



# 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET SNAPSHOT

PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

**1%** INCREASE  
in municipal tax rate



**\$0.19** of every tax dollar  
funds municipal services

Summit's Tax Base—  
**\$9.8M INCREASE**  
in municipal tax base **\$3.143 billion**

2019  
FINANCIAL  
PLAN

**\$77.52M**  **17.76%** FROM 2018

GENERAL  
FUND  
BUDGET

**\$68.74M**  **21.8%** FROM 2018

- Operating Budget - \$51.98M, up 1.19% from 2018
- Capital Budget - \$16.75M, up 232.5% from 2018 (including new firehouse)  
Without new firehouse: \$4.95M, down 1.66%

UTILITIES  
[SELF-FUNDED  
THROUGH FEES  
COLLECTED]

Parking Services Budget **\$4.05M total**

- \$3.95M Operating, up 11.0% from 2018
- \$100,000 Capital, no change from 2018

Sewer Utility Budget **\$4.73M total**

- \$4.31M Operating, up 12.03% from 2018
- \$421,500 Capital, down 78.0% from 2018

## 2019 Municipal Goals & Key Actions

"The City of Summit strives to be a model of excellence in local government with equal opportunity for all. Our focus on innovation and smart growth collaborations between communities, key institutional stakeholders and local government will continue to transform city infrastructure and provide for the efficient delivery of essential services to constituents."

—Michael F. Rogers, City Administrator



### FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

**GOAL** Demonstrate fiscal responsibility and sound management

**KEY ACTION** Maintain the city's 'AAA' credit rating and secure the best and lowest debt financing terms



### SMART GROWTH

**GOAL** Increase emphasis on redevelopment and smart planning

**KEY ACTION** Adopt the Broad Street west redevelopment plan, designate redeveloper(s) and begin redevelopment agreement negotiations



### CITY INFRASTRUCTURE

**GOAL** Maintain and upgrade critical city assets and infrastructure, and promote safety

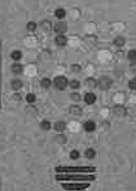
**KEY ACTION** Finalize new firehouse facility and construction specifications for public bid



### CUSTOMER SERVICE

**GOAL** Expand focus on providing exemplary customer service to meet changing constituent needs

**KEY ACTION** Provide additional training for staff with public-facing roles and responsibilities; expand use of tracking software capability for building and construction projects



### INNOVATION

**GOAL** Offer innovative solutions to ongoing municipal challenges

**KEY ACTION** Expand the ridesharing program to include more resident employees



### TECHNOLOGY APPLICATION

**GOAL** Expand the application of technology to create business opportunity and increase customer convenience

**KEY ACTION** Utilize license-plate recognition software to enhance community policing and parking enforcement efforts

**Public Hearing on 2019 Municipal Budget**  
**Tuesday, April 23 at 7:30pm, City Hall Council Chamber**

# REVENUE HIGHLIGHTS | 2019

Increase in  
municipal  
tax levy

**\$335,700**

**\$0** increase in General Fund  
balance anticipated (surplus)

**\$129,444**  
INCREASE  
in local revenues

2% PROPERTY TAX LEVY

**\$1,615,581**

**UNDER** MAXIMUM  
TAX LEVY AMOUNT OF  
**\$28,408,087**

State Aid (energy tax receipts property relief  
tax fund) is **projected to remain stable**

Enterprise fund and contributions  
are down by a modest **\$59,183**

## HOW CITY REVENUE IS GENERATED

REVENUE SOURCE	Y-O-Y CHANGE	\$ IN MILLIONS	% OF TOTAL
Municipal Tax Levy	1.27% ▲	\$26.80 \$26.50	51.54%
Fund Balance	0.00% —	\$6.90 \$6.90	13.27%
School District Debt Obligation	3.74% ▲	\$4.80 \$4.70	9.31%
Local Revenues	3.65% ▲	\$3.70 \$3.50	7.07%
State Aid	-2.57% ▼	\$3.40 \$3.50	6.58%
Enterprise Funds/Contributions	-1.85% ▼	\$3.10 \$3.20	6.04%
Library Tax Levy	1.25% ▲	\$2.44 \$2.41	4.70%
Prior Year Tax Receipts	28.57% ▼	\$0.60 \$0.50	1.21%
Grants	-25.54% ▼	\$0.14 \$0.19	28.00%

### LOCAL REVENUES

INCREASES

**\$90,000**

Interest on  
Investments

**\$40,000**

Cell Tower  
Utility Income

DECREASE

**\$38,000**

Municipal  
Golf Course  
Fees

### ENTERPRISE FUNDS/CONTRIBUTIONS

INCREASES

**\$440,000**

Parking Services  
Utility Contribution

**\$290,000**

Sewer Utility Contribution

DECREASES

**\$803,870**

General Capital  
Reserve to Pay Debt  
(Community Center)

**\$408,154**

Parking Share  
of Debt Service

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## GENERAL FUND BUDGET

# \$51,984,799

Municipal Operations: **\$32,472,997**  
 Other Appropriations: **\$14,224,551**  
 Reserve for Uncollected Taxes: **\$5,287,251**

## APPROPRIATIONS CAP

# \$2,889,560

**UNDER** MAXIMUM TOTAL  
 APPROPRIATIONS AMOUNT  
 OF **\$35,552,557**

## HOW CITY DOLLARS ARE ALLOCATED



**Public Safety**  
**\$11,323,101**  
 21.8%



**Community Services**  
**\$7,200,546**  
 13.9%



**Pensions/S.S.**  
**\$4,270,720**  
 8.2%



**Insurance**  
**\$3,739,774**  
 7.2%



**General Government**  
**\$1,536,286**  
 3.0%



**Finance**  
**\$1,247,615**  
 2.4%



**Community Programs**  
**\$1,191,610**  
 2.3%



**Utilities**  
**\$1,121,000**  
 2.2%



**Board of Health**  
**\$443,045**  
 0.9%



**Municipal Court**  
**\$399,300**  
 0.8%

## MUNICIPAL PERSONNEL

**173 full-time • 25 part-time**

TOTAL Salaries & Wages **\$17,619,072**

TOTAL Benefits **\$7,771,539**

% of Benefits to Salaries/Wages **44.11%**

Average Cost Benefits/Employee **\$39,250**

## MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS (Other Expenses)

**\$10,583,205—20.36% of Total Appropriations**  
**.13% increase from 2018**

Largest line-item categories: waste, fuel, electricity

Largest professional: Legal (general, labor, tax appeals)

Land use planning services

Largest increase: **\$95.135 for shared health services with Westfield**

## OTHER APPROPRIATIONS

Healthcare Insurance

(medical/dental premiums) **\$4.05 million (gross)**

Pension Obligations **\$3.66 million**

Reserve for Uncollected Taxes **\$5,287,251**

Debt Service Payment **\$4,002,104**

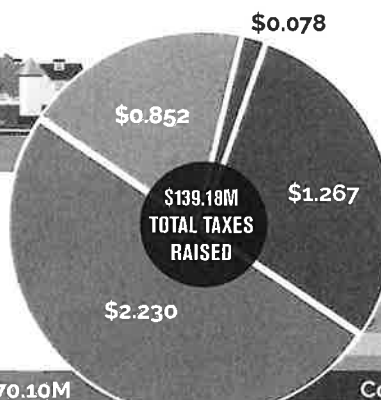
## 2019 ESTIMATED TAX LEVIES AND RATES BREAKDOWN

### TAX BASE SUMMARY POINTS:

**\$3.143 Billion**  
 Net Assessed Valuation (NAV)  
**\$2.608 Billion, or 82.99%**  
 of NAV is residential properties  
**\$417,500**  
 Average residential valuation assessment  
**42.77%**  
 Equalized valuation  
**\$976,152**  
 Average residential market value  
**\$31.7M**  
 ↑ in residential, apartment & commercial valuation  
**\$21.9M**  
 ↓ in industrial and vacant land valuation



**School & School Debt \$70.10M**



**Library \$2.44M**

**County & Open Space \$39.85M**

(TAX RATES PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUATION)





**2019 BUDGET SNAPSHOT**  
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**Nora G. Radest**

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**CITY TREASURER/CFO**  
**Marge Gerba**

**CHIEF COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER**  
**Amy Cairns**

**Meeting schedule @**  
**cityofsummit.org**

## CAPITAL PROJECTS | 2019

**Total Budget – \$17.27M**

### CAPITAL ASSET MANAGEMENT

**Infrastructure Projects:**  
**\$1.91M**



**Buildings:**  
**\$455,000**

**Administration:**  
**(Real Estate Acquisition)**  
**\$1,550,000**

**Sewer:**  
**\$421,500**



**Vehicle/Equipment:**  
**\$370,000**

**Parking Services:**  
**\$100,000**



### ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY



**Police Projects:**  
**\$146,000**

**New Fire Headquarters:**  
**\$11,800,000**



**Other Fire Projects:**  
**\$189,500**

**Joint Dispatch Center Project:**  
**\$200,000**



### DEBT

**Equalized Valuation**  
**\$7,299,193,043**

**Total Net Debt**  
**\$55,217,303**

**Net Debt to Equalized Valuation**  
**0.756%**

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018

### RECREATION FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

**DCP Projects:**  
**\$60,000**



**Strong Financial Position**  
**AAA Credit Rating**

from Moody's, Standard & Poor's and Fitch

Summit is the **ONLY** municipality in the State of New Jersey to hold the highest rating from all major credit rating agencies



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