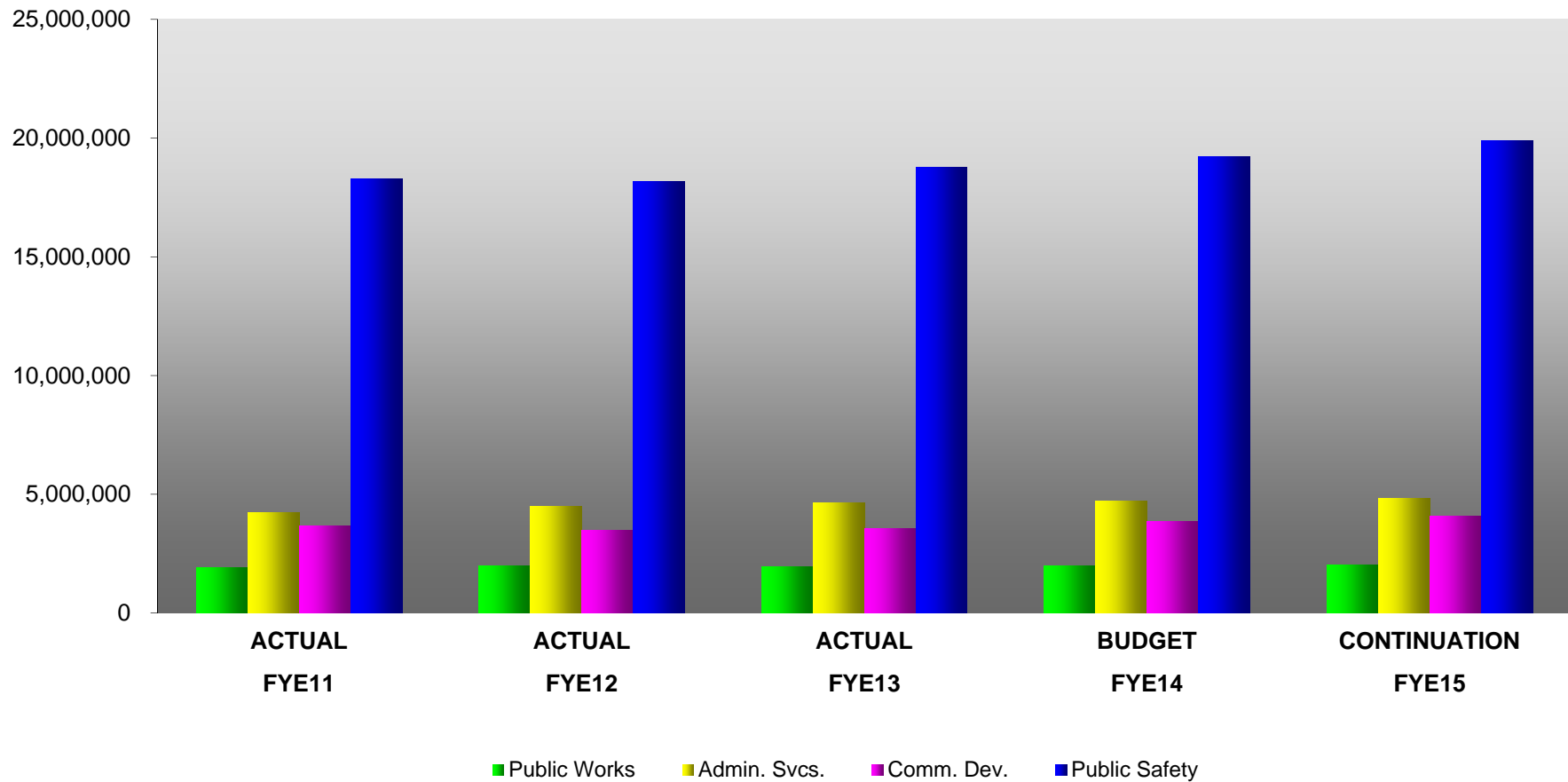
FYE 14 Estimated
\$29,168,654



FYE 15 Forecast
\$30,127,575

Do you know where your City tax dollars are going in Cedar Hill?

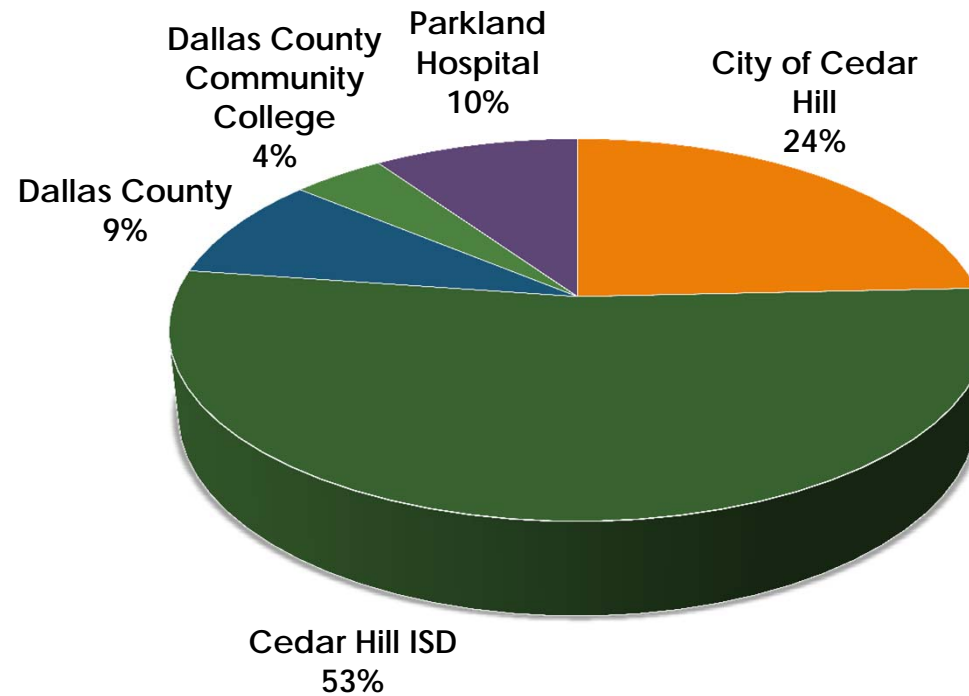
It is the City Council's goal to provide a foundation of public safety to all citizens.



PROPERTY TAXES

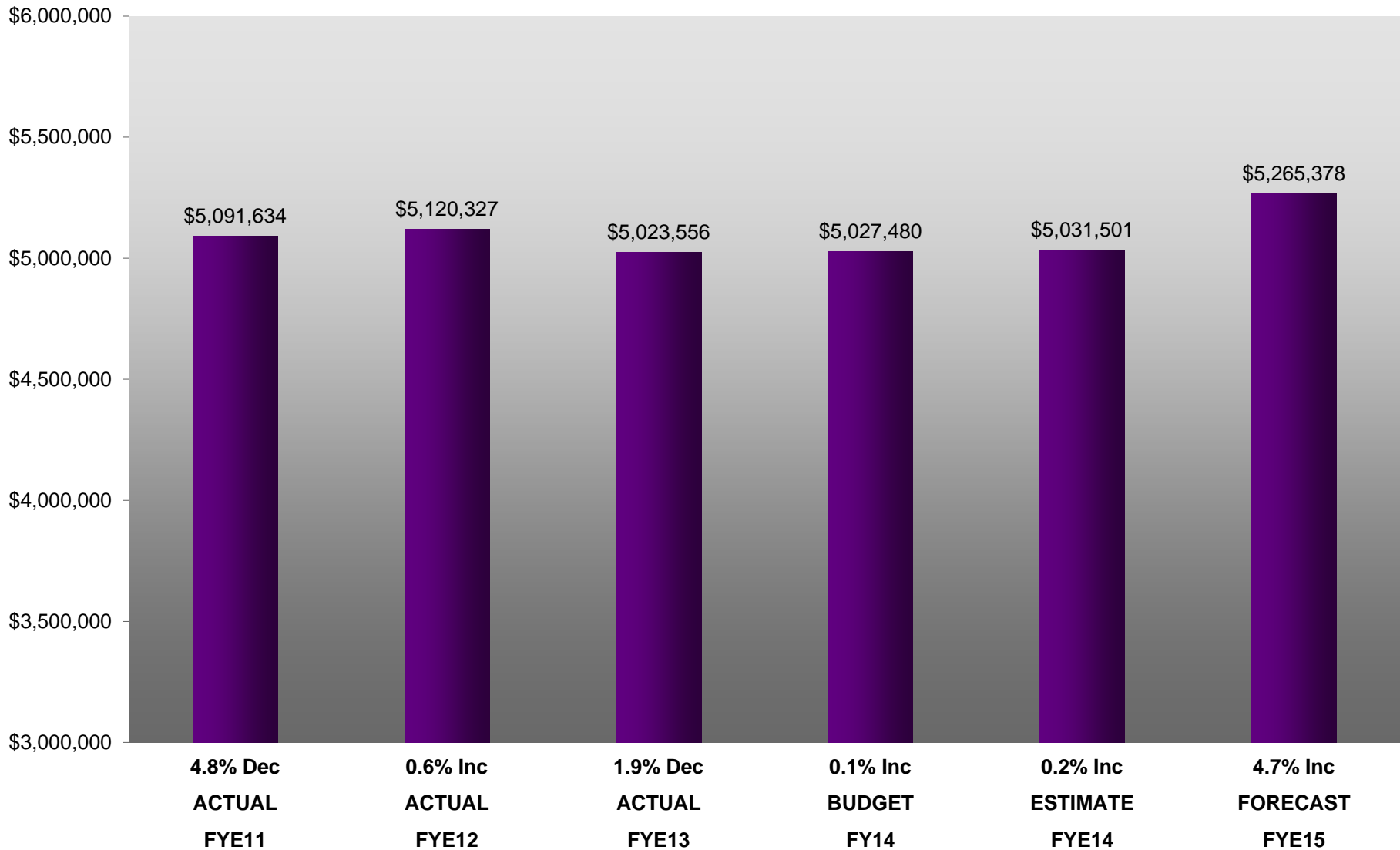
- Many taxing entities comprise the annual tax bill for the average home in Cedar Hill

PROPERTY TAX ENTITIES*

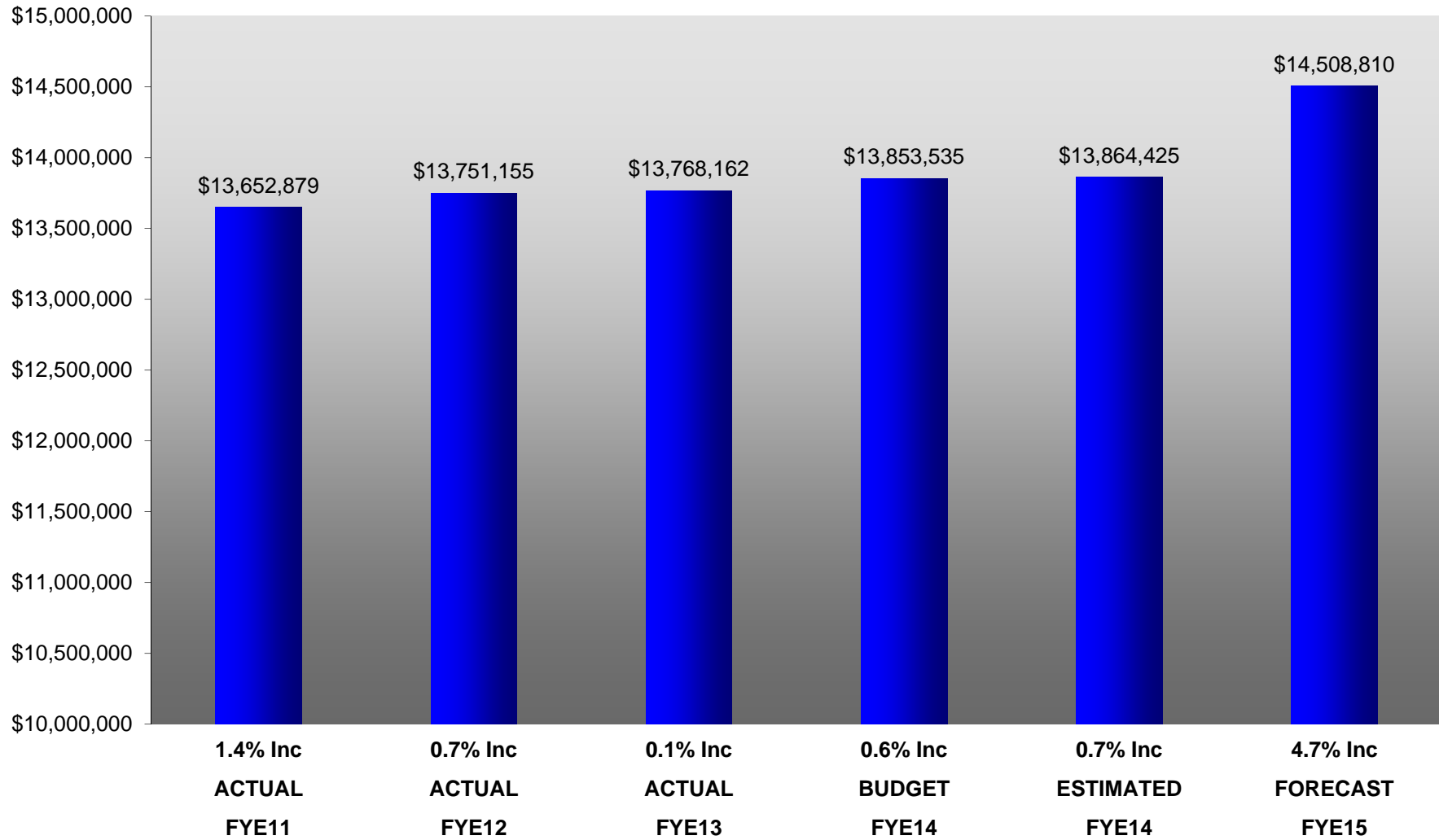


*2014 Data

PROPERTY TAX



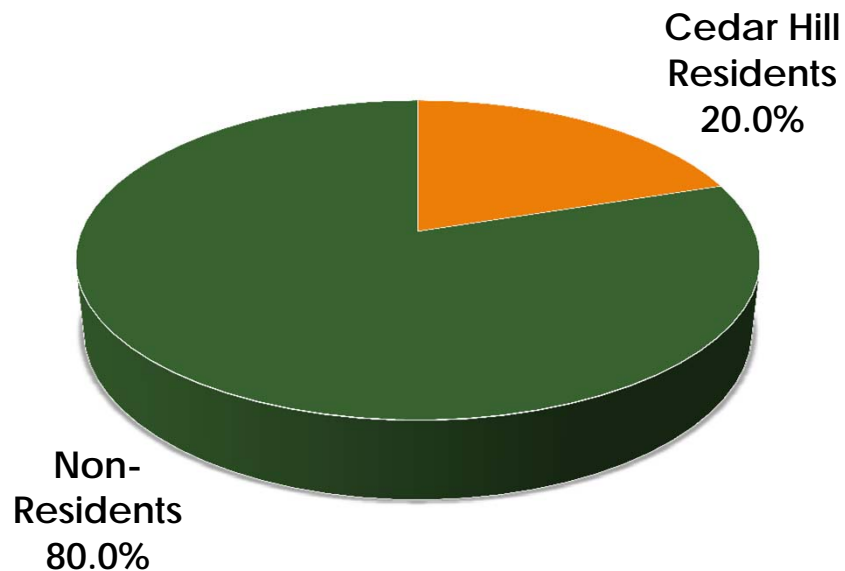
SALES TAX



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- Sales tax is paid by City of Cedar Hill residents and by many people that live outside the City
- Recent data from Hillside Village shows that over 81% of shoppers live outside the City

HILLSIDE VILLAGE SHOPPERS



THANK YOU



If you have any questions, please contact Belinda Berg, City Secretary, via email: belinda.berg@cedarhilltx.com or by phone (972) 291-5100 x.1018.